

## Environment Levy Program

Initiative	Comments	Budget
		2023 \$'000
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ACQUISITION THEME</b>		
Land Acquisition Program	To identify and purchase priority lands throughout the LGA to support the delivery of strategic natural environment outcomes.	4,191
Establishment of Environment Levy Acquired Land	To undertake planning and on-ground actions in establishing environment levy acquired properties in accordance with the Environment Reserve Network Management Plan.	590
Planning and Legal	To undertake the planning and legal requirements and works to protect acquired lands in perpetuity	30
<b>Environmental Acquisition Projects Total</b>		<b>4,811</b>
<b>MAJOR PROJECT THEME</b>		
<b>On ground Catchment Projects</b>		
Erosion and sediment control facility	The Project is to provide an area to support internal and external training of Erosion and Sediment (E&S) control practices on the Sunshine Coast.	14
Coastal Dunal Rehabilitation	To undertake coastal rehabilitation through on-ground ecological restoration works across the local government area's dunal and rocky headlands.	990
Shoreline Erosion Management	To undertake targeted coastal dunal rehabilitation works to support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Council Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.	120
Blue Heart Major Green Space	The Project is to support implementation of the Blue Heart Implementation Plan through targeted planning, research and activation projects	80
Lower Mooloolah River Major Green Space	To commence the ecological planning, research and activation of the Lower Mooloolah River Green Space.	40
Mountain View Green Space Initiatives	To support research, planning and delivery for the Mountain View major green space including the lands of the Sunshine Coast Ecological Park.	260
North Maroochy Rainforest Restoration	The Project is to revegetate, enhance and restore the key "missing" strategic riparian linkage of endangered sub-tropical lowland rainforest (RE 12.3.1a) located along the North Maroochy River.	55
<b>Regional Projects Informing Planning, Management and Delivery</b>		
Koala and Macropod Conservation and Management	To support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Koala and Macropod Conservation Plans through on-ground actions, community education and research.	85
Improving Fauna Movement	Implement outcomes that deliver improved fauna movement across the LGA.	50
Healthy Coast Major Green Space	To prepare a comprehensive coastal management plan to guide the management and sustainable use of the Sunshine Coast local government coastal foreshores and adjacent lands.	10
<b>Major Projects Total</b>		<b>1,704</b>
<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT THEME</b>		
Environment Levy Partnerships	To support the operational expenses of non-for-profit organisations whose operations or services contribute to enhance and protect the Sunshine Coast's natural environment.	610
Environment Levy Grants	To provide assistance to 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.	20
Environment Levy Landholder Environment Grants	To provide financial assistance for private rural landholders to undertake on-ground projects, which protect and enhance the Sunshine Coast's natural assets.	325
Land for Wild Incentives	To provide native plants and other incentives for environmental improvements to Land for Wildlife properties.	100
Voluntary Conservation Agreement Initiatives	To establish vegetation protection covenants and supporting Voluntary Conservation Agreements over environmentally significant private land.	500
Shorebird Conservation Action Plan	To improve conservation of migratory and resident shorebirds through community education and securing safe roosting areas.	80
Nature Watch Sunshine Coast	Delivering an overarching citizen science monitoring program that integrates existing initiatives across environment reserves	43
Cultural Burn Workshops	Deliver an annual Cultural Burn Workshop to heal country and build engagement with First Nations and other Traditional Owners.	35
Coastal Education and Engagement	To support coastal education and community engagement through a range of different communication tools, including Coastal Discovery Van and Coastsnap.	70
Targeted riparian invasive plant restoration program	To restore endangered riparian rainforest on the North Maroochy River by controlling cats claw creeper.	20
Sunshine Coast Conservation Forum	To support a networking event for all involved in environmental conservation on the Sunshine Coast, focused on sharing on current issues, management approaches sustainability practices	30

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Environment Levy Community Education and Engagement	To promote the Environment Levy through an engagement approach that uses film, social media and our digital channels	2
Sunshine Coast Kids in Action Program	To invest in the region's future leaders and environmental custodians by developing leadership and active-citizenship skills; responsibility; and stewardship of the environment.	145
Healthy Land and Water Partnership	To support regional partnership for catchment and waterway report card program and collaboration.	142
Blue Biosphere Bioblitz	To engage citizen scientists, first nations people, research experts, community groups and commercial businesses in the collection of marine and coastal biodiversity data within the 'Blue Biosphere' of the Sunshine Coast.	30
<b>Community Engagement &amp; Support Projects Total</b>		<b>2,152</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT THEME</b>		
Maintenance of EL Conservation Estate <sup>1</sup>	To undertake ongoing maintenance of acquired Environment Levy properties to the endorsed service levels and in line with the Environment Reserve Network Management Plan	821
Environmental Operational Expenses	To fund environmental operational expenses in the Liveability and Natural Assets Group including: Salary and Wages, Environment Education facilities, Conservation Estate management and Community Conservation Partnership Program.	1,683
Construction management and waterbodies task force	To improve construction management practices and level of compliance regarding erosion and sediment control (ESC), resulting in improvements in our waterways wetlands and ocean health.	210
Pest management operational expenses - project management	To fund two operational pest management positions for the delivery of invasive animal control and one pest management position for the delivery of invasive plant control in accordance with the Sunshine Coast Council <i>Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017</i> .	367
Pest Action and Engagement Program	To support community engagement and awareness of biosecurity matters through implementing actions from the Sunshine Coast Council <i>Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017</i> .	120
Weed Management Pilot Program Maleny Community Precinct DMR Stockpile Cnr Curramore	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.	594
Flying fox research and education	To support flying fox research to inform effective conservation approaches and community education.	55
Advancing reserve fire management	To establish an ongoing ecological monitoring and data collection program and to populate a new database developed in 2020 with data from existing sites currently covered by a static Fire Management Plan (FMP) and new sites without FMPs.	40
<b>Environmental Operational Management Projects Total</b>		<b>3,891</b>
<b>Total Environment Levy Program</b>		<b>12,558</b>