



YOUR REGION. YOUR VISION.

A COMMUNITY VISION FOR 2043



WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR 2043?

Your Region, Your Vision is an opportunity to share your vision for the future of the Central Highlands – what do you love, where do you see our community going, what needs to change?

This is a chance for the community to create and document a 2043 vision for the Central Highlands, and a vision for each of the 13 communities in the region.

The vision will be created and owned by the community. Individuals, families businesses and community organisations. Together we can act on the aspirations, priorities and ideas that come from the community vision.

So, if you live and work here in the Central Highlands or even if you're just visiting, we want your input for the 2043 Central Highlands Community Vision.

What is a community vision?

A community vision is a collaboration between the community that outlines what we aspire to be and achieve, our priorities for the future, what we like and what can be improved for the Central Highlands region overall and the region's 13 communities.

You can participate in the project by:

- Completing the survey, online or on paper
- Joining the conversation at one of our Regional Roundtable Roadshows
- Visiting a pop-up booth being held throughout the region
- Filling out a post card to share your idea
- Hosting a DIY Conversation with your club, family or friends



To find out more about the project and how to get involved:

Scan the QR code, visit the website, phone: 1300 242 686 or visit your local library or customer service location.

<https://chrc.info/MyCHVision>

How will the community vision be used?

By articulating what we want the Central Highlands to be, individuals and households, businesses, community groups, charities, religious groups and governments can make plans that are guided and informed by the vision and aim to achieve what it is the community wants.

For instance, the community vision will be used by council to help set the direction and inform day-to-day projects and programs and assist in strategic planning or a community group may use the vision to support and help make-the-case in an application for a grant.

What will the community vision include?

The vision will include the aspiration and priorities under the following categories: built environment, natural environment, community, economy and governance. Other categories can be added – this is a community led and informed process. Specific community visions can look very different depending on the unique needs of that community.

To continue to respond to our region's needs, we want to ensure we have a vision for the entire region and the communities of Arcadia Valley, Bauhinia, Blackwater, Bluff, Capella, Comet, Dingo, Daringa, Emerald, Gemfields, Rolleston, Springsure and Tieri.

Isn't this council's responsibility?

There is no longer any legal requirement to have a community plan or a community vision. However, council feels it is important for the community to clearly articulate what is most important to them. The community vision will be a community owned document. Council is just here to help you write it.

Haven't we done this before? Don't we already have a plan?

The Community Plan 2022, which was developed in 2012 and refreshed in 2019 has now expired last June. So, it's time to set a new vision. The community vision will build on the conversations we've had in the past, what we learnt from you in previous community planning projects and identify what's changed that we need to consider in the new vision.

Why prepare a community vision and not a community plan? What's the difference?

Previous legislation required Queensland councils to have a community plan. While this legislative requirement no longer exists, council believes we need a community vision to guide and inform community decision making for the future. Unlike a community plan, a vision is owned by the community and can be delivered by community with support of council and others.

Does council have to agree with everything in the vision?

No, and it's okay for the community to want something different to council. The purpose of the vision is to clarify what the community's feels is important in the future and for council to decide how to consider and respond to this in future decision making.

Who will be involved in creating the community vision?

If you live, work, play or have a connection to the Central Highlands your participation is welcome in creating the community vision. The Central Highlands as a region all the way through to the smallest townships will be encouraged and invited to actively participate.

How can I participate?

There are many ways to share your vision. All community members are invited to attend the Regional Roundtable Roadshow, a series of roundtable conversations held throughout the Central Highlands region. If you can't make it, you can also join a roundtable conversation online. Council team members will also be out and about at pop-up booths throughout the region. A survey and one question postcard are also available online at Have Your Say Central Highlands, and paper copies available at council libraries and customer service locations. Additional engagement sessions will also be run with different stakeholder groups.