

## Environment Levy Program

Initiative	Comments	Budget
		2025 \$'000
ENVIRONMENTAL ACQUISITION THEME		
Land Acquisition Program	Identify and purchase priority lands throughout the LGA to support the delivery of strategic natural environment outcomes	3,276
Establishment of Environment Levy Acquired Properties	Undertake planning and on-ground actions to establish Environment Levy acquired properties	590
Planning and Legal	Undertake the planning and legal requirements and works to protect acquired lands in perpetuity	24
Environmental Acquisition Projects Total		3,890
MAJOR PROJECT THEME		
Conserving our biodiversity		
Koala and Macropod Conservation and Management	Implement the Sunshine Coast Koala and Macropod Conservation Plans through on-ground actions, education and research	85
Planning for Improved Fauna Movement	Improving fauna movement between priority habitat areas across the Sunshine Coast Council local government area	50
Keeping our waterways and wetlands healthy		
North Maroochy Rainforest Restoration	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.	50
Erosion and sediment control facility	Provide an area to support internal and external training of erosion and sediment control practices on the Sunshine Coast	14
Healthy Coast		
Coastal Dunal Rehabilitation	Undertake coastal rehabilitation through on-ground ecological restoration works across dunes and rocky headlands	1,490
Shoreline Erosion Management	Undertake targeted coastal dunal rehabilitation works that support implementation of the Shoreline Erosion Management Plan	120
Coastal Health Monitoring Program	Undertake baseline coastal ecological monitoring to understand the health of our coastal areas and report on progress towards our ELS target.	100
Healthy Coast Major Green Space	Prepare a coastal management plan to guide the management and sustainable use of our coastal foreshores and adjacent lands	10
Expanding our green space		
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.	120
Blue Heart Major Green Space	Support the Blue Heart Implementation Plan through targeted planning, research and activation projects	80
Building our knowledge		
Mary River Water Quality Monitoring Program	Undertake monitoring and assessment of the Mary River that supports tracking towards our Waterways & Wetlands ELS target and prioritisation of investment to support achieving the target.	50
Major Projects Total		2,169

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT THEME		
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.	636
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.	20
Landholder Environment Grants	Grants to protect and enhance the natural assets and biodiversity of the Sunshine Coast and promote ecologically sustainable management of the region's environmental values.	325
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	100
Voluntary Conservation Agreement Initiatives	Provide support to establish vegetation protection covenants and Voluntary Conservation Agreements and ongoing maintenance on environmentally significant private land.	500
Shorebird Conservation	Understand habitat use, population dynamics, and threats of migratory and resident shorebirds in the SCC LGA and to improve conservation outcomes for these protected species.	80
Nature Watch Sunshine Coast	Deliver an overarching citizen science monitoring program that integrates existing initiatives across environment reserves	42
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	35
Coastal Education and Engagement	Engage the Sunshine Coast community and students through education and interpretive programs to support and achieve effective coastal management.	103
Targeted riparian invasive plant restoration program	Restore endangered riparian rainforest on the North Maroochy River by controlling cats claw creeper in partnership with local landholders	20
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.	42
Sunshine Coast 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.	148
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.	148
Marine 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.	60
Community Engagement & Support Projects Total		2,259
ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT THEME		
Maintenance of EL Conservation Estate	Undertake ongoing maintenance of acquired Environment Levy properties to endorsed service levels	1,321
Environmental Operational Expenses	Support salaries and wages, education facilities, conservation estate management and Community Conservation Partnerships	1,683
Construction management and waterway improvement	Improve construction management practices and erosion and sediment control compliance to improve waterway health	245
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.	389
Pest Action and Engagement Program	To support biosecurity measures to address invasive plant and animal management on the Sunshine Coast.	120
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.	594
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.	55
Marine Turtle Conservation Plan	Implement the Marine Turtle Conservation Plan 2023, including grants for lighting retrofits and vegetation management planning.	40
Fire Management Planning and Ecological Monitoring	Undertake Environment Reserve Digital Fire Management Plans and Fire Ecological Monitoring.	62
Environmental Operational Management Projects Total		4,509
Total Environment Levy Program		12,827