



Our Town Thangool



**Community Development Profile
Banana Shire Council 2005**



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I Introduction

I.1 Purpose

This Community Development profile is intended to help the community, elected representatives, service providers and government agencies better understand the diverse nature of Banana Shire and the possible social, economic and environmental issues they may face now and in the future.

I.2 Methodology

The Banana Shire Council identified that a strategic Community Development Planning project is required in all of the Shire's eleven towns. This will give us the best chance of reversing current population losses and guide us to realise our great community and economic growth potential.

In summation, the consultation process included:

- ◇ Gathering and referral to available ABS statistics.
- ◇ Discussion of related issues and policy with Government Departments and key stakeholder representatives.
- ◇ Meetings with representatives from regional organisations that have economic development roles.
- ◇ Attendance at meetings, networking or speaking to local leaders and community groups.
- ◇ Research/referral to a variety of historical literature.
- ◇ Research/referral to a variety of regional strategic planning/consultancies currently in progress.
- ◇ A Community Survey to residents in the Council.
- ◇ Related Internet research.

I.3 Structure of Document

This document is structured into a number of discrete parts, which are:

Section 1 - This section provides a general introduction to the document

Section 2 - Town Overview

Section 3 - Social Profile

Section 4 - Achievements of Thangool

Section 5 - Future Directions

2 Location

The town of **Thangool** is located 12km south of Biloela, 153km south of Rockhampton and 577km north-west of Brisbane.

2.1 History

The history of the Thangool district goes back to the years of the famous Archer brothers, Charles and William who explored this area in 1853, on the advice of Ludwig Leichhardt. The party travelled from Eidsvold and followed the creeks to the Fitzroy River.

In the 1850's and 1860's, a small group of speculative pioneers acquired very large areas of land and launched into tentative efforts at sheep raising. This was eventually discarded in favour of cattle.

Thangool was surveyed in July, 1925. Storekeepers moved in soon after and, because of the uncertainty of new settlements, started in primitive shops constructed of corrugated iron and logs. During the 1930's, Thangool consisted of two hotels, a barber and billiard saloon, two bakeries, two butcher shops, a picture theatre, two garages, a cordial factory, a School of Arts, a blacksmith's shop, a police station, a bank and a school. The cotton industry, being labour intensive at the time, was the cause of the 'boom'.



Location of Thangool in relation to other towns

2.2 Description

Thangool is best known for its aerodrome, race track and proximity to Mt Scoria. With daily flights to and from Brisbane, Thangool is the gateway to the Callide Valley. The Thangool Race Course is the main track in the shire, the fourth largest in the central region and hold regular meetings.

Thangool has diversity in local small businesses including Service Station, Two Hotels, Post Office, Two licensed Carpenters, Backhoe and Truck Hire, Aircraft Refuelling, welding/prefabrication, two environmental clean up businesses and Squab Processors

The average annual rainfall of the area is 700mm (28 inches), but tends to be erratic in distribution. However, when seasonal conditions are favourable, excellent yields of all grain crops are harvested. The most important dryland (rain grown) crops are sorghum and wheat although cotton, sunflower, barley and mung beans are also grown. The principal irrigated crops are cotton, lucerne, sorghum, wheat and beans (both navy and French).

Thangool is central to the Squab industry in Queensland due to the establishment of Queensland Squab Processors by a local family. QSP now supply over 60% of the Australian market.

Herb production for the food service industry is also a new Queensland Industry that was developed by Thangool farmers. Herbs from the CD Herb members are export through out the world. The majority of the herbs are supplied for Gourmet Garden products.

Mt Scoria (meaning place of Fused Metals) is a rare rock formation. At 150 metres high, Mt Scoria was once the core of a volcano.

