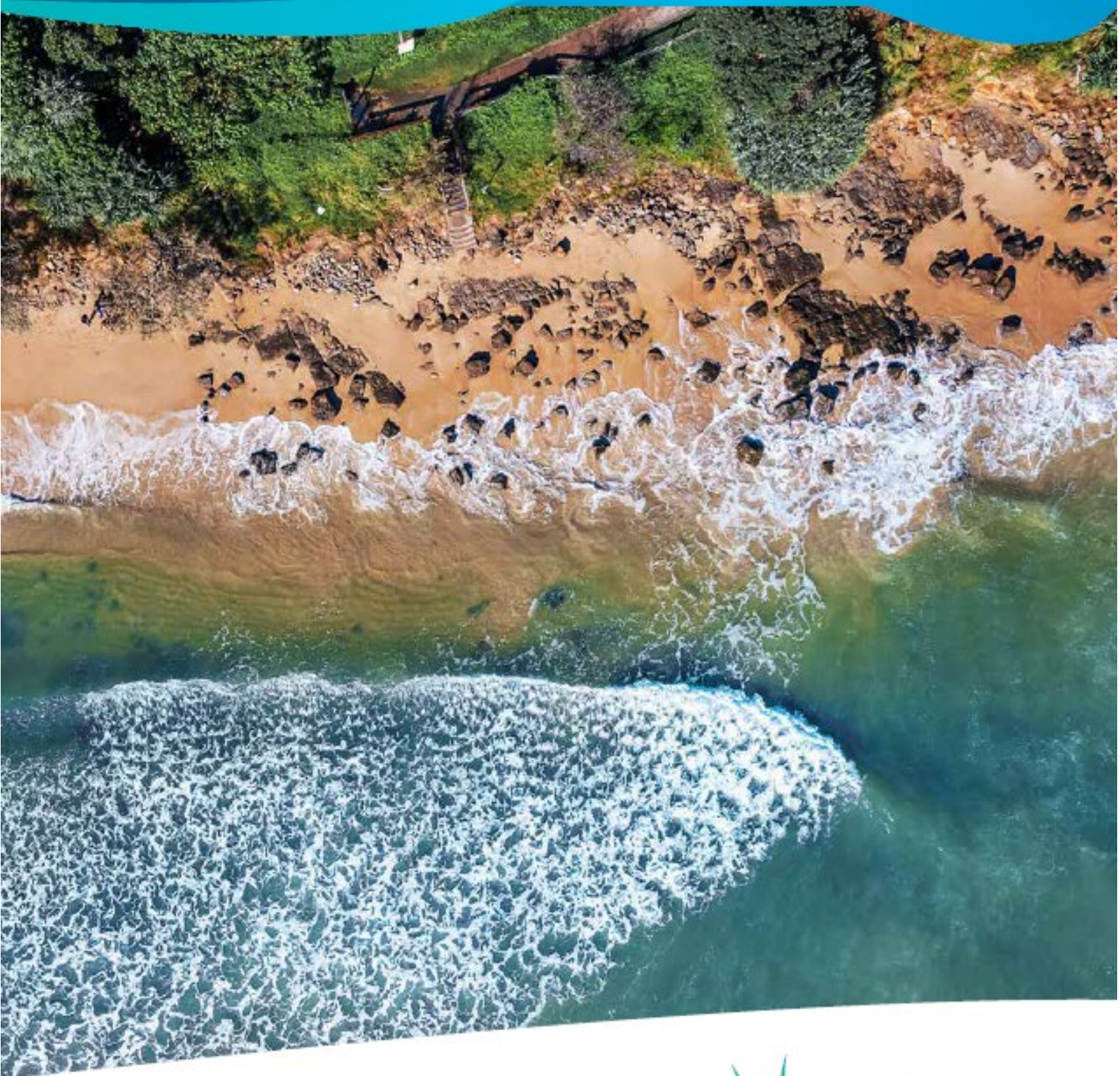


Sunshine Coast Council  
**Healthy Coast  
Management Plan**

**Annual Implementation  
2025-26**





## Healthy Coast Management Plan

The Healthy Coast Management Plan provides a framework that integrates Council's coastal strategies, plans and management actions to realise the vision for a healthy Coast (our beaches, headlands, coastal lagoons, lower estuaries and adjoining public lands) outlined in the Environment and Liveability Strategy. The plan outlines how Council is responding to the challenges and opportunities associated with climate change and population growth by protecting, maintaining and improving the Coast's public environmental, built asset and sustainable use values, now and into the future.

This Healthy Coast annual implementation program forms part of the Healthy Coast Management Plan which is made up of:

- Part 1: Healthy Coast context (vision and strategic directions)
- Part 2: Healthy Coast management (coastal functions, local values, pressures and priorities)

## Annual implementation

On an annual basis Council reviews and prioritises the collective management priorities outlined in the Healthy Coast Management Plan Part 2, and considers these during Council's budget development process.

The resulting Healthy Coast annual implementation program (key actions and priorities) is presented and shared with the community through this report, focussing on Council's key coastal operational and capital actions and management priorities for the 2025/2026 financial year.

## Overview of annual implementation 2025-26

The Healthy Coast annual implementation program represents an investment of \$70 million in coastal areas for the 2025-26 financial year by Council. This includes \$53 million of capital projects and \$17 million of operational programs. These projects and programs provide services in line with our strategic outcomes for a healthy environment, resilient built assets and sustainable community use. These investment figures are indicative and subject to change in line with broader budget priorities, coastal hazard response priorities, and annual changes to capital and operational requirements.

