

Additional Information

Item 8.1, 8.3, 8.5, 8.6 & 8.8

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 19 August 2021

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Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	19 August 2021
Item:	8.1 Quarterly Progress Report – Quarter 4 2020/21		
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Approving:	Chief Strategy Officer		

In response to a question raised, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Provide further details regarding split of financial contributions to the construction of the Nambour Tram Terminus Building.

Response:

The terminus funding agreement was for \$1,088,742 (consisting \$500k from Aust Gov and balance (\$588,742) from Council) and has been fully acquitted with TNTCo.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	19 August 2021
Requesting Councillor:	Cr Cox		
Item:	8.3 Stormwater Management Strategy		
Officer:	Senior Engineer	Approving GE:	Built Infrastructure

In response to a question raised by Councillor Cox, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question 1:

Can you please provide more details/descriptions with all the images throughout the Strategy?

Response:

Captions have been added to the pictures in Part A of the Stormwater Management Strategy in order to provide better context for readers. This will be included in the final version that is published and printed.

Question 2:

Can you please provide more details regarding Strategic direction – street sweeping for example?

Response:

Strategic direction 2.1: Effective stormwater treatment and water quality management will be achieved through implementation of the detailed actions outlined in Part B and adherence to the policy positions provided in Part A.

Detailed action 2.1.5 is “review street sweeping operations and expand as required to improve regional stormwater quality and stormwater flooding outcomes”. Street sweeping has been recognised as an effective and cost efficient means of reducing the volume of litter that enters our waterways and will be one of many tools and initiatives used to deliver the stormwater management vision.

Question 3:

Can you please provide more details regarding sediment controls in new estates?

Response:

The Stormwater Management Strategy has provided a focus on the importance of erosion and sediment control during the construction phase of development. Strategic directions 2.1 and 2.3 relate to the importance of effective erosion and sediment control and the ongoing need for compliance and accountability. Numerous policy positions and detailed actions are related to erosion and sediment control.

The Stormwater Management Strategy provides strategic direction and the policy framework for stormwater management. Additional detail of operational application in the context of development assessment requirements for erosion and sediment control are documented in the *Planning Scheme Policy for Development Works (PSPDW)* and the document titled *Stormwater Management Requirements for Construction Sites – Changes resulting from the commencement of the SPP 2017*.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	19 August 2021
Requesting Councillor:	Cr Maria Suarez		
Item:	8.5 Designated Flood Hazard Area Map for Building Regulation Purposes		
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Officer:	Coordinator, Flooding and Stormwater Policy and Planning	Approving GE:	Built Infrastructure

In response to a question raised by Councillor Suarez, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Can you please confirm that communications will be clear that it is not just the coastal strip that is affected?

Response:

The Flood Hazard Area for Building Regulation Purposes map is relevant to the whole of the Sunshine Coast local government area. This will be communicated clearly to community and stakeholders as part of the community engagement.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	19 August 2021
Requesting Councillor:	Cr David Law		
Item:	8.6 Rebate Policy for Infrastructure Charges for Not-for-Profit Organisations		
Circulation	17 August 2021		
Officer:	Manager, Transport and Infrastructure Planning	Approving GE:	Built Infrastructure

In response to a question raised by Councillor David Law, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

What is the issue with a not-for-profit organisation seeking the Infrastructure Charges Rebate when undertaking a commercial activity that delivers a community benefit outcome?

Response:

1. It is recognised that the current and proposed Infrastructure Charges Rebate Policies do not support this position, hence the query.
2. The issues as I see them are three-fold.
 - a. Firstly, the policy(s) rightly look to support community outcomes through not-for-profit organisations delivering a community service directly linked to the development infrastructure under consideration.
 - b. Secondly, the implication of having not-for-profit organisations given access to the Rebate when developing non-community service-related commercial activities has potential to attract eligibility and funding well beyond that proposed, such as Not-for-Profit organisations providing commercial office space, holiday accommodation, niche manufacturing, all competing in the open market. These types of development would attract significantly greater funding requests and increased calls on General Revenue.
 - c. Thirdly, such developments would be obtaining an unfair commercial advantage against like, approved/operating enterprises.

The current and proposed policies require that qualifying not-for-profit organisations, together with projects that directly provide a community service make up the 'two ticks' for qualification. Notwithstanding that the proposal where not-for-profit organisations providing commercial developments deliver community outcomes, the missing "community service" component is seen as a key requirement for the current and proposed Policy.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	19 August 2021
Requesting Councillor:	Cr Baberowski		
Item:	8.8 – Environment Levy Partnerships Funding Program 2021/22		
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Officer (title):	Senior Conservation Partnerships Officer (Grants & Programs)	Approving GE (title):	Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets

In response to a question raised by Councillor Baberowski, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

It would be good to have a summary of the groups to familiarise Councillors with groups in divisions other than their own.

