

Measuring our sustainability and performance



Our Sunshine Coast region is recognised by UNESCO as an international site of excellence, known as a biosphere.

SUNSHINE COAST
BIOSPHERE

Celebrating people and nature

A biosphere is a special place where responsible development and people working, living and playing sustainably sit alongside active conservation.

The Sunshine Coast local government area was officially recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere in June 2022, a prestigious designation that will help us protect and enhance our region, communities, economy and our natural environment for future generations.

Sunshine Coast Council acknowledges the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara peoples as the traditional custodians of the Sunshine Coast, and wishes to pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.



Our First Nations People and sustainability

A joint statement from the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara peoples

The Kabi Kabi and Jinibara First Nations Peoples' Cultural DNA belongs to the 'oldest living culture' Australia.

The Kabi Kabi and Jinibara First Nations People of this land have survived, thrived, relied on kinship systems and Indigenous communities to retain, practice, protect and impart cultural knowledge to create sustainable lives for now what is considered over 120,000 years. We come from the land, we are the land, we know what it means to be in harmony with the land. We are salt and freshwater people.

We honour and acknowledge Country in our ways, not merely to 'live on' or 'dwell' to sustain our own personal needs, as Cultural Values are based on the Collective and Cultural Lore. To some, we might use rather old-fashioned and misunderstood words: 'love' and 'care'. We considered our non-human friends as brothers and sisters. Each member of our society was provided an animal Totem, and it was their rights to protect the animal. To love and understand something means to care for its spirit - to care for its ability to grow and thrive.

Our culture is written in the existence of the landscape, the waters and the sky. We took no more than was needed, we burned-off as we left for campsites for health, hunting and to nurture regrowth. This brought about the rains and cleansed the waters flowing through the creeks and waterways. We burned in a pattern style based on the eco-system to provide shelters for living creatures. We hunted and fished according to lores protecting each of our important species.



How do you measure change in your surrounding environment?

The old people observed and measured these changes in accordance with stories and lore. The indicators of seasonal change and ecological balance were encoded in stories passed from generation to generation through descendants.

We still remember these stories today. Our Peoples are the narrative, passing on important information about how to live with the land, how to measure the health of the land, how to see the land in a way that makes sense. The continuous practice of Aboriginal culture is not an aesthetic choice, it is a scientific and educational practice. It is a survival practice.

In order to have a healthy, sustainable future, we have to respect the wisdom of the past and the Cultural guidance in the present. In this part of the world, the Sunshine Coast Region, we are blessed to have two Nations structured through Family Clans to continue to practice the knowledge and wisdom of their old people. We are blessed to call ourselves Kabi Kabi and Jinibara First Nations Peoples, continuing our custodianship of this place now and into the future.

Our focus now is to work with Biosphere partners in areas of land management, education, social youth justice, health and housing to make our people healthy.

Our Countries cover a region experiencing rapid expansion in residential and commercial business development, new highways and road upgrades, and a growing tourism industry with associated infrastructure, attractions and higher visitor numbers. Our stakeholders and partners are the people working with us, including the Sunshine Coast Council, State Government, the tourism industry, developers, researchers, business and non-government organisations who together with, we are taking collaborative action towards a sustainable Sunshine Coast.

We have high demands on our time and very few resources. A relationship based on honesty and trust with our partners is just as important as the process. We want to develop protocols for engagement to ensure stakeholders engage early and with the right people.

We want to explore all opportunities for our peoples, especially in land management, cultural heritage, tourism and the arts. We want to work with all our partners to identify and deliver real outcomes for Country and people through cultural knowledge and practices. For example, climate change is impacting fire frequency and intensity, and the application of our traditional fire knowledge can reduce the impacts of these changes on our Country.

We look forward to exploring opportunities to strengthen the involvement of, and the contributions made by Kabi Kabi Peoples and Jinibara Peoples to our continuous learning through research and education. We see the benefits in developing two-way learning with the fusion of Western knowledge with our Cultural and Traditional Knowledge.

For this to be achieved, the Biosphere provides the avenue to engage with partners and stakeholders to assist with cultural performance measures, especially Cultural Heritage Protection.

