

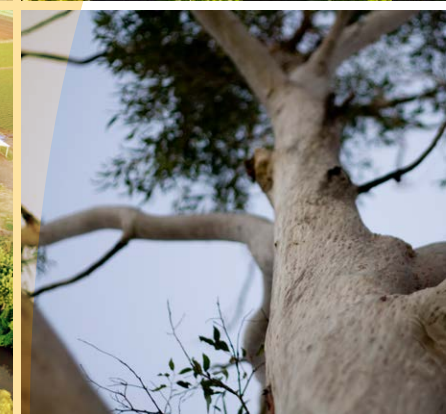
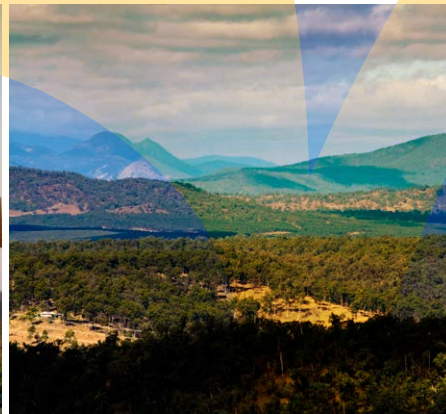
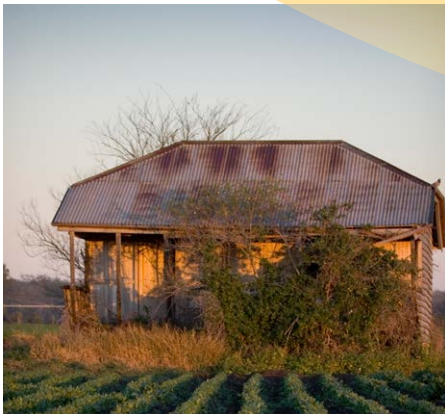
# Lockyer Valley

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK  
2013-2023



REGIONAL COUNCIL

*A Growing Lifestyle*



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## Message from the Mayor

Nestled at the foot of the Great Dividing Range, the Lockyer Valley is strategically located less than an hour's drive from Brisbane and approximately 30 minutes from Ipswich and Toowoomba.

Covering an area of 2,272 square kilometres, the Lockyer Valley is home to over 35,000 people with the majority of residents living in the major centres of Gatton, Laidley and Plainland and a number of smaller townships including Withcott, Forest Hill, Helidon, Murphys Creek and Grantham. The high quality rural lifestyle and proximity to major growth economies are attracting a new wave of population growth and business investment to the area.

The Lockyer Valley is a leading agricultural production area in Australia and as such is attracting investment in major facilities for South East Queensland – the new South East Queensland Correctional Precinct and the University of Queensland Gatton Campus are two important examples. The region represents approximately 12-14% of the Queensland agriculture economy and supplies the majority of Australia's vegetable requirements during winter. The Lockyer Valley is also renowned for manufacturing the world's finest sandstone product and many extraction industry businesses.

With direct access to the Warrego Highway and easy connections to all major interstate highways, coupled with rail access, the close proximity to Brisbane and Gold Coast International Airports, the Port of Brisbane and the abundance of affordable land, the region is fast becoming the preferred option as a viable transport hub.

Boasting opportunities including low set up costs, easy access to major transport routes and land affordability, the Lockyer Valley is the perfect location for companies and businesses to establish, relocate or expand. You can be part of one of the fastest growing regions in Australia. New development projects include a regional airport, accommodation precinct and 150 hectares of new industrial land.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council is ready and open for business. The Regional Development Team is your first point of contact at Lockyer Valley Regional Council and will help guide you through the areas of Council and fast track your requests. For more information on how Council can support you in setting up or growing your business contact the Regional Development Team by calling (07) 5466 3505 or email [regionaldevelopment@lvrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:regionaldevelopment@lvrc.qld.gov.au)

# Welcome to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council

A key driver of the Lockyer Valley's growth over the next decade will be supplying food to the rapidly expanding South East Queensland region, Australia and Asia.

The great strength of the Lockyer Valley region is the quality of its agricultural producing land in close proximity to national and international markets. These opportunities are enhanced by the connectivity to these markets through major transport infrastructure and logistics services.

The Lockyer Valley has some of the most fertile land for agricultural production in the world. The combination of its relatively flat topography, rich alluvial soils, and ideal growing climate has provided the opportunity for the Lockyer Valley to become a major supplier of high value vegetables, horticulture, and grains to Australia and Asia.

The Valley's proximity to Greater Brisbane and the wider South East Queensland is an important advantage that provides access to a rapidly growing consumer market; access to key trade facilitating international port and airport services; and a national road network.

The agricultural strengths of the region are supported by university education and research facilities at the University of Queensland's Gatton campus. The university undertakes world leading research into agricultural and natural resource sciences and is a training ground for agriculturalists, agribusiness operators, veterinary scientists, and natural resource scientists.

The Lockyer Valley is a region of opportunity that is attracting new families through its unique rural lifestyle, quality natural environment, and business and educational networks. The region is increasingly becoming a location of choice to live, work, and play.