2.3 Executive Summary of Key Census Results

- ◇ On census night, 12,439 people were counted at home in Banana Shire (92% of the population). Proportions in the UCLs ranged from a high of 96.3% in **Thangool**, to a low of 86.4% in Baralaba.
- ◇ At 30 June 2001 nearly one-quarter (24.0%) of the estimated resident population of Banana Shire were aged 0-14 years, a total of 3,469 children. Within the region, Banana Shire Rural had the largest number of children (1,436), however, **Thangool** had the highest proportion (31.7%).
- ◇ Within the region, Biloela had the largest number of people born in all five regions, while Baralaba, **Thangool** and Theodore all recorded small numbers of people with birthplaces outside Australia.
- ◇ In Banana Shire, 1,455 people (10.9%) stated that they had no religion. This compares to a high of 13.8% in **Thangool** and a low of 5.7% in Theodore.
- ◇ In Banana Shire there were 1,786 couple families with children, accounting for half of all families occupied private dwellings. **Thangool** recorded the highest proportion of couple families with children (53.6%), while in Baralaba only 38.8% of families fell into this category.
- ◇ In 2001, there were 1,329 couple families without children 37.7% of Banana Shire's population. Over half of all families in Baralaba were couples without children (52.2%) – the only UCL where couple families *without* children outnumbered couple families *with* children. **Thangool** recorded the lowest proportion of couple families without children (28.6%).
- ◇ There were 1,000 people living alone in Banana Shire during 2001, 8.3% of the population. Biloela was the UCL with the most lone persons (422 people), however, Theodore recorded the highest percentage (18.3%). In contrast, 5.6% of the population in **Thangool** lived alone (the lowest proportion).
- ◇ Over one-quarter (26.1%) of Banana Shire's population consisted of children under 15 years, while a further 3.3% were dependent students aged 15-24 years. Children under 15 years comprised 34.2% of **Thangool's** population (the highest proportion). Baralaba recorded the lowest proportion with 18.9%.
- ◇ Average occupancy rates for separate houses within Banana Shire (2.7) varied from a high of 3.0 in **Thangool** to a low of 2.3 people per dwelling in Baralaba and Theodore.
- ◇ Townhouse occupancy rates varied from 1.7 in Biloela and **Thangool** to 1.4 in Moura. Baralaba and Banana Shire Rural recorded no townhouse occupation.
- ◇ Unit occupancy rates experienced the greatest variation, ranging from an average of 2.8 people in **Thangool** to just 1.1 people in Moura.
- ◇ At the 2001 Census there were 5,717 private dwellings counted in Banana Shire, including 791 unoccupied dwellings (13.8% of the stock). Unoccupied dwellings contributed to 17.5% of total dwelling stock in Moura (the highest proportion), but only 7.6% in **Thangool** (the lowest proportion).
- ◇ Over three-quarters of private dwellings in Banana Shire were separate houses, a total of 4,345 dwellings. In comparison, **Thangool** (86.4%) had the highest proportion of separate houses, while Baralaba had the lowest proportion (64.1%).
- ◇ Of the UCLs, Biloela recorded the highest number of approvals for both houses and other dwellings. In **Thangool** and Theodore, no dwellings were approved between September quarter 2002 and June quarter 2003.
- ◇ Of the 4,920 occupied private dwellings in Banana Shire, 2,056 (41.8%) were fully owned. This compared to 59.8% in Baralaba (the highest proportion) and 30.0% in **Thangool** (the lowest proportion).