In conclusion, we acknowledge the past and invite all residents and visitors of the Sunshine Coast region to play your part in our Biosphere's future: Where did you come from and where are you going? We invite people to hear the language from its First Nations Peoples of this bioregion and hear the stories of our old people. We invite you to invest in our Peoples to teach the love and care we have for this Biosphere.



Why measure performance?

Our Sunshine Coast Biosphere has a clear vision and objectives which we are collectively working towards as part of a sustainable Sunshine Coast.

Measuring our performance is critical to ensure we remain on track. By understanding our performance, we can collectively adapt and adjust management, actions and resources to improve sustainability in the region through implementation of our biosphere.

This fit for purpose biosphere performance measurement framework, establishes our baseline performance measurements and will assist to:

- determine the success of the biosphere in meeting its objectives and identified targets
- monitor progress of the biosphere and sustainability indicators over time
- demonstrate the benefits and identify opportunities and challenges.

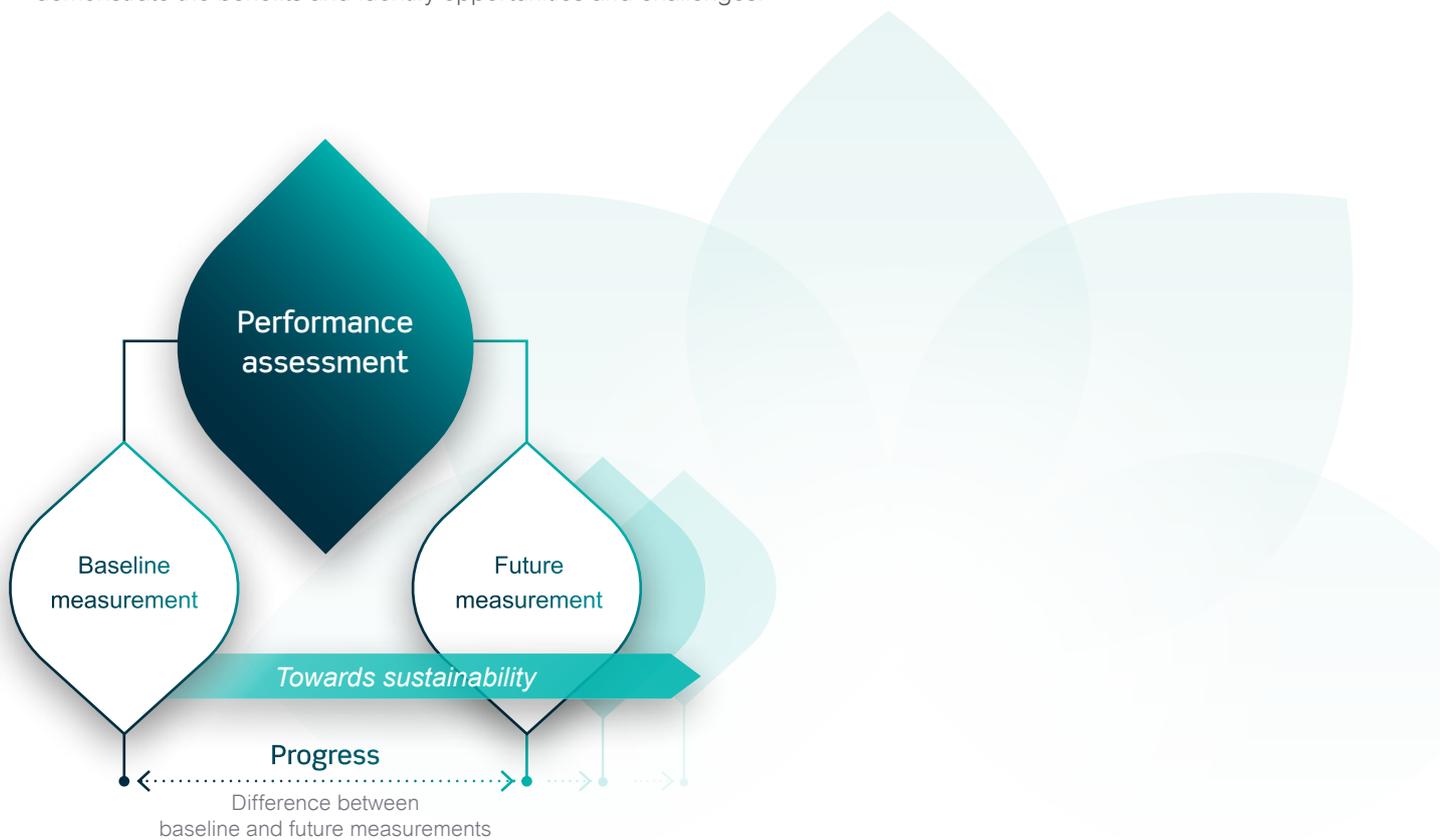


Figure 1: Sustainability performance assessment.



