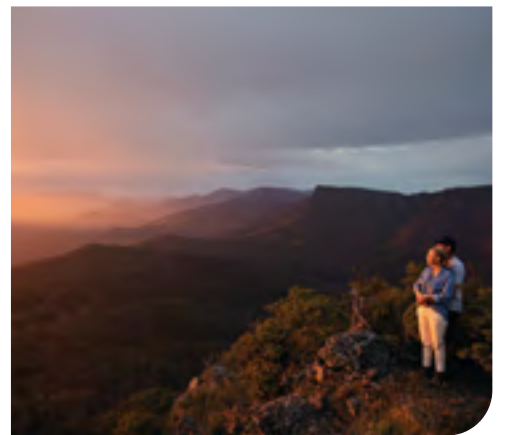


The Scenic Rim

THE IDEAL PLACE TO WORK, PLAY AND **Live.**



A message from the Mayor



Welcome to the Scenic Rim!

To help you get to know this wonderful region, Council has compiled this publication with a range of information, which will also help you settle into your new community. It includes the location and contact numbers of local libraries, sporting facilities and other amenities as well as information on Council

services such as building and planning requirements, health, compliance and animal management advice.

We want to help you explore your region and give you a taste of what the Scenic Rim has to offer residents. The Scenic Rim is home to Australia's most accessible World Heritage-listed rainforests, six National Parks, three lakes, two cultural centres, a variety of outdoor recreational activities, a vibrant arts community, and of course our unique and beautiful towns and villages.

Agriculture and tourism are the Scenic Rim's primary businesses. The region's history is based around rural production and we are home to some of Australia's leading horticultural, beef, dairy and grain producers. Our diverse and thriving equine industry has played a vital role in the community and economy of the region since its early pioneering days.

We value our rural environment and lifestyle and I'm sure you will soon experience the strong sense of community that can be found in our towns and villages.

The region's population is forecast to grow substantially into the future, and Council is working to ensure we attract new residents and the employment and business opportunities to support them.

Developments such as the Bromelton State Development Area will provide local jobs and give a boost to our local economy.

Our region's magnificent natural beauty, rural lifestyle and opportunities, all just an hour's drive from Brisbane and the Gold Coast, make the Scenic Rim the ideal place to work, play and live.

If you require information which is not included in this Welcome Kit, please contact the Council on (07) 5540 5111 and our friendly customer service team will assist you.

Thank you for choosing to live in the Scenic Rim, I know you will enjoy it.

Cr Greg Christensen

Our region and Councillors



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Services directory



SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

General Enquiries 07 5540 5111
mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au
www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

Scenic Rim Only 07 5540 5111

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Flood or storm emergencies 132 500

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES

Beaudesert

82 Brisbane Street
Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Boonah

70 High Street
Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
(incorporating Boonah QGAP Agency 07 5463 2165)

Tamborine Mountain

Cnr Main & Yuulong Road
Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm

LIBRARIES

Beaudesert 07 5540 5142

58 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert
Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm
Saturday 9am-12 noon
libraryb@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

Boonah 07 5563 4289

High Street, Boonah
Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm Saturday 9am-12 noon
library.bh@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

Canungra 07 5543 5791

12 Kidston Street, Canungra
Tue, Wed and Fri 1pm-5.30pm
Saturday 9am-12 noon
library.c@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

Tamborine Mountain 07 5540 5473

Cnr Main Street and Yuulong Road, North Tamborine
Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm Saturday 9am-12 noon
library.t@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

Mobile Library 0418 984 064

Check website for times and locations
library.ml@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

Beaudesert 5541 4495

Community Arts & Information Centre
Westerman Park Cnr Mt Lindesay
Highway & Enterprise Drive, Beaudesert

