

Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 25 August 2022

commencing at 9:00am

Council Chambers, 1 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra



ORDINARY MEETING

NOTICE

12 August 2022

Dear Councillors, Group Executives and relevant staff,

In accordance with Section 254C(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, I wish to advise that an Ordinary Meeting has been convened for

25 August 2022

commencing at 9.00am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Thomas", is positioned above the printed name.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

On establishing there is a quorum, the Chair will declare the meeting open.

2 WELCOME AND OPENING**3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4 RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 July 2022 be received and confirmed.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE**6 INFORMING OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST****6.1 PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Pursuant to section 150EL of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act), a Councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government must –

- (a) immediately inform the meeting of the prescribed conflict of interest including the particulars stated in section 150EL(4) of the Act and
- (b) pursuant to section 150EM(2) of the Act must leave the place at which the meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the place while the matter is being discussed and voted on.

6.2 DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST





Pursuant to section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the local government, must stop participating in the meeting and immediately inform the meeting of the declarable conflict of interest including the particulars stated in section 150EQ(4) of the Act.

If the Councillor with a declarable conflict of interest does not voluntarily decide not to participate in the decision, pursuant to section 150ES(3)(a) of the Act the eligible Councillors must, by resolution, decide

- (a) whether the Councillor may participate in the decision despite the Councillors conflict of interest or
- (b) that the Councillor must not participate in the decision and must leave the place at which the meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public and stay away while the eligible Councillors discuss and vote on the matter.

The Councillor with the declarable conflict of interest must comply with any conditions the eligible Councillors impose per section 150ES(4) and (5) of the Act.

7 PRESENTATIONS / COUNCILLOR REPORTS

8 REPORTS DIRECT TO COUNCIL**8.1 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT - QUARTER 4, 2021/22****File No:** Council Meeting**Author:** Coordinator, Corporate Planning and Performance
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PURPOSE

This report presents the Progress Report for Quarter 4, 2021/22. The report covers the period 1 April to 30 June 2022 and seeks to inform Council and the community on the progress of implementation of activities, significant projects and service highlights from Council's Operational Plan 2021/22.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each quarter, Council receives a progress report on the delivery of the Operational Plan 2021/22. The report is published and made available to the community.

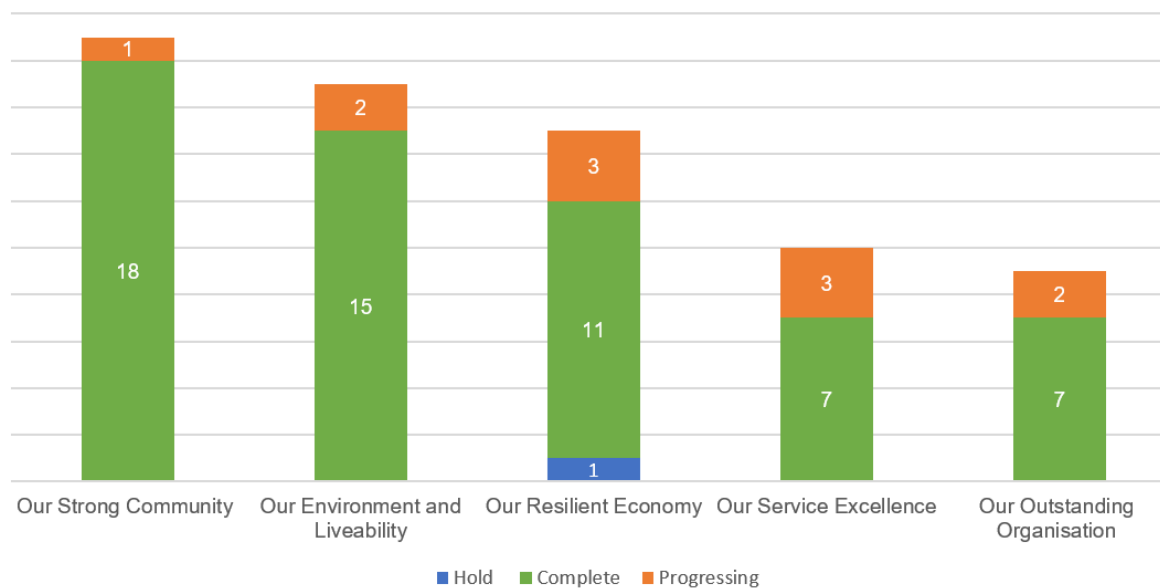
The report comprises:

- Appendix A – Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Highlights Report Quarter 4, 2021/22
- Appendix B – Operational Plan Activities Report Quarter 4, 2021/22.

Council's Operational Plan 2021/22 outlines 70 activities to be delivered over that year to advance our vision as Australia's most sustainable region. Healthy. Smart. Creative.

This is the final Quarterly Progress Report against the Operational Plan 2021/22. Over the financial year 83% of the planned activities have been delivered. The following graph provides a summary of the status of the 70 operational plan activities by Corporate Plan Goal as of 30 June 2022.

Operational Plan 2021/22
Quarter 4 - activity breakdown



Below is a summary of key highlights achieved throughout Quarter 4, 2021/22:

Our Strong Community

- Seven new members were appointed to the Community Strategy Leadership Group for its second term in June 2022 to bring a new perspective and continue the commitment to the strategies vision: together we thrive.
- The 'ThinkChange' travel behaviour change program was launched in May 2022 to encourage people to make small changes to their travel habits and reduce congestion, improve our lifestyle and help our environment.
- \$915,071 in community grants were awarded across 281 applications to support community organisations to deliver a wide range of outcomes

Our Environment and Liveability

- The Sunshine Coast officially gained international recognition as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve on 16 June 2022, recognising our region as a site of excellence, committed to responsible development and people living sustainably alongside active conservation.
- 214 hectares of land was acquired on Rainforest Drive, Meridan Plains in an area known as the Lower Mooloolah River Green Space, expanding our green spaces for recreation, sport and conservation purposes.
- A new streetscape for Rosebed Street, Eudlo was completed in April 2022, providing safety improvements, car parking and a green injection to the urban environment.

Our Resilient Economy

- \$18.6 million in economic activity for the region was generated from 16 Sunshine Coast major events with 25,839 guests attending.
- 68% of Council's total available purchasing spend for the quarter went to local businesses, resulting in \$80.5 million being injected into our local economy for the quarter.
- 2317 Sunshine Coast businesses accessed specialist advice, information, workshops and events that support economic development in the region.

Our Service Excellence

- \$4 million was invested to rehabilitate and resurface 10.8 kilometres of local roads to improve the safety of these roads for our community (total area 88,915m²).
- 45,315 garden organics bins were distributed to eligible households in May 2022 as part of the first phase of the expanded waste collection services to reduce organic waste in landfill and convert recovered material to useful by-products.
- Stage one Northern Parkland (Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation project) was officially opened to the public on 28 June 2022, providing an inclusive and accessible new boardwalk, playground and open space for our community and visitors.

Our Outstanding Organisation

- Council adopted its \$847 million 2022/23 budget on 23 June 2022 to deliver a stronger, better and sustainable Sunshine Coast.
- Council received the final \$314.4 million payment from Palisade Investment Partners on 30 June 2022, which extinguished all debt Council had incurred for the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project.
- Council was recognised nationally and internationally with seven awards during the quarter:
 - The Sunshine Coast was announced as a Top7 Intelligent Community of the Year by the international Intelligent Community Forum.
 - The Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project won Best Public Works Project over \$5 million in Australasia at the International Public Works Conference hosted by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia.
 - Stage one Northern Parkland (Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation Project) won the Green Space Urban Award at the Australian Institute of Horticulture Inc Annual Awards.
 - Council won the Workplace Wellbeing award at the Local Government Managers Australia (Queensland) Awards for Excellence 2022 for 16 consecutive months of 'Zero Lost Time Injuries in Civil Construction'
 - Council was the winner of three awards at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (Queensland Chapter) awards for the:
 - Sippy Downs Drive - Boulevard and Gateway project won the Landscape Architecture Award for Infrastructure, and
 - Nambour Forecourt Revamp won two awards; the Landscape Architecture Award, Small Projects Category; and the Regional Achievement Award.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 4, 2021/22" and
- (b) note the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Highlights Report - Quarter 4, 2021/22 (Appendix A) and
- (c) note the Operational Plan Activities Report - Quarter 4, 2021/22 (Appendix B) reporting on implementation of the Corporate and Operational Plans.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

This report is developed and funded within the current operational budget.

Financial reporting information is not included in this report. A Financial Performance Report is provided to Council each month covering operating revenue and expenses as well as progress on the capital works program.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal: *Our outstanding organisation*
Outcome: We serve our community by providing this great service
Operational Activity: S30 - Governance – providing internal leadership, legal opinion, governance and audit functions ensuring legislative accountability, transparency and ethical obligations are supported.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

This report has been discussed with Councillor J Natoli and Councillor E Hungerford as Portfolio Councillors for Our Outstanding Organisation.

Internal Consultation

Consultation has occurred with relevant Coordinators, Managers and each Group Executive to provide accurate information on service delivery and operational plan activities.

This is a whole of Council report and consultation involves all Groups of Council as of 30 June 2022:

- Built Infrastructure Group
- Business Performance Group
- Customer and Planning Services Group
- Economic and Community Development Group
- Liveability and Natural Assets Group
- Office of the Mayor and Office of the CEO.

External Consultation

There has been no external consultation in relation to this report.

Community Engagement

There has been no community engagement in relation to this report although community engagement has been an inherent part of many of the activities profiled in this report.

PROPOSAL

Under section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a regular report to a Council meeting outlining the progress in delivering on the outcomes in its operational plan.

Progress report

The Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Highlights Report – Quarter 4, 2021/22 (Appendix A) consists of a summary of achievements under each of the corporate plan goals, as reflected in the structure of Council's Operational Plan 2021/22.

Operational Plan Activities Report - Quarter 4, 2021/22 (Appendix B) provides details on the implementation of the 70 activities outlined in Council's Operational Plan 2021/22. It includes the status of each activity covering percentage complete, on time and on budget indicators as well as progress commentary.

Legal

This report has been prepared in response to the requirements of section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Policy

The presentation of this report in itself, is not inconsistent with any adopted Council policies. The quarterly progress report is, however, a component of Council's Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework.

Risk

In accordance with Council's Risk Management Framework, the risks and opportunities identified in relation to the quarterly progress report include:

- reputation/public image: the report provides information on Council's operational plan and service delivery with both qualitative and quantitative updates to the community
- legislative: the report seeks to fulfill the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and
- business activity: the report keeps Council informed on the progress of the operational plan activities and risk associated with their budget and schedule.

Previous Council Resolution

Ordinary Meeting 26 May 2022 (OM22/29)

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 3 2021/22 and*
- (b) note the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Highlights Report - Quarter 3, 2021/22 (Appendix A) and*
- (c) note the Operational Plan Activities Report - Quarter 3, 2021/22 (Appendix B) reporting on implementation of the Corporate and Operational Plans.*

Related Documentation

- Corporate Plan 2021-2025
- Operational Plan 2021/22
- Financial information provided to Council in the Financial and Capital management report.

Critical Dates

Quarterly Progress reports are usually presented to Council within eight weeks of the end of the calendar quarter, subject to the scheduled meeting cycle. The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the report to be presented to Council at intervals of not more than three months.

Implementation

The report will be published and available for community access via Council's website and a digital copy will be provided to the State Library.




