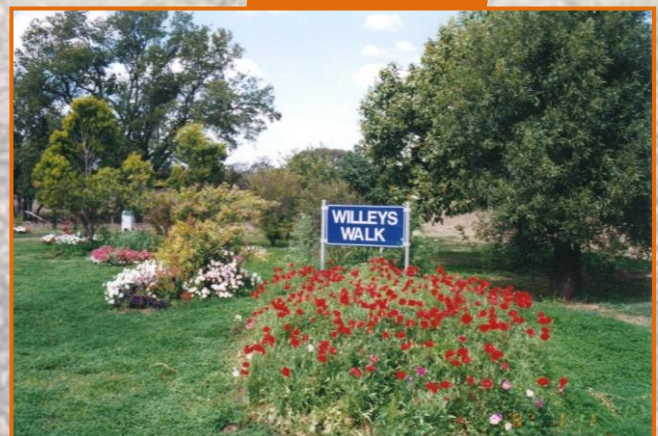




# Goovigen & District 2017/2027 Place Based Plan



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# Introduction

## PURPOSE

This Place Based Plan is intended to help the community, elected representatives, service providers and government agencies better understand the diverse nature of the individual towns that make up the Banana Shire and the possible social, economic and environmental issues they may face now and in the future. Also, this plan aims to develop a long-term strategy for the growth and development of the Banana Shire. This growth and development will be considered in a wide range of areas that are mentioned in this document. These areas such as Arts, Sports and Youth are integral to the development of the shire and its occupants.

## METHODOLOGY

The Banana Shire Council has identified that a “Place Based” Community Plan is required in each of the Shire’s twelve towns. This will allow us to develop a positive trend regarding population growth as well as fulfilling the potential of the individual community’s economic and social future. From the development of the “Place Based” plans the Banana Shire Strategic Community Plan will be developed.

In summation, the consultation process will include:

- Gathering of and referral to available ABS statistics;
- Discussion of related issues and policy with Government Departments and key stakeholder representatives;
- Meetings with representatives from regional organisations that have economic development roles;
- Attendance at meetings, networking or speaking to local leaders and community groups;
- Research/referral to a variety of historical literature;
- Research/referral to a variety of regional strategic planning/consultancies currently in progress;

- Community Engagement processes with residents in the Shire;
- Related Internet Search.

## STRUCTURE OF DOCUMENT

This document is structured into several discrete parts, which are:

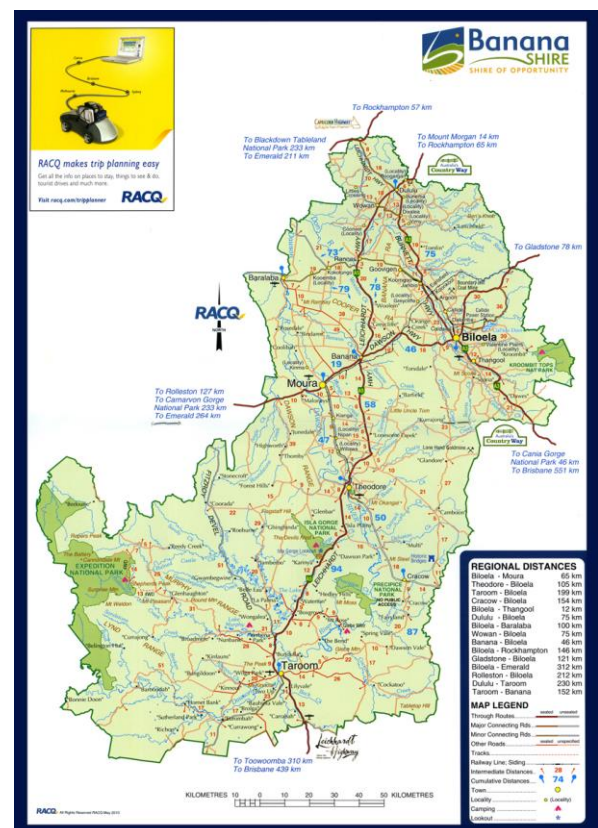
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Section 2 – Town Overview

Section 3 – Social Profile

Section 4 – Achievements of Goovigen

Section 5 – Future Direction



## LOCATION

The township of Goovigen is located approximately 43km from Biloela in Central Queensland.

