NAMBOUR ACTIVATION PLAN
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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.

On 15 October 2015, Sunshine Coast Council adopted the Nambour Activation Plan. Council, community & businesses are now working together to implement the Plan.


There are four key strategic projects that contribute to the activation of Nambour:

1. Nambour Aquatic Centre Water Splash Park
   Investigating the inclusion of interactive water features to create an amazing facility.
   The Nambour Aquatic Centre splash park feasibility and design study is about to commence as a council funded project in 2016/17.

2. Nambour Heritage Tramway
   Introducing a passenger tram to the heritage listed tram tracks of Howard Street.
   The Working Group are finalising the Operating Plan and progressing the Rail Authority Accreditation and track requirements.
   Investigations are underway for establishing the Western Terminus at Mill Street on the old C&K Childcare site. The Nambour Tramway Company (TNTCo) and Nambour Alliance have jointly applied for funding to the National Stronger Regions Fund to assist with the construction of the Western Terminus.
   TNTCo have received a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant to assist with engineering and design drawings of the Tram.

3. Nambour Showgrounds
   This reserve hosts major events and is home to a variety of sport and hobby clubs.
   In mid September, council will consider when the scoping study and design of the multi-use facility at the Showgrounds will be conducted.
   The subsurface drainage upgrade to Oval 3 is complete and the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club have officially opened their new shed.
   New LED signs are now installed at both ends of the reserve to publically showcase the myriad of events & activities within the site.
   Council is delighted to host Nambour State College and its new Equestrian School of Excellence at the Nambour Showgrounds, believed to be the first of its kind in Australia.
   On 8 October, the Nambour Lapidary Club host the annual Gemfest event at the Showgrounds.

4. Petrie Creek Parklands
   ‘Town touches nature' through the Petrie Creek Parklands Open Space Master Plan.
   The draft Petrie Creek Parklands Open Space Master Plan was released for public comment in July with submissions closing on 8 August. The Plan’s cultural heritage assessment is being finalised.
   The Youth Activity Precinct, at Quota Park, continues to be enhanced with the new multisport court and the giant birds nest swing expected to be open for the September school holidays. Other improvements include additional pathways, landscaping and tiered seating.
**Drawn Together Nambour**
Queensland Rail have commissioned Drawn Together to deliver two large scale artworks at the refurbished Nambour Railway Station site. The expression of interest for artists will open soon. The Drawn Together program is a partnership with community and council. [www.drawntogether.net.au](http://www.drawntogether.net.au)

**Heritage tramway films available**
The 12 minute Full Steam Ahead – Stories of the Nambour-Mapleton Heritage Tramway film will be launched in September. This is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Levy.

The film can be purchased for $5 from the Library or Council Customer Service Centres.

**Creekside developments, Matthew St.**
Outwardly it appears there has been little change to Creekside, inwardly it’s a very different story. All the asbestos has been removed, leaving the bare-bones of a skeleton in many areas. Architects, designers and engineers have been pouring over plans and after an intense process to gather funds together, tenders for the renovations are about to be advertised.

During the design phase, the Creekside building has been in regular use by a martial arts group, as a storage space for the Nambour Together event and as the site for a garage sale and BBQ. [www.creekside.net.au](http://www.creekside.net.au)

**Creative space for creative businesses**
A lot happens at The Old Ambulance Station:
- A pop-up office of a Sunshine Coast media outlet is located at The Old Ambo.
- The Old Ambo & Black Box Theatre is the base for the Artworkz Festival & Exhibition in September, coordinated by Spiral Inc. Featuring workshops and performances on still life art, henna, drama & dance, garden to plate, creative writing plus more!
- The Long Table Dinner on 16th of every month brings together the creatives. [www.theoldambulancestation.com](http://www.theoldambulancestation.com)

**C-Square for arts & entertainment**
The completion of Soundhouse, the new outdoor performance space, is expected in mid September with C-Square inviting expressions of interest from those interested in using it as a busking space. C-Square and Majestic Cinemas are working hard behind the scenes to deliver a redeveloped cinema complex. The inaugural Nambour Jazz Fest was held in late July with some musicians already booking return gigs. [www.c-squaresambour.com.au](http://www.c-squaresambour.com.au)

**Business sector to work collaboratively**
The ‘Capacity Building in Nambour’ project will develop a strategy to leverage off major events to improve the economic prosperity of Nambour. This initiative is coordinated by Nambour Alliance and is proudly supported by the Sunshine Coast Council grants program. [www.nambour.com](http://www.nambour.com)

**Celebration events in Nambour**

**Colour the Street Horizon Festival:** A free, urban block party kicks off at 4pm on Saturday, 3rd September in Howard St. Featuring 3D chalk art, live music, indigenous dance, slam poetry, street theatre, projections, lanterns, puppetry, laser light show plus a visual arts exhibition in The Old Ambo. [www.horizonfestival.com.au](http://www.horizonfestival.com.au)

**Tramfest:** Free monthly event in Howard Street featuring live music, stalls & a variety of dining options. [www.facebook.com/tramfestnambour/](http://www.facebook.com/tramfestnambour/)

**Retro Rocks Nambour:** Free event on Saturday, 1st October in the Town Square & CBD with retro fashion, rockabilly entertainment and vintage vehicles. [www.facebook.com/RetroRocksGlambour/](http://www.facebook.com/RetroRocksGlambour/)

**A note from your local councillor**

“Whilst the focus of the Nambour Activation Plan is on the town centre, it is also important that the four key strategic projects continue to be progressed during 2016/17.

The Showgrounds, water splash park, Tramway project and the leisure corridor along Petrie Creek all contribute to the activation of Nambour.”

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