Sunshine Coast Council CEO's Quarterly Highlights Report

Quarter 4 – 2021/22







Sunshine Coast Council
CEO's Quarterly Highlights Report
Quarter 4 – 2021/22



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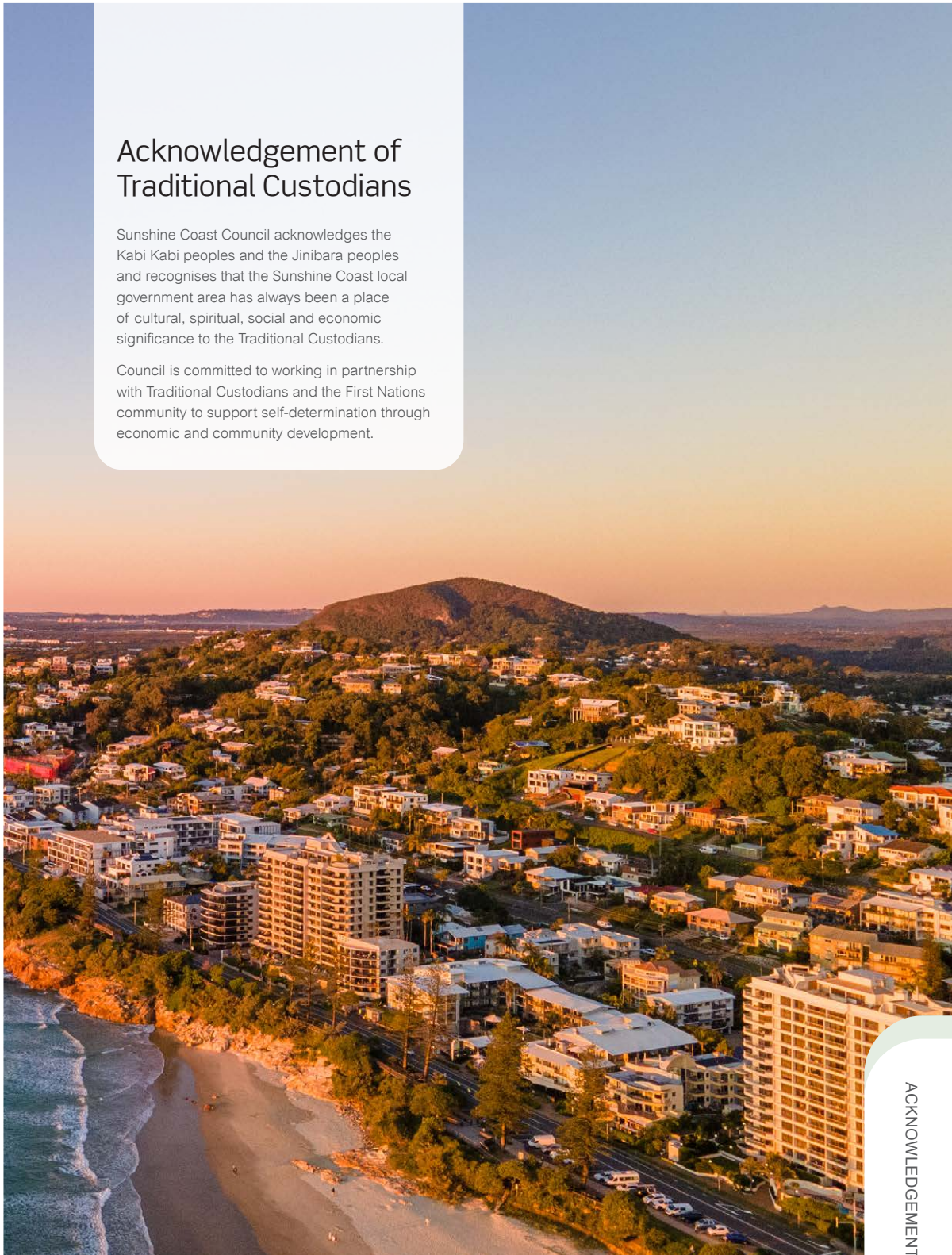
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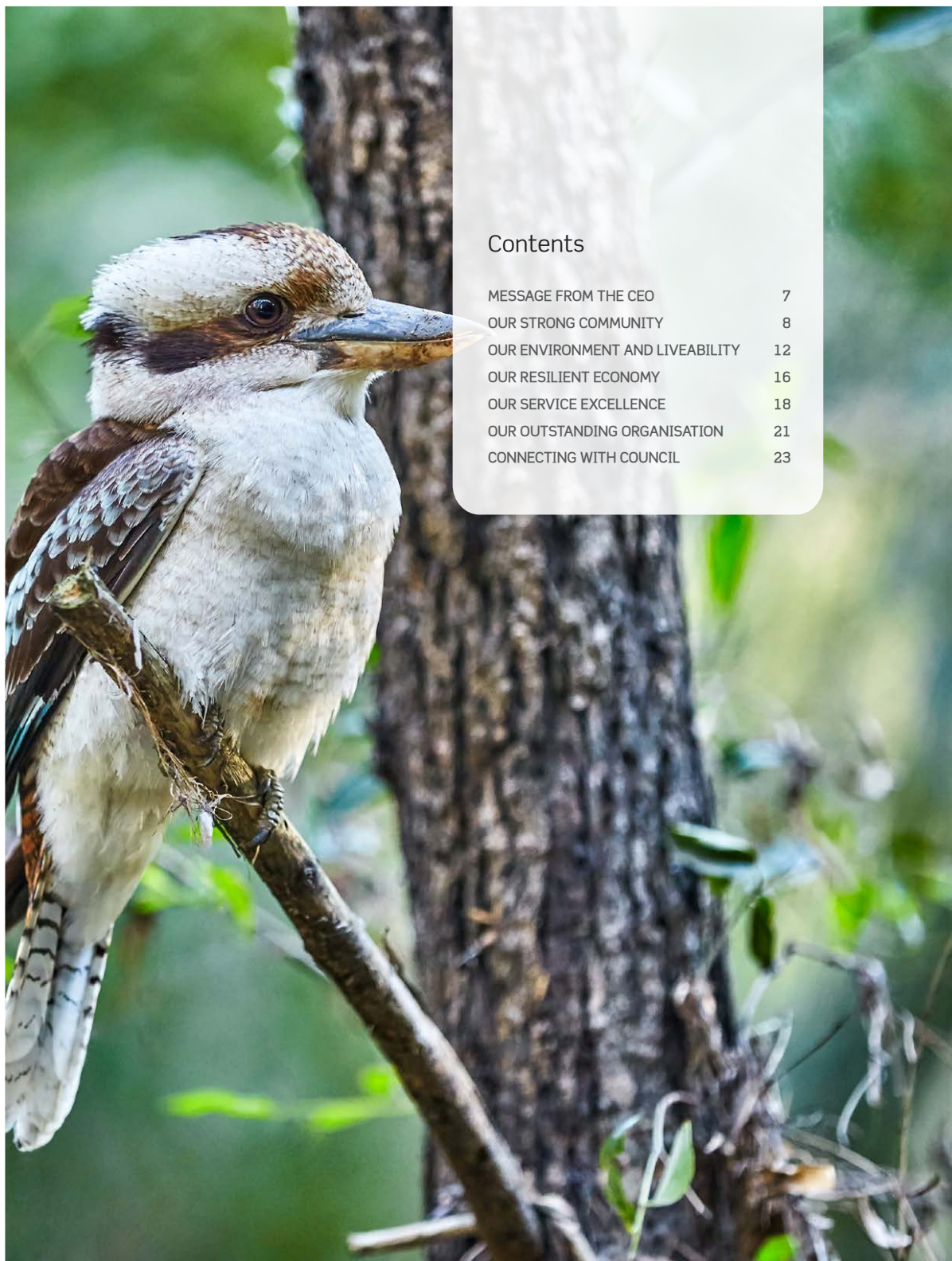
Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

Sunshine Coast Council acknowledges the Kabi Kabi peoples and the Jinibara peoples and recognises that the Sunshine Coast local government area has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to the Traditional Custodians.

Council is committed to working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and the First Nations community to support self-determination through economic and community development.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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Message from the CEO



Emma Thomas
Chief Executive Officer

The Quarter 4 Progress Report showcases our key achievements in delivering our Operational Plan 2021/22 as well as presenting the perfect opportunity to reflect on the last 12 months.

Council has completed the delivery of more than 80 per cent of our operational plan activities this year, which is an exceptional result considering the challenges we have faced in terms of supply chain constraints, cost and availability of labour and materials, and the advent of three significant adverse weather events. Through all of this, our people, our community and our local businesses have unfailingly worked together to advance the interests of our region as we continue on our path to be Australia's most sustainable region: Healthy. Smart. Creative.

A significant milestone was realised for our Sunshine Coast on 16 June 2022, when our Sunshine Coast achieved international recognition as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve - joining a global network of over 700 biosphere reserves and becoming just the fifth in Australia. This recognition is the result of over six years of hard work, dedication, collaboration and consultation,

fulfilling a commitment made by our Mayor in 2016 on behalf of our Sunshine Coast community. The opportunity to be part of a significant global program provides us with many new and exciting possibilities for the future to strengthen our value proposition as we advance the development of our region in a sustainability context.

June was also a busy month as we opened the Northern Parkland at Mooloolaba, just in time for the school holidays. This is the first stage of the Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation Project that will increase beach front parkland by 40 per cent over the coming years. A key focus in the design of the parkland has been to improve accessibility for all members of our community, so everyone can enjoy the new boardwalk, playground and public amenities.

The town of Eudlo has also been revitalised with new improvements to Rosebed Street completed in April 2022, providing a more appealing and safe walkable environment. The main thoroughfare received a green injection to cool and beautify the urban environment, upgraded pedestrian crossings and a realignment of carparks.

The Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park is also getting ready for the next summer season with two new adventure slides 60 and 67 metres in length, as well as 44 new car parks being constructed. The splash park is expected to officially open in September 2022.

Our Sunshine Coast has also received recognition as a Top7 Intelligent Community for the third time by the New York based

Intelligent Community Forum. The award recognises our region as a connected and smart community with a thriving innovation ecosystem. Underpinning this recognition has been the future focused and enabling investments which Council has made in infrastructure like our international submarine cable network and nurturing the development and growth of talent and skills which will support the growing digital sophistication, ideas generation and connectivity for the Sunshine Coast that will be truly nation-leading.

Being smarter about how we move around is a key element of being a sustainable region. In May 2022 Council launched ThinkChange, a travel behaviour change program which is designed to help our community make small changes to their travel habits to reduce congestion, improve our lifestyle and help our environment. The program seeks to encourage everyone on the Sunshine Coast to consider ways to reduce car usage and the distance travelled in cars, consider taking public transport or replace short trips with walking or cycling.

As one financial year closes, another begins and on 23 June 2022, Council adopted its \$847 million 2022/23 budget. This budget seeks to deliver a stronger, better and sustainable Sunshine Coast, with a focus on local first – local communities, our local environment and local business. I encourage everyone to head to Council's website to find out more about how the budget benefits you in advancing our healthy, smart, creative region.

Emma Thomas
Chief Executive Officer



Our Strong Community

Our communities are connected and thriving places where people are included, treated with respect and opportunities are available for all.



203,714

people attended community events at Council's venues



94%

customer satisfaction with library and cultural programs



145,672

attendances to Council owned aquatic centres



281

community grant applications awarded, allocated more than \$915,071 for the quarter

Community and cultural development and partnerships

Grants to our community

More than \$915,000 in grants was allocated to 281 not-for-profit Sunshine Coast organisations to assist our community at a grass roots level. Community grants included:

- \$550,000 in funding from the Major Grants round to support 95 local projects, and
- \$90,000 in funding from the Minor Grants round to support 55 community groups.

Grants continue to provide a major boost for local not-for-profit community groups which make a difference and contribute to our thriving community.

Renewed Community Strategy Leadership Group

Seven new members were appointed to the Community Strategy Leadership Group (CSLG) in June 2022 to bring an extra perspective to the group.

The new members join several continuing members for the second term of the CSLG and represent diverse areas such as government, community groups, organisations, agencies, service providers and community.

Council is committed to the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041 vision – together we thrive – and the CSLG helps advance

the shared goal of a stronger community by delivering the Community Strategy priority areas and actions.

National Reconciliation Week

Sunshine Coast Traditional Custodians, First Nations community and Council representatives met for the launch of National Reconciliation Week on 25 May 2022, at TriballLink in Mapleton.

The event was a great example of collaboration with Council's partners to celebrate National Reconciliation Week and support reconciliation efforts. The event featured a number of engaging performances and inspiring speakers with a common, simple, but powerful wish of equality and justice for all.

The 2022 National Reconciliation Week theme 'Be Brave. Make Change.' challenges everyone to take steps towards a more respectful future. The week of festivities included talks, seminars and events across the region between 27 May to 3 June 2022.

Engaging with our young people

Sunshine Coast Youth Council has developed and implemented several engagement activities including a survey and a series of pop-up stalls to hear from young people aged 12-24 years old across the region. The intention behind the community engagement is to gain an understanding of what this cohort love about the Sunshine Coast, what is important to them, and

their interests and priorities.

The engagement received 614 completed surveys, 16 stories and revealed the top three topics young people love most about the Sunshine Coast - relationships with friends and family, outdoor spaces (for example beaches) and the environment broadly. Furthermore, the survey revealed the top three areas of concern for young people are youth mental health, drug and/or alcohol issues and public safety.

The Youth Council program has been running for a year, as part of Council's commitment to engage and empower young people and foster youth leadership. Survey findings will provide the direction for the Youth Council to deliver collaborative actions in some of these areas.

Support against Domestic and Family Violence

The Sunshine Coast community united as one to mark Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in May 2022 with a candle-lighting vigil held at Cotton Tree Park, Maroochydore.

Hosted by Centacare and Council, more than 250 people gathered to take a stand against abuse. Council is committed to continuing to support the drive to end gendered violence and it is a key goal of the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041 to address domestic violence within our community.

The theme for the vigil and march was 'Hear Her Voice', which asked the community to hear the voices, stories and perspectives of women and children experiencing violence.

National Volunteer Week

Council released a must-watch new video series as part of the 2022 National Volunteer Week 'Better together' between 16-22 May 2022.

The week is a way of thanking our 870 passionate active volunteers who partner with Council and recognise the vital services they help deliver across so many areas such as helping people learn to read, looking after our environment and wildlife, preserving our history, delivering exciting events and sharing our region's stories.

Featuring 12 volunteers, the video series and reveals the generosity of volunteers as they play their part in making our region a great place to live. To view the series and learn more about volunteering visit Council's [webpage](#).

Heritage Symposium

More than 100 history enthusiasts heard from curators, historians and heritage specialists at the Sunshine Coast Heritage Symposium in April 2022 at the at the Landsborough School of Arts Hall.

Guests heard tales of Queensland Government heritage-listed houses, as well as hidden curiosities at Queensland Museum and insights into Council's Historians in Residence program. The symposium is funded by the Heritage Levy to promote and advance the conservation, protection and understanding of Australia's natural and cultural heritage, including the heritage of Australia's first peoples.

Regional Arts Development Fund

Thirteen Sunshine Coast artists, producers and cultural workers received more than \$60,000 in Regional Arts Development Funding (RADF) to help deliver new artistic projects across a range of disciplines.

Council hosted a series of one-on-one RADF application sessions which translated to an increase in applications and better representation from our First Nations artists.

The RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Sunshine Coast Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

Maroochydore Library Artspace

Council curated three exhibitions at the Artspace, Maroochydore Library during the quarter. One of the exhibitions showcased the work of two First Nations artists, with the other two profiled nine local artists. The space was made available for emerging artists and attracted approximately 6500 visitors.

Libraries

Libraries continued to provide information and learning opportunities to the community through literacy and learning programs, events, kids' activities and outreach initiatives.

During the quarter, the digital collection increased by 12,500 eBooks following a collaboration with other Queensland libraries through eBook supplier cloudLibrary.

Community venues

A number of events were undertaken during the quarter at our community venues including:

- Nambour Showgrounds hosted the Nambour Expo and Lifeline Bookfest in April 2022, Kids in Action Program and Playground Queensland events in May 2022, and the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show in June 2022.
- Venue 114 hosted successful events including the Magical World of Science, Magic MenCabaret Show and the Sunnykids Fundraiser Gala dinner.

Roads, cycleways and pathways

ThinkChange

ThinkChange is a Travel Behaviour Change Program launched in May and a key action of the Integrated Transport Strategy. Over the past two years, Council has consulted and collaborated with the community to understand and recognise the need to achieve genuine, sustainable change. At its core, ThinkChange is about helping everyone on the Sunshine Coast reconsider ways to reduce car usage and the distance travelled in cars, consider taking public transport, or even replace short car trips with walking, scooting or cycling. This program will pilot initiatives with a focus on five categories: community, education, workplace, event and visitor-based initiatives.

Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade

The Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade project has progressed through the quarter with the concept design being finalised following stakeholder engagement in 2021 as well as the preparation of tender documentation for detailed design. Once delivered this project will transform access to and from Caloundra for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists providing improvements to accessibility, connectivity, safety as well as travel choices within the Caloundra CBD and surrounding areas.

Coastal pathway

A new section of 500 metres in length of the coastal pathway at Dicky Beach, Caloundra was completed during the quarter, allowing walkers and cyclists to take advantage of the coastal landscape.

The new route between Cooroora Street to Dicky Beach Park at Beerburum Street is part of the 73 kilometre coastal pathway network, Sunshine Coast's longest and most popular shared pathway, extending from Bells Creek in the south to Coolool in the north.

As part of the works, two new car spaces and an extra motorcycle bay at the Lower Neill Street carpark was also installed. The 3.2 kilometre stretch between Currimundi Beach to Moffat Beach, which includes this Dicky Beach section, is a 'high priority missing link' in Sunshine Coast Council's Coastal Pathway Master Plan.

Works have also been completed on the raised section of pathway between Palkana Drive, Warana and the pathway section north towards Coonang Crescent, Warana. Users are now enjoying this section of coastal pathway providing a continuation of the already highly used pedestrian and cycle community infrastructure.

Sporting facilities

Council's world-class sporting facilities continue to attract season fixtures during the quarter:

- Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex hosted the Queensland State Schools AFL Championships in June 2022 and planning for 2022/23 AFL preseason camps has commenced.
- Sunshine Coast Stadium attracted 8500 patrons to the Midnight Oil tour in April 2022 and training camps were hosted in May 2022 for Melbourne Storm, Sydney Roosters and Newcastle Knights National Rugby League (NRL) teams. As part of the Oceania Rugby Championships, the Australian Junior Wallabies held a training camp in June 2022.
- The Nurture Festival took place on Lake Kawana in May 2022.
- Caloundra Indoor Stadium secured the State Pickleball Championships from 30 June to 2 July 2022, Thunder Netball Premiership from 20 May to 3 September 2022, and hosted the Queensland Club Gymnastics Championships from 24 to 30 June 2022.

Sunshine Coast 2032 Legacy Plan Community Reference Group

Council announced the Sunshine Coast 2032 Legacy Plan Community Reference Group (CRG) in April 2022 as planning begins for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The CRG will be chaired by two-time Paralympian and USC Public Health Lecturer Dr Bridie Kean and alongside 16 Sunshine Coast residents who represent various sectors such as people with a disability, environment and sustainability, tourism and events and education and research.

The CRG has been established to provide advice to Council from the perspective of the community about local legacy outcomes and opportunities that should be pursued as part of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Behind the scenes of Brisbane 2032, this CRG will be a collaborative partnership to develop a clear plan from which our community – our residents now and those who will live here in the future – will be the clear beneficiaries.



Our Environment and Liveability

Our natural assets, healthy environment and liveability credentials are maintained and enhanced.



6338 hectares

of landscape and garden beds maintained



367

wheelie bins of weeds removed by 191 volunteers with the Community Nature Conservation Program



9865 hectares

managed for conservation under the Sunshine Coast Land for Wildlife program



1594 MWh

of power generated from Council's landfill Renewable Energy Facility in Caloundra, and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 21,788 tonnes

UNESCO Biosphere

On the 16 June 2022, the Sunshine Coast was officially recognised internationally as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, marking our local government area an international site of excellence and an area of natural beauty.

This designation demonstrates we are a community that wants to live in harmony with our environment, recognises the need for responsible development to cater for the people choosing to live on the Sunshine Coast while also recognising the importance of preserving our natural environment.

It also has a range of benefits for our tourism and agriculture industries and has the potential to become a magnet for others from around the world who want to buy from and visit a region that focuses on sustainability.

The announcement follows a culmination of at least six years of work in partnership with residents and the Biosphere Community Reference Group.

World Environment Day

As part of a month-long program, Council supported a special event on 5 June 2022 at the Coolum Civic Centre and adjoining Jack Morgan Park to celebrate the 50th United Nations, World Environment Day (WED).

The day included a jam-packed program that ranged from hands-on eco-art experiences, music, painting and exhibits designed to delight all ages.

The 2022 WED campaign '#OnlyOneEarth' calls for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet and aligns with Council's vision as Australia's most sustainable region: Healthy. Smart. Creative.

Beaches, foreshores, coastal infrastructure and canals

Moffat Beach seawall

Council completed emergency repair works in May 2022 to temporarily fix the Moffat Beach seawall and ensure it's safe for our community. The repairs follow the severe weather event in February 2022 when Council immediately cordoned off the area and alerted the community.

An independent investigation by geotechnical and coastal engineers found approximately 80 metres of the seawall had been damaged which included slumping of a 30-metre section of the wall and significant cracking in other areas.

Immediate works to make the wall safe in the short-term will afford time to develop a carefully designed, long-term repair solution, including repairs to park infrastructure and beach accesses.

Maroochy Groyne Field Renewal

Council commenced coastal protection works on stage two of the Maroochy Groyne Field Renewal project in April 2022 to help shield the Cotton Tree foreshore from the current and future impacts of coastal erosion.

Stage two of the renewal project will see approximately 2000 sand-filled geotextile bags laid in formation to make up the renewed groynes which interrupt wave action, capture sand and provide an erosion buffer to protect the Cotton Tree coastline and adjacent holiday park.

Having housed four geotextile groynes for almost 20 years, the Cotton Tree coastline was identified for renewal in 2017 as part of Council's Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.

Bushland Conservation and habitat

New Rural Landowner Handbook

Hardcopies of the new Rural Landowner Handbook were distributed to more than 6500 rural properties to enable landholders to access relevant information to assist with managing their rural properties.

The Handbook seeks to better inform Sunshine Coast rural landowners of the obligations associated with living in a rural area in the Sunshine Coast local government area.

The Handbook contains helpful links to areas of concern including weeds, vegetation clearing, bushfire management, earthworks (including dams), on-site disposal and water support.

Sunshine Coast ecological park

Council sought community feedback in May 2022 for the planning, design and delivery of a new Sunshine Coast Ecological Park in Maleny.

The 65 hectare ecological park will adjoin Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve and is an exciting and important project, aligning with Council's commitment to grow our green spaces for generations to come.

As the first stage of a three step community consultation process, residents were encouraged to have their say through an online survey. Stage two will commence in mid-2022, with stage three in early 2023 when Council will present the Draft Master Plan for public comment.

Controlled Burning

Council commenced its annual planned burn season in April 2022 with 13 sites across the Coast selected for treatment.

The Proactive Bushfire Management Program aims to protect our community and enhance our environment. Planned burns help reduce the amount of forest fuel in targeted locations before the spring bushfire season and usually take place in the cooler months so the fires are less intense and more manageable compared with a potential unplanned bushfire.

Council is collaborating with agencies such as the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and will work alongside the local Kabi Kabi and Jinibara First Nations peoples to share skills and knowledge relating to bushfire management.

Recreation parks, trails and facilities

Following the deluge of rain across the region during the quarter, many local parks were inundated with water and were unable to be mowed.

The combination of drier conditions and cooler evening temperatures has enabled Council to catch up with mowing tasks and replenishing of mulch on garden beds and replanting. During this time, more than 4400 cubic meters of mulch was spread across our extensive network of gardens and street trees.

Rivers, streams, estuaries and water bodies

Oiled Wildlife Response Training

Council participated in the Oiled Wildlife Response Training in May 2022 provided by

Queensland Government at Council's Caloundra Depot.

Training included how to coordinate and establish the primary care facilities in an oil spill response, how to assess the health of animals, and how to wash and care for oiled animals in their purpose built transportable wash and care facility. The training was attended by Council staff, volunteers and response partners - Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital, Sealife and Noosa Council.

Course participants now hold a nationally recognised certificate in responding to wildlife emergencies, that has application to other events that Council respond to such as marine wildlife (whale and dolphin) strandings and flying-fox heat stress events.

Stormwater drainage

This quarter, Council inspected and actioned:

- 1840 meters of stormwater pipes using CCTV
- 406 drainage pits for structural condition
- 11 flooding and drainage investigations, and
- 214 customer service requests.

Sustainable growth and network planning

New Sunshine Coast Council Planning Scheme

Council commenced analysis on the large volume of community feedback received following the seven-week consultation on proposed planning directions for the new planning scheme.

Feedback was received through online surveys, written submissions, face-to-face information sessions – including out-of-hours evening and weekend sessions, school and university engagement sessions, online information sessions and a variety of other feedback channels.

The community will have a further opportunity to provide feedback when a draft version of the new planning scheme is released for formal public consultation.

214 hectares acquired for sport and recreation

Council has made a significant \$9.5 million land acquisition to expand our green spaces for recreation, sport and conservation purposes to support our rapidly growing community.

The 214 hectares on Rainforest Drive, Meridan Plains is located in an area to become known as the Lower Mooloolah River Green Space – one of Council's five major green spaces and in addition to Mountain View, the Regional Inter-urban Break, Blue Heart Sunshine Coast and the Coast.

The land is a long-term strategic acquisition and its final land uses will be determined through a future site assessment and master planning process.

Placemaking and design

A new streetscape for Rosebed Street, Eudlo was completed in April 2022, improving the main thoroughfare by providing a green injection to cool and beautify the urban environment.

Works included making the town's streets safer for pedestrians, a realignment of carparks to make way for three garden beds boasting three large shade trees and more than 700 smaller shrubs and groundcovers.

The upgrade was part of a streetscape engagement process from November 2020 to July 2021 where Council asked the community to share what they loved and what could be improved to enhance Rosebed Street. The improvements have enhanced the day-to-day experience of locals, visitors and businesses in Eudlo.

New basketball courts for Bellvista

A dedicated area for basketball was completed in June 2022 at Bellvista, Caloundra, following a community consultation period. Due to popularity of the recreational facilities, the basketball courts which were previously being shared as a tennis court, were relocated to a new area.

The new location opposite the AFL field was identified as an optimal position and lends itself

to being a space for groups to gather and play different sports without impacting tennis players. The relocation of the basketball courts includes a hopscotch area and two new park seats for onlookers and connecting pathways linking the existing facilities.



Our Resilient Economy

Our resilient, high-value economy of choice drives business performance, investment and enduring employment.



\$4.7 million

in revenue for Sunshine Coast holiday parks



25,839

guests attended 16 major events, which generated approximately \$18.6 million in economic activity for the region



2317

businesses accessed specialist advice and information



\$80.5 million

or 68% of the total available purchasing spend for the quarter went to local businesses

Economic development

Council continues to implement Regional Economic Development Strategy priorities and initiatives. During the quarter, Council worked with local industry organisations and businesses to support a range of programs and events, including:

- TAFE Build a Better Business Program which is specifically designed to support building business capability
- Small Business Month Breakfast and official launch of the 2022 Sunshine Coast Business Awards
- Sunshine Coast Big Day Out, attracting 600 registrants
- the Brewers Skills Session and Best Practice Industry Tour attended by 39 people
- the top 10 finalists for the Mayor's Telstra Innovation Awards (comprising Sunshine Coast high school students) were selected on 21 June 2022, and
- the second cohort of five businesses successfully graduated through the SunRamp HealthTech Accelerator Program.

Buy Local Sunshine Coast

A new Buy Local Sunshine Coast digital marketing campaign was launched during the quarter that highlights the relationship between consumers and businesses. The promotional video encourages consumers to support their favourite local business by sharing, tagging, or

posting about them on social media and using the hashtag #buylocalsunshinecoast.

Meet the Maker

Council partnered with the Food & Agribusiness Network to support the Meet the Maker trade event in May 2022 with over 100 agribusinesses exhibiting their products to national and international buyers.

The event was a great opportunity to showcase the incredible food and beverage products made on the Sunshine Coast and for the region's economy.

Sunshine Coast Sports Symposium

Council secured and hosted Sunshine Coast Sport Symposium for the Disability Sports Australia National Conference in June 2022. The theme of the conference 'Runway to Brisbane 2032' aimed to maximise collaborative participation for people with disabilities in sport on the pathway to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Top7 Intelligent Community

The Sunshine Coast was named for the third time as a Top7 Intelligent Community by New York based Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) in June 2022.

Council has worked in partnership with local business and industry to nurture an innovation ecosystem and develop the talent and skills to

support connectivity and innovation within our community.

To be a Top7 Intelligent community means modelling economic and social transformation in the 21st Century, best practices in broadband deployment and use, workforce development, innovation, digital inclusion and advocacy that combine to provide lessons to regions, cities, towns and villages around the world. The most intelligent community of the year will be announced in October 2022.

the conversation centred around how the Sunshine Coast can position itself as a national and global tech hub.

Growing tech capabilities on the Sunshine Coast

Council in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Tech Industry Alliance, NEXTDC and RTI Cables hosted a tech industry launch event at The MET in the Maroochydore City Centre on 8 April 2022.

The event was crucial in bringing together industry and key organisations that would utilise the Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network and the new NEXTDC SC1 'Edge' data centre. The event inspired local industry collaboration and instigated a dynamic and vibrant tech ecosystem.

The Sunshine Coast is home to a growing and diverse tech community and is instrumental to all seven of Council's identified high-value industries. By increasing the tech capability of our region will ensure all of the Sunshine Coast's major industries are able to innovate and participate globally, and at speed. It will also continue to develop education pathways at USC and TAFE that are vital to providing a pipeline of highly skilled local talent to fill the high-value job opportunities these emerging industries will bring to our community.

Our Tech Future

Council in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Tech Industry Alliance, Silicon Coast and the Sunshine Coast Screen Collective, hosted 120 local industry members at the 'Our Tech Future' breakfast event on 18 May 2022 at Venue 114.