- ◇ A further 990 dwellings (20.1% of the stock) were being purchased in Banana Shire. The proportion of dwellings being purchased was highest in **Thangool** (39.1%) and lowest in Baralaba (9.4%).
- ◇ **Thangool's** usual residents in non-private dwellings were split entirely between hotel/motel (50%) and nurse/staff quarters (50%), while Moura recorded a very high proportion of usual residents in nurse/staff quarters (82.9%).
- ◇ In 2001, there were 1,989 low-income earners (between \$1 and \$199 per week) in Banana Shire 19.6% of the population. Theodore (24.3%) had the highest proportion of low-income earners, while **Thangool** had the lowest proportion (15.9%). There were also 699 people (6.9%) in Banana Shire with negative or nil income.
- ◇ In 2001, the unemployment rate in Banana Shire was 4.9%. In Baralaba this proportion was 11.9% (15 people), compared to an unemployment rate of just 2.1% (3 people) in **Thangool**.
- ◇ There were 4,668 people (46% of those aged 15 years and over) working full-time in Banana Shire, and 1,756 people (17.3%) working part-time. In contrast, Banana Shire Rural had the largest proportion of full-time workers (49.2%), while Baralaba had the lowest (30.4%). Proportions of part-time workers ranged from a high of 22.8% in **Thangool**, to a low of 15.2% in Baralaba.
- ◇ There were 721 people living in Banana Shire who were employed in retail trades (10.8% of employed people). **Thangool** had the highest proportion of retail trade employment (16.7%) while Banana Shire Rural had the lowest (6.9%).
- ◇ The largest number of people with a bachelor degree was in Biloela (292 people or 7.0%), while in Baralaba and **Thangool** very few people had a bachelor degree in 2001.
- ◇ Nearly two-thirds of people aged 15 years and over in Banana Shire had no qualifications or were still studying (6,424 people or 63.3%). This percentage was highest in **Thangool** (70.8%) and lowest in Moura (59.0%).
- ◇ In Theodore (25.1%) and Baralaba (21.2%), significantly higher proportions of employed persons walked to work than in Banana Shire as a whole (7.1%). **Thangool** recorded a minimal number of employed persons who walked to work.
- ◇ There were 917 people (13.7% of employed people) in Banana Shire who worked from home in 2001. The majority of these were in Banana Shire Rural (821 people), while Baralaba, **Thangool** and Theodore recorded small numbers of people working from home.
- ◇ A further 34.8% of dwellings in Banana Shire had two vehicles parked on Census night, with proportion in the region ranging from 42.7% in **Thangool** to 27.3% in Theodore.
- ◇ In 2001, over three-quarter of private dwellings in Banana Shire were occupied by family households. Of the UCLs, **Thangool** recorded the highest proportion (82.1%), while Theodore had the lowest proportion (60.2%).
- ◇ Conversely, Theodore had the highest proportion of lone person households (36.5%), while **Thangool** had the lowest proportion (15.1%). In Banana Shire as a whole, 21.5% of occupied private dwellings were lone person households.
- ◇ Low-income households (less than \$300 a week) made up 11.8% of all households in Banana Shire. This compared to a high of 18.6% in Baralaba, and a low of 6.9% in **Thangool**.
- ◇ Computer usage at home ranged from a high of 40.6% in Banana Shire Rural to a low of 17.4% in Baralaba. Internet usage at home was highest in **Thangool** (19.3%) and lowest in Baralaba (3.9%).



Mt Scoria

2.4 How Many People Live Here?

How many are we?

	1996	356
	2001	366
Average population change 1996 to 2001		-1.4%

How old are we?

	0-14	116
	15-24	28
	25-34	45
	35-44	68
	45-54	41
	55-64	42
	65-74	16
	75+	10

Population Composition

	Indigenous Australians	6
	Others born in Australia	288
	Born overseas	20

2.3 Who Are We?

Where were we born?

	Australia	294
	New Zealand	4
	UK & Ireland	7
	Europe	-
	Asia	-
	Other	6
	Not stated	11
	Total	322

What language do we speak at home?

	English only	316
	Other language	6
	Not stated	7
	Total	329

What is our religion?

Anglican	62
Catholic	67
Uniting	25
Other Christianity	83
Non-Christian	3
No Religion	45
Not stated	41
Total	326

What is our weekly income?

Negative/ nil income	16
\$1 - \$199	34
\$200-\$399	48
\$400-\$599	38
\$600-\$999	31
\$1,000 or more	23
Not stated	24
Total	214

What are our qualifications?

Postgrad. Degree	-
Grad. Dip. & Grad. Cert.	-
Bachelor Degree	8
Adv. Dip. & Diploma	3
Certificate	29
Not stated	23
None or still studying	153
Total aged 15 and over	216

2.4 What Do We Do?

What are we learning? (Persons aged 15 years and over)

Natural & physical sciences	-
Engineering & related	15
Architecture & building	3
Agriculture environment & related	-
Health	6
Education	-
Society & culture	3
Other fields	17

What is our employment status?

Employed full-time	87
Employed part-time	50
Employed hours not stated	3
Unemployed	3
Total labour force	143
Not in the labour force	67
Not stated	9
Total persons 15 and over	219

What industries do we work in?