Boonah 5463 2233

Visitor Information Centre
Bicentennial Park
20 Boonah-Fassifern Road, Boonah

Canungra 5543 5156

Visitor Information Centre
12-14 Kidston Street, Canungra

Rathdowney 5544 1222

Information Centre & Historical Museum
82 Mt Lindesay Highway, Rathdowney

Tamborine Mountain 5545 3200

Visitor Information Centre
Doughty Park, 2 Main Western Road,
North Tamborine

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

www.scenicrimtransport.com

WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Beaudesert Central Landfill

Beaudesert-Boonah Rd, Beaudesert
Monday-Sunday 9am-5pm

Boonah

Evans Rd, Boonah
Open 6 days per week, 9am-5pm
Closed Wednesday

Canungra

Beaudesert-Nerang Rd, Canungra
Open 6 days per week, 9am-5pm
Closed Thursday

Kalbar

Cnr Boonah-Fassifern Rd & Muller Rd, Kalbar
Open 3 days per week
Wednesday 1pm-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am-12 noon

Rathdowney

Mt Lindesay Highway, Rathdowney
Open 3 days per week
Monday, Thursday & Saturday 9am-5pm

Tamborine Mountain

Knoll Rd, Tamborine Mountain
Open 6 days per week, 9am-5pm
Closed Wednesday

BUILDING AND PLUMBING

Council's Building and Plumbing section assists with residents' enquiries relating to:

- building or renovating a house
- plumbing-related matters
- constructing a pool
- erecting a retaining wall or carport, pergola or shed, or
- removing a dwelling from a property.

With few exceptions, all construction work on private land requires a building or plumbing permit. Residents must notify Council at each relevant stage of work to enable an inspection to ensure the work is of a satisfactory standard.

For more information, contact Building and Plumbing on (07) 5540 5111 or visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Scenic Rim residents enjoy strong social networks in friendly communities where there is a tradition of people volunteering and working together. Residents are encouraged to join a local club and become actively involved in their local community. Community celebrations and socially-inclusive programs strengthen our communities and build resilience, bringing groups and individuals together as one. Enclosed is a list of community organisations within the Scenic Rim but there are also many active social groups throughout the region.

Free community events such as Volunteer Thank You days, Savvy Scenic Rim community education events and family-friendly activities in the parks and libraries are just some of the ways for residents to connect with their community.

For more information on how to get the most out of Scenic Rim living, contact Council's Community Development Team on (07) 5540 5111.

WHAT'S ON

Check out Council's Community Calendar to find out what's happening in your area. Visit scenicrim.qld.gov.au/whatson





ARTS AND CULTURE

The Scenic Rim is home to two modern cultural centres, vibrant hubs for the region's creative community, providing arts and cultural programs for residents and visitors to the region.

Exhibitions, featuring the work of Scenic Rim artists as well as nationally and internationally-renowned creatives, are staged regularly at both centres.

As well as presenting world-class live shows, the cultural centres at Beaudesert and Boonah also offer a range of function rooms and services which are available for hire.

The Centre, Beaudesert

Located at the corner of Brisbane Street and Short Street, Beaudesert, The Centre offers high-quality facilities for exhibitions and performances as well as Council-sponsored live events.

The Boonah and District Cultural Centre

Located at 3 High Street in the main shopping precinct and close to parking facilities, the Cultural Centre consists of the main auditorium, with audience seating for 435. Regular movie screenings are held in the 120-seat cinema. Kitchen facilities and a function room suitable for meetings and smaller events are available.

Vonda Youngman Community Centre

Located at 2-4 Knoll Road Mount Tamborine, the community centre features an auditorium, conference room, dance room, kitchen facilities and a number of rooms suitable for meetings

All of these facilities are available for hire for your next work or social event. For a copy of the latest arts and culture program, please contact Council on (07) 5540 5050 or visit www.liveatthecentre.com.au



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Scenic Rim region presents exciting opportunities for economic development across existing and emerging industry sectors. Economic development of our region is a priority, with our *Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025* focused on guiding and optimising the future economic prosperity of the region through promotion, investment attraction, growth and support of business.

