

Moreton Bay Region Community Plan 2011 - 2021





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Mayor's foreword



It gives me great pleasure to present Moreton Bay Regional Council's first community plan.

The Moreton Bay Region is estimated to grow by around 40 per cent over the next 20 years. For this reason it has never been more important to plan for the future.

Our Tomorrow: Community Plan 2021 will guide council's activities over the next 10 years.

Council conducted a survey of local residents early in 2011 about what was important to them, now and into the future. More than 4,500 responses were received and have formed the foundation of the plan.

Our community plan was prepared in partnership with community groups, businesses, state agencies, and most importantly local residents.

The key themes include creating opportunities, strengthening our communities; and valuing lifestyle.

The plan seeks to deliver real outcomes such as:

- Local jobs for residents
- Well-planned growth
- Digital literacy and commerce
- Safe neighbourhoods
- Healthy and supportive communities
- Strong local governance
- Healthy natural environment
- Diverse transport options; and
- Quality recreation and cultural opportunities

Council will work with local residents and community groups, businesses and government agencies to achieve these outcomes through targets such as increasing the number of residents who work in the region.

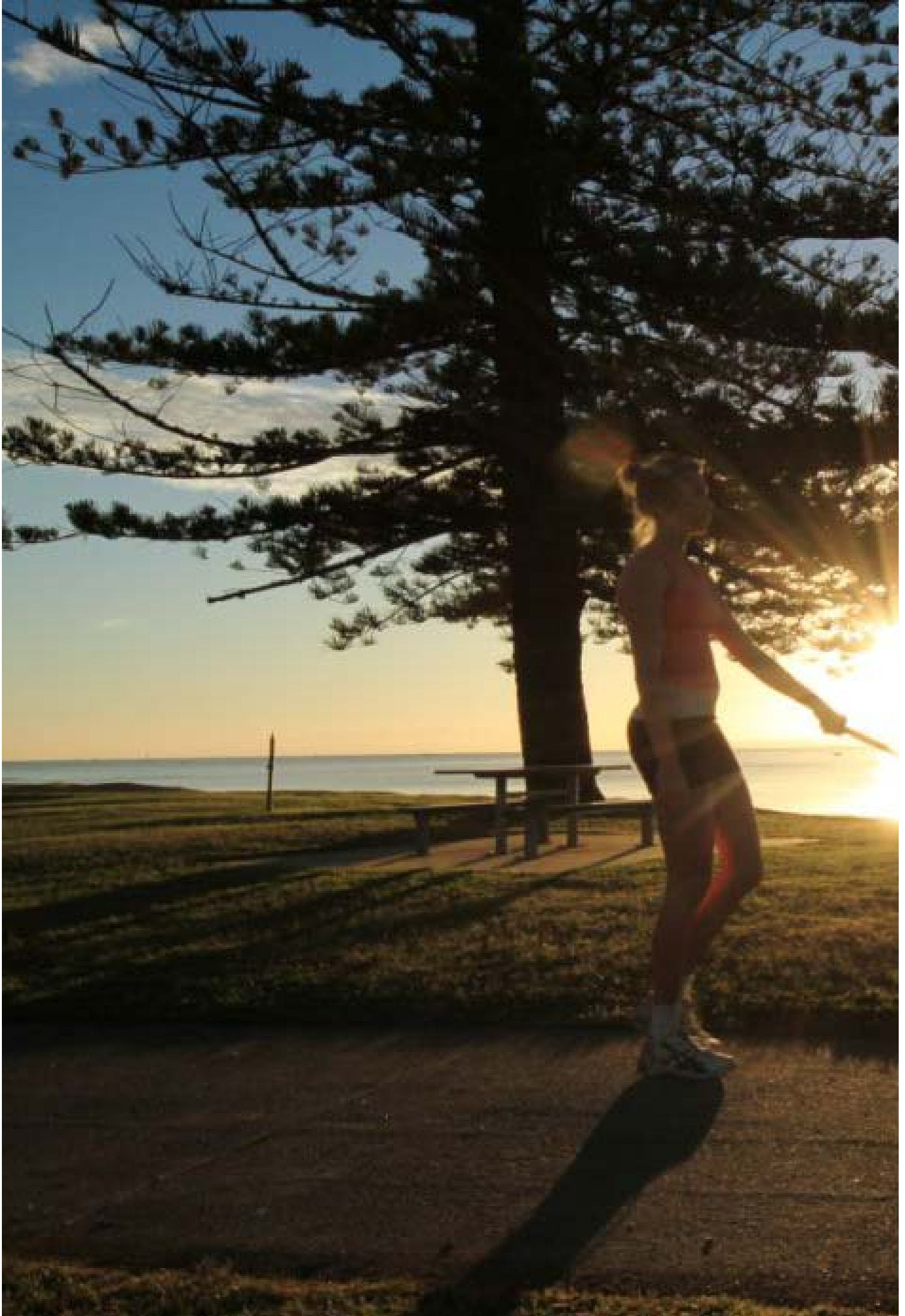
I would like to thank local residents who provided their feedback on the plan at public consultation forums hosted by council across our region.

It is my aim that *Our Tomorrow: Community Plan 2021* will help make the Moreton Bay Region an even better place to live, work and play over the next decade.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Sutherland'.

Mayor Allan Sutherland
Moreton Bay Regional Council







Vision

Statement

A thriving region of opportunity where our communities enjoy a vibrant lifestyle

Our vision is for:

- A region of opportunity for all.
- A region with safe, strong and inclusive communities.
- A region that celebrates our vibrant lifestyle.

