

Environment Levy Program

Initiative	Comments	Budget
		2023 \$'000
ENVIRONMENTAL ACQUISITION THEME		
Land Acquisition Program	To identify and purchase priority lands throughout the LGA to support the delivery of strategic natural environment outcomes.	4,023
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 associated with acquiring identified land and works associated with protecting acquired lands in perpetuity	30
Environmental Acquisition Projects Total		4,643
MAJOR PROJECT THEME		
On ground Catchment Projects		
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.	7
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 coastal dunal rehabilitation works to support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Council Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.	120
Blue Heart Major Green Space	The Blue Heart major green space project is guided by the Blue Heart five year implementation plan and will focus on planning, research and activation.	80
Lower Mooloolah River Major Green Space	To commence the ecological planning, research and activation of the Lower Mooloolah River Green Space.	60
Regional Projects Informing Planning, Management and Delivery		
Koala and Macropod Conservation and Management	To support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Koala and Macropod Conservation Plans in delivery on-ground actions, community education and research.	80
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 adjustment lands.	50
Coastal Health Monitoring	Undertake baseline coastal ecological monitoring to understand local variability and external reference conditions.	30
Major Projects Total		1,467
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT THEME		
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.	620
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 and support ongoing maintenance on environmentally significant private land.	500
Shorebird Conservation Action Plan	To raise the profile and increase awareness of migratory and resident shorebirds and provide safe roosting areas to improve conservation outcomes for these protected species.	90
Nature Watch Sunshine Coast	Developing an overarching citizen science community participation program.	51
Cultural Burn Workshops	Deliver an annual Cultural Burn Workshop to heal country and build engagement with First Nations and other Traditional Owners.	15
Coastal Education and Engagement	To support coastal education and community engagement through a range of different communication tools, including Coastsnap.	50
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 to learn about current issues, management approaches and work towards a sustainable future.	12
Environment Levy Community Education and Engagement	To promote the Environment Levy and support the production of the annual reports, media events and materials through an engagement approach that uses film, social media and our digital channels.	5

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Sunshine Coast Kids in Action Program	To invest in the region's future leaders and environmental custodians in developing leadership and active-citizenship skills; responsibility; and stewardship of the environment.	145
Healthy Land and Water Partnership	To support annual partnership with Healthy Land and Water to provide regional coordination of regional environmental health monitoring program to better understand changes in the health of local catchments.	135
Community Engagement & Support Projects Total		2,088
ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT THEME		
Maintenance of EL Conservation Estate ¹	To undertake ongoing maintenance of acquired Environment Levy properties to the endorsed service levels and in line with the Environment Reserve Network Management Plan	771
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
Flying fox management	To support the implementation of the Regional Flying Fox Management Plan in managing flying-fox roosts in urban areas.	110
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 ²	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> .	350
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	To establish a weeds taskforce to deliver two key demonstration sites and support landholders through increased support and education.	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.	65
Environmental Operational Management Projects Total		3,958
Total Environment Levy Program		12,156