# Our Valley

The Lockyer Valley lies to the west of Brisbane and east of Toowoomba. The region comprises almost 2,300 square kilometres of which 10% is rich fertile agricultural land, historical and emergent towns and a high quality natural environment. The Valley is backed by the Great Dividing Range and is rated among the top ten most fertile farming areas in the world. The intensively cultivated Lockyer Valley grows the most diverse range of commercial fruit and vegetables of any area in Australia and is often referred to as "South East Queensland's Salad Bowl".

## GATTON

The largest town in the Lockyer Valley, Gatton is the administrative and economic centre of the Valley. Designated as a Principal Rural Activity Centre (SEQ Regional Plan), Gatton is home to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, University of Queensland campus, Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, and Gatton industrial area. Its location in close proximity to the Warrego Highway, a main transportation route throughout SEQ, has contributed to its development as an agricultural and transportation hub.



## LAIDLEY

Laidley is located near the eastern edge of the Lockyer Valley and benefits from its close proximity to Ipswich and Brisbane. It is the second largest town within the Lockyer Valley, behind its close neighbor, Gatton. Laidley is a significant heritage town whilst also being one of the main agricultural towns within the region. Along with its strong agricultural base, Laidley is also popular for its relaxed environment, lifestyle and well serviced recreational activities.



## PLAINLAND

The eastern gateway to the region, Plainland is located east of Gatton and strategically situated on the Warrego Highway. It acts as a service centre for transport along the Warrego Highway and the surrounding area. Plainland provides a broad range of retail facilities to service the local area and visitors including cafes, restaurants, a supermarket, specialty shops and regular Sunday markets.



## WITHCOTT

An ideal place to stop before heading west, Withcott is located at the western edge of the Lockyer Valley and at the base of the Toowoomba Range. Located on the Warrego Highway, Withcott is famous for its spectacular panoramic views. An award winning town, with its environmentally friendly focus on litter prevention, Withcott is one of the first towns in Queensland to receive the NBN Rollout providing it with a significant telecommunications advantage.



## GRANTHAM

Following the devastating flood event in 2011, Grantham became home to the award winning Strengthening Grantham Project, a new housing initiative to relocate residents to higher land. Located in the heart of the Lockyer Valley, a short drive from Gatton, Grantham is the service hub for the surrounding fertile agricultural land and production activity. It includes the GWIZ (Gatton West Industrial Zone) development which provides industrial land on the Warrego Highway that is attracting interest from national and international logistics operators and food producers.



## HELIDON

Helidon is situated adjacent to the Warrego Highway, between Gatton and Toowoomba. Whilst home to a population of just over 1,000 people, Helidon has a number of natural assets that generate economic activity for the town. It's high quality sandstone rock has supported significant sandstone operations. Helidon is also famous for its spa water that it draws from its underlying natural artesian water source. Helidon is home to a major explosives manufacturing business which is the major employer for the area. This industry is supported by a designated explosives precinct, the Helidon Magazine Area.



\*POPULATION GROWTH BASED ON ANNUAL POPULATION CHANGE WITHIN NOMINATED STATE SUBURBS (SSC) FROM 2006 TO 2011. BASED ON ABS CENSUS DATA.

# Lockyer Valley Regional Council Regional Development Framework

The Lockyer Valley is well placed to expand into new areas of economic development and continue to build on its major strengths.

The Lockyer Valley Strategic Regional Development Framework sits within the region's Community Plan themes of:

- **Lockyer Business** – Working together to enhance, attract and diversify business
- **Lockyer Farming** – Working together to secure our farming future
- **Lockyer Skills** - Working together to strengthen education, training and career pathways.

The vision of the Lockyer Valley region is “a growing lifestyle”, a vibrant place to live, work and play. It is a region that is prosperous offering opportunities for development for both newcomers and existing residents. It is a place where young people can grow, learn and find meaningful work opportunities within their region for them and their families. It is a region which openly welcomes business investment and seeks to sustainably facilitate economic growth. It is a place the local government works collaboratively with government, industry and community to continue supporting and diversifying the local economic base of the region.

The combined shires have given the Lockyer Valley Region strength in terms of its agricultural production, rural lifestyle, and hard and soft infrastructure assets.

Since 2008 the region has been led by a strong Council that has brought the region together, led the 2011 flood recovery, and is now revitalising the region through a series of strategic initiatives. To guide the future direction of the region the Lockyer Valley Regional Council has developed a Regional Development Strategic Framework that is underpinned by four key strategies:

1. Economic Development Plan
2. Regional Food Sector Strategy
3. Tourism Destination Plan
4. Infrastructure Strategy

These four key strategies, or pillars, are realised through the four enabling strengths of the region – Leadership; Promotion; Partnerships; and People. The inter linkages between the four key strategies and four enabling strengths are reflected in the Regional Development Strategic Framework diagram on the adjacent page.

