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2019/20 Financial Statements and Community Financial Report

12 November 2020

2019/20 Audited financial statements – audit opinion

- Council's 2019/20 financial statements have been audited by our external auditors, the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) to ensure accounting and legislative compliance in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012*
- QAO issued an **unmodified audit opinion** for Sunshine Coast Council for the 12th year in a row i.e. the financial statements give a true and fair view of Council's financial performance and position and comply with applicable legislation and Australian Accounting Standards
- Council derived an operating deficit of \$1.5 million for the year. Council's operating result was adversely impacted by \$9 million due to COVID-19
- Council's financial audit results will be included in the annual Auditor-General report to parliament on the results of local government audits

2019/20 QAO Final Management Report

The QAO Final Management Report provides details related to the audited financial statements along with a full list of issues identified and reported to management during the year.

QAO classifies issues as either Significant Deficiencies (requiring immediate action), Deficiencies (requiring timely action) or Other Matters (to be implemented at management's discretion).

Summary and status of issues:

Item	Number	Status	Comments
Significant Deficiency	3	Resolved	
Deficiency	3	Resolved	
Deficiency (from prior year)	1	Work in progress	Downgraded from a Significant Deficiency due to substantial improvements made
Financial Reporting issues	Nil		A significant achievement given Council implemented 3 new Australian Accounting Standards
Other Matters	6	Resolved	

2019/20 Community Financial Report

- Council is required to prepare a community financial report for each financial year
- The report contains an easy to understand summary and analysis of Council's financial performance and financial position for the financial year
- This report, along with Council's audited financial statements will be included in Section 4 of Council's Annual Report

SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd Annual Report 2020

- Financial statements audited by Queensland Audit Office (QAO)
- Unmodified audit opinion
- Annual Report will be published on both Council's and SunCentral's websites

2019/20 Financial Statements and Community Financial Report – recommendation

Note the 2019/20 Community Financial Report,

2019/20 Financial Statements and associated financial information

will be included as Section 4 of the 2019/20 Annual Report

Thank you.



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