The Nambour Activation Plan provides a framework to activate the streets and places of Nambour and enable local businesses and the community to energise the township and celebrate their place.

Nambour is reinventing itself as a thriving and extraordinary place to live, work and play.

Planning for the Nambour Activation Plan commenced in 2014 and involved collaboration from many sectors of the Nambour community and input from placemaking specialists.

Once the Plan was drafted in mid 2015, it was open to a public consultation process. Strong support was received for the Plan and its proposed activities.

On 15 October 2015, Sunshine Coast Council adopted the Nambour Activation Plan.

Nambour CBD stakeholders gathered on 28 May 2016 to review the implementation of the Plan and discuss the next steps forward.

For more information on the Plan visit https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Planning-and-Projects/Council-Plans/Nambour-Activation-Plan or contact the Project Officer fiona.anderson@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

While the focus of the Plan is the town centre, there are four key strategic projects that contribute to the activation of Nambour:

1. **Nambour Water Splash Park**
   Located within the bounds of the existing aquatic facility and former skate park, this will be a much loved family attraction.

   The feasibility and design study commences soon for the Nambour Water Splash Park.

   In the interim, Drawn Together Nambour is proposing to support artist workshops at the old skate park site commencing late July.

2. **Nambour Heritage Tramway**
   Introducing a passenger tram to the heritage listed tram tracks of Howard Street.

   Council coordinates the project Working Group that usually meets monthly to progress this important project. Congratulations to the Nambour community for raising over $100,000 for the project so far. These funds are managed by The Nambour Tramway Company.

   ![Image: Have you seen the two Tramfest social videos on YouTube? Council’s grants program supported the development of the videos. Tramfest raises funds for the Tramway project.](Image)

   Search Tramfest on YouTube to view the new videos.

3. **Nambour Showgrounds**
   This publically managed reserve hosts many major events and is home to a variety of sporting and hobby clubs.

   Council recently spent $120,000 on the installation of slit drainage to Oval 2 to improve access during wet weather with works also underway on Oval 3. Roof extensions to the indoor arena have been completed.

   In May, the Showgrounds hosted some of Australia’s elite competitors at a Sunshine Coast Showjumping Club event. In June, the three-day Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show celebrated it’s 111th show.

4. **Petrie Creek Parklands**
   ‘Town touches nature’ through the Petrie Creek Parklands Open Space Master Plan.

   In conjunction with a cultural heritage assessment, the new draft Master Plan is entering an internal and external consultation phase.
What’s your favourite Nambour experience?
Participants at a recent placemaking workshop share their favourite Nambour experiences:

- **Quota Park** – a unique place, people of all ages interact, a place of energy.
- **Lowe St & Town Square** – a striking vision at night.
- **Events, bars, coffee & dining options** – there are now plenty of places to go to on weekends.
- **The people** – friendly, keep an eye on each other, community commitment & accepting people with disabilities. “Our town has heart”.
- **Liveability** – view mountains & creeks from the CBD area, good access to services plus a diversity of retail stores. Country town values.

**Drawn Together Nambour**
The initiative’s first public street art installation is on the Dixons Bakehouse alleyway wall, just off Currie St. Artist E J (Filka) Zyla was selected from five artists by the Drawn Together Committee. This is a community managed project with support from Council.
[http://www.drawntogether.net.au/](http://www.drawntogether.net.au/)

**Nambour Station upgrade**
Queensland Rail have commenced an accessibility upgrade and refurbishment that includes work to the platforms, station buildings, subway, lighting and CCTV.

**Local event wins state award**
Queensland Garden Expo took out the Events Award category at the prestigious Parks and Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence for Queensland. The event attracts close to 40,000 people & generates significant funds for local community groups. The 2016 Garden Expo is at the Nambour Showgrounds from 8-10 July. [http://www.qldgardenexpo.com.au/](http://www.qldgardenexpo.com.au/)

**New Nambour map & events calendar**
A print run of 6,000 brochures were produced by Nambour Events to showcase the vibrant and wide range of events & local businesses Nambour has to offer. This is a community project supported by Council.

**Quota Park is activated**
The new multisport court, along with other upgrades, are currently under construction.

The Nambour Community Centre continues to offer regular family focused activities in Quota Park.

The Old Ambo creative arts launch pad
There has been a hive of activity including:

- The site is now fully tenanted.
- Art exhibitions have been held.
- Host to the only performance outside Brisbane for the Any Where Festival.
- The new Nambour Junkies winter market is held every Saturday morning until 30 July.
- Black Box Theatre is used weekly by Spiral Inc, involving people with disabilities.

C-Square for arts & entertainment
Recent renovations at the C-Square precinct include upgrades of the toilet & parent room facilities, featuring murals by local artist Aki Yaguchi. The wayfinding design project is near completion & new tenants have moved in. The Winter Jazz Fest is on 30-31 July.

**Celebration events**
- **Tramfest:** Free monthly event in Howard Street featuring live music, stalls & a variety of dining options. The next Tramfest is on 16th July.
- **Nambour Together:** Free family fun day in Quota Park on 31 July with music, stalls, food, photography competition & skate competition.
- **Colour the Street Horizon Festival:** A new free festival of arts & culture unfolds in Howard St on 3rd Sept.
- **Retro Rocks Nambour:** Free event on 1st Oct in the Town Square with retro fashion, rockabilly entertainment and vintage vehicles.

A note from your local councillor

“It’s now eight months since Sunshine Coast Council endorsed the Nambour Activation Plan. Residents and visitors are experiencing the benefits of local businesses, land owners, community and council working collectively for the benefit of Nambour.

Planning is underway for a number of activities, events and infrastructure to be realised.”

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