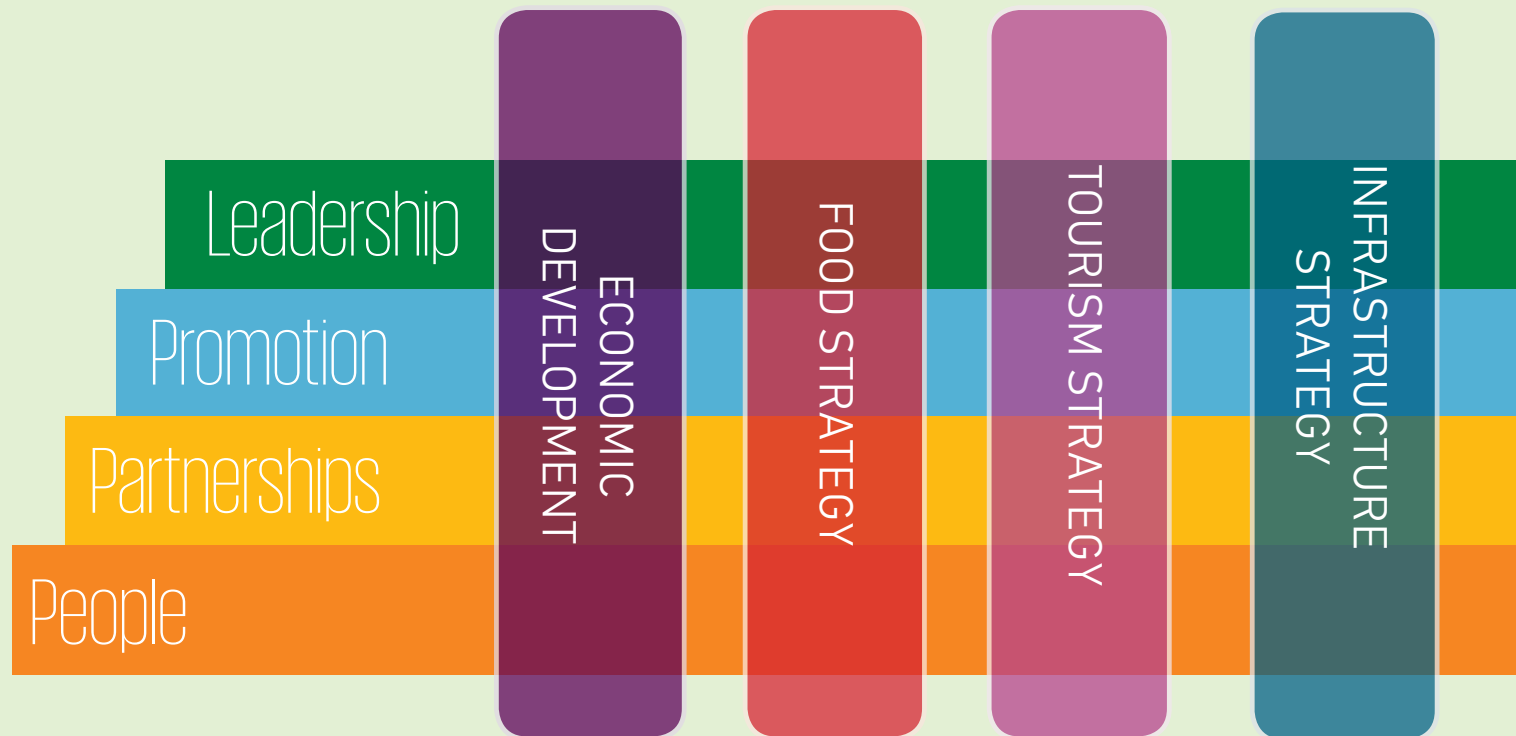
# Regional Development Strategic Framework

## VISION

*A Growing Lifestyle: a vibrant place to live, work and play*

## MISSION

*To be the region of choice for vibrant rural living*



# Leadership

The development of the Lockyer Valley is led by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council through its Vision and Direction, Innovation, and Delivery of Projects. The support for the Lockyer Valley Councillors and staff (350) is demonstrated through the high return rate of its Elected Members (70%).





## LEADING THROUGH VISION AND DIRECTION

Council's vision of "A Growing Lifestyle: a vibrant place to live, work, and play" is being realised through the strong leadership of the region's Councillors and Executives. Together they present a united front with a strong voice advocating for the region at the State and National levels. The depth of experience provided by Council's elected members and senior management is being demonstrated through the Council's record of delivering for its community.

## LEADING THROUGH DELIVERY OF PROJECTS

In recent years the Lockyer Valley Regional Council has demonstrated a strong leadership approach and decision making framework in response to the challenges and changes that the community has faced. Led by Mayor Steve Jones the Council initiated and engineered the Strengthening Grantham project to manage the recovery, reconstruction, and redevelopment of Grantham. This Australia first project is recognised nationally as a best practice example in disaster recovery and response. The lessons from the award winning Strengthening Grantham project are now being applied across Queensland and other parts of Australia.

## LEADING THROUGH INNOVATION

Council is building a culture of innovation throughout the region by incentivising people to innovate and encouraging and facilitating partnerships. Council has been developing local community partnerships to help facilitate information flow and engagement of the community. In addition, Council has developed a reward and recognition framework for teams and individual staff members that celebrates innovation and excellence.