Please refer to the RACQ Trip Planner [http://www.racq.com.au/travel/Maps and Directions/trip\\_planner](http://www.racq.com.au/travel/Maps_and_Directions/trip_planner)

## HISTORY

Goovigen (Aboriginal for Box Tree) was originally set up as a supply depot for the railways. It now forms an intricate part of a rich agricultural area.

## DESCRIPTION

Goovigen has a population of 250 including surrounding cotton/grain/cattle properties. The turn-off to the town is located just north of the township of Jambin on the Burnett Highway. The topography and soils make Goovigen ideal for irrigation and dry land farming. The land is suitable for grazing, horticulture and a wide range of both summer and winter crops.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF KEY CENSUS RESULTS

In the 2011 Census, there were 212 people in Goovigen (State Suburbs) of these 52.4% were male and 47.6% were female. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 0.0% of the population, compared with 2.3% Indigenous persons in Australia. Detailed census data is available via the ABS and Queensland State Government OSER.

[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

[www.oser.qld.gov.au](http://www.oser.qld.gov.au)



## Social Infrastructure

Visit the following link and enter the town name for an up to date list and contact details of organisations and community groups.

[www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Queensland/Banana](http://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Queensland/Banana)

## GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Goovigen is proudly supported by a small dedicated group of service organisations:

- Banana Shire Council Mobile Library Service - Goovigen
- Goovigen Post Office
- Goovigen Rural Fire Brigade
- Police Service

## EDUCATION

Goovigen is home to a small yet devoted education system that facilitates the learning of primary school years through:

- Goovigen State School
- Goovigen State School P&C Association
- Jambin Playgroup

## COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES

To find contact details and addresses of available health services visit the following link:

<http://www.nhsd.com.au/>

Goovigen boasts many services committed to the health and welfare of its community:

- Wowan/Dululu Multi-Purpose Centre

## COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

As with any tight knit, progressive community, Goovigen residents regularly come together under the banner of a variety of community organisations:

- Goovigen & District Progress Association
- Goovigen Historical Society

## SPORT & RECREATION

Goovigen is home to a collection of groups that have a passion for sport:

- Goovigen Pony Club Inc.
- Goovigen Tennis Club Inc.

## RELIGION

Fulfilling the spiritual needs of the area are:

- St. John's Anglican Church
- St. John's Anglican Guild
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- Jambin-Goovigen Presbyterian Guild

## SERVICE GROUPS

The Queensland Country Women's Association – Goovigen Branch continues to support the Goovigen community.



# Achievements of Goovigen & District

## RECOGNISED COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

### People

- Friendly
- Family
- Caring community
- Kids
- Spirit

### Social

- Rural lifestyle with services close
- School
- Locality

### Community

- Involved community
- Safe environment
- Small and personal
- Clean
- Heritage
- Peaceful

## Future Directions

### COMMUNITY IDENTITY & VISION

*Today:* Goovigen is a residential community that supports the promotion of their town as an affordable and safe place to live, while providing services to the surrounding rural industries.

*Future:* Goovigen sees the future sustainability of the community through the opportunities created by attracting young families to live in the area. Tourism development, especially attracting travellers, is seen as being a benefit to existing businesses.

### COMMUNITY PLAN

#### Youth Activity

In order to attract new families as well as retain current residents of the area, facilities for youth activities are advisable. There is an opportunity to construct multiple facilities such as a playground and skate park as well as multipurpose areas.

The organisation of a youth group as well as partnering with other communities is another opportunity for the area.

#### Residential Land

One of the primary concerns for the Goovigen area that needs to be addressed is the use of residential land. Both urban expansion and population growth is deeply affected by this as affordability and suitability impact greatly on the future of the area.

The encouragement of this process to be as practical as possible would be advisable. The issue of water usage, quality and access also needs to be addressed.

The development of lifestyle blocks would assist in attracting new residents

#### Community Amenity

As with all other communities, the local amenities are of the utmost importance to current and future residents and as such it is important to consider and plan for the maintenance and development of these amenities such as:

- independent living
- recycling
- health support

Developing the local Progress Association as a leadership organisation in the area is an important step in empowering the community. The development of partnerships with the local school to make use of facilities for sporting, IT access and training is also advisable.