With a keynote presentation by Kate Jones, Executive Director of the Tech Council Australia,



Our Service Excellence

Our services are consistent and accessible and provide positive experiences for our customers and value to our community.



86%

of development applications assessed within statutory timeframes



2335

building approvals issued with a construction value of \$637 million



65,416

customers assisted through the development and customer contact centres



\$4 million

invested into our road network to rehabilitate and resurface 10.8kms of road with a total area of 88,915m² for the safety of our community

Cemeteries

Greater choice become available to the Sunshine Coast community this quarter with the first stage of natural burial areas available for those who wish to choose this end of life arrangement. A natural burial involves interment in a biodegradable coffin or shroud (neither cremated or prepared with chemicals) without a concrete burial vault. The grave site is allowed to return to nature.

Customer and community relations

Contact to our customer contact centres increased during the quarter due to several initiatives launching and heavy rain and flooding. On average, calls were answered in under 45 seconds and 93 per cent of customers found contacting Council easy.

Council introduced an SMS contact channel which is also being used to send customers the reference number of their enquiry.

OurCouncil digital campaign

The OurCouncil digital campaign was launched in June 2022, encouraging customers to receive their rates in email format in place of paper. After a seven day period, 2556 customers had signed up to convert to email.

The aim was to make it easier for customers who wish to access their rates and pay them online,

delivering value for the community as a cost effective and more sustainable solution.

Development services

Council continues to respond to the high development activity in our region. This sustained increase in development activity places additional demand on resources across the broader industry, further compounding challenges in terms of assessment workloads and timeframes. Council has focused on functions that would assist to meet statutory obligations and reduce the large volume of work, whilst ensuring the wellbeing of employees.

Building work approvals have decreased slightly from the same quarter last year. This is in part due to the conclusion of the Federal Government HomeBuilders Scheme earlier in the year and impacts from the significant increase in cost of building materials due to market pressures and restrictions from the continued COVID-19 pandemic.

Local amenity and local laws

Responsible pet ownership

Council launched its very own educational book called "When Sammy Met Sunny" to teach children how to be responsible for their pets.

With more than 43,500 households owning a dog, a cat or both, the new heart-warming book helps to reach our youngest members of the community

and to help them understand how to stay safe around dogs.

The book was written and illustrated by Council staff and is for all families and educators to encourage responsible pet ownership and to create a safe and harmonious coexistence between people, pets and places. The book is available at Sunshine Coast libraries.

Capital works program

Resealed carpark at The Wharf

The \$1.1 million car park upgrade at The Wharf, Mooloolaba was completed in April 2022 to provide a smoother and safer car park.

The project included pedestrian crossings, new 2-metre-wide pathway, speed cushions, median islands and additional lighting which along with the resurfaced car park was completed in time for the Mooloolaba Triathlon allowing visitors and locals to access the precinct safely.

Works were funded by Council, The Wharf and Sealife, ultimately improving safety and access to the precinct for road users, beach goers, customers to the complex and riders and walkers to the marina. Upgrades to our road infrastructure is vital in supporting the Sunshine Coast's rapid growth.

Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation – stage one Northern Parklands

The \$16 million world-class Mooloolaba Northern Parkland was officially unveiled on 28 June 2022, marking a milestone to be remembered by the Sunshine Coast community.

The Northern Parkland is the first stage of the Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation Project, which, over the coming years, will increase beachfront parkland in Mooloolaba by 40 per cent. A key focus for the parkland is prioritising accessibility and inclusivity so all members of our community can enjoy and access the boardwalk, playground and public amenities.

Stage one Northern Parkland was jointly funded by Council and the Queensland Government's Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package.

Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park

Council completed the installation of two new slides at the Nambour Aquatic Centre, making it the region's most exciting community splash park.

The splash park is expected to open to public following an official opening celebration in the warmer school holiday period in September 2022. The \$3.26 million investment includes the recent addition of 44 new car parking spaces, a zero-depth splash pad play area and two adventure slides (60 and 67 metres tall).

The Nambour Aquatic Splash Park is being developed with the support of the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program in association with Sunshine Coast Council, and pool lessee Belgravia Leisure.

Property management

Council is progressing a comprehensive review of all land and building assets to ensure that Council's property dealings are optimised, centrally managed, and support the organisations objectives.

An audit of Council's 34 workplaces has informed a 10-year plan that includes upgrades and refurbishments. The Aspire platform has been implemented to cascade furniture and equipment through the organisation and ultimately offer surplus items to the community to support circular economy initiatives: repair, reuse, repurpose, recycle.

Quarries

Council quarries have provided high quality construction, architectural and landscaping rock for both community assets and external businesses for the quarter. Feature rocks for the Sunshine Coast City Hall project were chosen with a mixture of rocks from Image Flat and Dulong quarries.

Waste and resource management

Garden Organics Bins

Council distributed more than 45,000 240 litre garden organics bins as part of the first phase of its expanded waste collection services for eligible households in May 2022.

Following community feedback from 7500 residents in February 2021 regarding the future management of Sunshine Coast waste, it was revealed 84 per cent of respondents agreed it was very important Council provided a service to reduce organic waste in landfill and convert recovered organic material to useful by-products.

Commencing in July 2022, lawn clippings, weeds, leaves and other organic garden materials placed in the new lime green-lidded bin is collected by Council, diverted from landfill and mulched ready to be re-used. Bins were distributed with a helpful information pack that included a sticker residents can place on the top of the bins.



Our Outstanding Organisation

Our organisation is high performing, innovative and community focused, marked by great people, good governance and regional leadership.



100

offers of employment for the quarter



7

awards received during the quarter

Financial and procurement services

2022/23 Budget

Council adopted the \$847 million 2022/23 budget at a special meeting on 23 June 2022 to deliver a stronger, better and sustainable Sunshine Coast.

The budget is developed in conjunction with Council's Operational Plan 2022/23 and in accordance with Council's Financial Sustainability Plan 2015-2025. It focuses on local first – local communities, our local environment and local business.

Through the development of a considered budget, Council has achieved:

- a budget with a positive operating result of \$31.8 million
- a \$273 million Capital Works Program that:
 - invests in job-creating local infrastructure projects
 - provides work for local trades and businesses, and
 - improves access to services and facilities for our communities across the Sunshine Coast
- a 5 per cent increase in the minimum general rate
- an increase of 3.5 per cent for pensioner rate concessions, and
- no increases to the Environment Levy.

Procurement Policy

Council's 2022/23 Procurement and Disposal Policy was endorsed on 23 June 2022, promoting a more environmentally conscious approach to

contracting and engaging with local suppliers.

The new procurement policy included the introduction of an Environment and Sustainability in Procurement guideline which would inform future contracting decisions by outlining a framework for and approach to conducting contracting activities in an environmentally considerate and sustainable manner.

The policy continues to include a Local Preference in Procurement Guideline, which supports Council's Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033, and continues to encourage engagement with First Nations businesses, and suppliers with social missions centred on benefitting people who are considered disadvantaged in the local community.

Payment finalised for Sunshine Coast Airport

Palisade Investment Partners (Palisade) finalised the \$314.4 million payment to Council on 30 June 2022 for the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project. The payment forms part of the transaction announced in 2017 for a 99-year lease of the airport business.

This amount, which repaid all debt Council had incurred for the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project is made up of a fixed payment for construction of the new runway, apron expansion and related infrastructure and various airport-initiated upgrades to the runway, along with the second instalment of the long-term lease premium.

Sunshine Coast City Hall

Significant construction progress has been achieved at the Sunshine Coast City Hall building

across all levels including the external façade and ground level streetscape.

Governance

Council delivered Code of Conduct training sessions to 238 employees across the organisation which focused on the principles of the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*:

- integrity and impartiality
- promoting the public good
- commitment to the system of government, and
- accountability and transparency.

In addition, mandatory Conflict of Interest training e-learning modules were completed by 1293 employees during the quarter.

People and Culture

Council has established a culture program to ascertain workplace sentiment on the organisation's current state with diagnostics undertaken across safety, cultural safety, culture more generally and sustainability.

The project will work to create and embed desired cultural paradigms and a refreshed set of values that continue to position Council as an outstanding organisation.

Other initiatives established during the quarter include the Everyday Respect campaign and the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group. Training undertaken included safety leadership training pilots, psychological safety and unconscious bias.

Awards

Council was recognised with six awards during the quarter:

- The Sunshine Coast was announced as a Top7 Intelligent Community of Year by the international Intelligent Community Forum.
- The Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project won Best Public Works Project over \$5 million in Australasia at the International Public Works Conference hosted by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia.
- Stage one Northern Parkland (Mooloolaba

Foreshore Revitalisation Project) won the Green Space Urban Award at the Australian Institute of Horticulture Inc Annual Awards.

- Council won the Workplace Wellbeing award at the Local Government Managers Australia (Queensland) Awards for Excellence 2022 for 16 consecutive months of 'Zero Lost Time Injuries in Civil Construction'.
- Council was the winner of three awards at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (Queensland Chapter) awards for the:
 - Sippy Downs Drive - Boulevard and Gateway won the Landscape Architecture Award for Infrastructure
 - Nambour Forecourt Revamp won the Landscape Architecture Award, Small Projects Category and the Regional Achievement Award.

Connecting with Council

Council invites the community to take part in many forms of community engagement.

To receive Council news and information you can subscribe to Council's [e-newsletters](#) by visiting Council's website at sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Through social media, Council aims to keep you up to date on a range of Council activities.

Follow Council on:



Visit our have your say website at haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to comment on current consultations and projects or read about how community engagement helped shape Council projects.

Contact us via MyCouncil online anywhere, anytime to ask a question, report a problem, lodge a request or provide your feedback. Chat with a Customer Service Officer using Council's online Live Chat from 9am–4pm Monday to Friday or email mail@sunshinecoat.qld.gov.au

Customer contact counters are open 8.30am–4.30pm Monday to Friday in Caloundra, Maroochydore and Nambour.

We encourage you to visit sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au





Operational Plan Activities Report Quarter 4, 2021/22





Quarterly Progress Report

Quarterly report – Operational Plan 2021/22





Corporate Plan Goal : Our strong community







Goal Objective: In all our communities, people are included, treated with respect, and opportunities are available to all.



Healthy and active communities

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
1.1.1	Deliver the Healthy Sunshine Coast program to increase physical activity levels in the community through low cost or free activities and workshops.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Healthy Sunshine Coast program has undergone an extensive benchmarking and review process. A revised model has been developed based on best practice and will focus on ensuring accessibility and diversity of programs, efficiency of administration and geographical spread. The relaunch of the Healthy Sunshine Coast program is scheduled for Spring 2022.	CD: Community Development
1.1.2	Promote Ride and Walk to School events to increase awareness and participation in walking and cycling to school to encourage physical activity, reduce traffic congestion and improve road safety within school precincts.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			RideScore Active Schools program was launched in February 2022 with nine regional state schools participating. As at 30 June 2022, 1399 students had registered and a total of 28,241 trips were recorded. Council is now exploring the option to integrate walking into the ongoing RideScore program.	TIM: Transport Infrastructure Management



Vibrant community places and spaces that are inclusive, accessible and adaptable





Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
1.2.1	Coordinate the delivery of Council's Transport Levy policy and projects including encouraging sustainable travel choices through travel behaviour change programs and connecting our local communities by supporting transport services such as Council Link, Flexi Link and Kenilworth Transport Service.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The ThinkChange program was launched in May 2022 to encourage people to make small changes in the travel habits to reduce congestion, improve our lifestyle and help our environment. The program is a key action of the Integrated Transport Strategy and is funded by the Transport Levy. Analysis of transport data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2021 and the Queensland Government's Household Travel Survey is underway. Transport services continued for Council Link, Flexi Link and Kenilworth Transport Service, assisting those more vulnerable members of our community.	TIP: Transport & Infrastructure Planning
1.2.2	Undertake trials of new parking technologies that help monitor parking usage and duration to inform options for future parking management solutions.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The successful trial of a parking monitoring system at Lightning Lane, Maroochydore resulted in the permanent purchase of the system to be used in suitable future carpark locations.	TIM: Transport Infrastructure Management



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
1.2.3	Trial the use of regulated parking technology to provide a safer working environment while supporting safe parking and vehicle turnover in our local communities.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The automated number plate recognition vehicle known as ParkSmart has been received and employee training completed in readiness for commencement in the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year. ParkSmart aims to encourage vehicle turnover, creating parking opportunities and allowing equitable and safe access to various locations across our region.	CR: Customer Response
1.2.4	Implement prioritised actions from the Sunshine Coast Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2011-2026 including: issuing civil works package at Honey Farm Sport and Recreation Precinct; completion of the equestrian arena upgrade at Nambour Showgrounds; and delivery of Works for Queensland (COVID -19 stimulus projects) for a range of sports facilities, including major upgrades to Palmwoods AFL/Cricket grounds and Yandina Cricket grounds.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Honey Farm Sport and Recreation Precinct project is progressing with the development of a staging plan with costings, which is anticipated to be developed in the new financial year. The staging plan will determine the required staging and associated costs to deliver either a fully completed precinct or a partially completed precinct which still provides for community use opportunities. The full funding available for this stage of the project scope will be dependent on the outcome of an external Federal funding application. The Nambour Showgrounds indoor arena upgrade is scheduled for commencement in October 2022, with the existing arena structure to be dismantled, sandblasted and recoated prior to erection in the existing location. Plans remain in place for the indoor structure and surface to be progressed concurrently outside of peak equestrian use times. The existing Palmwoods Warriors clubhouse will be upgraded, rather than demolished and rebuilt due to rising market costs and available funds.	SCV: Sports and Community Venues
1.2.5	Implement prioritised actions from the Sunshine Coast Aquatic Plan 2011- 2026 including: commissioning of the Nambour Splash Park and Water Slides; completing the Kawana Aquatic Centre Master Plan review and stage 1 detailed design; and finalisation of development plans for Cotton Tree and Caloundra Aquatic Centres in readiness for tenure renewals at 30 June 2022.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Adventure slides were installed and fully commissioned at the Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park in June 2022. Hand rails and replacement fencing are to be installed by Council prior to opening to the public in September 2022. Council is working with the centre management team to coordinate an official opening of the new facility, when weather is more conducive to utilising the water park. The lease tenders for Cotton Tree and Caloundra Aquatic Centres have been assessed and awarded to the successful applicants. SwimFit Sunshine Coast will continue to operate the Cotton Tree Aquatic Centre and City Venue Management have been awarded the Caloundra Aquatic Centre lease commencing from 1 July 2022.	SCV: Sports and Community Venues