Response:

In 2014, Council made the decision to move the Environment Levy Partnerships Program into Environmental Operations. That decision was made to enable effective monitoring of the program's function in terms of (a) the program focus; (b) partners involved; (c) synergy relationships to operational programs; and (d) efficiency opportunities. This has enabled the facilitation of full integration and coordination between Council and partner organisations to enhance alignment with corporate goals and on-ground operations to improve cost benefits for Council and the community.

Please find below a summary of each of the proposed 2021 partner organisations' activities, and their linkages to Council strategic and operational activities.

Petri Creek Catchment Care Group (PCCCG)

Area of operation – Division 5

Group activities – Operation of Florabunda Community Nursery, which provides local native plants and advice to the community in relation to waterway and habitat restoration and weed control. Provides support to Council's ELS through contributing to Council programs including, Land for Wildlife (LfW), Landholder Environment Grants, LfW Incentives, Voluntary Conservation Agreements (VCA) and BushCare Sunshine Coast.

Night Eyes Association Inc

Area of operation – Division 2

Group activities – Night Eyes provides a valuable litter collection service, and community education to schools and local service groups. Night Eyes collect around 260kg litter per week and work productively with council's Waterways officers within the Community Catchment Partnerships Team.

Twinnies Pelican & Seabird Rescue

Area of operation – Across LGA, based in Division 1.

Group activities – Provides a specialised 24 hr pelican and seabird rescue service and operates a rehabilitation facility. Rescue data is provided to Council to assist with tracking of wildlife mortality/morbidity and identification of potential problem hotspots.

Mary River Catchment Coordination Association (MRCCC)

Area of operation – Divisions 5 & 10

Group activities – The MRCCC provide an extension and advisory service to landholders in the Mary River catchment in addition to participating in research programs. The group's activities enhance the delivery of Council's ELS through its support of the Landholder Environment Grants program and landholder referral to Council's LfW program.

Currimundi Catchment Care Group

Area of operation – Division 3

Group activities – The Currimundi Catchment Care Group are a community group involved in the Currimundi Lake catchment. In addition to distributing a community newsletter to 9,500 households, volunteers' partner with Council's Waterways team to limit erosion and improve water quality in the catchment. The group provides community education on weed control and other catchment matters as also partners with Council's BushCare Sunshine Coast to undertake regular working bees to control weeds and enhance native vegetation in Council reserves.

Hinterland Bush Links (HBL)

Area of operation – Division 5

Group activities – HBL provides education and on-ground works to strengthen resilience of existing habitat and landscape linkages. The group's Roving Restorers provide in-kind planting and weeding support for private landholders, including those participating in Council's Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) program Landholder Environment Grant program. HBL also partners with Council, Lake Baroon Catchment Care and the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee to coordinate the Upper Mary Valley Weed Vine Project. The group's members also regularly participate in BushCare Sunshine Coast working bees at three locations in the hinterland.

Wildlife Volunteers Association (WILVOS)

Area of operation – Across whole LGA

Group activities – WILVOS operate a 24/7 hotline 365 days a year to receive reports of orphaned or injured wildlife. Wildlife is rescued, transported to veterinary care if needed and/or taken in by trained volunteer carers for rehabilitation. WILVOS also provide community education through schools and events. The group contributes to Council's strategic fauna movement studies and species conservation plans through provision of data and advice on matters relating to wildlife injury/mortality.

Wildcare Australia

Area of operation – Across whole LGA

Group activities – Wildcare Australia has been operating as a highly regarded wildlife rescue/rehabilitation group in SEQ for almost 30 years. Group functions as the primary wildlife rescue group in the Gold Coast and Noosa LGAs and has increased its activities in the Sunshine Coast LGA over the last two years. The groups liaise with Council's Environmental Operations staff on wildlife rescue matters, including provision of data to help to identify road hotspots for wildlife injury/mortality.

Barung Landcare Association

Area of operation – Divisions 1 and 5

Group activities – Barung provides a range of environmental services to the hinterland community, including growing and distributing local provenance native plants, and education through events and landholder engagement programs, such as Gardens for Wildlife. The nursery is an important partner in several Council programs, including LfW Incentives and Landholder Environment Grants.

Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital

Area of operation – Across whole LGA, based in Division 1

Group activities – The Australia Zoo wildlife Hospital provides a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation service for injured and orphaned wildlife in the region. The hospital also provides free veterinary service to carers groups rehabilitating wildlife. Regular data provided by the AZWH assists in the development of Council's Fauna Movement Study undertaken as an action in the ELS, development of species conservation plans undertaken by Environmental Operation, and the identification of road hotspots to inform placement of wildlife signage and other mortality mitigation measures. The hospital can receive up to 9,000 patient admissions in a single year, approximately half of which originate in the Sunshine Coast LGA.

Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group (LBCCG)

Area of operation – Division 5

Group activities – LBCCG undertake substantial on-ground works in the Lake Baroon catchment focusing on reducing risk to water quality by addressing erosion and assisting landholders to manage nutrients and pathogens. They provide landholder extension in the catchment and work closely with Council's Conservation Partnerships team through the Landholder Environment Grants. Council and LBCCG frequently co-funding worthwhile LEG projects in the Lake Baroon Catchment.

ECOllaboration Ltd

Area of operation – Division 10

Group activities – The partnership with ECOllaboration assists the organisation with operational expenses associated with the Maroochy Waterwatch component of the organisation. Maroochy Waterwatch undertake litter collection in the Maroochy and Mooloolah Rivers, in addition to undertaking water quality monitoring and frog population monitoring. Water quality data is available to assist Council with waterway management.

Reef Check Australia

Area of operation – Divisions 2 & 4

Group activities – Reef Check reef monitoring activities have produced the longest running reef health dataset in SEQ. In addition to the training of diving volunteers to undertake globally standardised reef surveys, Reef Check works with Council's Environmental Operations to co-deliver the Clean Up for the Hatchlings Day, as well as school and broader community education.

Mooloolah River Waterwatch & Landcare

Area of operation – Division 1

Group activities – Mooloolah River Waterwatch & Landcare are a community group undertaking a variety of activities aimed at protecting and enhancing the Mooloolah River and its catchment. The group's community nursery produces local provenance native seedlings for the community and Council's LfW Incentives and Landholder Environment Grant programs. The group runs the largest biocontrol facility in the LGA, producing jewel and tingid beetles to combat infestations of cat's claw creeper and madeira vine in endangered lowland rainforest. Biocontrol beetles are used in several Council programs, including the Landholder Environment Grants, Voluntary conservation Agreement program, Upper Mary Weed Vine Project and Healthy Places' Pest Plant Management program.

Friends of Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens

Area of operation – Division 5

Group activities – The Friends provide an expanded range of support services for the Botanic Gardens, including garden planning and maintenance, propagation, visitor liaison, guided walks, and koala monitoring. The Friends work closely with Environmental Operations staff contributing to the management and visitor enjoyment of the Gardens.

Bat Rescue Inc

Area of operation – Across the whole LGA

Group activities – Wildlife rescue/rehabilitation group who specialise in the care of injured and orphaned flying-foxes and microbats for re-release to the wild. In addition to care and rescue activities, they provide quality community education to the community. The group has a strong relationship with Council, taking a lead role on triage at heat related mass mortality events and other crises affecting bats in the region. In addition to working closely with Council's Natural Areas Conservation Officer on flying-fox related issues and events, the group provides Council with

rescue/care data for all animals taken into their care, which assists species conservation planning within Environmental Operations.

Coolum District Coast Care Group

Area of operation – Divisions 8 & 9

Group activities – Coolum Coast Care undertake works and projects aimed at enhancing coastal environmental protection and restoration. Their on-ground activities include dune and bushland weed control, nestbox installation and monitoring and undertaking fauna and flora surveys. The group partners with Council's Natural Areas team to deliver the Marine Turtle Conservation Project, and with Council's Healthy Places for control of pest animals. The group's community nursery is a key partner in the delivery of Council's LfW Incentives program and the Landholder Environment Grants.

Wildlife Queensland Sunshine Coast & Hinterland

Area of operation – Across whole LGA

Group activities – Wildlife Queensland manages the Faunawatch program, which undertakes fauna surveys across the LGA. The program monitors and evaluates the presence and changes over time of fauna at strategic locations across the LGA. The survey data has been provided to Council over many years to assist with its environmental planning. The group contributes to the LfW and VCA programs by undertaking surveys on properties nominated by the Conservation Partnerships team.

Glasshouse Mountains Advancement Network (GMAN)

Area of operation – Division 1

Group activities – GMAN is a long-term group in the Glasshouse Mountains area. Until recently, the group operated a community nursery that provided plants to LfW landholders as part of the LfW Incentives program. The group partnered with Council's Environmental Operations and Parks & Gardens teams to develop a koala fodder tree plantation at Pinelands Drive Park. The group undertakes management of the site, including providing training for appropriate coppicing and harvesting. Foliage is collected by wildlife carers, Veterinary Ecology, Wildlife HQ, Koalas Action Inc and the AZ Wildlife Hospital.