Project:	Strengthening Grantham
Cost:	\$18 million
Timing	February 2011 to December 2011 (11 months)
Lots Swapped	88 (188 as at May 2013)
Estimated Savings from 2013 Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 120 homes</li> <li>• \$30 million</li> </ul>
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Local Government Award 2012 for Land Use Planning and Addressing Disaster Risk and Enhancing Resilience</li> <li>• Engineers of Australia Leadership Award, 2012</li> <li>• Queensland Disaster Resilience Awards, Local Government Category, 2012</li> <li>• UDIA Queensland Consultant Excellence Award, 2012</li> </ul>



# Promotion

The Lockyer Valley region is promoted to prospective businesses, residents, workers, and visitors as an ideal place to live, invest, work and play. Promotional strategies leverage the region's natural, cultural and engineered assets through events, attractions, advocacy, and business development initiatives.



The Lockyer Valley Regional Council Regional Development team plays a major role in promoting the region in the following areas:

## BUSINESS GROWTH

The Regional Development Team of Council drive business growth in the region through a strategic mix of initiatives and programs. Key business growth and attraction initiatives include:

- A Client Management program to assist business investment and start up
- The Attractive Lifestyle and Affordable Living digital presentation highlighting the region's comparative advantages as a business location
- The Lockyer Valley Business, Training, and Apprenticeship Awards
- Management of a free online Business Directory.

## TOURISM

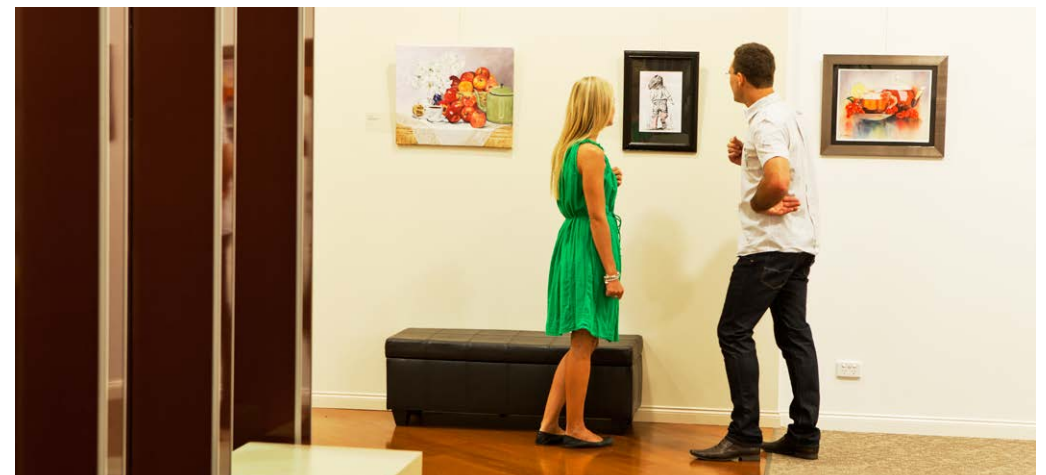
The Lockyer Valley Regional Council Tourism Destination Plan is supported by Council's hard and soft tourism infrastructure and services including:

- Visitor Information Centres – Plainland Travel Centre; Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre
- Discover Lockyer online Tourism Directory
- Lockyer Valley Tourism Destination Guide - Luvya Lockyer
- LVRC Locality Map and supporting maps.

## EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council runs and supports a broad range of events and attractions including:

Events	Attractions
Tastes of the Lockyer	Hot Air Ballooning & Skydiving
Laidley Spring Festival	Queensland Transport Museum
Heritage weekend at Laidley and Helidon Heritage Fair	Jessies Cottage
Gatton Agricultural Show	Lakes Apex and Freeman Wildlife Sanctuary & Parkland
Lockyer 300 Off Road Race	Bicentennial National Trust



# Partnerships

The Lockyer Valley Regional Development Framework is underpinned by a strong network of partnerships and alliances across the community, business and industry, and government.



The Lockyer Valley Regional Council plays a key role in facilitating these partnerships and initiating connections. Council is focusing on building partnerships across these key groups:

## COMMUNITY

- Promote and support local organisations and local towns to create regional opportunities for community to come together and foster positive community relations
- Develop regional partnerships with local sporting groups to contribute to the development and maintenance of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities
- Promote a community development approach to building community resilience and capacity
- Facilitate the development of voluntary conservation agreements between land holders and Council

Active Healthy Lockyer

Land For Wildlife Program

Lockyer Valley Community Reference Group

Regional Arts Development Fund

Healthy Waterways Program



## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

- Providing support and networking to existing businesses
- Attracting new business and investment to the region
- Develop protocols with industry for the protection and enhancement of our natural assets
- Actively seek out peak agricultural services to deliver environmental management programs and projects in the region
- Develop a partnership approach between Universities, TAFE and other training providers to develop a range of regional education and training opportunities
- Facilitate and leverage connections between agricultural industry and institutions

AusIndustry

Serco – Southern Queensland

Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
- Lockyer Better Business; Laidley Better Business

Correctional Centre

Growcom – Queensland Horticulture

University of Queensland – Gatton

Healthy Country Program

TAFE Queensland

Lockyer Valley Digital Hub

## GOVERNMENT

- Friendship City program - Sister city with Ageo, Japan
- Work with State and Federal Government to maintain weed and animal management across the various regional lands
- Partner with other regional councils and State Government to develop an Escarpment to Bay (SEQ) management plan
- Work with SEQ agencies, industry, and the community to protect the waterways

Tourism and Events Queensland

Local Government Association of Queensland

Brisbane Marketing

Neighbouring Councils – Ipswich, Somerset, Scenic Rim, Toowoomba

South East Queensland Council of Mayors

Australian Federal Government

Regional Development Australia – Ipswich  
Business Enterprise Centre Ipswich Region

Queensland Government

# People

The residents and workers of the Lockyer Valley are hard working, skilled, and resilient and the life blood that sustains the region.