How was the framework developed?

The Sunshine Coast Biosphere performance measurement framework was designed with consideration of the Sunshine Coast Biosphere aim and objectives and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The seventeen goals are designed to provide a pathway to achieve a more sustainable future for all communities, countries and the world.



Figure 2: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Measures and targets in the framework also consider the region's three long-term local government strategies:

- Sunshine Coast Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017
- Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041
- Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033.

The performance measurement framework was developed by the University of the Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast Council and the Sunshine Coast Biosphere Planning Phase Community Reference Group with advice from experts.

What does it measure?

The framework measures the Sunshine Coast's progress towards achieving Sunshine Coast Biosphere's aim and objectives, which reflect what sustainability might look like within the Sunshine Coast Biosphere.

The aim and objectives are:

Aim: Internationally renowned as a place where people live, learn, work and play sustainably.

Objective 1 – People: A Sunshine Coast community that actively fosters and promotes sustainable practices, use and stewardship.

Objective 2 – Conservation: Conserving, maintaining and enhancing our natural environment from the hinterland to the coast, and connecting people and nature.

Objective 3 – Development: Demonstrating leadership in delivering a diverse and resilient economy.

Objective 4 – Logistical support: Inspiring and celebrating creativity, innovation, research and a learning community.

The framework provides a baseline measurement of how our local government area is performing with respect to sustainability.

Data used for the baseline assessment has been collated from regularly collected and reliable sources and represent the period between 2019 and early 2022.

For some measures, there were no existing data, or future collection would be difficult. Where this occurred, case studies of different projects have been used to demonstrate how the Sunshine Coast is performing.