The region's primary industries are agricultural/horticultural production, equine, tourism, manufacturing, with emerging industries of construction, health care services and transport. The agriculture, forestry and fishing is the largest employer, generating 2031 jobs in the region during the 2018/19 period.

Scenic Rim Regional Council is committed to economic and business growth and acknowledges the benefit of partnerships with surrounding local authorities to facilitate business growth and development in the region. The Regional Prosperity team can help your business to prosper in the Scenic Rim by providing a number of services.

Tourism

The Scenic Rim region is a thriving rural paradise set in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. It is home to six national parks; Mount Barney, Main Range, Moogerah Peaks, Tamborine, Lamington and Mount Chinghee. Bush walking, camping and a host of outdoor and adventure activities are popular pursuits in the region. Boating and fishing on three lakes and in the rivers and streams in the region also prove popular.

The Scenic Rim is well known for its breathtaking scenery and is fast gaining a reputation for its top quality fresh local produce, food, wine and craft beer. The region offers a variety of world class activities and attractions that can all be enjoyed in this spectacular environment, from iconic Tamborine Mountain to beautiful Lake Moogerah, rugged Mount Barney to welcoming Boonah and every breathtaking space in between. The Scenic Rim welcomes more than 1.7 million visitors annually, and tourism contributes \$203.6 million to GRP.

Information about the Scenic Rim's tourism activities is available at the Visitor Information Centres located in Beaudesert, Canungra, Tamborine Mountain, Rathdowney and Boonah or www.visitscenicrim.com.au

Events

For the latest information about community events in the Scenic Rim, go to www.visitscenicrim.com.au/events/

Eat Local Week and Winter Harvest Festival (June-July)

Eat Local Week is an exciting, engaging and educational nine-day program of events providing visitors and locals with an opportunity to explore and enjoy the outstanding array of fresh, local produce available right on their doorstep. In 2019, Eat Local Week attracted 38,000 visitors and contributed more than \$1.9 million in direct spending by visitors across the. For more details on the event, visit www.eatlocalweek.com.au

For further information on Economic Development go to www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/economic-development or contact the Regional Prosperity team on (07) 5540 5111.



The Scenic Rim Regional Council Disaster Dashboard (pictured) enables you to stay up to date with weather warnings, road conditions and emergency information all in one place. Familiarise yourself with the Disaster Dashboard at disasterdashboard.scenicrim.qld.gov.au

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Our beautiful mountainous region is perfect for watching a storm roll in on a hot steamy afternoon from the safety of your home. However, we must not forget the impact that our extreme weather conditions can have on our community. Here in the Scenic Rim we have the potential to be impacted by severe storms, flash flooding and bushfires, so it is important to be prepared.

Each Local Government Area in Queensland has a Local Disaster Management Group made up of representatives from Council, Local Emergency Services, Queensland Police and other key stakeholders. When a disaster is declared, the Local Disaster Management Group will activate the Local Disaster Coordination Centre. This is where decisions are made to manage the disaster event and ensure community safety.

A booklet has been developed by Scenic Rim Regional Council to assist the community in understanding the potential hazards within our region and provides general information on preparing for a disaster. Being prepared before a disaster is key to building a strong community that can get back on its feet and continue to prosper and grow.

Head to scenicrim.qld.gov.au and explore the Disaster Management tab on the website to download a copy of this booklet and to view the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Plan.

ENVIRONMENT

The Scenic Rim is at the northern entrance to the World Heritage-listed Gondwana Rainforests of Australia which include the most extensive areas of subtropical rainforest in the world, large areas of warm temperate rainforest and nearly all of the Antarctic beech cool temperate rainforest.

Few places on the planet have as many plants and animals which have remained relatively unchanged from their ancient ancestors. We are also custodians of World Heritage-listed areas and our residents enjoy living in harmony with nature in one of the most bio-diverse regions in Australia.