#### Community Hall

The Community Hall is a fantastic asset to the community. It has great potential to be a catalyst for events for tourist/visitors. Ongoing improvements need to be made to the hall including:

- Painting - interior and exterior
- Storage
- Upgrading septic system
- Coffee machine

#### Tourism

There is great potential for tourism in Goovigen. It has become a point of focus for the town, as it is with other communities within the Banana Shire. Tourism has the potential to be of substantial benefit to Goovigen. An example of this is the Golden

Park Retreat and the work being done by the community at the showgrounds.

Tourism in the area will continue to increase by attracting the growing number of “grey nomads” using facilities as well as the local history as told through tourist drives and the local museum. To assist in the growth of tourism the community is focused on installing or upgrading:

- Dump point
- New amenities block at the showgrounds
- Signage on the Burnett and Leichhardt Highways
- Signage in Goovigen

- Directional signage to Stone’s Crescent
- Scenic Route

Lake Victoria is an underutilised area and requires planning that will see the area developed. Suggestions have included:

- Rubbish bins
- Toilets
- Picnic furniture
- Upgrading of access

**Rural Sustainability**

As the mines will not be a viable industry in the area forever, steps must be taken and alternatives considered for future generations.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING**

The ongoing process of updating and ensuring that the community owns the community plan will be undertaken following the timeline below.

**Planning Chart**



## ACTION PLANS

<i>Youth Activity</i>	<i>Activity/ Task</i>	<i>Council's Role</i>	<i>Stakeholders</i>
Partner with the community to ensure that opportunities exist for the younger generations to be involved and active within their community	Construct a variety of youth and children related facilities including a playground	Advocate	Goovigen & District Progress Association Goovigen State School P&C
	Develop partnerships with other communities	Advocate	
<i>Residential Land</i>	<i>Activity/ Task</i>	<i>Council's Role</i>	<i>Stakeholders</i>
Review Banana Shire Council's current operational status & community involvement in improving residential and urban expansion opportunities	Develop urban expansion and population growth impact planning	Advocate Provider	Banana Shire Council Goovigen & District Progress Association
	Investigate affordability and suitability of building housing		
<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>Activity/ Task</i>	<i>Council's Role</i>	<i>Stakeholders</i>
Continue to upgrade urban and rural roads to a safe and trafficable standard	Upgrade Goovigen Five Ways with a slip lane on the Burnett Highway as it is a dangerous intersection	Advocate	TMR Banana Shire Council Goovigen & District Progress Association
	Continue to upgrade urban and rural roads within the Goovigen district	Provider	Banana Shire Council



<b>Community Amenity</b>	<b>Activity/ Task</b>	<b>Council's Role</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>
Continue to partner with Banana Shire Council to improve community facilities and amenities	Maintain and develop the Community Hall for community and visitor use, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting - interior and exterior</li> <li>• Storage</li> <li>• Upgrading septic system</li> <li>• Coffee machine</li> </ul>	Advocate	Goovigen & District Progress Association Banana Shire Council
	Maintain and develop the showgrounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct camping sites with power and water</li> <li>• Dump point</li> <li>• New amenities block</li> </ul>	Advocate Provider	
	Develop independent living and health support facilities	Advocate	
	Maintain and improve local road conditions	Provider	Banana Shire Council

<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Activity/ Task</b>	<b>Council's Role</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>
Evaluate current infrastructure and amenities in regards to developing tourism within the area	Continue to attract day visitors, campers and "grey nomads" to the area	Advocate	Goovigen & District Progress Association Banana Shire Council
	Develop Fishing competition at Lake Victoria		
	Develop and maintain local history attractions, tourism drives and history museum		
	Develop a promotional strategy for local events		
	Undertake all development of the showgrounds with visitors, campers and events in mind.		
	Upgrade Lake Victoria's amenity with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rubbish Bins</li> <li>• Toilets</li> <li>• Picnic furniture</li> <li>• Upgrading of access</li> </ul>	Partner	Goovigen & District Progress Association Banana Shire Council
	Undertake a tourism strategy for Goovigen		
	Signage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rest stop directional signage on the Burnett and Leichhardt Highways</li> <li>• Directional signage in Goovigen</li> <li>• Direction signage to Stone's Crescent</li> <li>• Scenic Route</li> </ul>		