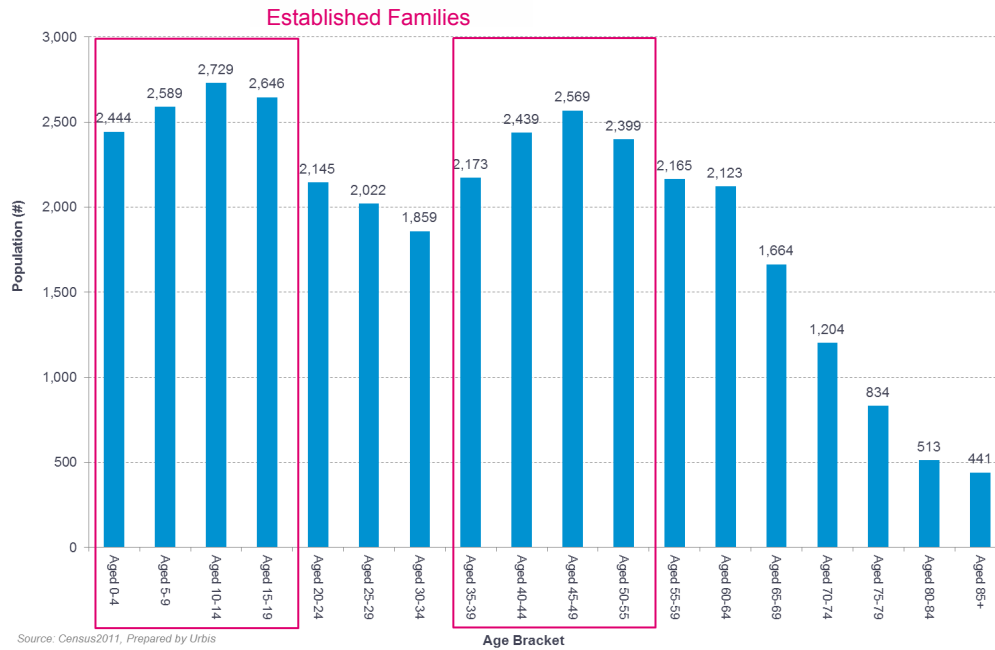
The Lockyer Valley recorded considerable population growth over the five years to 2011, reaching over 37,000 residents. This equated to an average annual growth rate of 3.2% or 1,087 new residents per annum. This growth is set to increase to approximately 1,309 new residents per annum (or 528 new households) over the period 2011 to 2031.

## A FAMILY ORIENTATED COMMUNITY

The Lockyer Valley is a family friendly region with a large proportion of residents in the established family age groups. As at the 2011 Census the Lockyer Valley had high proportions of persons under the age of 19 and a corresponding proportion aged 40-54 years. The high proportion of family households in the region (75.6%) is supported by a strong supply and preference for detached dwellings (94% of all dwellings) across the Valley.

### Age Distribution (2011)

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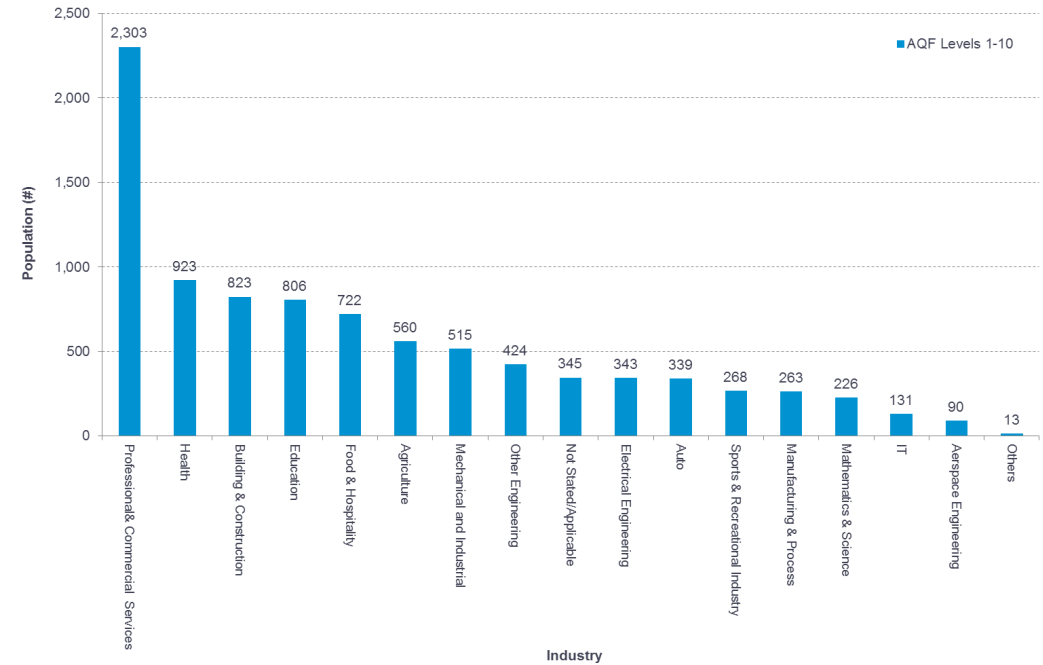


