



Transport Levy Program

For Period Ending 30 June

Initiative	Comments	Budget
		2021 \$'000
Service Improvements		
Flexilink Service - Conondale - Maleny	Continuation of a trial service linking to existing public transport services.	140
Flexilink Service – Peachester - Beerwah	Continuation of a trial service linking to existing public transport services.	10
Council Link	Continuation of targeted service trial for eligible persons to their nearest centre once per week.	265
Kenilworth Community Transport Service	Revised scope of a trial pre-booked community run transport service for Kenilworth.	8
Service Improvements Total		423
Infrastructure Assets		
New Bus Shelters to High Patronage Bus Stops	Leveraging the new bus shelter provision program by TransLink. Targeting sites with >1,000 boarding per year.	480
Infrastructure Assets Total		480
User Benefits		
Travel Behaviour Change Program (Stage 2)	Finalise development and endorsement of a coordinated 5 year travel behaviour change program (Stage 2). Communicate outcomes with the community and brief stakeholders of partnered sub-program.	300
Travel Behaviour Change Program (Stage 3) - Council Initiatives	Develop, procure and undertake the identified early Council only initiatives of this program.	375
Travel Behaviour Change Program (Stage 3) - Partnered initiatives	Develop, procure and undertake the identified early Partnered initiatives of this program.	50
Levy Communication, associated activities and awareness campaign	Implement the marketing and communication of the Transport Levy Policy aims and initiatives as well as updating web site and availability of sustainable travel information including travel plans.	140
Joint awareness campaign with TransLink	Partnered, route specific, targeted information campaign – awareness of frequency and proximity.	25
RideScore Active Schools Program	Expand trial RideScore program to multiple schools, monitor and report.	150
User Benefits Total		1,040
Research, Planning & Investigations		
Performance analysis, network planning, investigation and reporting	Investigation and development of network improvement proposals, data gathering and performance analysis and advocacy.	165
Modelling Partnership with TMR	Continue partnership with the North Coast TMR regional office to refine a common "visum" transport planning model which will also support Mass Transit planning.	350
Community Travel Surveys	Refine and undertake community survey to track attitudes towards transport related issues and Integrated Transport Study outcomes.	50
2021 Census Preparation	Prepare, refine and procure for repeat of the 2016 Census transport data collection in August 2021 Census.	50
Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Project	Completion of Preliminary Business Case and resourcing requirements to meet Council share for undertaking the Mass Transit project Detailed Business Case led by Dept of Transport and Main Roads.	3,000
Research, Planning & Investigations Total		3,615
Transport Futures Fund (TFF)		
2020/21 Contribution to Transport Futures Fund	Contribution to the TFF for the balance of the program. This amount, together with the provision for the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Project, meets the requirement for contribution under the Policy.	885
Transport Futures Fund (TFF) Total		885
Total Transport Levy Program		6,443