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1.2.6	Implement prioritised projects and programs from the Sunshine Coast Library Plan 2014-2024 and the Library Network Plan 2019-2041 including delivery of programs that support life-long learning and planning for the delivery of new and refurbished libraries at Caloundra, Nambour and Sippy Downs.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Usage of both the physical and virtual library is on the increase, demonstrating that a return to the physical library by customers is not impacting on the popularity of the digital collection and programs. Library branch visitation increased by 5.1% compared with the previous quarter. Two major community events, a Romance Writing Workshop and a book launch event with author Lisa Curry attracted 328 people, and 23 outreach programs including story seat activations, pop-up libraries and playgroup visits reached over 1000 people this quarter. The refurbishment of the Kawana Library was completed and the new e-book club program generated significant engagement with 950 loans. Volunteer numbers increased by 37.5% (a total of 176 volunteers) who contributed 2788 hours this quarter.	AHL: Arts, Heritage and Libraries







An inclusive community, with opportunities for everyone

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
1.3.1	Implement key actions from the Sunshine Coast Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2022 and develop a new Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan that supports social and economic opportunities for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of the Sunshine Coast.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			<p>The current Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was endorsed by Reconciliation Australia in December 2021 for implementation through until December 2022. Work will commence on a developing a new 'Stretch' RAP in late 2022. During the quarter, key initiatives from the Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2022 were undertaken, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meetings were held with the Sunshine Coast First Nations Accord (corporate round table) and the Sunshine Coast First Nations community to build relationships and facilitate community conversations. • 1782 (or 98%) of Council staff have completed the online Cultural Awareness Training, and 20% of Council staff have completed both face to face and On-Country Cultural Awareness Training. • National Reconciliation Week activities were held from 25 May to 3 June 2022, including an official launch of National Reconciliation Week by Council. • Two 'Voice, Treaty, Truth & Justice' seminars were delivered. • Kids in Action Environment Day, supporting First Nations community, knowledge and environment, was held on 6 May 2022 and a Kids in Action Professional Learning Day was held on 22 June 2022. • Planning was undertaken for NAIDOC Week, commencing on 4 July 2022. 	CD: Community Development

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1.3.2	Manage the Youth Council program to foster youth civic leadership and active contribution addressing community issues and opportunities for young people.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Sunshine Coast Youth Council has developed and implemented several engagement activities including a survey and a series of pop-up stalls to hear from young people aged 12 to 24 across the region and gain an understanding of what they love about the Sunshine Coast, what is important to young people, their interests and priorities. The engagement received 1778 visitors to the online site consisting of 2745 views across the site and 614 completed surveys plus another 16 stories that were contributed. The engagement revealed the top three things young people love most about the Sunshine Coast is their relationships with friends and family, outdoor spaces and the environment broadly. Furthermore, the survey revealed the top three areas of concern for young people are youth mental health, drug/alcohol issues and public safety. The Youth Council program has been running for a year, as part of Council's commitment to engage and empower young people and foster youth leadership. This data will provide direction for the actions of the Youth Council for the next 12 months.	CD: Community Development
1.3.3	Convene the Multicultural Advisory Group to provide expert advice, leadership and an ongoing framework for communication and consultation to support the delivery of initiatives and outcomes that foster inclusion and diversity within the community.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG) have continued to provide leadership and advice, and contributed to the delivery of the Her Festival held on 10 April 2022, development of the Shine a Light on Racism campaign to be launched in July 2022, and the Multiculti Cup Football (soccer) tournament. The Migrant Learn to Swim and Beach Safety program, conducted in partnership with the Royal Life Saving Society Queensland (RLSSQ) at Nambour Aquatic Centre and Goodlife Community Centre, was successfully completed by 45 participants who have gained newfound confidence in and around the pool and ocean. A review of the Migrant Work Ready program has been undertaken with recommendations to increase sustainability and reach of the program which will be integrated into the program during the 2022/23 financial year.	CD: Community Development



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1.3.4	Implement Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework including enhancing the capabilities across Council's workforce in engaging with our diverse communities.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			<p>This quarter saw the planning and delivery of three community engagement staff training offerings, tailored and designed to meet organisational needs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellence in Engagement Framework • Creating Effective Surveys, and • Have your Say Sunshine Coast (online engagement platform) participation tools. <p>As a result, staff capacity to deliver quality community engagement outcomes has increased. Strategies will be implemented to enhance the coordination and sharing of project learnings and strengthen continuous improvement and best practice community engagement outcomes.</p> <p>Residents of Aura (Caloundra South) were invited to help shape the future of their places and spaces and build community connections through the Our People, Our Places, Our Aura engagement program, which commenced in June 2022. This place-based approach will continue in 2022/23 to extend the engagement program and findings into a community building exercise to work with the Aura community in a meaningful and sustainable way to enable greater connectedness and social capacity.</p>	CD: Community Development

Connected, resilient communities, with the capacity to respond to local issues



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1.4.1	Implement key actions from the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041 Action Plan in collaboration with partners and key stakeholders to advance our shared goal of a strong community through to 2041.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			A number of activities were held in May 2022 as part of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention month, to raise awareness of domestic and family violence (DFV) and send a clear message that this will not be tolerated in our community. New partnerships evolved with Sunshine Coast Lightning and the Queensland Government's DFV Prevention Council, leading to opportunities to be involved and engage in brave conversations. Strong relationships and connections with neighbours are important to building a stronger community on the Sunshine Coast. The winners Council's Neighbour Day community story nominations was announced in May 2022 to three deserving community members. This quarter, the Community Strategy Leadership Group has continued to deliver on the outcome areas and priorities of the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041. The Group has focused on supporting the development and implementation of the 'Shine a Light on Racism' anti-racism campaign, as aligned with the inclusion agenda. The inaugural Community Strategy Leadership Group ended its two year term in June 2022 and a new Group was formed via an expression of interest process and came together for their first meeting on 28 June 2022.	CD: Community Development
1.4.2	Provide support to the community and other not for profit organisations in the delivery of resources, facilities and services that meet the needs of communities through the grants program.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council's grants program supported the delivery of a diverse range of projects, activities and events through the Major, Minor, Emergency, Individual Development, Festive and Commemorative Events, Councillor Discretionary Funding program, Environment, and Regional Arts Development Fund grants. A total of 281 successful grant applicants were funded to respond to community needs and opportunities, totalling \$915,071.	CD: Community Development
1.4.3	Implement priority activities from the Integrated Transport Strategy including the delivery of the supporting Road Safety and Roads Plans and the update to the Active Transport Plan.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	75%			Council continues to progress the priority items in the Integrated Transport Strategy and during the quarter launched the ThinkChange program - Council's branded transport behaviour change program. The Active Transport Plan, Roads Plan and Road Safety Plan are in preliminary stages and are now intended to be delivered in 2022/23. The Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade project has progressed through the quarter with concept design being finalised following stakeholder engagement in 2021	TIP: Transport & Infrastructure Planning





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1.4.4	Review the results of the community engagement process for the draft Sunshine Coast Mass Transit options analysis and finalise the options analysis for consideration by Council.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			as well as the preparation of tender documentation for detailed design. On 20 October 2021 Council endorsed the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Options Analysis to progress to the Queensland Government to lead the Detailed Business Case in partnership with Council, and by doing so, finalised this activity. The Queensland Government propose to commence the Detailed Business Case in the new financial year, which will include progressing the Memorandum of Understanding with Council.	UGP: Urban Growth Projects











Creative and innovative approaches to building a strong community











Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
1.5.1	Implement priority activities from the Sunshine Coast Arts Plan 2018-2038 including delivery of the Regional Arts Development Fund, supporting the implementation of the Regional Arts Infrastructure Framework and delivery of the Sunshine Coast Regional Gallery Program (including the Sunshine Coast Art Prize).	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Caloundra Regional Gallery hosted the popular Local Artist - Local Content Art Prize this quarter profiling 40 artists (from 124 entries) to 1720 visitors, and as a result ten works were sold. The public collection secured four works this quarter valued at \$4,900. The Gallery Store profiled 35 makers and two local artisans. The Maroochydore Library Artspace hosted three exhibitions providing opportunities for nine emerging artists (three of which were First Nations) to have their work professionally exhibited and attracted 6500 visitors during the quarter. Unwritten Models: Professional Development program provided five emerging organisations with mentoring as part of a six month program. Public Art Conservation training was delivered to seven volunteers and three staff. The Regional Arts Development Fund awarded \$61,160 to 13 successful applications, of which three were for First Nations projects. Refinery 4.0, in partnership with Sunshine Coast Creative Alliance and The Met, continued this quarter with the Pitch Night attracting more than 200 people keen to find out more about new opportunities to collaborate with, fund, partner or purchase products and services from these new creative industries.	AHL: Arts, Heritage and Libraries

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1.5.2	Deliver the Sunshine Coast's premier multi-arts Horizon Festival for 2021 to celebrate place, encourage community participation and provide opportunities to present and build capacity for our local arts sector.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The 2022 Horizon Festival program launched on 16 June 2022 with more than 100 artists, sponsors and contributors in attendance and an opportunity for artists Eddie Ray and the Band of Legends, from the Horizon Festival's Homegrown stream, to feature. The 2022 Horizon Festival will be held from 26 August to 4 September 2022 and the program includes 601 artists, presenters, facilitators and community participants of which over 300 are local. Local artist Jac Macrae was engaged to develop the visual identity of the 2022 Horizon Festival. Working in landscapes (painting and collage) the artist created six new works inspired by our region.	AHL: Arts, Heritage and Libraries
1.5.3	Develop the annual Heritage Levy program to support the implementation of priority activities and projects identified in the Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2021-2031 including; planning for the Sunshine Coast Regional Collection Store, development and delivery of an annual program of events and activities to activate Bankfoot House, building the capacity of the region's network of heritage community organisations, and support to First Nations priority projects.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Historian in Residence program concluded this quarter with research of First Nations sites and 'Sport Since 1901 in the Region' completed. The final reports were presented as a series of public programs at the Heritage Symposium on 29 April 2022 and at Bankfoot House and the Heritage Library in May 2022. Conservation and facility planning continued for Landsborough Museum, which formally transitioned into Council ownership this quarter. The Interpretation Plan and Preservation Needs Assessment reports completed for Landsborough Museum and Queensland Air Museum. Significance Assessment Reports were completed for Peachester Heritage Centre and the Caloundra RSL military display. An interpretive project was installed in Dicky Beach. Cultural Heritage programming provided diverse and engaging ways for the community to connect with stories of the region including Queen's Jubilee exhibitions and celebrations across the region, Sconetime and Queensland Country Women's Association Beerwah community events at Bankfoot House, and a range of educational initiatives aimed at schools, attracting 282 visitors to Bankfoot House.	AHL: Arts, Heritage and Libraries





Corporate Plan Goal : Our environment and liveability

A resilient region shaped by clever planning and good design



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
2.1.1	Progress priority activities from the Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017 five-year implementation plan including: developing a climate risk mitigation framework building community capacity to positively respond to climate change.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Implementation of the Environment and Liveability Strategy continued with 2022 World Environment Day Festival held as part of the month-long program in June 2022. Phase one of consultation was undertaken for the Sunshine Coast Ecological Park. A Regional Climate Action Roadmap has been prepared for presentation to Council.	ESP: Environment and Sustainability Policy
2.1.2	Prepare a strategic directions position paper for the new planning scheme and undertake preliminary community consultation to inform the drafting of a scheme.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Preliminary community consultation on the new planning scheme project concluded in March 2022. Analysis of feedback is continuing, including assessment of implications for proposed region-wide and local planning directions contained in the Sunshine Coast Land Use Planning Proposal 2041.	SP: Strategic Planning
2.1.3	Consult with parties to the Palmview Infrastructure Agreement on the potential need for change, to ensure that all parties are clear on obligations under the infrastructure agreement.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Palmview Infrastructure Agreement negotiation process is ongoing and will continue into the 2022/23 financial year. The amendment of the Agreement presents considerable risks to Council that need to be appropriately managed.	UGP: Urban Growth Projects
2.1.4	Continue to work with the State Government to advance the structure planning for Beerwah East Major Development Area.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council is continuing to work in collaboration with the Queensland Government to progress the planning for the Beerwah East Major Development Area to the next phase.	UGP: Urban Growth Projects
2.1.5	Identify stormwater assets for updating of Council's asset register to better shape the appropriate levels of service for asset maintenance and rehabilitation.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council inspected 1840 metres of stormwater pipes via CCTV and 406 drainage pits for structural condition during the quarter. There were 11 flooding and drainage investigations undertaken and 214 customer service requests completed. This brings annual totals to 5960m of stormwater pipes inspected, 813 drainage pits inspected for structural condition, 22 flooding and stormwater investigations completed and 604 customer service requests answered during the 2021/22 financial year. All capital works projects were completed for the financial year.	TIM: Transport Infrastructure Management