Strategic outcome	2025-26 investment
A Healthy Environment	\$8.3 million
Resilient Built Assets	\$43.2 million
Sustainable Community Use	\$18.5 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70 million</b>

An overview of the Healthy Coast Implementation Program's key investments for 2025-26 is presented by strategic outcome in the sections below. **Table 1** presents these investments by strategic outcomes and coastal management functions.

## Strategic outcomes

### A Healthy Environment

The management of our coastal habitats, fauna and catchments to protect and enhance natural coastal areas underpin a healthy coastal environment.

Key initiatives undertaken on the coast by Council to ensure a healthy environment include:

- Environmental reserve management
- Coastal health monitoring program
- BushCare Sunshine Coast volunteer program
- TurtleCare program and conservation plan implementation
- Shorebird conservation actions
- Erosion and sediment control program
- Stormwater management
- Waterway health monitoring
- Local disaster management
- Beach clean-up program
- Managing flammable and combustible substance spills
- Marine stranding response

Key investments undertaken on the coast by Council to ensure a healthy environment include:

- Canal maintenance - \$2.07 million
- Coastal dune rehabilitation program - \$900,000
- Coastal health monitoring program - \$260,000
- Environment community partnerships - \$108,550
- Maroochydore Beach nourishment - \$640,000
- Operational drainage management - \$1.94 million (estimate)
- River dredging and shoreline nourishment - \$415,000
- Shorebird conservation, surveys and citizen science - \$80,000
- Stormwater Quality Improvement Device maintenance - \$800,000

### Resilient Built Assets

The design, planning and management of resilient coastal infrastructure networks to address coastal hazard risks and support safe access and use of coastal areas is a key strategic outcome for Council.