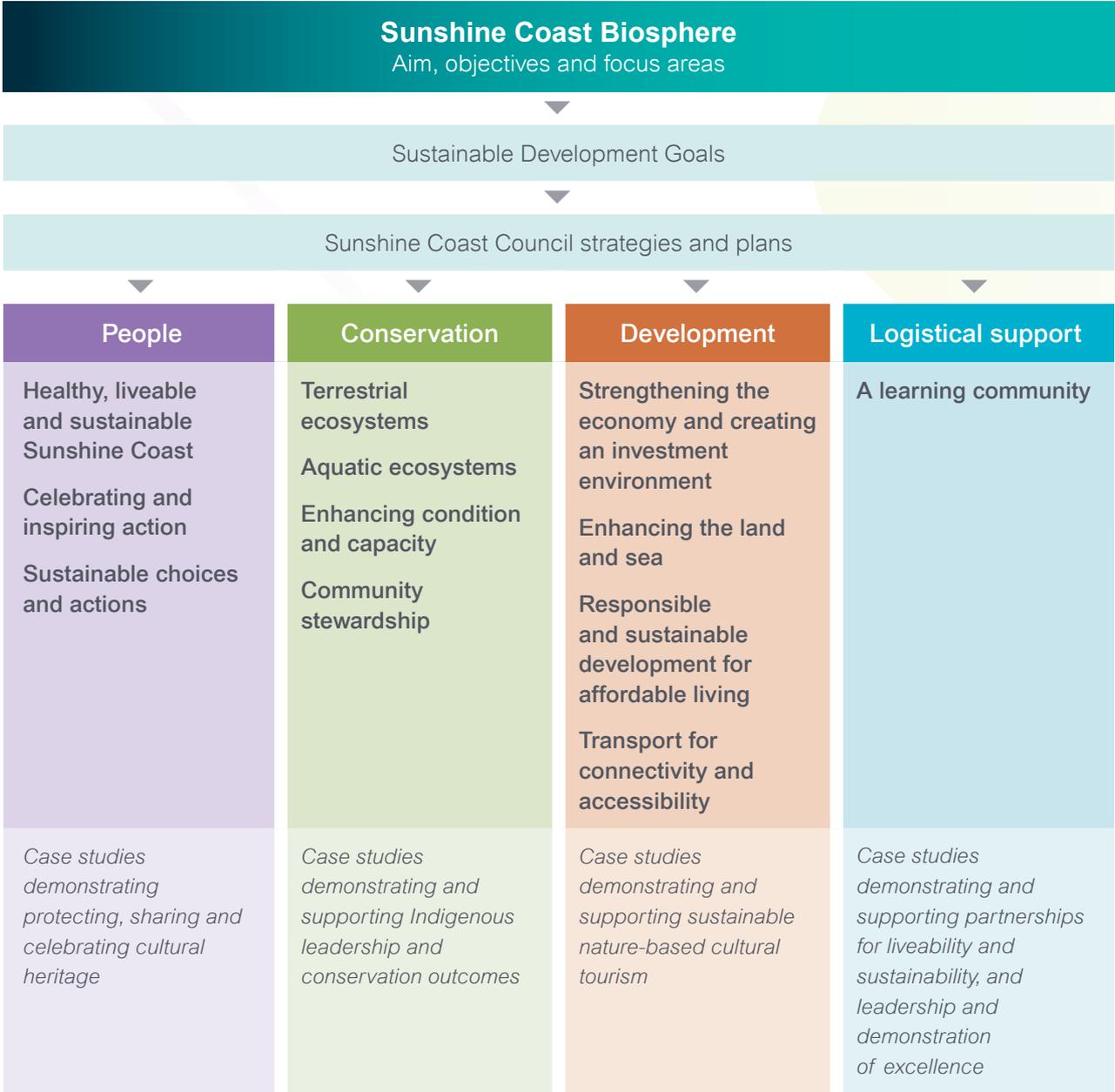


Figure 3: Sunshine Coast Biosphere framework.



What are the baseline results?

Objective 1: People

What was measured	Baseline result	Target for the future	SDG
Healthy, liveable and sustainable Sunshine Coast			
Health and wellbeing Percentage of community who report being in excellent, very good or good health.	87.4% (2019/20)	Maintain our ranking as one of the top three healthiest regional communities in Queensland to 2041 based on self-reported health.	3
Opportunities for social connection Hectares of land for sport and recreation purposes per 1000 residents. Visits per resident to Council owned community facilities and events, inclusive of major venues, aquatic facilities, libraries, and the gallery.	4.11 ha (2020/21) 5.4 visits per resident (2020/21)	Maintain the rate of 5 hectares per 1000 residents for sport and recreation purposes to 2041. Increase visits per resident to community facilities and events, inclusive of major venues, aquatic facilities, libraries, and the gallery by 2041.	3 11
Liveability Sunshine Coast's overall liveability index score (includes and considers feeling safe, natural environment, sense of community, health services, shopping, leisure and dining, road congestion, affordable housing, employment, and education).	60.9 out of 100 (2021)	Increase liveability index score to meet or exceed Australia's liveability index score by 2041.	3 16
Celebrating and inspiring action			
Grants and support Sunshine Coast Council grant funds distributed to community organisations, including discretionary funding, per resident.	\$16.90 per resident (2020/21)	Increase Sunshine Coast Council grant funding per resident by 2041 in line with consumer price index (CPI) and project material cost increases.	17
Sustainable choices and actions			
Greenhouse gas tCO ₂ e per year produced by the Sunshine Coast community. tCO ₂ e per year produced by the Sunshine Coast community – per resident.	3,858,524 tCO ₂ e per year (2020/21) 11.13 tCO ₂ e (2020/21)	Sunshine Coast community is low carbon by 2041.	13
Renewable energy Capacity of (output of) renewable energy infrastructure for the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area.	318.6 megawatts (2020/21)	Increase renewable energy capacity to 2041.	7
Recycling Percentage of municipal solid waste diverted from land fill.	35.5% (2020/21)	60% waste diversion from landfills (recovery rate as a percentage of total waste generated) by 2030.	11
Saving water Average litres of water used per resident per day.	166 L (2021/22)	Decrease average water consumed per resident per day to 150 Litres by 2041.	6 12
Resilience Percentage of locations with a 'high' disaster resilience (community's adaptive and coping capacity) score.	10.7% (2020/21)	Maintain or increase (from 2020 levels) Sunshine Coast local government area's capacity for disaster resilience by 2041.	13

First Nations Forum

A local government initiative and an Australian first, the inaugural First Nations Self-Determination, Representation and Wellbeing Forum was held on Kabi Kabi Country, 22 March 2021. Sunshine Coast Council's aim was to support and encourage First Nations education, leadership, empowerment, and networking. The Forum established a platform for the First Nations community to come together, nurture relationships and inspire action. The Forum brought together over 260, predominately First Nations, attendees and featured First Nations specialists, academics and experts presenting knowledge from their respective fields.