Manufacturing	11
Construction	3
Other production	24
Retail & trade	22
Property & business	6
Education	3
Health & community	13
Other service	50

What are our occupations?

Manager & admin	9
Professional & associate professional	25
Trades & related	23
Advanced clerical & service	-
Intermed clerical & service	22
Intermed production & transport	17
Elementary clerical & service	12
Labourer & related	25

Do we have a computer at home?

Uses a computer at home	123
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How much do we use the Internet and where?

Uses the internet at home	62
Uses the internet at work	6
Uses the internet elsewhere	6

2.5 How Do We Live?

How many cars do we own?

None	3
One	44
Two	47
Three or more	13
Not stated	3
Total occ. priv. dwell.	110

How do we get to work?

Train	-
Bus	3
Car as driver or passenger	99
Motorbike/ motor scooter	-
Bicycle	-
Walked	7
Other / taxi	8
Work at home	8

What type of households do we live in?

Couple family with children	45
Couple family no children	24
One parent family	15
Other family	-
Total	84

Are we owners, renters or buyers?

Fully owned	33
Being purchased	43
Housing authority	7
Other rented	24
Other (inc not stated)	3
Total	110

What type of dwelling do we live in?

Separate house	102
Townhouse	3
Unit	4
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	-
Other	-
Not stated	-
Unoccupied dwelling	9
Total	118

More comprehensive Census information can be obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, or the Banana Shire Council Comparative Profile as on Banana Shire Council Website.



3 Social Infrastructure

3.1 Government Services (Commonwealth, State and Local)

Australia Post Office

Phone: 07 4995 8100 **Fax:** 07 4995 8410
Street Address: 19 Ramsay Street, Thangool QLD 4716
Website: www.post.com.au
Description: Open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm. Services available include Post Office Boxes, bill paying facilities, fax and photocopy service. The post office has 2 mail services. They also do recording for the weather bureau six times per day.

Banana Shire Mobile Library Service

Phone: 07 4992 7362 **Fax:** 07 4992 4137
Street Address: Visits the CWA Hall, Thangool
Postal Address: PO Box 412, Biloela QLD 4715
E-mail: helpdesk@banana.qld.gov.au **Website:** www.banana.qld.gov.au
Contact: The Librarian
Description: The Banana Shire Library and Information Service is the learning centre of our community and the place people turn to for the discovery of ideas, the joy of reading and the power of information. A Mobile Library services 7 sites throughout the Shire. Visits the town on a weekly itinerary: Friday 1 – 4pm.

Thangool Airport

Phone: 07 4992 1966 (Harvey World Travel)
07 4995 8111 (Airport Terminal)
0407 620 351 (Council Caretaker) **Fax:** 07 4995 8111
Street Address: Aerodrome Road, Thangool
Postal Address: C/- Bob Hanley (Council Caretaker), Thangool Airport, Thangool QLD 4716
E-mail: biloela@harveyworld.com.au
Contact: Harvey World Travel for flight enquiries 4992 1966.
Description: Sunshine Expresss Airlines operate flights Thangool/Brisbane twice a day - Monday to Friday. One flight out on Sunday night.

Thangool Fire Brigade

Phone: 4995 8383 (Station House)
Postal Address: Stanley Street, Thangool QLD 4716
Contact: 4995 8209 (Fire Chief) or 4995 8185 (2nd In Charge)
Description: Fight fires, check hydrants, do controlled burn offs and attend emergencies/rescues. Cadet Training. Meet every 2nd Saturday 2.00pm-4.00pm and every 2nd Wednesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Fire Station. Also incorporates Thangool Rural Fire Brigade, contact 0429 939 436.

3.2 Educational

Thangool P & C Committee

Phone: 07 4995 8240 **Fax:** 07 4995 8471
Street Address: 2 Aerodrome Road, Thangool
Postal Address: C/- PO Box 5, Thangool QLD 4716
E-mail: pandc@thangoolss.eq.edu.au
Contact: The President
Description: Supporting the needs and well-being of students and staff of the school.

