

Maroochy 2025 Community Visioning – Lecture Feedback – 16th April 2003

Responses to Q1. "What is the one thing you most value about living in Maroochy Shire?"
The potential.
Environmental diversity and future use of cane farming areas
Good climate & good people beautiful natural environment
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The Sunshine Coast atmosphere/people & friendship
The natural beauty & some rural feel, Scenic amenity, lovability, greenness
Laid back lifestyle, space to move, good weather, relaxed people
Lifestyle
The climate
Environment/ natural beauty
Balance of environment, development & lifestyle
Climate
Natural attributes: Environment & climate
Quality
The availability of beautiful beaches, forest, rainforest, experiences and mountain ranges. These are all so close
Lifestyle
The superb physical environment..As I overheard a retired Maroochy businessman & Local Government councillor - "only the people stuff it up"- well put I thought
Particularly attractive region & physical environment not yet ruined like the Gold Coast
People who appreciate their lifestyle, diversity, locality, climate
(Used to be) easy pace of life, unspoilt, natural environment, friendliness& close community
The landscape, especially the rivers and the opportunity for the community to be closely connected to it
Variety, hinterland, mountains, valleys, sea. I don't want to look a clone of somewhere else
Lifestyle
Housing choice (rural, rural- residential, traditional, medium density
Natural beauty combined with work and residential opportunities
The magnificent setting and weather and, as a general rule, the pleasant urban development
It is a healthier environment for myself & my child to live - in comparison to the city
It is close to my family
The atmosphere (natural)
The green landscape, the beautiful beaches, the goodwill of the communities - caring sharing, participatory
The weather
Semi-rural atmosphere & plenty of natural bush (esp. in Hinterland)
Climate, beaches, pace of life
The diversity - rural lifestyle, beach, shops, proximity to Brisbane
Quality of life - relaxed lifestyle, proximity to beach & forests
Coastal - rainforest & interaction (situation), quality of life (quite good)

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Location, lifestyle, natural accessible environment
Quality growth potential
Ecology & environment
Having room to enjoy our Shire and for it to supply the required infrastructure to satisfy the ever growing population
Lifestyle, relaxed homely feeling
The relaxed lifestyle
Sense of community
Community (the sense of)
The climate and the growth of the shire
On arrival in 1973 it was the relatively unspoilt natural environment, Many natural assets have since been lost largely through lack of a long term vision
Protects the environment
Lifestyle
Natural beauty of coast/hinterland
Relaxed, quality social environment
Absolutely stunning physical setting
The hope of a combined community with an overall vision
Beach, lifestyle, relatively low level of crime
Beaches
SE Qld's last remaining hardwood forests are in our Shire - lets not lose these or the sound of birds in the air & the sense of why we chose to live here in the first place
The environment, beaches, glasshouse mountains, natural areas and lifestyle
Close proximity to pristine environments, clean ocean, rainforest, mountains, clean air, lush vegetation, fertile soil plentiful rainfall friendly neighbourhoods, interesting people, from diverse backgrounds lots of talented musicians & artists opportunity to enjoy good quality of life
Lifestyle, healthy & happy atmosphere
Green space
The natural environment, beaches, rivers, hills etc, providing great quality of life
Access to the beach
Its innovative move towards being the greenest Shire in Aus. I.e. leading the way
The diverse natural environment
The natural environment which remains and should be retained
The diversity of community activities and opportunities available - great place to bring up children
The environment, beaches Parks etc
Isn't 1 thing it's the whole lifestyle. i.e. Short distance to work, beach, shopping etc. great climate generally more 'laid' back business community
Of being able to access coast & hinterland and only 2hrs form Brisbane
The history of Buderim has many who have worked for a better community, our hinterland is rich with artists and innovators
The physical & climatic environment
On the pink sheet
Family, employment, environment, measured progress and sense of community

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The natural beauty variety accessibility and existing pristine
Nature & lifestyle
Diversity
Lifestyle
Access to natural areas that should be conserved/protected for the future generation to enjoy
Lifestyle
Proximity to friends/family & relaxed lifestyle
Lifestyle, beach mountains
Quality of life, biophysical, social economic
The environment
Holiday atmosphere - the beach
The beautiful natural environment
Clean air, Coolum Beach, interest in community groups
The lifestyle & fantastic area (eg. beaches & hinterland)
Natural biodiversity & open space which nature provides us
No Address given
The lifestyle
The clean fresh environment - beach & Hinterland (nature) location to major city - Brisbane
Not too much development
The remaining pockets of unspoilt natural environment