Cultural Heritage Levy Program

Ref.	Program	Description	Notes	Budget 2021 \$'000
Knowledge				
1.2.1	Regional digitisation program.	Staged partnership project with museums, historical societies and SCC Heritage Library to identify and digitise key regional collection items	Includes support for community heritage collections; support to implement recommendations from Significance and Preservation Needs Assessments for SCC Heritage Library.	20
1.2.1	Regional digitisation program.	Staged partnership project with museums, historical societies and SCC Heritage Library to identify and digitise key regional stories	Includes a focus on virtual/augmented reality and digital heritage.	40
1.2.2	Arts and Heritage Database	Database/digitisation - regional heritage management tool	Investigate expansion of eHive software to cover regional community collections (training, licencing, descriptor/ thesaurus standards).	25
1.1.5	Heritage Trees Register	Develop a register of heritage trees within the SCC LGA	Implementation of recommendations from work to date.	25
Knowledge Total				110
Conservation				
2.2.1	Heritage Advisory Services	Prepare informative resources for council and the community to assist in the practical conservation of heritage assets.	Includes advisory services for owners of heritage listed properties, community awareness programs and web formats.	30
2.2.1; 3.1.2; 3.1.3	SCC Heritage Incentives and support	Investigate incentive and alternate support options for owners of heritage places.	A formal incentive program to support conservation and maintenance works for privately owned, heritage listed properties - subject to formal adoption of guidelines and policy.	80
2.5.1; 2.5.2; 2.5.3	Heritage Collection	Implementation of conservation priority recommendations for council's heritage collection.	Reduced allocation for project costs.	20
2.3.1	Facility Management	Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct Operational and programming costs	Includes operational costs, increased public programs and tours.	70
2.3.1	Facility Management	Fairview maintenance and lease costs	FOPH lease and maintenance costs - lift maintenance.	1
Conservation Total				201
Support				
3.1.1	Sunshine Coast Heritage Reference Group	Community reference committee advising Council on heritage and Levy matters	SCHRG Administrative, resourcing and member mileage costs; professional development support	4
3.2.1	Cultural Support Programs (Aboriginal Traditional Owners / Claimants and DASSI peoples)	Cultural heritage projects developed in collaboration with Kabi Kabi, Jinibara and DASSI peoples	As identified by Kabi Kabi (\$10K), Jinibara (\$10K) and DASSI (\$5K) groups.	25
3.2.2; 3.4.2	Grant program: Community Partnership Funding Program	Support for core operational expenses for community heritage organisations	Year 3 of 3 year funding cycle, no adjustments or cost rises permitted within the current funding cycle.	93
3.2.1	Signature Heritage Programs	Continue to support heritage related events, activities and programs via the Heritage Levy which maximise community participation and involvement	Continue to develop and deliver community heritage events. Investigate funding model to assist community led events celebrating historic milestones - to support appropriate Welcome to Country, logistics, and equipment costs at community heritage events.	43
3.3.2	Support the enhancement (e.g. beautification, interpretation) of heritage places that will assist in experiencing and understanding the heritage of the Sunshine Coast in collaboration with heritage network and peak heritage bodies	Undertake engaging educational and interpretive works that support the understanding and visitor experience of our heritage	Museum Box program, digital stories, and educational and interpretive technologies. Possible partnership with Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary and Bilai Environmental Education Centre to deliver app-based heritage interpretation.	55
3.3.3	Open House program	Signature cultural tourism program aiming to engage communities in significant contemporary and heritage places of the Sunshine Coast	Fourth Sunshine Coast Open House program- regional cultural tourism program. Sponsorship agreement in place for 2020 - agreement to be reviewed.	25
3.4.1	Heritage Network Development program	Professional business and skills development and networking opportunities supporting regional heritage sector	Practical programs and access to professional advice. Includes workshops, consultancies, bus trips, public programs to raise community engagement in heritage activities, and to facilitate best practice standards within local heritage organisations. A more focussed, hands-on, in-house, skills-based development program has been implemented in recent years and will be expanded in 2020/2021.	60
3.2.1; 3.2.2; 3.3.1; 3.3.2	Grant program: Events and Exhibitions program	Grant program for community museums.	Targeted grant program, to support regional organisations in the development and delivery of new events and exhibitions.	35
3.2.2	Grant program: Collection Support program	Grant program for community museums.	Targeted grant program, to support regional collections through improvements to storage conditions or professional conservation treatments.	35
Support Total				374

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Communication				
3.2.1; 3.3.1; 4.2.1	Cultural Tourism	Identify potential cultural heritage tourism opportunities and support Indigenous opportunities	HORIZON Festival - support for cultural heritage tourism and First Nations projects within the program.	50
4.1.1; 4.2.3	Heritage marketing	Develop internal and external marketing strategies to guide the promotion of the region's heritage, and raise appreciation and awareness within council and the general community	Develop engaging heritage collateral as identified in Heritage Levy Marketing Plan, in partnership with regions key heritage stakeholders to assist in promoting cultural heritage experiences. Includes brochures, Discovery Guides, calendars, website, promotional activities and famil days/ - VICs and Schools	60
4.2.3	Heritage Calendar		Cost neutral - recovered through sales.	
4.2.4	Interpretive projects	Interpretive trails, interpretive signage, digital formats	Indicative project areas identified by Parks & Gardens and Placemaking teams - aligned to the Heritage Plan and outcomes. Current suggestions include Maroochy River Foreshore Interpretive Signage, Landscape Plans for parks in Woombye, Nambour, Landsborough, Twin Waters to ensure heritage values are preserved.	80
4.3.1	Education	Formalise partnerships with schools and the USC to facilitate heritage education	Annual Cultural Heritage Prize for outstanding performance in "HIS 200 Heritage: Australian and Global Contexts". Agreement between USC and SCC.	2
4.3.2	Education	Investigate establishing a tailored education program for young people within the region's museum and heritage programs, to showcase career opportunities and provide an engaging experience within the heritage industry	My Summer Workplace internship (10 week paid placement, \$12K) for university students in Cultural Heritage.	22
Communication Total				214
Other				
3.3.2	Heritage Futures Fund	Sinking fund to support major and emergent heritage infrastructure projects as identified in Heritage Plan 2015 2020 (based 33% Levy revenue)	Accumulative allocation (33% per year as per endorsed Heritage Levy Policy) to fund delivery of infrastructure requirements of Heritage Plan. (3.1.5 - Feasibility study for regional collection storage facility; 4.1.2 - Feasibility study to investigate establishment of regional interpretation space / precinct).	628
2.2.1.3.1. 3	Built Heritage Conservation Fund	Support for council owned, community leased, local or state heritage listed places	Allocation based on (4% of Levy as per endorsed Heritage Levy Policy). For Council owned, community leased, heritage listed properties.	76
	Levy Administration costs	Costs associated with resourcing Levy delivery requirements Council Resolution (SM11/35)	Currently this funds the Senior Cultural Heritage Officer (Level 6), the Cultural Heritage Officer (Level 4), and the Cultural Heritage Support Officer (Bankfoot House - Level 2) positions within CHS. Allowance for casual support staff.	300
Other Total				1,004
Total Cultural Heritage Levy Program				1,904



