

~ Rockhampton ~ WHO WE ARE

Our Community

OUR MOST VULNERABLE



5119 Number of people with disabilities living in Rockhampton and Livingstone LGA who need ongoing help.

Source: ABS Census, 2011; Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, June 30, 2014.

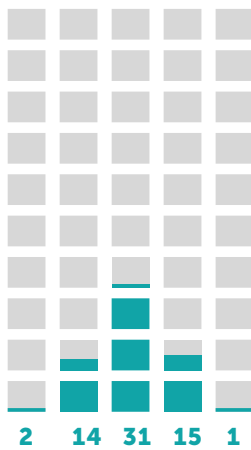
EDUCATION



61 schools
4142 secondary students
6364 primary students
1152 prep students
144 special school students

CHILD CARE SERVICES

54 Number of services.

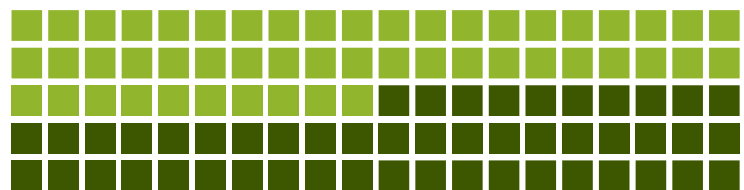


2 family day care centres
14 kindergartens
31 long-day care centres
15 school-aged care centres
1 limited hours care

Source: Department of Education, 2015 State School Count; Office for Early Childhood Education and Care, Department of Education and Training March 2015.

ENVIRONMENT

1184 The total protected environmental area in our region in kilometres squared.

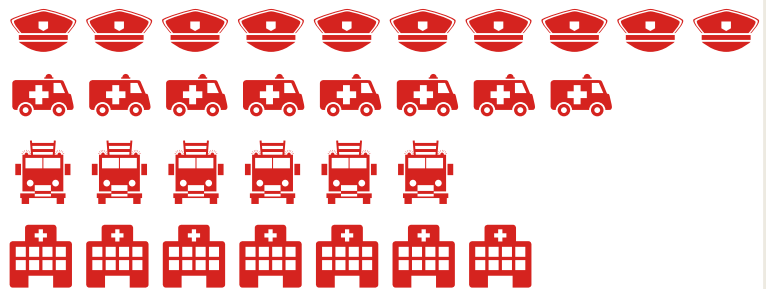


619.9 sq km national park
564.1 sq km state forest

Source: Queensland Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing 2015

EMERGENCY SERVICES

THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ACROSS THE ROCKHAMPTON AND LIVINGSTONE COUNCIL AREA TO SEPTEMBER 2015:



10 police stations
8 ambulance stations
6 fire stations
7 hospitals

Source: Department of Education and Training; Queensland Ambulance Service; Queensland Fire and Emergency Services; Queensland Health; Queensland Police

Running of economy pathetic



THE FRENCH LESSON DAVID FRENCH

IN September 2006 the Howard government opened the gates to \$1 million individual contributions to superannuation.

That night, nursing a sore throat, I remember sitting in a hotel room watching the budget. I was stunned.

Nonetheless, it was an excellent initiative for those who could take advantage of it, and many people planned their retirement around it.

Soon after, however, the GFC set in, and people like me had to work very, very hard to ensure a positive outcome for clients and indeed, the survival of our business.

With the GFC in full flight and the collapse of Lehmann Brothers imminent, the Rudd government implemented a guarantee on banking deposits. The

initiative was necessary, but it grossly distorted investment decisions. People (in the circumstances, quite rationally) withdrew their money from perfectly good investments, causing a second wave of major falls on markets. Superannuation balances, the ones encouraged by earlier government policy, were trashed.

Not content with that combined train wreck, now the Turnbull government now wants to reduce the amount of money that can

be contributed to superannuation. It says it's doing this on the basis of budget restraint. In reality it's just a measure designed to neutralise Labor's chant of equality for all.

Then the Treasurer publicly calls for a further interest rate cut. Interest rates in perhaps two-thirds of the Western world are negative. It's caused by an aging population that spends less than it saves, and Australia will follow. The facts don't matter – it was delivered, and he'll claim

credit for it. After Keating, the verdict regarding economic management by successive governments is in and it's pathetic. The aging population is at the forefront of issues.

Where is the recognition that superannuation, tax and the age pension are the three pillars of any retirement incomes policy? Where is the comprehensive and far-sighted policy around that? Where is the acknowledgement that interest rates are going to zero, and that all those

people relying on term deposits (because the government said they were safe) are going to be paying to keep their money in the bank? Where is the acknowledgement that Australians' standard of living is falling and the only way to arrest that is through productivity – even if it is dressed up as "innovation" doublespeak?

I'll tell you where these critical issues have gone. They're lost in the maelstrom of government by Facebook.