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2.1.6	Deliver place-making initiatives, including Eumundi Town Centre and Woombye streetscaping projects.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	95%			Detailed designs for the Eumundi Town Centre and Woombye streetscape projects are near completion. Woombye streetscaping construction has been delayed and will now commence early 2023. Community engagement analysis for the concept design for Eumundi Town Centre is being finalised, with construction proposed to commence as early as possible in the 2022/23 financial year. Construction costs rises, material and labour shortages are affecting the delivery timeline for projects.	DPS: Design and Placemaking Services
2.1.7	Provide effective, timely and coordinated planning, preparedness, response and recovery for the region in response to disaster events.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council is continuing with the review of the current Hazard Risk Assessment and working in partnership with the Local Disaster Management Group to implement the Queensland Government's Emergency Risk Management Framework. Council has completed all planned activities under the 2021/22 Get Ready Queensland program which is funded by Queensland Reconstruction Authority.	SF: Specialist Functions
2.1.8	Conduct a Strategic Fire Risk Review to improve the Council's strategic, tactical and operational response to fire management.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The strategic fire risk and operational review has been completed and was received by Council in June 2022. A full review of the consultants reports and recommendations is now underway and will inform Council's fire management program and associated strategic planning for future years.	EO: Environmental Operations
2.1.9	Implement the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy through: informing the development of the new planning scheme; undertaking dune protection, enhancement and management in identified areas; and seeking external funding opportunities to establish program partnerships and collaboration.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Implementation of Council's Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy continued. Strategy implementation funding was secured through the Local Government Association of Queensland's QCoast2100 2.0 program (funded by the Queensland Government) to support the delivery of a project to collaboratively plan and prepare special area adaptation plans.	ESP: Environment and Sustainability Policy
2.1.10	Plan for the protection of the Regional Inter-urban Break in perpetuity to secure the environmental, production and recreation values through: advocating for its retention at current extent; identifying and acquiring strategic land; and implementing the Inter-Urban Break Outdoor Recreation Plan with partners.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Advocacy to the Queensland Government is continuing for the ongoing protection of the Regional Inter-urban Break as one of Council's major green spaces.	ESP: Environment and Sustainability Policy

Protection and enhancement of our natural assets and distinctive landscapes





Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
2.2.1	Coordinate the delivery of Council's Environment Levy including: the strategic land acquisition program; environment levy partnerships and grants; and external education and compliance programs for erosion and sediment control.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Two new properties were acquired through the Environment Levy at Coochin Creek within the Regional Inter-urban Break and in Witta, extending the Kirby's Road environment reserve. Other highlights include the establishment of the Regional Erosion and Sediment, Education and Trial (RESET) site. Invasive plant management and education has continued to be prioritised through several Levy projects including the Weeds Taskforce project with a fourth Invasive Weeds Workshop held at the Mooloolah River Landcare Biocontrol facility on 31 May 2022.	ESP: Environment and Sustainability Policy
2.2.2	Complete the upgrade and replacement of the ageing groyne field at Maroochy River to protect the natural assets.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Construction of the 2021/22 financial year stage of works was completed. The base of the original groynes for this stage were in good condition and the recent erosion events have not significantly impacted site sand levels. Preparation for the 2022/23 stage works is now underway and will commence on time.	PD: Project Delivery

Responsive, accessible and well managed assets and infrastructure



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
2.3.1	Implement Blue Heart Sunshine Coast in partnership with Unitywater and the State Government including delivery of the Blue Carbon Pilot project; land acquisitions and land management activities.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Planning and feasibility studies have commenced for potential Blue Carbon Ecosystem Restoration on publicly owned land in part of the Blue Heart. A collaborative research agreement has been signed to support Blue Carbon investigations. Landholder engagement has continued. Council and it's Blue Heart project partners have been successful in securing \$2.036 million of funding to undertake a Blue Carbon Wetland Restoration Project under the Federal Government's Blue Carbon Ecosystem Restoration Grant. Furthermore, funding of \$35 million has been secured through the South East Queensland City Deal to support Blue Heart Sunshine Coast implementation.	ESP: Environment and Sustainability Policy

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2.3.2	Deliver key demonstration sites to improve the management and reduction of weeds including adoption of different weed management practices.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	75%			On-ground works at the Maleny Community Precinct have now been completed including the establishment of more than 7000 plants and the progression of an environmental DNA trial, however the extreme weather conditions created unavoidable operational delays at the Witta stockpile site. Council continues to investigate a range of weed control options and further works will occur at both sites in the 2022/23 financial year. The Rural Landowner Handbook has now been sent to over 6500 landowners and is available on Council's website. Delays in delivery to planned activities is due to external party asbestos clean-up, weather and contractor availability. New estimated completion will be towards the end of the 2022 calendar year.	EO: Environmental Operations

Transitioning to a sustainable and affordable way of living



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
2.4.1	Implement the Street Tree Master Plan to protect, enhance and sustain the region's existing and future street tree network through better selection, placement and care of these environmental assets.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The 'Adopt a Street Tree' program saw tree planting throughout five streets during the quarter. There were four Councillor 'Free Tree' days and 766 trees were planted, during this quarter bringing total trees planted this financial year to 2374.	P&G: Parks and Gardens
2.4.2	Lead a Biosphere nomination to UNESCO for the Sunshine Coast to be designated as an international site of excellence.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Sunshine Coast region was officially designated as a UNESCO Biosphere on 15 June 2022. Biosphere branding, governance and performance management frameworks have been developed to support the management of our biosphere.	ESP: Environment and Sustainability Policy





A reputation for innovation and sustainability

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
2.5.1	Evaluate and assess the potential for increased kerbside food organics/garden organics (FOGO) collections, integration into the next generation waste collections contract and the effect this will have on future landfill diversion rates.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The option to introduce Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin collections by July 2025 has been incorporated into the next generation collection contract. The FOGO business case and cost modelling report have been prepared.	WRM: Waste and Resource Management





Corporate Plan Goal : Our resilient economy





Strong economic leadership, collaboration and identity

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
3.1.1	Implement priority activities and projects from the Regional Economic Development Strategy Implementation Plan 2019-2023 to drive further progress towards the delivery of a resilient and strong economy for the Sunshine Coast region.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			<p>A total of 2317 customers were assisted (915 from services, 1402 from workshops and events) online or in person. Projects delivered this quarter include the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • launch of the 2022 Sunshine Coast Business Awards • TAFE Build a Better Business program • Sunshine Coast Big Day Out (SCouT2022) with 600 attendees • Sunshine Coast Tech Industry Alliance Tech Futures Event • Food and Agribusiness Network Meet the Makers event, and • a second cohort of five businesses graduated through the SunRamp HealthTech Accelerator. <p>Regional staff shortages have continued to be addressed by Gap Year Sunshine Coast. Sunshine Coast Workforce Development and Skills Gap Analysis Project will commence to understand current workforce trends and skills and talent gaps to address to enable future regional economic growth. The ASPIRE circular economy platform has continued with 141 registered users, 380 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill and embedded carbon savings of 234 tonnes in the 2022/23 financial year. A total of 441 jobs were created and/or supported (207 of these are from sponsored major events and 234 are from investment outcomes). Economic impact to the local economy totalled \$108.3 million for the quarter (\$18.6 million from major events and \$89.7 million from investment outcomes).</p>	ECDEV: Economic Development



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3.1.2	Enhance the sports industry through the Sport Industry Development Program that maximises the use of existing assets and enhancing the region's capabilities through event attraction, training camps, targeted promotion, industry development and research.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			<p>Council has worked to maximise the use of existing assets and enhance the region's sporting capabilities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hosting the Sunshine Coast Symposium for the Disability Sports Australia National Conference in June 2022. The theme of the conference 'Runway to Brisbane 2032' aimed to maximise collaborative participation for people with disabilities in sport on the pathway to Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and sponsorship of the Rugby World Qualifier between Tonga and Hong Kong or South Korea and Oceania Rugby's Annual General Meeting. <p>The Train Sunshine Coast program, originally scheduled to conclude at the end of June 2022 has been extended to December 2022.</p>	ECDEV: Economic Development
3.1.3	Provide financial support to Visit Sunshine Coast to underpin its activities to promote the Sunshine Coast as a tourism destination.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			<p>A financial agreement for the 2021/22 financial year is in place between Visit Sunshine Coast and Council. Payments are being made in accordance with this agreement and Council's allocated budget. Additional funds were secured for the 2022/23 financial year agreement to include a New Zealand campaign.</p>	ECDEV: Economic Development



New capital investment in the region

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
3.2.1	Develop the business case for a new Caloundra Regional Gallery as part of the implementation of the Caloundra Centre Master Plan 2017.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	65%			<p>This multi-year project is currently in preliminary evaluation stage with minor delays associated with the confirmation of the functional brief, including schedule of areas and preferred location within the centre precinct which is required prior to finalising the preliminary evaluation stage.</p>	LANAGE: Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets
3.2.2	Progress preliminary feasibility and design for the Community and Creative Hub Precinct in alignment with the Caloundra Centre Activation Project and Caloundra Centre Master Plan 2017.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	60%			<p>The project remains on hold and is awaiting outcomes from the Caloundra Regional Gallery Business Case, particularly the size and location of the proposed new gallery.</p>	LANAGE: Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets



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3.2.3	Work with Walker Maroochydhore Developments Pty Ltd and SunCentral Maroochydhore Pty Ltd to support the implementation of the Maroochydhore City Centre Development Agreement to advance the delivery of a contemporary city centre for the Sunshine Coast.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council and SunCentral Maroochydhore Pty Ltd have continued to work with Walker Maroochydhore Developments Pty Ltd this quarter to progress development of the Maroochydhore City Centre.	MPSP: Major Projects and Strategic Property
3.2.4	Leverage the Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network, the cable landing station and the regional cyber node to drive new business entrants to the Sunshine Coast through targeted marketing campaigns, briefings to interstate and international key partners and potential clients, and inbound business delegations.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Sunshine Coast Tech Industry Alliance was officially launched on 8 April 2022. A number of promotional videos for the local tech industry were released publicly and are now being used to promote the cable and associated hard and soft infrastructure. Discussions are also underway to host a Fintech Australia annual event on the Sunshine Coast in 2023.	ECDEV: Economic Development

Investment and growth in high value industries, innovation and entrepreneurship





Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
3.3.1	Work with key stakeholders to identify investment opportunities, undertake marketing activities and support investment projects across the region's high value industries including updating of the Sunshine Coast investment prospectus.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Cable Leveraging Working Group has developed a draft implementation plan to attract new business investment to the region through promotion of the Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network. Research undertaken has identified a shortage of internationally branded hotels in the region and the impact on development of both the tourism and aviation industries to name a few. As a result, a draft hotel-specific investment prospectus has been developed to support opportunities for hotel attraction within the region and is out for community consultation. An investment attraction plan has also been developed to support this.	ECDEV: Economic Development

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3.3.2	Progress implementation of Mooloolaba Master Plan, including completion of the Northern Foreshore Parklands project and progressing the next stages of the Brisbane Road four lane road upgrade (Walan Street to Kyamba Court) including the new Mayes Canal Bridge.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	80%			Stage one of the Northern Parklands was opened in June 2022. Council has also worked to collate community feedback for the Central Meeting Place (stage 2). Construction of the Mooloolaba Transport Corridor Upgrade stages two and three were delayed due to wet weather, COVID-19 illness impacting labour resourcing and ongoing material availability issues. Recent construction activities have been focused on the finalisation of watermain relocations, stage one bridgeworks, sewer relocations, stormwater construction and major intersection works at Walan Street, Hancock Street, and Brisbane Road, Mooloolaba.	PD: Project Delivery





Strong local to global connections



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
3.4.1	Drive export activity from the Sunshine Coast and support local businesses to expand into national and international markets, by providing access to specialist services, contacts and training and partnering with State and Federal government trade agencies for in-market assistance.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The complete export capability program was delivered in the 2021/2022 financial year, including a total of six Intellectual Property Law and Trademarks and e-Commerce workshops and two trade briefings (Japan and South Korea). Two industry specific export development programs and virtual market visits were delivered. Council partnered with the Food & Agribusiness Network to support the Meet the Maker trade event held in May 2022 with over 100 agribusinesses exhibiting their products to national and international buyers. Council undertook a series of 14 meetings with government agencies and key industry advisers in New Zealand in May 2022, with the objective of reconnecting with New Zealand to identify potential partnerships and trade and investment opportunities following the opening of international borders between the two countries. Partnerships with Trade and Invest Queensland (North America), Austrade Queensland Office ASEAN Desk, and bi-lateral chambers in key international markets have been re-established, and planning is underway to deliver a Trade and Investment Attraction webinar briefing series for off-shore networks.	ECDEV: Economic Development

A natural, major and regional event destination

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
3.5.1	Implement priority activities from the Major Events Strategy 2018-2027 including strengthening arts and cultural events to assist in diversifying audience reach, capitalising on the growing demand for off road and adventure style events to showcase the region's natural strengths and increasing the region's profile.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Sunshine Coast Events Board considered and approved 11 sponsorship applications this quarter consisting of two lifestyle events and nine sporting events. During the quarter, a total of 16 events were hosted within the region. Of these 69% were sporting events, 13% were cultural events, 13% were business events and 6% were lifestyle events. Compared to the previous quarter, there was an increase of lifestyle and cultural events by 14% and a decline of 16% in overall events hosted when compared to the previous quarter due to two events postponing and one event cancelling as a result of wet weather conditions.	ECDEV: Economic Development
3.5.2	Develop and attract events and sporting opportunities at Council venues including Caloundra Indoor Stadium, Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex, Nambour Showgrounds, Sunshine Coast Stadium and Venue 114.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex hosted the Queensland State Schools AFL Championships in June 2022. Planning for 2022/23 AFL preseason camps has commenced. Nambour Showgrounds hosted the Nambour Expo and Lifeline Bookfest in April 2022, Kids in Action Program and Playground Queensland events in May 2022, and the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show in June 2022. Venue 114 hosted successful events including the Magical World of Science, Magic Men Cabaret Show and the Sunnykids Fundraiser Gala dinner. Sunshine Coast Stadium attracted 8500 patrons to the Midnight Oil tour in April 2022. Additionally, training camps were hosted in May 2022 for Melbourne Storm, Sydney Roosters and Newcastle Knights National Rugby League (NRL) teams. As part of the Oceania Rugby Championships, the Australian Junior Wallabies held a training camp in June 2022, and the under 20s and Tonga verse Hong Kong matches are scheduled for July 2022. The Nurture Festival took place on Lake Kawana in May 2022. Caloundra Indoor Stadium secured the State Pickleball Championships from 30 June to 2 July 2022, Thunder Netball Premiership from 20 May to 3 September 2022, and hosted the Queensland Club Gymnastics Championships from 24 to 30 June 2022.	SCV: Sports and Community Venues