The vision of First Nations Forum was to elevate First Nations community voices leading community engagement, to foster intrinsic and benevolent relationships, as a foundation to grow strong, sustainable, and empowering outcomes. The Forum used a strengths-based approach to discuss significant topics for the First Nations community including human rights, justice, representation, truth-telling, cultural healing, knowledge and allyship.

Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2021-2031

The *Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2021-2031*, developed in consultation with the Sunshine Coast community, provides Sunshine Coast Regional Council with a framework to guide the identification, protection, conservation and management of the region's heritage. The plan will ensure that Council effectively manages and conserves the region's heritage assets on behalf of the community and the proposed Sunshine Coast Biosphere. The plan's vision declares that 'our heritage is our gift for the future'.

The delivery of the plan is supported by the Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Levy, which in 2020/21 provided \$1.9 Million in funding for a range of programs aligned to strategic priorities, and included:

- more than \$628,000 was allocated to support the Regional Collections Store and Interpretive Facility
- more than \$200,000 provided to support First Nations groups, community museums and historical societies
- \$195,000 for research into regional stories, digitisation of significant regional collections and engaging our community with heritage through digital solutions
- \$160,000 invested in conserving heritage assets and maintaining heritage listed, Council owned, community leased properties.

Sunshine Coast community halls and venues

Community owned and operated halls and centres have played a historical and cultural capacity building role in the region. There are more than thirty across the Sunshine Coast that host hundreds of events and opportunities to learn. They are essential communal spaces that create a sense of belonging, inclusion, improve wellbeing as they continue to facilitate opportunities for social and cultural connection and celebration.



What are the baseline results?

Objective 2: Conservation

What was measured	Baseline result	Target for the future	SDG
Terrestrial ecosystems			
Biodiversity Percentage of area covered with native vegetation (remnant and non-remnant).	55% (2020 [^])	Maintain the 2016 (54%) extent of native vegetation (no net loss) by 2041.	2 15
Protected areas Percentage of land publicly owned and legally protected for the purpose of long-term conservation (Terrestrial Protect and Enhance as well as Special Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Areas)	20.56% (2019)	Maintain the 2019 extent of Terrestrial Protect and Enhance and Special Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Areas by 2041 (except where biosphere area changes occur based on statutory requirements).	2 15
Aquatic ecosystems			
Marine protected areas Percentage of area legally protected for the purpose of long-term conservation (Marine Protect and Enhance, Marine Special Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Area).	16.49% (2019)	Maintain the 2019 extent of Marine Protect and Enhance and Special Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Areas by 2041 (except where biosphere area changes occur based on statutory requirements).	2 14
Catchments and water quality Percentage of catchments with 'good' or 'excellent' waterway health grade.	75% (2015-2019*)	Maintain and improve the ecological health of waterways and wetlands across each of the river catchments to a good or excellent grade by 2041.	2 14 15
Enhancing condition and capacity			
Protection and enhancement activities Hectares of land acquired per 1000 residents (by Council) for conservation and preservation purposes.	10.82 ha (2020/21)	Maintain the rate of 9.6 hectares per 1000 residents (acquired by council) for conservation and preservation purposes by 2041.	15
Light pollution The proposed Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve area maintains exceptional quality of starry nights and nocturnal environments by achieving or exceeding a total average of 21.2 magnitudes per square arcsecond.	21.5 magnitudes per second arcsecond (2023)	Maintain exceptional quality of starry nights and nocturnal environments by achieving or exceeding a total average of 21.2 magnitudes per square arcsecond.	15
Community stewardship			
Land for Wildlife participation Percentage of native vegetation privately managed for conservation through Land for Wildlife (in relation to total native vegetation extent on the Sunshine Coast).	14.45% (2020 [†])	Increase in the 2020 percentage of native vegetation privately managed for conservation through Land for Wildlife by 2041 (in relation to total native vegetation extent on the Sunshine Coast).	15
Community Conservation partnerships Percentage of community cash contribution and in-kind support (e.g. volunteer and landholder hours) for community conservation partnership programs.	92.4% (2021/22)	Maintain the 2021 level of community cash contribution and in-kind support for community conservation partnership program by 2041.	15

[^] Refers to calendar year – reported on every 4 years). * Data collection period.