## A SKILLED COMMUNITY

The Lockyer Valley has a strong history of education supported by 26 schools and the Gatton campus of the University of Queensland. This education base has supported the development of a skilled community across a diverse range of sectors including Professional Services, Horticulture, and Government Services

### Education Level - Number of Residents (2011)

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## STRATEGIES

# Economic Development

The Lockyer Valley possesses an enviable mix of natural and engineered assets that underpin the region's ongoing economic development. Its expansive agricultural land is regarded as one of the top ten most fertile areas in the world. Whilst its transport infrastructure provides easy access to ports and airports that connect it to national and international markets.





# Economic Development

## GROWING AND STRENGTHENING AN EXPANDING ECONOMIC BASE

The Lockyer Valley is centrally located – close enough to Brisbane and Ipswich City - yet providing ample space for major facilities. The area has the business and service infrastructure needed to support major facilities to serve Australia’s fastest growing urban region – South East Queensland. Such support and existing network of infrastructure has seen the development of a strong economic base for the region around:

- Agriculture & Equine industry
- Manufacturing & Wholesaling
- Transport & Logistics
- Education & Training

With significant growth anticipated to occur over the next few decades in the Western Corridor, particularly within the Toowoomba and Ipswich economies, the Lockyer Valley is ideally positioned to grow and diversify its range of economic activities, driving industry growth through investment of major facilities and infrastructure. This will be supported by the strengthening skill base of the Lockyer Valley and the development of the digital economy through the delivery of high speed internet across the Valley.

## CATALYSING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

The Lockyer Valley offers businesses moving to the area lower cost industrial land close to major markets, good road access and a pool of stable local workers. Industrial land is available in Gatton, Laidley, Helidon and Withcott. The strong demand for this land has prompted the Lockyer Valley Regional Council to initiate the Gatton West Industrial Zone project (GWIZ). The GWIZ project will add 150 hectares to the stock of industrial land in the Lockyer Valley. This new development will provide space for new industry investment serving major facilities in the Lockyer Valley, national logistics operators, growth in agribusiness related activities in food processing, and space for firms supplying neighbouring growth economies.

## LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2012-2031

### ATTRACT INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE

Invest in downstream food processing

Invest in product transport and logistics

Build a food supply hub

### ATTRACT INVESTMENT IN NEW INDUSTRIES

Attract new medium to low impact manufacturing business

Expand UQ Gatton Campus

Promote local tourism

Develop Retirement villages

Grow equine and racing business

### ESTABLISH COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP

Initiate a program in partnership with SEQ West to improve the capacity of local business