Key initiatives undertaken on the coast by Council to ensure resilient built assets include:

- Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy and local adaptation planning
- Shoreline Erosion Management Planning and works
- Dune building program
- Recreational park management
- Construction and maintenance of the coastal pathway
- Street tree planting

Key investments undertaken on the coast by Council to ensure resilient built assets include:

- Alexandra Headland coastal pathway - \$2.8 million
- First Avenue streetscape - \$7.9 million
- Golden Beach south seawall and stormwater improvements - \$1.65 million
- Golden Beach foreshore upgrade (TS Onslow to Nelson Street) - \$2.56 million
- Lions Norrie Job Park Coolum pump track - \$500,000
- LGIP Mooloolaba to Mountain Creek stage 1 - \$760,000
- Moffat Beach seawall stabilisation works - \$5.46 million
- Mooloolaba foreshore stage 2 central meeting place - \$13 million
- Ocean Street placemaking renewal - \$600,000
- Parks maintenance - \$2.05 million
- Shoreline erosion management dune building - \$120,000

### Sustainable Community Use

Maintaining local amenities, public health outcomes, heritage values, lifeguard services and regulating appropriate uses of public areas supports safe access and enjoyment of the coast.

Key initiatives undertaken on the coast by Council to ensure sustainable community use include:

- Pest plant and animal management
- Controlling mosquitoes and biting midges
- Regulating pollution (light, dust, odour, spray drift, smoke and stormwater)
- Domestic animal management
- Regulating events and commercial activities in open space
- Regulated parking and abandoned vehicles
- Improve road access and safety
- Protection of vegetation in local government-controlled areas
- Communication and education supported by the coastal discovery van

Key investment undertaken on the coast by Council to ensure sustainable community use include:

- Building maintenance of public amenities - \$635,000
- Coastal discovery van education - \$103,000
- Coolum Beach Holiday Park - office, reception and residence replacement - \$1.5 million
- Cotton Tree Holiday Park powered tent sites upgrade - \$1.35 million
- Dicky Beach Holiday Park - Amenities Project \$926,000
- Kings Beach Surf Life Saving facility redevelopment - \$3.49 million
- Pedestrian and road safety works (black spot), Sixth Ave Maroochydore - \$1.22 million
- Road and cycle lane safety works (black spot), Beerburrum Street and Cooroy Street intersection \$1.05 million
- SLSQ lifeguard contract - \$6.5 million

Table 1: 2025-26 Council investments by strategic outcomes and coastal management functions

Strategic outcome	Coastal management function	Description	2025-26 investment
Healthy Environment	Coastal habitats	Management of coastal habitats to protect and enhance natural coastal areas, including foreshore and reserve management and community BushCare programs	\$4,787,550
	Coastal fauna	Management of our coastal fauna, including marine turtles and shorebirds	\$145,000
	Water quality	Managing catchment impacts on coastal water quality, including erosion and sediment control and stormwater	\$3,267,118
	Marine pollution	Managing marine pollution along our coastline including disaster events, beach clean-up programs and marine strandings	\$73,000
Resilient Assets	Coastal hazards	Coastal hazard response guided by our Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy and supported planning including Shoreline Erosion Management Plan	\$11,576,808
	Design and placemaking	Design and delivery of coastal place revitalisation activities	\$21,890,960
	Recreational parks and trails	Design, maintenance and management of Council's public open space for active and passive recreation, including the coastal path	\$7,442,381
	Active transport	Design, planning and management of coastal-based active transport infrastructure	\$2,332,089
Sustainable Use	Biosecurity, public health and safety	Protecting public health by managing declared pests, controlling mosquitoes and administering environmental health regulations	\$258,000
	Local amenities and Local Laws	Maintaining and regulating local amenity through facilities, local laws, regulated parking, community land permits and management of animals, overgrown land and abandoned vehicles	\$2,775,035
	Heritage	Management of First Nations and European heritage values in partnership with stakeholders	Integrated into programs and projects
	Life saving services	Facilities and regular patrolling of beaches to ensure the safety and enjoyment of residents and visitors	\$10,001,980
	Development, business and tourism	Guiding coastal development, supporting local businesses, and promoting a healthy Coast and open space networks as part of a world-class destination in building a strong economy	\$5,372,500
	Communication and education	Undertake broad and targeted coastal communications and community engagement and education to enhance awareness and participation in coastal management	\$103,000 (and integrated into programs and projects)
Total			<b>\$70,025,421</b>