[†] Refers to calendar year that it is reported

Case studies demonstrating and supporting Indigenous leadership and conservation outcomes

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Bunya Bunya Aboriginal Corporation re-vegetation

This project, led by the Bunya Country Aboriginal Corporation re-vegetated areas of eroding riverbank along the Maroochy Estuary by planting 2500 trees. This was a continuation of the Maroochy River Mangrove Nursery Project established in 2009 and provided opportunities for local Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners to assist landowners and stakeholders in mangrove revegetation projects. The project enhances and links quality fish habitat areas within the Maroochy River through mangrove revegetation.

Community Shoreline Management Project

A local community group, Take Action for Pumicestone Passage, received funding in 2018/2019 to undertake erosion control and mangrove rehabilitation at a state-owned foreshore reserve in front of the TS Onslow Australian Navy Cadets headquarters on the Esplanade at Golden Beach, Pumicestone Passage.

The objective of the project was to maximise the ability of the natural processes to re-establish a natural shoreline ecosystem that incorporates fish habitat, assisted by the positive sand budget in the northern Pumicestone Passage.

The project has built community understanding of the value of natural ecosystems and strengthened links between government, local organisations and the Traditional Owners of the area. Community groups, including members of TS Onslow, Bunya Bunya Country Aboriginal Corporation, Take Action for Pumicestone Passage, Night Eyes Water and Landcare, Mangrove Watch, as well as local residents were actively involved in designing, planting and other required work. This collaboration ensured the success of the project with work successfully completed and is an example of effective action to increase capacity and resilience of our coastal environment..

Fire Country Initiative

Traditional Custodian knowledge was shared among land managers in a Cultural Burning workshop held on Kabi Kabi Country at Council's Tuan Environmental Reserve, Kenilworth.

Representatives from Kabi Kabi peoples and Jinibara peoples; First Nations Rangers from across South East Queensland; and Council officers attended the workshop facilitated by the Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation.

The Firesticks Alliance strives to empower First Nations communities to manage their own cultural lands and work strongly with non-Indigenous people to achieve functional and resilient landscapes. The initiative aimed for First Nations and non-First Nations peoples to look after Country, share their experiences and collectively explore ways to achieve their goals.



What are the baseline results?

Objective 3: Development

What was measured	Baseline result	Target for the future	SDG
Strengthening the economy and creating an investment environment			
Diversity of the economy			
Gross regional product (Sunshine Coast local government area).	\$18.5 billion (2020/21)	A \$33 billion economy by 2033 (based on gross regional product).	8
Percentage of goods and services exported outside the region.	15.2% (2020/21)	20% of goods and services produced for export outside the region by 2033.	9
Employment			
Employment opportunities provided by high value industries.	89,536 (2020/21)	High value industries contribute at least 100,000 employment opportunities by 2033.	1
Percentage difference between the median weekly household income for the Sunshine Coast compared to Queensland.	4.7% less than Qld median household income (2020/21)	Sunshine Coast median weekly household income exceeds the Queensland median weekly household income by 2033.	8
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Enhancing the land and sea			
Land			
Percentage of total biosphere area where people live and make a living including the urban footprint of suburbs and townships (Live and Work Sunshine Coast Biosphere Area).	12.7% (2019)	Maintain the 2019 extent of Live and Work Sunshine Coast Biosphere Areas by 2041 (except where biosphere area changes occur based on statutory requirements).	2
Percentage of biosphere area used for rural lifestyle and living including primary production agriculture and agribusiness (Terrestrial Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Area).	56.3% (2019)	Maintain the 2019 extent of Terrestrial Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Areas by 2041 (except where biosphere area changes occur based on statutory requirements).	11
			15
Sea			
Percentage of total biosphere area (sea) used for sustainable fishing (Marine Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Area).	11% (2019)	Maintain the 2019 extent of Marine Manage and Care Sunshine Coast Biosphere Area by 2041 (except where biosphere area changes occur based on statutory requirements).	2
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Transport for connectivity and accessibility			
Active and public transport			
Ratio of transport mode - private vehicle (including motorcycles): active mode (e.g. walking, cycling): passenger transport (e.g. ride shares, taxi, train and bus).	85:12:3 (private vehicle: active:passenger) (2018)	Shift transport mode (ratio) of private vehicle to active to passenger to 70:20:10 by 2041.	11



