Key Contact: Zanthea Chulio - Project Officer – Engagement Plus – 0423 931 483

Secondary Contact: Michelle Feenan – Director – Engagement Plus – 0400 188 373

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Question** | **Answer** |
| What does a Planning Scheme do and what is it used for? | The Planning Scheme identifies which land uses (for example, units, shops and industry) and which types of development (for example, construction of a new building and subdividing land) require development approval and the standards that new development must meet, (for example, building setbacks and height, privacy of neighbours and addressing natural hazards such as flooding) |
| Does a Planning Scheme include all of the region or just certain parts? | All land within the Toowoomba Regional Council is covered by the Toowoomba Regional Planning Scheme which came into effect in July 2012, replacing the planning schemes that applied to each of the eight local government areas that now make up the Toowoomba Regional Council area |
| Why does Council have to do a review of the current Planning Scheme? | Under the Queensland Government’s Planning Act, the planning scheme must be reviewed every 10 years, which means that The Toowoomba Regional Council must complete a review of the priorities and intentions of our Regional Planning Scheme by 2022 |
| How can I find out my property’s current zoning? | Visit Council’s website <https://maps.tr.qld.gov.au/WAB/PlanningScheme/>, search for your property, select the ‘Identify’ tool click on the property and planning information will be shown |
| What’s an appreciative inquiry workshop? | An appreciative inquiry workshop is an opportunity for participants to identify their aspirations for the future of their community and how that future could be achieved |
| How long will the engagement program go for? | The engagement program started in February and will end in June 2019 |
| When are the workshops happening in my community? | All workshop dates are contained in the link here [https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/buildingourfuture](https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/buildingourfuture%20) under ‘workshops’ or call 131 872 |
| What will be discussed at these workshops? | Workshops will focus around three key themes – identifying community values that could shape how development occurs, exploring land use and development policy options and reviewing the type of development encouraged under the current planning scheme. |
| Can anyone attend these workshops? | Yes – we want to see everyone there! No prior knowledge of planning and development required |
| Are there any documents which I could read before going to the workshops? | Yes – the discussion booklet is available on [https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/buildingourfuture](https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/buildingourfuture%20) in the Documents Library |
| Are the workshops catered? Could I bring my small children? | Yes – the workshops will provide afternoon tea as well as toys for small children to play with in the corner |
| Where can I RSVP to the workshops? | RSVP via the ‘local workshops’ link at <https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/buildingourfuture> or by calling 131 872 |