

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **CANUNGRA** MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE



Scenic Rim Regional Council is seeking expressions of interest from members of the community to join the Canungra Master Plan Committee.

Participants will provide input in to the development of a plan that will guide the future of Canungra. It is envisaged that the Canungra Master Plan will examine current and future growth, as well as identifying critical the infrastructure needed to support and service the current and future population forecasts.

The Master Plan will also make recommendations as to the urban fabric or character of Canungra, acknowledging key aspects of heritage and preserving important natural landscapes.

The Plan will guide thinking in relation to traffic movement, as well as examine issues associated with water supply and wastewater management. Where there is the opportunity to identify minor capital works, it may be that these can be undertaken, subject to funding being made available.

Scenic Rim Regional Council believes it important to establish the Canungra Master Plan Committee to provide strategic input into the development of

the Master Plan. Those seeking to be appointed to the Committee should have a strong affinity with the Canungra township and surrounding area.

It would be advantageous for those seeking to be involved on the Committee had some of the following skills, attributes or related experience;

- Strategic Planning
- Engineering
- Business Management
- Sustainability
- Community Development
- Recreation and Sporting
- Volunteerism

The Committee will have the capacity to provide input and feedback to Scenic Rim Regional Council. Those wishing to become a member of the Committee should detail or explain their interest by submitting an Expression of Interest form.

It is envisaged that there will be up to 10 members on the Committee.

The Committee will meet every six weeks and Council officers will service the Committee.



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The Committee will be chaired by the Divisional Councillor, Councillor Stephen Moriarty.

The Committee will receive briefings and presentations from consultants and government agencies.

All media and communications emanating from discussions will require Council approval.

Canungra

Nestled in the foothills of Lamington National Park, Canungra is a charming township with a heritage linked to early cedar getters and sawmillers. Once home to Australia's largest softwood timber mill, the town has grown into a bustling business hub, renowned for year-round tourism attractions. Offering diverse accommodations from farm stays to vineyards, Canungra serves as a gateway to Lamington National Park and mountain resorts like Binna Burra and O'Reilly's.

Situated on the Beaudesert-Nerang Road, it stands as a key service centre for the Scenic Rim region, boasting community facilities and a flourishing wine industry.

Moriarty Park thrives as a sports ground, while equine facilities add to the town's dynamic identity. With its rich history, strategic location, and recreational offerings, Canungra epitomises a harmonious blend of heritage and progress.

The Canungra township is traversed by two state-controlled roads: the Lamington National Park Road and the Beaudesert-Nerang Road (State Route 90). Traffic data from 2021 for the northern section of the Beaudesert-Nerang Road reveals a daily vehicle count of 8,083, with 8% of these being heavy vehicles and 3.9% per annum growth in the past 10 years. Similarly, 2020 traffic data for the Lamington National Park Road shows a daily count of 1,222 vehicles, including 15.6% heavy vehicles and 3.3% per annum growth in the past 10 years.

The Scenic Rim Regional Council has actively advocated to the State Government about the pressing concern of heightened risks posed by

increased heavy vehicle traffic in the Canungra township to pedestrians and drivers, including vulnerable users and school traffic.

The proposed remedy involves a two-stage plan: first, developing a business case, design, and corridor preservation by 2024; and second, constructing a bypass by 2032.

The estimated expenses amount to \$8 million for Stage 1 and \$80 million for Stage 2. This initiative gains urgency due to the escalating growth in the neighbouring Gold Coast and the Bromelton State Development Area, resulting in strains on the east-west corridor from freight and long-haul trucks. Furthermore, the rising heavy vehicle movement in the town centre threatens safety and convenience for residents and visitors.

The expanding residential area and inadequate public transport further amplify the corridor's burden on daily commuters. Addressing this issue is pivotal to heightening safety, efficiency, and the overall quality of life in Canungra.