Encourage investment in talent and skills

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
3.6.1	Work with Education Sunshine Coast and the broader education and training industry to implement 'Study Sunshine Coast' and better prepare and connect young people to education and employment opportunities in the region.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Study Sunshine Coast attended the 2022 International Consultants for Education Fairs (ICEF) Australia New Zealand Conference in Adelaide from 14 to 17 June 2022 as part of the Team Queensland stand. Through this opportunity, Study Sunshine Coast participants connected with approximately 40 offshore international education agencies and service providers to present the educational offering for the region and build leads. Study Sunshine Coast has signed with UWorkin to launch the Sunshine Coast Student Jobs Platform, a dedicated Sunshine Coast student and graduates job and industry platform hosted on the Study Sunshine Coast website. Study Sunshine Coast leveraged Council's partnership with Melbourne Storm to initiate a digital campaign during May and June 2022 to encourage Melbourne students to live, learn and kickstart their future on the Sunshine Coast. Study Sunshine Coast celebrated the online graduation of the fourth successful cohort for the Project Global Citizen Scholarship program, where 30 graduates earned a micro-credential in cross-cultural skills that help improve their employability anywhere in the world.	ECDEV: Economic Development
3.6.2	Finalise a new Master Plan for Caloundra Aerodrome to guide future development decisions and advance the strategic vision for the aerodrome.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	90%			The review of the draft Master Plan was completed in May 2022. Due to the large amount of feedback received during the targeted stakeholder engagement process, the completion date for the analysis of feedback was extended from the end of June 2022 to early in the 2022/23 financial year. Targeted stakeholder engagement included presentations, group discussion sessions, electronic distribution of draft Master Plan and follow up phone interviews. Feedback from the review and stakeholder engagement will inform the final draft Master Plan.	MPSP: Major Projects and Strategic Property









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3.6.3	Strengthen collective resilience of business communities and destination appeal of precincts through the development and delivery of the Caloundra Activation Plan, update and delivery of the Mooloolaba Activation Plan and delivery of the Retail Activation Plan.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Downtown Caloundra Taskforce commissioned a new mural in the Caloundra Transit Centre by Kabi Kabi artist Luke Mallie to add to the Caloundra Art Trail and stimulate footfall to encourage economic activation. Expressions of interest were called for brand development and marketing of the Caloundra central business district with a marketing campaign scheduled to commence in late 2022. Marketing and social media content development has resulted in four emotive videos showcasing Mooloolaba retail and hospitality sector being developed to promote Mooloolaba during construction disruption. Australia's largest travelling ferris wheel has been successfully attracted to Coolum Beach, and will be in place from late July 2022 through to early November 2022. It will be accompanied and supported by a retail engagement and packaging initiative as well as a marketing campaign for the area.	ECDEV: Economic Development



Corporate Plan Goal : Our service excellence

Engage with our community to inform asset management and service delivery





Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
4.1.1	Develop a Service Excellence Strategy that considers customer expectations and community value to deliver efficient, effective and sustainable service levels now and into the future.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	60%			The Service Excellence Roadmap has progressed with work underway to consider embedding service excellence principles and objectives into an overarching Outstanding Organisation Strategy. This approach recognises the importance of putting the customer at the centre of everything we do and provides an integrated organisational approach to deliver effective services at sustainable service levels and costs. This has been supported by identifying multiyear priorities that are proposed to deliver an uplift in customer experience and service productivity as well as guide improvements and inform future planning.	CR: Customer Response
4.1.2	Finalise and implement an asset management framework that delivers consistent asset management practices, processes and systems throughout the organisation.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Asset Management Policy has been reviewed and endorsed as an organisational policy in December 2021. The Asset Management Framework was embedded in this document and the strategy, procedures and frameworks which further describe Council's asset management practices are progressively being developed and improved as part of the Asset Management Transformation Project.	AM: Asset Management

Design accessible, flexible and innovative services that meet community needs



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
4.3.1	Collaborate with external stakeholders to address and prevent illegal dumping activities across the region, to reduce pollution to our environment and risk to community safety and amenity.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council received funding through the Queensland Government's Keeping Queensland Clean: Illegal Dumping Grant Program. Council continues to address hotspots across the local government area and successfully identifying offenders, issuing infringements and ensuring the offender cleans up and correctly disposes of the waste. This has resulted in a sustained reduction in clean-ups by Council and has reduced the overall cost to the community. Council continues to look into proactive ways to discourage illegal dumping, including connecting with rental agencies to provide information on free waste recycling and acceptance at our facilities as well as information to deter behaviour such as the significant fines for illegal dumping.	CR: Customer Response
4.3.2	Consult with key stakeholders to progress a new Smart City Framework and Smart City Implementation Plan, which will identify processes and projects to realise smart city opportunities and further develop Council's data driven decision making capability.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			The Smart City Framework and Smart City Implementation Plan 2022-2025 progressed and will be implemented in 2022/23 financial year. This will identify processes and projects to realise smart city opportunities and further progress Council's data driven decision making capability.	BI: Business and Innovation
4.3.3	Deliver an on/off maintenance asset acceptance solution that: streamlines the process of managing defects during construction by developers; captures information and workflows from the applicant and Council; enables better record keeping and improves asset handover and accountability.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	95%			The asset acceptance solution project involves the creation of an online portal for internal and external stakeholders to manage defects and approvals through the on/off maintenance period of contributed assets. This will improve record keeping, open communication and transparency assuring seamless contributed asset handover to Council. The project is nearing completion, with targeted stakeholder testing of the online portal. This is anticipated to be completed early in the 2022/23 financial year.	DS: Development Services
4.3.4	Develop and update Council's asset management plans to encompass the whole of life sustainability of built and natural environments while guiding appropriate levels of service and delivery of Council services to the community.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			All existing Asset Management Plans have been reviewed and updated, and have informed the State of the Assets report for the 2021/22 financial year.	AM: Asset Management

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
4.3.5	Finalise recommendations on a contract to design and construct a new hi-tech material recovery facility at Nambour waste precinct to replace the current facility and improve the quality of processed recyclable materials.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council has concluded the procurement process and a contract was awarded to RDT Engineering in November 2021. The contractor has progressed the design to the 80% stage and the equipment being sourced from overseas has been ordered.	WRM: Waste and Resource Management

Deliver consistent service levels that provide positive experiences for our community



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
4.4.1	Continue the customer experience program and utilise engagement feedback to design solutions that improve outcomes and meet a range of preference and accessibility requirements.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council launched a number of customer insight driven service improvements that enhanced customer experience and productivity. These included launching a new customer channel two-way SMS, helping Council communicate with customers in ways that suit them, and digitising and automating waste customer service processes.	CR: Customer Response
4.4.2	Finalise recommendations on the next generation waste collection contract to ensure continuous provision of essential waste services to the community.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Mobilisation of the next generation waste collection contract is complete. Sixty-seven new collection vehicles including one electric vehicle, have been delivered by JJ Richards ready for service commencement 9 July 2022. The garden organic bin expansion delivery program has been completed and more than 45,315 new bins have been delivered.	WRM: Waste and Resource Management

Assess service performance and sustainability to inform evidence-based business planning





Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
4.5.1	Deliver the capital works program based on robust scopes, cost and risk assessment with well sequenced delivery schedules aligned to corporate priorities and long term financial plans.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	85%			<p>Delivery of the capital works program during the quarter has continued to be impacted by significant wet weather, with approximately 700 millilitres of rainfall, falling mostly in May 2022, resulting in approximately four weeks of lost production time. COVID-19 illness and isolation requirements have continued to hamper labour resourcing alongside ongoing material availability issues.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, good progress has been made with Holiday Parks, transportation and stormwater, parks and gardens, coastal and environmental programs all making good progress. Major milestones were achieved with practical completion of the stage one of the Northern Parklands (Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation project) and the Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park project, amongst other projects assisted through Queensland and Federal Government COVID-19 stimulus grants.</p> <p>Works that were scheduled to be complete by 30 June 2022 that have experienced delays will continue into the 2022/23 financial year for delivery providing essential infrastructure to the community.</p>	PD: Project Delivery









Corporate Plan Goal : Our outstanding organisation

Provide quality information, systems and processes to deliver fit for purpose solutions



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
5.2.1	Develop a new Information and Communication Technology Plan 2021, with a strong focus on cyber-security, mobility, connectivity, accessibility and cloud computing.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			A new Information and Communication Technology Plan has been developed. This plan has a strong focus on cyber-security, mobility, connectivity, accessibility and cloud computing.	DIS: Digital and Information Services

Embrace a safe and collaborative workplace culture that attracts and retains high performing and engaged people



Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
5.3.1	Progress people and culture strategic initiatives including workforce planning, leadership development, performance management and capability development programs that support the delivery of the Council's vision.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			A CultureBoost project was established to assess workplace sentiment and establish a workplan to articulate and capture the desired culture for the organisation moving forward. Leadership forums, workshops, working groups and two employee festivals titled CultureFest are underway to shape Council's desired culture, employee value proposition and values. An Everyday Respect campaign has been established with courses in psychological safety and unconscious bias being conducted this quarter. Training is underway for all employees on the topic of workplace bullying and sexual harassment prevention and response procedures.	P&C: People and Culture
5.3.2	Develop and implement the Wellbeing, Health and Safety Plan with a focus on managing critical risks and work that adds value to deliver a healthy, caring and safe workplace.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			A pilot program to develop critical risk controls progressed during the quarter and a review of contractor management was completed. Workforce led workshops will be completed early in the 2022/23 financial year to identify and align to Council's critical risks and inform phase two of the program. Critical risk engagement sessions have been completed with high risk areas of the organisation, providing education on the program and how critical risk management is applied. The 2022 Flu Vaccination Clinic was delivered in April 2022 across five Council locations. Given the recent increase in influenza in the community a follow up flu clinic is being conducted in July 2022.	P&C: People and Culture

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
5.3.3	Provide workplaces that are fit for purpose and support our people to deliver services to the community across our administrative buildings and depots.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	75%			This project has been delayed owing to the impact to construction of the Sunshine Coast City Hall. This delay has effected the sequencing of staff relocations across our administrative buildings and depots. During this quarter, An Implementation Change and Transition Plan has been developed to successfully transition employees to our new workplaces. Location changes will be undertaken on a scheduled basis commencing in late 2022, following the completion of construction, fitout and commissioning of Sunshine Coast City Hall.	LANAGE: Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets
5.3.4	Finalise the development of the Sunshine Coast City Hall in the Maroochydore City Centre for occupation from 1 July 2022.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	75%			Works have progressed significantly on the external facades and internal floors fitout of the building. Furniture and equipment procurement has been completed with items ordered and in manufacture. Completion by 1 July 2022 was not achievable, however 75% of actions for 2021/22 were completed against the new completion date of late 2022.	LANAGE: Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets
5.3.5	Progress preliminary feasibility and design for the Nambour Administration Precinct buildings.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Wilson Architects were appointed in May 2022 to lead preliminary design and feasibility. Constraints reports and concept designs are in development. The work is expected to be completed in the 2022/23 financial year.	LANAGE: Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets
5.3.6	Progress the detailed design for the Caloundra Administration Building repurposing project and the development of an operational management plan.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Detailed design documentation is nearing completion. Early procurement activities are expected to commence in the 2022/23 financial year. Work on the Operational Management Plan for the Building commenced in June 2022.	LANAGE: Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets

Demonstrate accountable leadership, future planning, and good governance that provides confidence to our community

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
5.4.1	Review Council's Strategic Risk Management Framework to deliver a revised register and mitigation strategies that support the delivery of our Corporate Plan 2021-2025.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			Council's Strategic Risk Management Framework is complete. Strategic risks were replaced within Council's risk database with the new 11 strategic risks. Planning is progressing to document mitigation strategies and controls that align with Council's risk tolerance.	CG: Corporate Governance

Partner with community, business and government to represent and advocate the needs of our region

Action Code	Action Name	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Comments	Branch
5.5.1	Advance our region's major projects outlined in the Corporate Plan 2021-2025 through establishment of a strategic approach to stakeholder relationships and advocacy.	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	100%			<p>Proactive advocacy to industry and government to support the delivery of the region's major projects outlined in the Corporate Plan continues to be an important activity to progress Council's vision as Australia's most sustainable region. With the Australian Federal election being held in May 2022, Council released the Sunshine Coast 2022 Federal Election Advocacy Priorities document that outlines the core commitments Council is seeking from all parties to advance the prosperity, connectivity and liveability of the Sunshine Coast.</p> <p>The Queensland Government's State Infrastructure Strategy 2022 was also released during the quarter. This document outlines a number of investments in critical infrastructure required on the Sunshine Coast, including several to support our role as a delivery partner in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The document outlines commitments to develop a satellite village within the Maroochydore City Centre, to deliver a new Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre as well as upgrades to the Sunshine Coast Stadium and Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre.</p> <p>The Corporate Plan 2022-2026 was adopted by Council in May 2022 and will guide further planning, prioritisation and advocacy.</p>	OCEO: Office of the CEO

8.2 JULY 2022 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**File No:** Council meetings**Author:** Coordinator Financial Services
Business Performance Group**Attachments:** Att 1 - July 2022 Financial Performance Report 71  **PURPOSE**

To meet Council's legislative obligations, a monthly report is to be presented to Council on its financial performance and investments.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monthly financial performance report provides Council with a summary of performance against budget as at 31 July 2022 in terms of the operating result and delivery of the capital program.

Operating Performance**Table 1: Operating Budget as at 31 July 2022**

	Original Budget \$000
Total Operating Revenue	535,020
Total Operating Expenses	503,237
Operating Result	31,783

Details of the monthly financial report are contained in Attachment 1.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report titled "July 2022 Financial Performance Report".

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

This report sets out the details of Council's financial performance and investments for the month ending 31 July 2022 and meets Council's legislative reporting requirements.