What was measured

Baseline result

Target for the future

SDG

Responsible and sustainable development for affordable living

Housing

Percentage of rental properties that are vacant.

0.5% (2022)

Maintain a rental vacancy rate of between 2% and 3% to 2041.

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Percentage of renter households where payments are less than 30% of household income.

51% compared to 58% for Qld (2021)

The percentage of renter households with payments less than 30% of household income is higher than or equal to the Queensland average to 2041.

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Percentage of mortgagor households where repayments are less than 30% of household income.

73% compared to 76% for Qld (2021)

The percentage of mortgagor households with repayments less than 30% of household income is higher than or equal to the Queensland average to 2041.

Case studies demonstrating and supporting sustainable nature-based cultural tourism

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Australia Zoo

Australia Zoo is an internationally recognised tourist destination attracting hundreds of thousands of domestic and international visitors to the Sunshine Coast each year. Since Steve and Terri Irwin took over management in 1992, Australia Zoo has won numerous local, national and international awards including Australian and Queensland Major Tourism Attraction Awards in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012. Australia Zoo stretches across 110 acres and is home to 1200 native and exotic animals. The zoo employs more than 300 staff. Based at the zoo is the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital which is officially the busiest wildlife hospital in the world treating over 57,000 native wildlife patients to date. The world famous zoo continues to produce action packed wildlife documentaries which promote the Irwin Family, Australia Zoo and the Sunshine Coast to hundreds of millions of people around the world.

Horizon Festival

Horizon Festival is an annual arts and cultural program that celebrates place, encourages community participation and provides presentation and capacity building opportunities for our local arts sector. The Horizon Festival provides our community with rich and diverse arts and cultural experiences to enjoy. Participation in the arts, and community and cultural events and activities is found to have a positive impact on social inclusion, health, wellbeing and quality of life for all people.

Saltwater Eco Tour

Managing Director of Saltwater Eco Tours Simon Thornalley has combined his passion for the ocean, Indigenous culture and extensive maritime experience into a unique tourism venture on the Sunshine Coast. Launched in early 2020, Saltwater Eco Tours focuses on sustainable tourism and providing authentic experiences aboard the 100-year-old timber vessel *Spray of the Coral Coast* based in Mooloolaba. Simon, a young First Nations man of Torres Strait Islander descent, was born on the Sunshine Coast and introduced to sailing by his parents who were world class sailors and adventurers. His love of the ocean inspired his vision to establish an eco-tourism business which he developed in consultation with the Kabi Kabi peoples to share their culture and wisdom of the Sunshine Coast's ecological diversity. Simon's advice to other businesses is: Never give up and stay true to your own vision.



What are the baseline results?

Objective 4: Logistical support

What was measured	Baseline result	Target for the future	SDG
A learning community			
Youth involvement	440 total	Increase community understanding and adoption of sustainable living practices by 2041.	4 17
Participation in the Kids in Action program	(276 students, 52 teachers/ adults, 112 community) (2021)		
Retention rate of schools participating in KIA program from total number of schools.	86% of 21 schools (2021)		
Programs to live more sustainably	11.9	Increase community understanding and adoption of sustainable living practices by 2041.	4 17
Participation in Living Smart program per 1000 residents.	(2019)		



Case studies demonstrating and supporting partnerships for liveability and sustainability

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Kids in Action our next generation

Pioneered by Sunshine Coast Council, the award-winning 'Kids in Action' Program has been operating since 2012. It is a unique, strategic and innovative environmental education program which promotes environmental stewardship and strengthens opportunities for primary and secondary school students to drive positive environmental leadership and sustainability action.

