

## Environment Levy Program

| Initiative  | Comments  | Budget         |
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|   |   | 2027<br>\$'000 |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ACQUISITION THEME</b>                    |   |                |
| <b>Conserving Our Biodiversity</b>                        |   |                |
| Establishment of Environment Levy Acquired Properties     | Undertake planning and on-ground actions to establish Environment Levy acquired properties.   | 600            |
| Planning and Legal for Environment Levy Land Acquisitions | Undertake the planning and legal requirements and works to protect acquired lands in perpetuity.  | 5              |
| <b>Environmental Acquisition Projects Total</b>           |   | <b>605</b>     |
| <b>MAJOR PROJECT THEME</b>                                |   |                |
| <b>Conserving Our Biodiversity</b>                        |   |                |
| Marine Turtle Conservation Plan                           | Implement the Marine Turtle Conservation Plan.  | 120            |
| Shorebird Conservation Program 2025-2030                  | Understand habitat use, population dynamics, and threats of migratory and resident shorebirds in the SCC LGA; raise the profile and increase awareness of migratory and resident shorebirds; provide safe roosting, feeding and nesting areas to improve conservation outcomes for these protected species. | 80             |
| Koala Conservation and Management                         | Implement the Sunshine Coast Koala Conservation Plan through on-ground actions, education and research.   | 60             |
| Macropod Conservation and Management                      | Implement the Sunshine Coast Macropod Conservation Plan.  | 33             |
| Planning for Improved Fauna Movement                      | Better understand the impact of road infrastructure on fauna movement, and to plan and implement the recommendations—improving fauna movement between priority habitat areas across the Sunshine Coast Council local government area.   | 35             |
| <b>Keeping Our Waterways and Wetlands Healthy</b>         |   |                |
| Moreton Mill Fishway                                      | To contribute to the successful \$2 million grant through the Australian Government's Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, to remediate Moreton Mill weir by installing rock ramp fishway.  | 400            |
| Resilient River Initiative                                | Partnership support for regionally coordinated catchment planning and management initiatives.   | 357            |
| Mary River Water Quality Monitoring Program               | Assess the ecological health of the upper Mary River and its catchment area to track progress against our ELS target and guide local management actions.  | 60             |
| <b>Healthy Coast</b>                                      |   |                |
| Coastal Dunal Rehabilitation Program                      | Undertake coastal rehabilitation through on-ground ecological restoration works across dunes and rocky headlands.   | 990            |
| Coastal Health Monitoring Program                         | Undertake baseline coastal ecological monitoring to understand local variability and external reference conditions.   | 200            |
| Shoreline Erosion Management                              | Undertake targeted coastal dunal rehabilitation works that support implementation of the Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.   | 120            |
| <b>Expanding Our Green Space</b>                          |   |                |
| Mountain View Green Space Initiatives                     | Support research, planning and delivery for the Mountain View major green space including the lands of the Sunshine Coast Ecological Park.  | 320            |
| Blue Heart Major Green Space                              | Support implementation of the Blue Heart Implementation Plan through targeted planning, research and activation projects.   | 180            |
| <b>Building Our Knowledge</b>                             |   |                |
| Healthy Land and Water Partnership                        | Support regionally coordinated catchment and waterway health assessment and reporting and regional catchment and waterways research, planning and management initiatives.   | 160            |
| <b>Major Projects Total</b>                               |   | <b>3,115</b>   |
| <b>COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT THEME</b>              |   |                |
| <b>Conserving Our Biodiversity</b>                        |   |                |
| Environment Levy Partnerships                             | Funding towards operational expenses to not-for-profit community organisations whose operations and/or services contribute to the enhancement and protection of the environment.  | 668            |
| Voluntary Conservation Agreement Initiatives              | Provide support to establish vegetation protection covenants and Voluntary Conservation Agreements and ongoing maintenance on environmentally significant private land.   | 550            |
| Landholder Environment Grants                             | The purpose of the grants is to protect and enhance the natural assets and biodiversity of the Sunshine Coast and promote ecologically sustainable management of the region's environmental values.   | 330            |
| Land for Wild Incentives                                  | To provide Land for Wildlife members with native plants, nest boxes and monitoring, weed control training, and reference and other materials to increase environmental outcomes across Land for Wildlife properties.  | 110            |
| Our Environment Forum                                     | Funding to support a networking event for all involved in environmental conservation on the Sunshine Coast to learn about current issues, management approaches and work towards a sustainable future.  | 45             |
| Environment Levy Grants                                   | Assistance for not-for-profit community-based organisations to undertake on-ground projects that make a positive and ongoing contribution to the region's biodiversity and waterways values.  | 15             |