Council offers a range of services and products to encourage and assist residents in protecting and conserving the natural environment. Programs support biodiversity on private land (Land for Wildlife and Conservation Covenants), river health, sustainability, community environmental groups, management of natural area reserves, environmental publications and grants for environmental projects.

For further information on catchments and waterways, weeds of Southern Queensland, conservation groups, flora and fauna, sustainable living and being energy wise, water conservation, the Million Trees program, habitat protection, Land for Wildlife program and other environmental initiatives, visit Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au or contact Council on (07) 5540 5111.



LIVING IN A RURAL AREA

When considering purchasing rural land there are some things to keep in mind. While rural living provides residents with a unique lifestyle, it also presents some challenges. Agriculture is one of the region's leading industries, is a major source of employment and contributes significantly to the Scenic Rim lifestyle. Scenic Rim Regional Council supports the right of residents in rural areas to carry out legitimate rural and agricultural use of relevant land, in line with industry standards, regulations and approvals.

Legitimate rural and agricultural uses of land may include weekend and night-time work that may involve agricultural machinery, logging and the milling of timber, livestock feedlots, piggeries, poultry farming, cattle farming, dairying, clearing and cultivation of land, bushfire hazard control, construction of dams, drains and contour banks, use and repair of agricultural machinery (including tractors, chainsaws and motorbikes), irrigation of produce, including off-peak use such as night pumping, pesticide and weed spraying, quarries and ancillary works, heavy vehicle and agricultural machinery traffic on roads.

Residents who purchase a property serviced by a gravel road should be aware that it is unlikely that the road surface will be upgraded in the future. Gravel road surfaces change over time, subject to traffic and weather, and road users should drive according to the conditions. In addition, the onus is on the landowner to maintain and control vegetation, including weeds, on private land.

Prospective purchasers of rural land should keep all of these issues in mind during their decision making. Independent advice should also be sought about the implications of owning land in a rural area.



HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

Regular physical activity is an important part of being healthy and staying healthy. Scenic Rim Regional Council is committed to fostering a healthy and active community, particularly by encouraging more families to be active together and make the most of the region's spectacular scenery and natural environment.

Council's Be Healthy and Active Program, offers a wide range of free and affordable activities for all ages and abilities.

For more information on the Be Healthy and Active Program or Council's swimming pools, playgrounds, walking circuits, skate or BMX tracks and other sporting and recreational facilities, visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au or contact Council on (07) 5540 5111.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Council's Health, Building and Environment Department is responsible for ensuring that businesses and residents comply with local laws and Council policies. Staff deal with a wide range of issues, from questions relating to the requirements for food permits, noise complaints, long grass on adjacent properties and stray animals. For more information, contact the Health, Building and Environment section on (07) 5540 5111.

PESTS AND ANIMALS

Scenic Rim residents can keep two dogs and no more than two cats per property without an animal-keeping licence.

All dogs over the age of three months must be registered with Council and must wear an approved tag. Details of fees and charges can be found on Council's website. Dogs and cats are to be kept within the owner's property at all times, or risk being impounded.

Council operates a small animal facility for domestic animals and works with several animal welfare organisations and groups to re-home as many unclaimed animals as possible that have been impounded. The Animal Welfare League, RSPCA or one of the various welfare groups can assist in finding a suitable pet.

Visit their websites www.awlqld.com.au and www.rspca.org.au

For information on the regulations for keeping animals such as horses, pigs and goats, how to deal with a stray animal, feral dogs, declared pest animals and plants, noisy and nuisance animals, prohibited and dangerous animals, snake and animal carers, visit www.scenicrim.qld.qld.gov.au or contact Health, Building and Environment on (07) 5540 5111.

Fire Ants

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is currently coordinating and implementing a baiting program to deal with fire ants. For more information, visit www.daf.qld.gov.au or phone 13 25 23.