Thangool Pre-School

Phone: 07 4995 8344 **Fax:** 07 4995 8471
Street Address: 2 Aerodrome Road, Thangool
Postal Address: PO Box 5, Thangool QLD 4716
E-mail: the.principal@thangoolss.eq.edu.au **Website:** www.thangoolss.eq.edu.au
Contact: Teacher in Charge
Description: Caters for pre school and preparatory aged children.

Thangool State Primary School

Phone: 07 4995 8240 **Fax:** 07 4995 8471
Street Address: 2 Aerodrome Road, Thangool
Postal Address: PO Box 5, Thangool QLD 4716
E-mail: the.principal@thangoolss.eq.edu.au **Website:** www.thangoolss.eq.edu.au
Contact: The Principal
Description: Years Preparatory – 7. Current enrolment 160. For additional information go to the school's website (see above).

3.3 Community Health and Welfare Services

Due to the proximity to Biloela, Thangool does not have specific health or welfare services other than youth services via the Living Word Fellowship youth group and QCWA support of local women.

Alzheimer's Australia (Qld)

Phone: National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500. **Fax:**
Street Address: Unit 8 Norwich Centre, 5 Frigo Court, Bundall 4219
Postal Address: PO Box 9360 Gold Coast Mail Centre 9726
E-mail: help@alzqld.asn.au **Website:** www.alzheimers.org.au
Description: If you have memory concerns, or if you are caring for someone with a memory problem, free information, support and counselling is available from Alzheimer's Australia (Qld). Just call the National Dementia Helpline on **1800 100 500**.

Alzheimer's Australia (Qld) also has member organisations or Dementia and Memory Centres in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Maryborough, Toowoomba, and on the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast.

Gladstone Child Safety Service Centre - Department of Child Safety**Phone:** 07 49 796 514**Fax:** 07 49 726 051**Street Address:** Cnr Roseberry St and Oaka Lane Gladstone**Postal Address:** PO Box 536, Gladstone Qld 4680**Contact:** Reception**Description:** The Department of Child Safety is a department dedicated to protecting Queensland's children and young people, and ensuring they are safe from abuse and neglect.

Our frontline workers operate from the Gladstone child safety service centre. We respond to families in crisis across Queensland 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In situations where children and young people need to be removed from their parents for their own safety, we try to place them with extended family members - to keep the family together.

3.4 Community Organisations

Thangool Amateur Players & Singers Inc**Phone:** 07 4995 8108**Postal Address:** PO Box 112, Thangool QLD 4716**Contact:** The Secretary**Description:** Amateur theatre group, all ages welcome.**Thangool Playgroup****Phone:** 07 4995 8480**Postal Address:** PO Box 133, Thangool QLD 4716**Contact:** The Secretary**Description:** Playgroup meets every Wednesday at Thangool Rec Hall from 9am-11am, \$2.00 charge, Tea & Coffee provided, Bring a snack for your child.

3.5 Sport and Recreation

Dawes Hall Recreation Club Inc. / Campdraft**Phone:** 07 4995 8308**Street Address:** Burnett Highway (situated between Thangool and Monto)**Postal Address:** PO Box 108, Thangool QLD 4716**Contact:** The Secretary**Description:** Annual campdraft every March. Hall available for private functions.**Lawgi Indoor Bowls****Phone:** 07 4995 1236**Street Address:** Lawgi Hall, Burnett Highway, Thangool 4716**Postal Address:** M/S 332, Thangool QLD 4716**Contact:** The President**Description:** Indoor Bowls played most Friday nights from 8.00pm, all ages welcome. Good country hospitality.

Thangool Race Club Inc.

Phone: 4995 8109 (Race Days) 07 4995 8190
Street Address: Racecourse Road, Thangool, QLD 4716
Postal Address: M/S 332, Thangool QLD 4716
Contact: The Secretary
Description: 8 Race Meeting per year - Race Day every Melbourne Cup .