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Responses to Q2 “What one thing most concerns you about the future of Maroochy Shire?”
Slow progress in Shire amalgamation.
All vision for the future is based only on growth
Price rise of houses (greed) fragmentation of community & damage to natural environment
Traffic & noise generated particularly on the roads parallel to the beach users, particularly children
Unsympathetic/inappropriate development that does not equal smart growth, lack of a diverse & strong economic base. Solid development from Noosa to Tweed including Hinterland
Population explosion, High rises
Traffic volume/Pollution, Parking, change of Lifestyle
Unsustainable growth
Uncontrolled development & absence of effective long term planning
That it will become over urbanised
Fragmentation
Maroochy's inability to direct & fund its future
Local government inability to work cohesively
We need to make sure that these assets which draw the population into the shire are not destroyed or depleted by the urban sprawl
Rapid growth
A culture focused on mediocrity, driven by apathy, ignorance, arrogance, happy with sleaze and sloth a core community "value" less than an hours drive away is Pauline Hanson's One Nation "Heartland". The members for Maryborough, Gympie & Nanango entered State Parliament as "One Nation" representatives. What does that mean for the Sunshine Coast Community
Overdevelopment & limited green space & spoilt future & reduced social responsiveness/commitment
Little open space, tyranny of small development decisions, true sustainability, loss of sense of community & sense of place
It's city sprawl, traffic jams, lack of public transport, and threats to environment, unemployment.
Lack of foresight historically - ramification today
Retention of environment/corridors, diversity, large tracts, low level, development/strategic planning
Population growth
Loss of biodiversity & green space
Loss of No.1
The lack of a youth centre in the community, as many young folks are left to heavy drinking and high risk activities that lead to D.U.Y. arrests, brawling, vandalism, etc
Population growth influencing the economic status of people & the segregation of communities - i.e. socio economic status
The need for economic growth
Cars & roads & built environment (lack of design)
A glut of peoples & high rise at the beach, Prices for land/homes/living beyond all but the rich, Nambour has lost its strategic heart of the Shire function, decreasing expertise, professionalism & increasing 'holiday destination' focus
Lack of employment opportunities
Rampant, uncontrolled growth, good quality rural land being used for housing
Preservation of smaller towns & villages, regularity of work, variation in price charged to work - too irregular
Economic Environment. Social sustainability, career prospects for the next generations
Urban sprawl (and car dependence that results from this)
Sustainability (environmental)
Keeping infrastructure up to rate of population growth I see segregation in society

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Roads, traffic
Mismanagement of future growth & development
Over crowding, by excess development of high-rise accommodation/dense housing
Geographical, Location, atmosphere/climate, Facilities available, protection of public space
My friend arrived from Sydney today when she arrived she had a fantastic sense of relaxation by just arriving here. The coast has that effect on us all to loose that atmosphere is of concern
The youth, the lack of facilities for them, town planning
Need for balanced development-currently over concentration on Tourism
The thought that the built and natural environment could be ruined
The delay in obtaining planning of roads, delays are causing a shortage of stock to meet demands, this is causing an abnormal price hikes to products
The loss of the natural appeal that attracts people in the first place and a lack of a large central Maroochy community centre /arts centre/theatre, social problems & transport
Urban sprawl (and car dependence that results from this)
Loss of lifestyle & diversity a form of elitism starting to appear
Lack of planning/foresight has led to poor quality outcomes
Unplanned growth and change
Increasing dependence on private vehicle travel (with its attendant social and liveability impacts) embedding the pattern of development that supports car -dependence which also erodes the physical setting
The tendency to focus on differences and antagonism
Becoming a second Gold Coast (crime level) congested traffic conditions
Development
Economic opportunity, low paying jobs, unemployment, traffic congestion
Rampant growth with undirected/unmanaged development & destruction of the many attractions to the area: let's not default to a Gold Coast future
Rapid and uncontrolled development and resulting environmental damage, loss of biodiversity
Wealthy companies purchasing prime stands of natural forest or prime farmland to make into/develop housing or industrial estates - hardening not softening the landscape, ugly architecture - haphazard in style, demolition of landmark/heritage buildings, illogical roads, loss of well-designed entertainment venues through increased no of poker machines, casinos, accommodation not balanced by sufficient venues/meeting places
Lack of vision for the present & future, the gap between the 'have's & have nots' being unbridgeable
Balance between development & environment support for community
Increased crowding & congestion on beaches, roads, etc
Too much emphasis on planning for private car use
Including all the relevant stakeholders in planning process
Potential for unplanned development & loss of scenic/rural amenity
Growth which degrades the environment and is inconsistent with rural and resource capability
To generate community vision for the benefit of the whole - not just individual gain. True holistic community & sense of self worth
Community services & the failing of them
Urban sprawl, and real estate issues in general eg. Inflated prices, houses not suited to environment
How we handle development that mesh's social & economical area
Few have time for community and development has outstripped resources for youth or employment in some localities and there for involvement
Rapid population growth & limited employment opportunities
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Ad Hoc approach to the future through various levels of bureaucracy. Limited community involvement driven by self interest groups not answerable to community
Population effects - high density - destruction of green spaces - lack of sustainable planning
Community & youth space -crime prevention Low/minimal resources/agencies
Population growth & impact
Lack of meaningful employment opportunities for Young People
Lack of gainful employment for all sectors of the community
Young people and their attitudes and opportunities
Lack of regional cohesion & planning
Comments on visioning worksheet
Sustainability (environmental)
The environment
Population, congestion - flow & ease of movement
Urban development
Over population, expensive land values, too high rates, traffic congestion
The impact on all aspects of the coast due to population growth (eg the environment being destroyed due to suburbia)
Overdevelopment of coastal region & housing & accommodation appears to take precedence over all other needs, developers rape & pillage, bad environmental laws & practices.
Beaches
Youth
The impact of rapid development and population increase and other associated impacts on access, the environment infrastructure and lifestyle
Careless development which excludes green areas and walking tracks.
That population growth and economic growth are seen as positive outcomes for the shire.