Our Tomorrow: Community Plan 2021

The vision for the region has been developed in consultation with local residents and is made up of the following:



Creating opportunities

Our vision is for a region of opportunity for all.

A place where:

- Residents, business and industry enjoy the benefits of a strong, growing and diverse economy.
- People of all ages have easy access to education and training opportunities.
- Housing and infrastructure supports our growing population and enhances our lifestyle.

Local jobs for residents

By 2021 our vibrant and sustainable business and industry sectors will be employing well-trained and suitably qualified local residents.

Well-planned growth

By 2021 our residents will live in places that maintain the balance between a sense of community, growth, environment and lifestyle.

Digital literacy and commerce

By 2021 our households and business will be part of a global network using the very latest digital technology.



Strengthening communities

Our vision is for a region with safe, strong and inclusive communities.

A place where:

- All residents enjoy a quality lifestyle and a sense of belonging.
- Services are available to support people seeking an active, healthy and engaged lifestyle.
- Our civic leaders are progressive, responsive and build trust within our community.

Safe neighbourhoods

By 2021 our residents will live in safe and resilient communities.

Healthy and supportive communities

By 2021 our residents will be making healthier lifestyle choices and we will live in stronger, more inclusive communities.

Strong local governance

By 2021 our residents' values and ideas are echoed through the actions of our civic leaders.



Valuing lifestyle

Our vision is for a region that celebrates our vibrant lifestyle.

A place where:

- A preserved and well maintained natural environment can be enjoyed by residents and visitors as part of our unique lifestyle.
- People can travel easily around the region using different modes of transportation.
- Residents and visitors can participate in diverse community events, recreation and cultural opportunities.

Healthy natural environment

By 2021 our residents will collectively contribute to creating a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations.

Diverse transport options

By 2021 our region will consist of well-connected places and residents will embrace more sustainable travel choices and behaviour.

Quality recreation and cultural opportunities

By 2021 residents of all ages will have greater choice of recreation and cultural activities and events in the region.

Why a 10 year vision?

Moreton Bay Region is a new local government area and the *Our Tomorrow: Community Plan 2021* is a 10 year vision that focuses on the immediate future of the region.

This focus is important. Striving towards the community outcomes and targets in the *Our Tomorrow: Community Plan 2021* will have real benefits for residents both today and tomorrow.

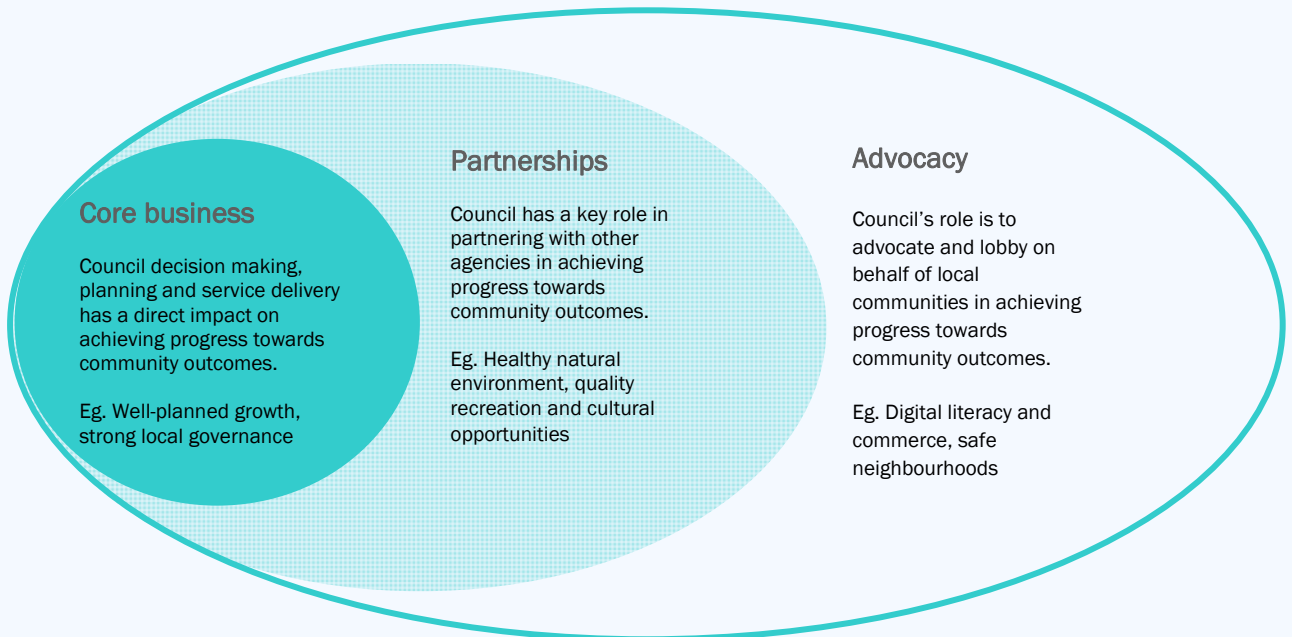
This focus will also influence the future of the region beyond 2021. It enables council, in partnership with the community, to place an importance on creating opportunities, strengthening communities and valuing lifestyle throughout the region.

From this strong foundation, Moreton Bay Region will continue to be a *thriving region of opportunity where our communities enjoy a vibrant lifestyle* in 2021 and beyond.

What's council's role?

Council has varying roles in achieving progress towards the community outcomes and targets listed in this plan.

These different roles are summarised in the diagram below.



The community outcomes and targets listed in this plan will drive council's future strategic direction and approach to the delivery of services. Council's corporate plan and other strategic documents will be directly influenced by this plan. This will help ensure all council activities are responsive to the views and aspirations of local residents.