Thangool Tennis Courts

Phone: 07 4167 8953
Street Address: Burnett Highway, Thangool, 4716
Postal Address: M/S 448 Monto, 4630
Contact: President - Queensland Country Women's Association – Thangool Branch
Description: Courts available for hire, book by contacting Thangool Roadhouse on 4995 8311

3.6 Religion

Living Word Fellowship

Phone: 07 4995 8208 / 0417 633 329
Street Address: 39 Ramsey Street/Burnett Highway, Thangool, 4716
Postal Address: PO Box 281, Biloela QLD 4715
E-mail: email@livingwordfellowship.com.au
Contact: Pastors David & Leah Pearce
Description: Sunday Services 9.30am, 39 Ramsay Street/Burnett Highway Thangool. Children's Church & Youth group.

St. Andrew Ladies Guild

Phone: 07 4995 8145
Postal Address: C/- Post Office, Thangool QLD 4716
Contact: The President
Description: Established in 1940, attached to St. Andrew Anglican Church, Thangool.

3.7 Service Groups

Queensland Country Women's Association - Lawgi Branch

Phone: 07 4995 1170
Postal Address: M/S 332, Thangool QLD 4716
Contact: The President

Queensland Country Women's Association - Thangool Branch

Phone: 07 4995 1176

Postal Address: PO Box 49, Thangool QLD 4716

Contact: The President

Description: Meet 1st Thursday of each month at the Thangool CWA Room, Burnett Highway, near tennis courts. Help within the Thangool community.

Thangool Inc.

Phone: 07 4995 8145

Street Address: Rec Reserve Building, Blanch's Road, Thangool 47166

Postal Address: PO Box 52, Thangool QLD 4716

Contact: The President

Description: Thangool Inc works for the advancement and betterment of the Thangool community. Provide a venue for hire to public functions, full bar facilities, contact house director for bookings on 07 49958311. Meet every 3rd Thursday at 8.00pm at the Rec Reserve Building, new members always welcome.



4 Achievements of Thangool

4.1 Recognised Community Achievements

Assets

- ◇ Lawgi Hall including camping, picnic, BBQ and tourist stop
- ◇ Community built footpath from Thangool Hotel to the Post Office
- ◇ QCWA independent living units
- ◇ School P – 7
- ◇ Thangool Recreation Reserve Hall
Community owned
 - » Air-cooled
- ◇ Service station
- ◇ Thangool Heights Development
- ◇ Post office
- ◇ Airport
- ◇ Sporting facilities
 - » Tennis
 - » Cricket
 - » Recreation Reserve – Council and community owned
- ◇ Memorial Park
 - » Play ground toys
- ◇ Water supply
- ◇ Housing commission houses
- ◇ Thangool Estate Development
- ◇ Hotels
- ◇ Fire brigade and its volunteers

Natural Assets

- ◇ Mt Scoria
- ◇ Our land

Cultural & Heritage Assets

- ◇ Our history
- ◇ Time capsules
- ◇ Memorial Park

Social Assets

- ◇ People
- ◇ Life style – laidback
- ◇ Friendly
- ◇ Safe
- ◇ Tight knit community in times of trouble
- ◇ Parochial
- ◇ Proud
- ◇ Value what we have
- ◇ Family



Thangool Airport Terminal

5 Future Directions

5.1 Community Identity & Vision

Vision for Thangool

The community identified itself as *"friendly supportive residential community"*.

The future vision *"friendly supportive residential community supporting the racecourse, airport and Mt Scoria"*.

Thangool Community Identity

PEOPLE	SERVICES	COMMUNITY
Friendly Family Friendships People and family connections Acceptance Honesty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural lifestyle with services close • School • Locality • Career goals are achievable • Close to other rural areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together as one community • Support of the community • Safe environment • Small and personal • Secure • Low crime level • Caring community • Peaceful

5.2 Community Plan

Solutions for Addressing the Issues

The community developed a number of solutions to address each identified issue.