Establish Investment Attraction programs

### ATTRACT INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Build a regional airport

Invest in health and human services

Invest in education and training facilities

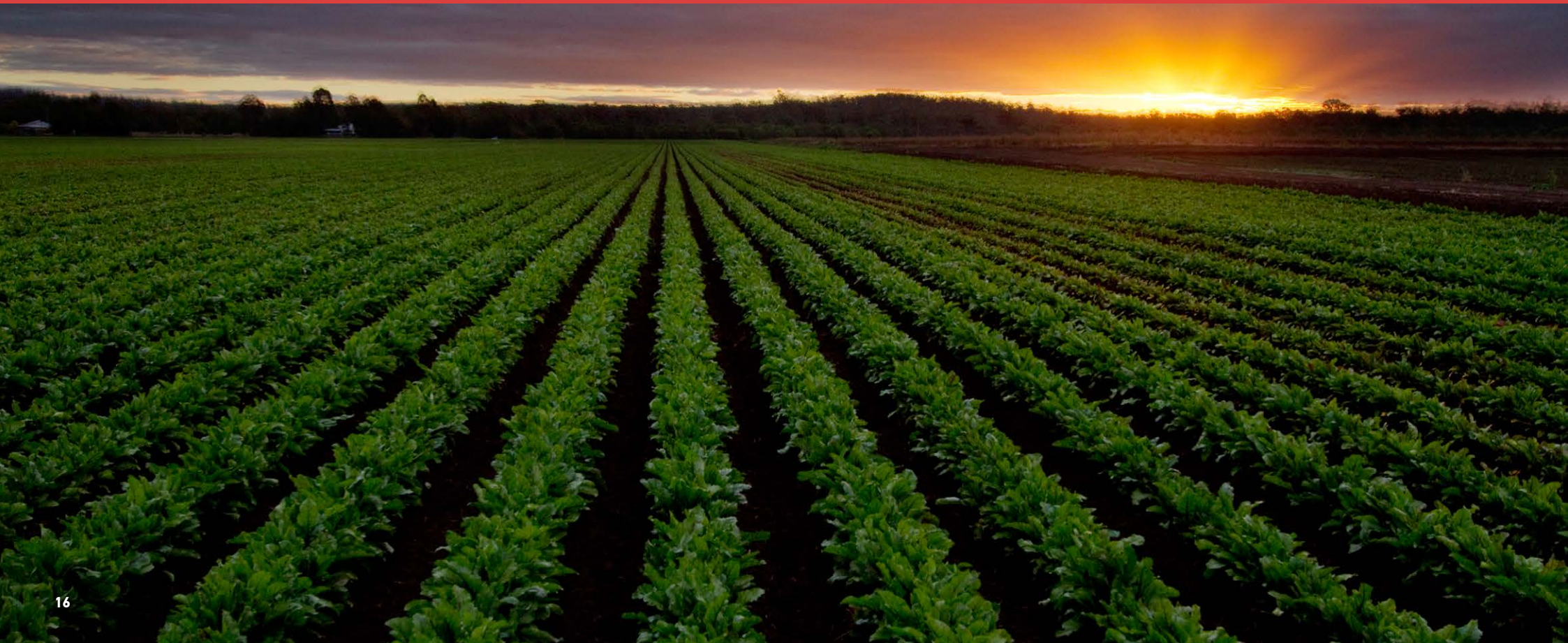
Invest in community facilities

Invest in roads

## STRATEGIES

# Food Strategy

The Lockyer Valley accounts for almost 28 per cent of South East Queensland's agricultural production. The agricultural industry has been recognised as potentially one of the strongest growth sectors for the future, largely driven by national and international population growth and increased food demand. Current forecasts for this year estimate the value of the industry within Queensland to be approximately \$18.7 billion.



# Food Strategy

The Lockyer Valley is in a prime position to capitalise on a large proportion of this market, being one of the major food supply regions for winter and salad vegetables in Australia. The region is a production base for a number of high profile, commercially successful agricultural production operations that serve major supermarket supply chains.

High levels of expertise, significant investment, efficient industry infrastructure and successful production techniques have long supported agricultural production growth in the region. The Lockyer Valley Regional Council is continuing to invest and work with local producers building on this asset, whilst strengthening the supply and logistics base in the Lockyer Valley, with the aim to further strengthen the region's position in Australian and international marketplaces.



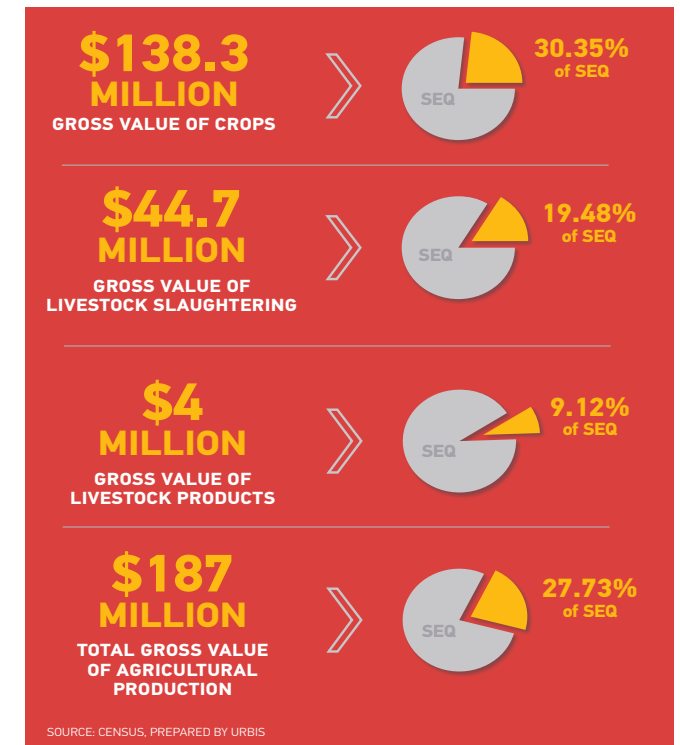
## PRIORITISING AND ACTIONING

The Lockyer Valley is becoming increasingly attractive to national and international investment in the agriculture and food processing and distribution value chain. Its fertile land and efficient logistics networks has seen it become a major sustainable supplier of food to Australia and Asia.

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council is working in conjunction with Regional Development Australia Ipswich and West Moreton on the Sustainable Food Bowl project and Council's Regional Food Sector Strategy. These strategies incorporate the following elements:

- Position the Lockyer Valley as a major agricultural production area in Australia. This builds on the high economic value of the region's current production and its key role in the food supply chain for the major supermarkets - Aldi, Woolworths and Coles
- Building transport and logistics capabilities to support current and expanding markets – road and potential air transport.
- Production
- A showcase facility for the Lockyer Valley as a national food gateway
- Water access, water security, and bio security strategies
- Marketing and raising awareness of the region's capabilities through regional promotion and local branding, including "Grown in the Lockyer Valley"
- Expanding export markets supported, in the long term, by local air freight capabilities
- Continuing to attract value adding, downstream investment and supply chain partners.

## GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION



## STRATEGIES

# Tourism Strategy

The Lockyer Valley Economic Development Plan has developed a vision for economic growth in the region. The Lockyer Valley Tourism Strategy capitalises on the region's natural and man made attractions and events to target regional, national, and international visitors.