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| <b>Healthy Coast</b>  |  |                |
| Coastal Education and Engagement  | Engage the Sunshine Coast community and students through education and interpretive programs to support and achieve effective coastal management.  | 125            |
| <b>Managing Our Invasive Plants and Animals</b>                                     |  |                |
| Pest Action and Engagement Program  | To support biosecurity measures to address invasive plant and animal management on the Sunshine Coast. This meets council's legislative responsibilities under the Biosecurity Act 2014 and safeguards our economy, agricultural and tourism industries, environment and way of life from the biosecurity threats.   | 100            |
| <b>Celebrating People and Nature</b>  |  |                |
| Kids in Action Program  | KIA is a true multi-award-winning legacy initiative, connecting schools with local environment groups, and promoting learning exchanges between future and current environmental custodians.   | 155            |
| <b>Building Our Knowledge</b>   |  |                |
| Cultural Burn Workshops   | Engage with Kabi Kabi and Jinibara First Nations People and other regional First Nations groups to deliver an annual Cultural Burn Workshop to heal country and provide knowledge sharing and capacity building opportunities for our First Nations and wider communities and council staff.   | 31             |
| <b>Community Engagement &amp; Support Projects Total</b>                            |  | <b>2,129</b>   |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT THEME</b>                                   |  |                |
| <b>Conserving Our Biodiversity</b>  |  |                |
| Maintenance of Environment Levy Conservation Estate                                 | Undertake ongoing maintenance of acquired Environment Levy properties to endorsed service levels.  | 1,821          |
| Environmental Operational Expenses  | Support salaries and wages, education facilities, conservation estate management and Community Conservation Partnerships.  | 1,683          |
| Flying fox research and education   | Develop and deliver an annual program of research, monitoring and education to support effective long term management and conservation of local Flying Fox species.  | 48             |
| Operational Fire Management   | Risk management activities including fire break maintenance and fuel reduction to improve resilience to the environment reserve network.   | 300            |
| <b>Keeping Our Waterways and Wetlands Healthy</b>                                   |  |                |
| Construction Management and Waterway Improvement                                    | Improve construction management practices and erosion and sediment control compliance to improve waterway health.  | 266            |
| <b>Healthy Coast</b>  |  |                |
| Beach Renourishment and Foreshore Protection  | Undertake risk management activities including beach renourishment and dredging activities to improve resilience of coastal areas.   | 1,500          |
| Regional Sand Sourcing and Nourishment Program Study                                | Investigate and gain approvals for an offshore sand source in the Sunshine Coast region to support future nourishment campaigns at Mooloolaba Beach and other open coast locations.  | 694            |
| Coastal Process Model - Disaster Management Capability                              | Create a model for use during disaster events to run erosion predictions with predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) to ascertain where the region may be at risk during the event.  | 100            |
| ICOLL Management  | Undertake activities to support the ongoing, risk based management of intermittently Closed and Open Lakes and Lagoons across the Sunshine Coast.  | 80             |
| <b>Managing Our Invasive Plants and Animals</b>                                     |  |                |
| Pest management operational expenses - project management                           | To fund three officer roles to support biosecurity measures to address invasive plant and animal management on the Sunshine Coast. This meets council's legislative responsibilities under the Biosecurity Act 2014 and safeguards our economy, agricultural and tourism industries, environment and way of life from the biosecurity threats.                                 | 423            |
| Weed Management Pilot Program/Maleny Community Precinct/DMR Stockpile Cnr Curramore | The purpose of this project is to undertake a variety of weed management control options at key locations and present the outcomes through education and extension to the broader community. Additionally, we will explore alternative weed management practices, including innovative technology, for invasive plant identification, management, monitoring and surveillance. | 300            |
| <b>Building Our Knowledge</b>   |  |                |
| Fire Management Planning and Ecological Monitoring                                  | Environment Reserve Digital Fire Management Plans & Fire Ecological Monitoring.  | 65             |
| <b>Environmental Operational Management Projects Total</b>                          |  | <b>7,280</b>   |
| <b>Total Environment Levy Program</b>   |  | <b>13,128</b>  |