PLANNING MATTERS

Council's Development Assessment department considers applications relating to residential, industrial, commercial and rural uses including:

- Material Change of Use applications, including property rezoning
- boundary realignments
- reconfiguration of a lot for subdivision, and
- land use issues.

Residents contemplating a change of property use will be required to lodge a Material Change of Use application with Council. For further information, or to book a free 15-minute appointment to discuss a more detailed planning-related matter at the Beaudesert Customer Service Centre, call (07) 5540 5111.





Strategic Planning

The Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 captures the vision shared by Council and the Scenic Rim community for the region's lifestyle and economy. Replacing the planning schemes of the former Beaudesert Shire, Boonah Shire and Ipswich City Council areas within the Scenic Rim local government area, the new planning scheme reflects changes to the economic, social and environmental landscapes, as well as meeting State legislative requirements.

It has been developed in the context of the Scenic Rim Community Plan, which captures the vision shared by Council and the Scenic Rim community for the region's relaxed living and rural lifestyle and sustainable and prosperous economy into the future.

With a focus on protecting the Scenic Rim's natural environment, the new planning scheme takes account of the risks of flood and bushfire and will underpin development aligned with the community's shared vision for the region for the next 20 years.

It also provides for larger lot sizes for residential subdivisions in the Scenic Rim than in other areas of South East Queensland and recognises the importance of tourism in supporting rural areas.

Community consultation, including submissions from residents, businesses and community organisations, played a key role in shaping the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020.

Tree Clearing

Before removing trees on private property, residents are encouraged to make a request to Council in writing via email, letter or Council feedback form to determine whether Council approval is required.

For concerns relating to a tree on Council property or on a road reserve, please call Council's Works Department on (07) 5540 5111.

RATES NOTICES

Property owners in the Scenic Rim region are required to pay rates to Scenic Rim Regional Council twice yearly.

All property owners pay a general rate, based on the unimproved capital value of their land, towards Council's costs of improving and maintaining a wide range of community services and assets such as roads, public libraries, swimming pools, sewerage and waste water treatment, waste collection, community centres, parks, playing fields and other facilities.

Land valuations

Individual property valuations, which form the basis of local government rating, are reviewed by the Queensland Government Department of Natural Resources and Mines. Property owners are notified of their new land valuation by mail.

Pensioner remissions

New pensioners, or pensioners who have recently moved to the Scenic Rim region, need to apply to Council to receive the annual State Government rates rebate. Residents who are already registered will continue to receive their rebate.

Applications are computer-matched with Queensland Government records. Pensioners registered with Council will receive the rebate each year without the need to re-apply.

For further information regarding rates, please visit Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au or contact Council on (07) 5540 5111.





WASTE MANAGEMENT

Residential properties in the designated kerbside collection zone receive two 240-litre waste bins, one green bin for general rubbish and one with a yellow lid for recycling. Residential waste bins are serviced weekly, with the recycling bin collection fortnightly. Materials for recycling are transported to a Materials Recovery Facility for sorting before being sent to various enterprises to be recycled, reprocessed and re-manufactured into new products or by-products.

Council provides seven waste disposal facilities, conveniently located at Beaudesert, Boonah, Tamborine Mountain, Rathdowney, Canungra, Kalbar and Peak Crossing, for residents to dispose of larger items. Scenic Rim residents can dispose of up to 1m³ of general waste and up to 3m³ of green waste free of charge.

For further information on waste facility locations and operating hours, visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au or contact Council on (07) 5540 5111.

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Scenic Rim Regional Council's Asset and Environmental Sustainability portfolio is responsible for maintaining and upgrading the region's 1,754 kilometre road network, comprising 961 kilometres of sealed roads and 793 kilometres of unsealed roads.

It also maintains and upgrades 132 bridges, including 69 timber structures, across the region. Under contract to the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Council also undertakes works on 575 kilometres of state-controlled roads within the region.

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