Responses to Q3. “Does Maroochy shire need a community vision?”

Yes	=	95
No	=	1
Yes & No	=	1
No Response	=	<u>11</u>
Total	=	<u>108</u>

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Responses to Q4. “What are your ideas for public participation for Maroochy 2025?”
Primarily by invitation. Lots of youth
Representation from all the areas - street by street - among "forgotten" pockets and places. Allow people to feel important/involved
Education like these meetings. Diverse range of promotions of processes & advertising
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I have submitted a letter to Eric Moes (16/4/03)
Work with communities of interests who may have separate visions of Coast, Hinterland, and The Range. Process allows sufficient time for public participation & takes it on board
I would like to see public awareness campaign set-up whereby prior knowledge of land acquisition & development was available (i.e. before the bulldozers go in)
Initially, to assimilate as many diverse groups as possible then, perhaps, as the strategy develops, a core of interests
Commit to allowing participants to sign-off on the vision
Ongoing participation of selected groups/individuals as partners in the planning process
Focus groups
Please contact
To define what is a community - Maroochy itself is not the pre-eminent 'community'
Talk to me about this
The shire has a good network of community interest groups, this need to be tapped into to gather an understanding of what the communities needs are
The community working together to solve all of our problems
Initially an education phase via regular community forums at USC
Genuine involvement of diverse community i.e. the public, then focus groups (I have a background in public participation process & running focus groups& volunteer to assist)
Use the approach of Steven Ames - True "authentic" participation - The Hillsboro approach
Small local conversation groups & workshops youth participation
Through community workshops, held in natural third places that follow on from Dare to Dream, need to involve business/industry/more farming, along with arts/environment
I thought the Dare to Dream excellent large groups, OK but need to split into smaller groups for adequate participation
Logo competition, include all groups, including young people eg. Go to schools
Use interactive web site
Participatory, local meetings and workshops
Information campaign using the media, (TV, newspapers, radio) to request locals input. Public Holidays
Encourage all people from all socio economic backgrounds to voice their opinions
Look at smaller communities
Can we just get on with doing the councils vision
School projects, Youth Projects, Interest group 'fair' with theme of inclusiveness & generosity. Divisiveness & petty parochialism can destroy all projects
Depends on the opportunities that arise
Involve schools & young people, also people from all socio-economic groups
Transportation systems for ease of movement to find work
Social capital retained for benefit of communities who have invested, ways of strengthening social fabric
Lots of publicity, flexibility of times so people with different lifestyles/careers can get involved
Broad community commitment, business, academic, social, environmental, work with change not against it