Environment Levy Program

Ref.	Description	Notes	Budget 2021 \$'000
ENVIRONMENTAL ACQUISITION THEME			
1	Land Acquisition Program	To identify and purchase priority lands throughout the LGA to support the delivery of strategic natural environment outcomes.	3,795
2	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.	570
3	Planning and Legal	To undertake the planning and legal requirements associated with acquiring identified land and works associated with protecting acquired lands in perpetuity	40
Environmental Acquisition Projects Total			4,405
MAJOR PROJECT THEME			
On ground Catchment Projects			
4	Blue Heart Activation Initiatives - Maroochy River	Guided by the Blue Heart Implementation Plan - The Blue Heart Initiatives project will focus on baseline data gathering, on-ground restoration and community education.	100
6	Mooloolah River Rehabilitation	To continue riparian rehabilitation of key reaches along the Mooloolah River - building upon previous restoration works in the catchment.	20
8	Currumbindi Creek Riparian Rehabilitation	To restore of a key reach along the southern arm of Currumbindi Creek to improve bank stability and water quality.	15
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
8	Shoreline Erosion Management	To undertake coastal dunal rehabilitation works to support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Council Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.	120
9	Shelly Beach Vegetation Study	To conduct an independent study of the dunal vegetation community and identify options for long-term vegetation modifications to reflect original RE and consistent with SCC Cotton Tree Study	50
Regional Projects Informing Planning, Management and Delivery			
10	Koala Conservation and Management	To support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Koala Conservation Management Plan in on-ground actions and koala research.	60
11	Planning for Improved Fauna Movement	To undertake research into better understanding the impact of road infrastructure on fauna movement and to plan for improved fauna movement between priority habitat areas across the Sunshine Coast Council local government area.	80
12	Healthy Coast Report	To develop and implement a coastal health monitoring and reporting framework for the Sunshine Coast.	130
13	Climate-induced marine species migration	To establish an evidence-based reference point to assist in understanding and managing coastal micro-marine species diversity and climate-induced migration of species with potential to impact the Sunshine Coast.	20
Major Projects Total			1,585
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT THEME			
14	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.	610
16	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.	10
18	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.	225
17	Land for Wild Incentives	To provide native plants and other incentives for environmental improvements to Land for Wildlife properties.	90
18	Voluntary Conservation Agreement Initiatives	To establish vegetation protection covenants and supporting Voluntary Conservation Agreements and support ongoing maintenance on environmentally significant private land.	455
18	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.	40
20	Coastal Education and Engagement	To support coastal education and community engagement through a range of different communication tools.	20
21	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
22	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.	15
23	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.	80
24	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.	132
26	Invertebrate BioBlitz	To undertake an invertebrate BioBlitz in Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.	35
Community Engagement & Support Projects Total			1,724

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ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT THEME			
26	Environmental Operational Expenses ¹	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
27	Maintenance of EL Conservation Estate ²	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
28	Pest management operational expenses - project management ³	To fund three operational pest management positions to support the delivery of invasive animal management in accordance with the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.	350
28	Pest management operational expenses - project management - 2 contract positions	To fund two contract pest management positions to support the delivery of invasive plant management in accordance with the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.	260
30	Pest Action and Engagement Program	To support community engagement and awareness of biosecurity matters through implementing actions from the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.	120
31	Flying fox research and education	To support flying fox research to inform effective conservation approaches and community education.	50
32	Flying fox management	To support the implementation of the Regional Flying Fox Management Plan in managing flying-fox roosts in urban areas.	180
Projects Total			3,414
Total Environment Levy Program			11,128
Notes on 2020/2021 Levy:			
1	The funding associated with the '10 year transitional phase out arrangement' (SM10/029) has been incorporated as an ongoing initiative within the Environmental Operational Management Theme. This initiative will be maintained at the 2013/14 allocation of \$1,683,204 and recognised as 'Environmental Management Expenses' within this theme.		
2	Environment Levy Conservation Estate (Council managed component only) as at January 2020 is 1,827ha. The budget allocated includes materials and services and salary/wages associated with any maintenance works. The Environment Levy maintenance program funding will be determined on an annual basis and will consider total size of estate being managed, average maintenance cost and Consumer Price Index (1.9%).		
3	Funding associated with the pest management operational expenses will continue as a 'core' component of the annual Environment Levy Program		