Issue: Maintaining local events and local organisations

✓ **Solutions:**

- Continue the Talking Thangool
- TAPS – include youth
- Build on ANZAC Day activities
- Increase community awareness
- Increase race dates for Thangool Race Club
- Subscription to Central Thangool
- Public Relations person/committee

Issue: Identifying the gap in youth activities

✓ **Solutions:**

- Complete LWF Church
- Include in all activities
- Encourage their own responsibility
- Organise trips to facilities in Biloela
- Undertake consultation with youth

Issue: Upgrade the aesthetic value of Thangool

✓ **Solutions:**

- Upgrade entrance signage
- Create entrance structure with logo and gardens
- Complete Geoff Webb Memorial Gardens
- Upgrade footpath in Ramsay Street
- Curbing to footpath from park to the Post Office
- Remove and landscape Railway Building
- Walking path along Blanches Road

Issue: Capturing the history of the Town (Betty Perry's Book, Big Valley Book, Greycliffe Homestead)

✓ **Solutions:**

- Promote local industries through celebrations and festivals
- Promote existing historical documentation
- Promote/recognise/display memorabilia which tells the story of the community

Issue: Local support for the aged

✓ **Solutions:**

- Call public meeting for citizens over 55 years
- Invite senior group to address gathering
- Ask them to decide on a future group
- Establish Senior Citizens Group

Issue: Establishing a positive town culture

✓ **Solutions:**

- Showcasing the local talent
- Promote a welcome friendly culture for visitors and new residents
- Recognising and articulating towns positive attributes (glass half full)



Prioritising of Solutions

The community prioritised the identified solutions through a prioritisation tool. The tool asked four questions in relation to the possible implementation of the solution. Each question was rated using a score of: None = 0, Minimal = 1, Adequate = 2, Outstanding = 3. (See attachment for Prioritisation Tool)

The following table represents the score for each of the identified solutions. The highest scoring solutions are highlighted in green. These solutions have been selected to be implemented in the first year of the plan. Each year the community will review the solutions for the next year.

Issue: Aesthetic of Thangool	
SOLUTIONS	SCORE
Upgrade aesthetic value of Thangool	11.5

Issue: Identifying the gap in youth activities	
SOLUTIONS	SCORE
Include all activities and encourage own responsibilities	9
Undertake consultation with the youth	9
Complete Living World Fellowship- Church	11

Issue: Maintaining local events and local organisations	
SOLUTIONS	SCORE
Thangool Race Club needs more race dates	10
Build on ANZAC Day	10.5
TAPS - including youth	10
Public relations person/committee	10.5

Action Plans

The highest scoring solutions were developed and discussed further and actions were identified to ensure the solutions were implemented. The remaining solutions are to be actioned in 2006.

Issues	Solutions	Actions
Aesthetic of Thangool	Upgrade aesthetic value of Thangool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade entrance signage • Create entrance structure with logo and gardens • Complete Geoff Webb Memorial Gardens • Upgrade footpath in Ramsay Street • Refer to solutions page
Maintaining local events and local organisations	TAPS – include youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct approach to potential TAPS participants (not necessarily on stage people)
	Thangool Race Club needs more race dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include all organizations in the lobbying process
	Build on ANZAC Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early planning • Family focus • Increased advertising.
	Public Relations person/committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing local organisations together and encourage them to come to meetings as representatives. • Regular publication of "Talking Thangool". • Advertise for subscriptions to Central Thangool
Identifying gaps in youth activities	Complete Living Word Fellowship-Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building community partnerships • Community discussion/ involve the different community groups- benefits the community • Involvement of the wider community
	Include in all activities and encourage own responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support the activities that the youth have energy for
	Undertake consultation with the youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a workshop for the youth in Thangool

5.3 Promoting the Plan

The following actions are to ensure the Community Plan for Thangool is promoted to the whole community and implemented. Council will distribute information to community groups regarding the Plan and the planning processes.

- ◇ Community ownership
- ◇ CDO encourage communities to review plan
- ◇ Review annually
- ◇ Skill development (in keeping the plan alive)
- ◇ Plan – progressing activities
- ◇ Plan needs to “sit” somewhere - needs a champion
- ◇ Combined meeting (agenda)/sessions to work together (Thangool Inc.)
- ◇ “Plan Launch” public and also inviting specific groups
- ◇ Sell the plan
- ◇ Walk the talk
- ◇ See the Banana Shire Council as the most appropriate body to launch the document

5.4 Future Planning

The community have identified that reviewing and planning is required on a yearly basis. It is preferred to have a facilitator assist in guiding the community through the reviewing and planning process. There is a need to get more people involved in the Community Planning process by Thangool people taking the responsibility for continuing this motivating process.



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