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Better advertisement to allow public to know about Maroochy 2025 project
Good question! No idea, maybe young & old residents? (X section)
Reasonable frequent discussions and more small groups operating as task forces for planning and organising community projects
Community consulting committees -voluntary positions with participants allocated a small reimbursement for expenses. Surveys, Mobile teams travelling to communities to gather feedback information, prizes & rewards for community participation
Communicate with those with a vision. Lead those who don't
To invite more youth into discussions of planning, what would they like to see in the Shire, Perhaps this could be implemented into High Schools as part of a programme
Take the mountain to Mohammad not have Mohammad come to the mountain
Perhaps instigate a public survey form posted to residents, with options for them to tick for their opinions & priority. Computer analyse results there does seem to be public apathy in attending meetings
Involve school children & young families not just the older community, contact the Dare to Dream committee & get their data
To better inform the public to what is happening and to bring these meetings into smaller communities not just CBD areas
Data collection across the array of processes - public meetings, submissions, surveys
Public forums, focus groups, electronic surveys
Because Maroochy has a very significant visitor population (both tourist & day trippers) who have a strong identity with the role Maroochy plays in their lives, we need some way of engaging these interests
The process used for the dare to dream groups worked well. I was part of that, representing Australians Federation of University women. (There is much more refer to form)
LGAW (local gov't awareness week) good education opportunity, community taskforce (made up of reps from all sectors eg. education, youth women, rural, local gov't small business, aboriginal, communications) environment, health & safety
Include real residents of the Shire (not to focus only on so-called leaders/politicians etc) also please engage the youth of our community& the people charged with educating them (teachers etc) Engage with the alternative healers in the community
Community forum, telephone survey
Opening up public meeting places where people of all ages, backgrounds can mix & talk over tea or coffee, etc. - with information displayed & facilitators available, inspired by providing great examples of successful precedents before & after photos/videos
Public meetings & workshops, school P & C's/school students included/informed, excellent example tonight wonderful hearing from Steven Aimes. Thank you
Community focus groups, Artist collaborations
Community resource groups to be involved in all stages of planning, including all ages, genders and regions and stakeholder groups
Process should be visually stimulating. Process should not look like a local Gov't planning process
Dedicating certain media time/room for letting everyone know where/when they can participate
Relatively small targeted meetings where people are listened to, an genuinely share ideas with feedback to larger meetings
Essential - but must find a way to get beyond the news of the "representatives" of sector groups
To truly find out the resources within the community and be able to truly have authentic representations and a voce of the community
Mail-outs - TV adds & Radio with an invitation to attend & participate
Written submissions, periodic seminars & workshops. All info & feedback accessible via www.

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Each community/township to share their vision for their area plus see the big picture of the Shire
Ask those agencies that do comment with those who have least voice, greater critical view of some larger developments pressure companies and state governments decisions of population growth beyond what is manageable
Intensive information campaign before start of 'visioning' at small local levels, then move slowly to central operations
Task force, local residential group discussion to support survey reforms collections (eg. Census)(incentives this eg. holiday package draw) approach key stakeholders groups as focus groups. Launch/sell/celebrate the process & the result. Ensure that those with input are responded back to with what happened to their feedback/input, do not let the process create black holes
Groups appointed with responsibility for identified strategic issues, answerable to an overall group who in turn develops a plan for public communication and feedback
Across the whole community - schools early childhood, primary, high, tertiary, arts -business, environment, energy producers etc. old people, transport
Everybody included
Everone, anywhere anytime all inclusive creativity
Publicise the process - take it to the community - take road shows around schools colleges, churches, institutions, community focal points, RSL'S etc. make it fun (possibly including appropriate entertainment)
Go to schools, churches, clubs community groups where the people are
Encourage participation of employed persons by holding events in evenings or weekends. Encourage participation of persons with children by providing child minding
A serious commitment
Workshops on subjects & issues, 10 people to a table, workshop each of 30 places
Smart marketing campaign to help us help ourselves
A commitment to inclusiveness
We need training for young people, health clinics, better & more frequent transport
Create awareness & open mindedness about minorities in the community
Local festivals school & other social/sport groups, local radio & TV, market stalls, regular community meetings.
Use existing structure/opportunities (those outside of council) Where are your partners?? & Management structures. Should not be a council vision, they should facilitate it to happen only
To be involved in process
Re-ignite something similar to the Passion Café's that were around in 1999,however getting that information to the decision makes needs to be easier for people. Inclusive, accessible process must be in place, that acknowledges all input past and present & future. A strong health & wellbeing component that is sustainable also needs to be included.
Identify green areas.
Constant communication between council and the public working together. Nominated representatives from various sectors of the community working as a body with council.