To date more than two-thirds of all Sunshine Coast schools have engaged with the program, providing the experience to over 3,500 students since its inception, as well as indirectly engaging thousands of community members yearly. Kids in Action creates genuine learning exchanges between current and future environmental custodians across the Sunshine Coast, connecting First Nations, Culture, People and Country.

Regional Partnership Agreement

Sunshine Coast Council and the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) have been working together to advance the region's environmental, community and economic interests through a Regional Partnership Agreement. The agreement is a commitment from both parties to work collaboratively on key research and engagement projects that will achieve measurable and sustainable outcomes for the Sunshine Coast, with a particular focus on mutual interests.

Migrant Work Ready program

A further 26 migrants graduated from Council's award-winning Migrant Work Ready Program in 2021/22 which helps to prepare new migrants for work in Australia and build connections with businesses seeking to employ a diverse and talented workforce. The program includes employment ready workshops, mentoring and networking opportunities that help job-seeking participants with confidence and skills that add value to the local job market. Council has worked in partnership with Nambour Community Centre, Maroochydore Chamber of Commerce, TAFE Queensland, Volunteering Sunshine Coast and Sunshine Coast Chamber Alliance Business Mentor Program to deliver the program. A new Migrant Business Ready Scholarship program was also run for those interested in starting a business. Seven people participated in the program and all agreed that the program helped them to grow and implement their business ideas and improve their business skills.



Community leadership through street libraries

There are many other education programs, driven by community groups across the region, that aim to engage and involve adults and children in learning activities. One example is the Marcoola Street Library. The Marcoola Community Group, who have been contributing to the sustainable development of the area for more than 50 years, created free adult and children's libraries. These street libraries are public places for books to be taken, swapped or left for others to share. The tangible outcome of this collective community planning and effort is a pair of remarkably durable and attractive libraries that have become magnets to inspire, amuse and teach our residents of all ages. People who use the libraries are connecting with each other in a manner that is strengthening the community.

Sunshine Coast Innovation

The Sunshine Coast has been ranked sixth in Australia for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Start-Ups by StartupBlink's 2021 Global ecosystem Index Report. The report has elevated the Sunshine Coast up 10 spots from the previous year, placing our region above Canberra and the Gold Coast. This demonstrates the Sunshine Coast is fast being recognised for its collaborative and dynamic start-up community which is supported by Council's facilitation of a number of incubators, accelerators, coworking centres and maker spaces.

Awards for demonstration of excellence

Being nominated for and recognised by awards also demonstrates leadership and excellence. It provides validation of efforts by independent bodies and engenders a sense of pride in the community as well as motivation to continue efforts towards sustainability. The Sunshine Coast has won a number of awards for sustainability efforts since 2016.

For example:

- Sunshine Coast Council's Disaster Hub platform is recognised as one of Australia's most agile and transformative internet-based platforms, designed and developed for disaster management activities. It has gained national recognition through winning the 2016 Resilient Australia Awards.
- Projects from the *Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033* won the 2017 Economic Development Awards for Excellence in the Economic Development – Single Event or Activity category and the Economic Development Initiatives – over 15,000 residents category and other projects from the above strategy were finalists in the Economic Development through Partnerships category, Community in Economic Development category and Digital Entrepreneurs category.
- The Sunshine Coast won the 2018 Smart Cities Leadership City Award in recognition of liveability, workability and sustainability outcomes from technology and data solutions.
- The *Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017* won the Parks and Leisure Australia Strategic Planning Award 2018 as well as the National Banksia (sustainability) Government Award in 2020.
- Winner of the Museums and Galleries Queensland 2018 Sustainability Award for the Bankfoot House Preservation Housekeeping Project.
- The *Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041* won the 2020 Planning Institute of Australia Award for Planning Excellence in the category of Public Engagement and Community Planning.



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What does this mean for me?

Performance measurement of the Sunshine Coast Biosphere will be repeated every five years and used to inform our community and the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere program of progress. The measures will be reviewed and adjusted, if needed, to support delivering sustainability outcomes.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate people and nature in the Sunshine Coast Biosphere. Your daily actions in living, working and playing sustainably contribute to our region's liveability. Together we can demonstrate that our Sunshine Coast Biosphere is a place of international excellence and create a legacy for our children's future.

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