# Tourism Strategy

The Lockyer Valley has an abundance of scenic trails, natural reserves, national parks and scenic environments creating a relaxed destination for day trips and short stay holidaymakers. The Lockyer Valley is also ideally located to capitalise on the burgeoning 'Agritourism' market by utilising its wealth of fresh produce and fertile soils to develop a gourmet food and wine industry.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council is working in partnership with Tourism Queensland to facilitate the region's Tourism Strategy. Through the development of the Lockyer Valley Tourism Destination Plan, Council and the State Government have identified key target markets and promotional channels and initiatives.



## THE LOCKYER VALLEY TOURISM DESTINATION PLAN

The Lockyer Valley Tourism Destination Plan identifies the Tourism goals and priority strategies for the region over the next 5 years, maximising opportunities from existing natural and purpose built assets. It increases the recognition of tourism as a major source of economic and regional development by government and the private sector, bringing together a holistic approach to the destination. In addition the plan links upward to the Queensland State Government strategic tourism plan. Key strengths of the region include its heritage, scenic beauty, a selection of tourism product attractions and the key tourism markets of 'day trippers' and 'visiting friends and family'. Inherent to the region is a growing racing and equine industry along with key identified market opportunities in niche events and interest groups. The Tourism Destination Plan includes an event plan that supports the development of the tourism industry in the region. Key investment attraction opportunities include accommodation such as Motels, Backpackers, Caravan Parks and Cabins and camp grounds. The Council is driving the promotion of the region through a range of channels including marketing events and trades shows.

## FOOD TOURISM

The Lockyer Valley is renowned as a national Food Bowl and it is implementing strategies and plans that will work towards gaining recognition for the Lockyer Valley as an internationally known food destination. Some of the initiatives under consideration include the development of food trails, signature local dishes, themed events, regional food branding, and dedicated fresh food markets. These strategies draw on the strength of the Lockyer Valley community through its agricultural producers, niche food manufacturers, food retailers, and tourism operators.

# STRATEGIES

# Infrastructure

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council's infrastructure strategy prioritises Transport & Logistics; Public Transport; Water Supply; Health Care; and High Speed Telecommunications.



# Infrastructure

As the Lockyer Valley continues to diversify and expand, investment will be targeted at major facilities and infrastructure.

The Lockyer Valley is serviced by a number of key transportation networks including the Warrego Highway, Western Freight Corridors and Western Region Translink Network. This valuable infrastructure will continue to drive future settlement within the Lockyer Valley with the region in a prime position to capitalise on its location as a gateway between the growing urban regions of South East Queensland and a thriving western Queensland.

In addition, the internal and external connectivity of the region will be strengthened by major infrastructure investment in public transport, air services, health care, water supply, and high speed telecommunications.



## TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

Strategic investment has continued to drive Lockyer Valley's development as a transportation hub.

Over the last 100 years the Western Freight Corridor has evolved from a single lane dirt road into South East Queensland's most significant transportation corridor. The Western Freight Corridor comprises the Warrego and Cunningham Highways linking the agricultural and commodities rich regions in South East Queensland to the southern markets in Sydney and Melbourne, and through to Darwin and regional Queensland.

Lockyer Valley is identified as a transportation and logistics hub within the Western Freight corridor given its prime location and strategic importance as a production centre. Moving forward, the transportation and logistics sector in Lockyer Valley has the opportunity to leverage its strategic location and continue its development into the transportation hub of South East Queensland.

The transportation and logistics industry has been identified as one of Lockyer Valley Regional Council's top priorities for economic development. The Council has identified a number of key infrastructure priorities including the access to the newly developed Gatton West industrial area and continued upgrade of the high-capacity Warrego Highway and road networks connecting centre in the Lockyer Valley.

## A REGIONAL AIRPORT

The development of a new regional airport in or near the Lockyer Valley is identified as the most significant infrastructure opportunity in the future which will support agricultural and food industry growth. The airport will support the growth to Brisbane's west expanding the capacity of both regions.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council has prioritised investment in public transport including the development of a fast passenger rail service and a major bus interchange within the region. It is working with the Queensland State Government to realise these priorities.

## WATER SUPPLY

Secure water supply is an essential requirement to realise the potential of the Lockyer Valley as a food bowl for Australia and Asia. Establishment of secure water sources to support agricultural growth, transforming the region into a sustainable production centre immune from climate change impacts is one of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council's highest priorities.

## HEALTH CARE

The Lockyer Valley is currently supported by two hospitals including the Gatton Public Hospital. To service the future strong population growth for the region the Lockyer Valley Regional Council has prioritised the development of a regional health facility to provide increased capacity in day surgery and specialist medical care.

## HIGH SPEED TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council realises the importance of telecommunications connectivity in the ongoing growth of the region. Consequently it worked hard to have Withcott selected as one of the first locations to participate in the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN) which will provide parts of the Lockyer Valley with the fastest internet speeds of any location in Australia.

In addition to this, the Lockyer Valley Regional Council is endeavouring to work with its major SEQ West partners, the University of Queensland and the Southern Queensland Correctional Centre, to construct a high speed broadband network. This represents an investment in the underlying infrastructure to support the future growth of the region.

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