CORPORATE PLAN**Corporate Plan Goal:** *Our outstanding organisation***Outcome:** We serve our community by providing this great service.**Operational Activity:** S28 - Financial and procurement services – financial and procurement management and governance, ensuring effective business management and legislative compliance, coordination and development of Council's budget process, administration of financial systems, sundry debtors, accounts payable, financial and asset accounting, treasury, procurement, contract and supply functions.

CONSULTATION

Portfolio Councillor Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Portfolio Councillor, E Hungerford.

Internal Consultation

This report has been written in conjunction with advice from:

- Group Executive Business Performance
- Chief Financial Officer

External Consultation

No external consultation is required for this report.

Community Engagement

No community engagement is required for this report.

Legal

This report ensures that Council complies with its legislative obligations with respect to financial reporting in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Investment of funds is in accordance with the provisions of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* and the associated Regulations and the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Policy

Sunshine Coast Council's 2022/23 Investment Policy and
Sunshine Coast Council's 2022/23 Debt Policy.

Risk

Failure to achieve the budgeted operating result will negatively impact Council's capacity to complete its capital expenditure program.

Previous Council Resolution

Special Meeting Budget 23 June 2022 (SM22/2)

That Council adopt Appendix A as tabled, pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's budget for 2022/23 financial year incorporating:

- i. the statement of income and expenditure*
- ii. the statement of financial position*
- iii. the statements of changes in equity*
- iv. the statement of cash flow*
- v. the relevant measures of financial sustainability*
- vi. the long term financial forecast*
- vii. the Debt Policy (adopted by Council resolution on 26 May 2022)*
- viii. the Revenue Policy (adopted by Council resolution on 26 May 2022)*
- ix. the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget*

- x. *the Revenue Statement*
- xi. *Council's 2022/23 Capital Works Program, endorse the indicative four-year program for the period 2024 to 2027, and note the five-year program for the period 2028 to 2032*
- xii. *the rates and charges to be levied for the 2022/23 financial year and other matters as detailed below in clauses 3 to 12*
- xiii. *endorse the 2022/23 Minor Capital Works Program*
- xiv. *the Strategic Environment Levy Policy*
- xv. *the Strategic Arts and Heritage Levy Policy and*
- xvi. *the Strategic Transport Levy Policy*

Related Documentation

2022/23 Adopted Budget

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates for this report.

Implementation

There are no implementation details to include in this report.

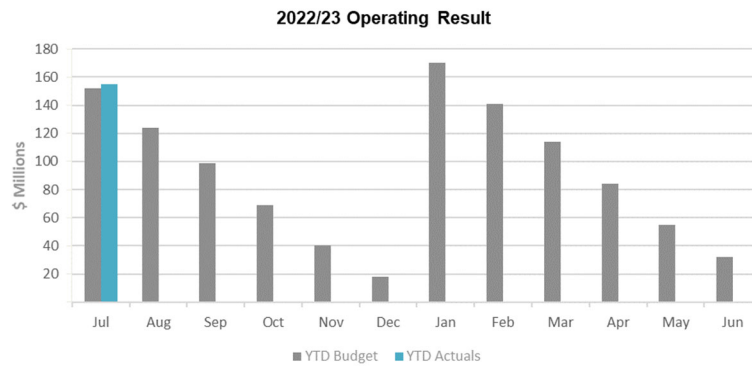
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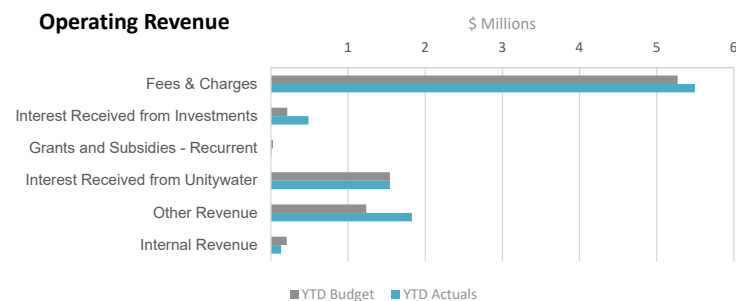
Statement of Income and Expenses



- Council has a positive operating result of \$154.7 million, which is \$2.7 million above the current budget as at 31 July 2022.

Statement of Income & Expenses							
	Annual		YTD				Annual Forecast Budget \$000
	Original Budget \$000	Current Budget \$000	Current Budget \$000	Actuals \$000	Variance \$000	Variance %	
Operating Revenue							
Net Rates and Utility Charges	369,957	369,957	182,455	182,912	457	0.3%	369,957
Fees and Charges	70,045	70,045	5,271	5,495	223	4.2%	70,045
Interest Received from Investments	3,000	3,000	211	486	275	129.9%	3,000
Operating Grants and Subsidies	12,804	12,804	25	6	(19)	(74.5%)	12,804
Operating Contributions	320	320	4	-	(4)	(100.0%)	320
Unitywater Participation	52,438	52,438	1,542	1,542	-	-	52,438
Other Revenue	23,824	23,824	1,235	1,827	591	47.9%	23,824
Internal Sales/Recoveries	2,632	2,632	204	131	(73)	(35.8%)	2,632
Total Operating Revenue	535,020	535,020	190,948	192,399	1,451	0.8%	535,020
Operating Expenses							
Employee Costs	163,519	163,519	10,016	10,042	26	0.3%	163,519
Materials and Services	200,548	200,548	13,589	12,589	(1,000)	(7.4%)	200,548
Finance Costs	12,771	12,771	1,174	1,169	(5)	(0.5%)	12,771
Company Contributions	4,413	4,413	4,414	4,414	0	0.0%	4,413
Depreciation Expense	95,499	95,499	7,958	7,958	-	-	95,499
Other Expenses	23,292	23,292	1,536	1,283	(253)	(16.5%)	23,292
Recurrent Capital Expenses	3,195	3,195	239	245	6	2.3%	3,195
Total Operating Expenses	503,237	503,237	38,927	37,699	(1,227)	(3.2%)	503,237
Operating Result	31,783	31,783	152,021	154,700	2,679	1.8%	31,783
Capital Revenue							
Capital Grants and Subsidies	18,186	18,186	72	72	(0)	(0.0%)	18,186
Capital Contributions - Cash	32,000	32,000	366	366	(0)	(0.0%)	32,000
Capital Contributions - Fixed Assets	50,417	50,417	(0)	-	0	(100.0%)	50,417
Total Capital Revenue	100,602	100,602	438	438	(0)	(0.0%)	100,602
Non-recurrent Expenses							
Profit/Loss on disposal, revaluation & impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movements in landfill and quarry provisions	3,010	3,010	251	251	-	-	3,010
Assets Transferred to Third Parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-recurrent Expenses	3,010	3,010	251	251	-	-	3,010
Net Result	129,375	129,375	152,209	154,887	2,679	1.8%	129,375

Operating Result – July 2022



Operating Summary						
	Annual		YTD			
	Original Budget \$000s	Current Budget \$000s	Current Budget \$000s	Actuals \$000s	Variance \$000s	Variance %
Operating Revenue	535,020	535,020	190,948	192,399	1,451	0.8%
Operating Expenses	500,042	500,042	38,687	37,454	(1,233)	(3.2%)
Recurrent Capital Expenses	3,195	3,195	239	245	6	2.3%
Operating Result	31,783	31,783	152,021	154,700	2,679	1.8%
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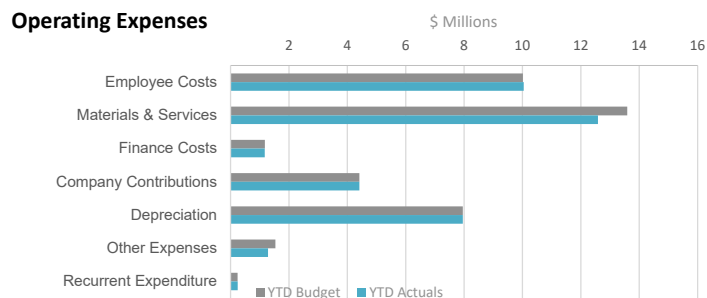
Substantial Revenue Variance for the Period Ending 31 July 2022							
	Annual		YTD				Annual Forecast Budget \$000
	Original Budget \$000	Current Budget \$000	Current Budget \$000	Actuals \$000	Variance \$000	Variance %	
Operating Revenue							
Net Rates and Utility Charges	369,957	369,957	182,455	182,912	457	0.3%	369,957
Other Revenue	23,824	23,824	1,235	1,827	591	47.9%	23,824

As at 31 July 2022, \$192.4 million operating revenue had been achieved which is \$1.5 million more than current budget.

Significant revenue variances:

- **Fees and Charges** – Council's holiday parks are currently ahead of the expected budget for July
- **Interest Received** – Council's returns on investments are increasing due to the change in interest rate market conditions

Operating Result – July 2022 (continued)



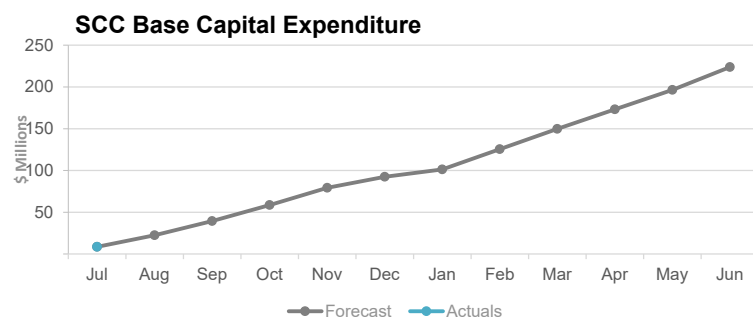
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Non-recurrent Expenses	3,010	3,010	251	251	-	-
Net Result	129,375	129,375	152,209	154,887	2,679	1.8%

Substantial Expenditure Variance for the Period Ending 31 July 2022							
	Annual		YTD				Annual Forecast Budget \$000
	Original Budget \$000	Current Budget \$000	Current Budget \$000	Actuals \$000	Variance \$000	Variance %	
Operating Expenses							
Materials and Services	200,548	200,548	13,589	12,589	(1,000)	(7.4%)	200,548
Other Expenses	23,292	23,292	1,536	1,283	(253)	(16.5%)	23,292

As at 31 July 2022, \$37.7 million of the \$503 million operating budget had been expended resulting in a variance of \$1.2 million

- Employee expenses are within budget for July
- Materials and services are below budget due to the progression of levy and operating projects

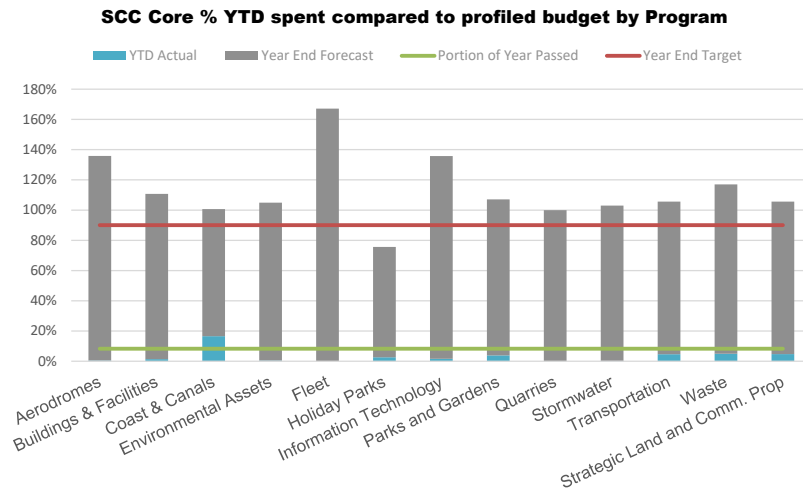
Capital Expenditure - July 2022



- As at 31 July 2022, \$13.7 million (5%) of Council's \$273 million Capital Works Program was financially expended.
- The Core Capital Program has progressed 4.1% of budget, an actual spend of \$8.5 million.
- Corporate Major Projects progressed 9%

Capital Expenditure	Annual		YTD		Year End	
	Original Budget \$000s	Current Budget \$000s	Actuals \$000s	% of FY Budget Spent	Forecast Year End Actual	Forecast Year End Variance to Budget
Core Capital Works Program						
Aerodromes	530	530	3	0.5%	720	190
Buildings and Facilities	21,764	21,764	313	1.4%	24,099	2,335
Coast and Canals	4,440	4,440	738	16.6%	4,470	30
Environmental Assets	3,840	3,840	18	0.5%	4,028	188
Minor Works	4,850	4,850	302	6.2%	7,373	2,523
Fleet	4,000	4,000	-	-	6,686	2,686
Holiday Parks	4,095	4,095	110	2.7%	3,099	(996)
Information Technology	7,059	7,059	119	1.7%	9,582	2,523
Parks and Gardens	18,380	18,380	715	3.9%	19,687	1,307
Quarries	610	610	0	0.0%	610	-
Stormwater	9,141	9,141	27	0.3%	9,414	273
Transportation	75,526	75,526	3,555	4.7%	79,797	4,271
Waste	52,546	52,546	2,626	5.0%	61,475	8,929
Total SCC Core Capital Program	206,781	206,781	8,526	4.1%	231,040	24,259
Corporate Major Projects	44,031	44,031	3,964	9.0%	48,998	4,967
Strategic Land and Commercial Properties	21,697	21,697	1,037	4.8%	22,918	1,221
Maroochydore City Centre	700	700	36	5.2%	700	-
Sunshine Coast Airport Runway	-	-	131	-	1,722	1,722
Total Other Capital Program	66,428	66,428	5,168	7.8%	74,338	7,910
TOTAL	273,210	273,210	13,695	5.0%	305,379	32,169

Capital Expenditure - July 2022 (continued)



Buildings and Facilities

- Detailed design is progressing for of a new library and community centre at Sippy Downs as well as the upgrade of the Kawana Waters regional aquatic centre.
- Procurement is underway for the replacement/refurbishment of 11 public amenity buildings throughout the region

Fleet

- \$3.2 million of orders have been placed with delivery expected throughout the 2022/23 financial year.

Holiday Parks

- Construction for the replacement of amenities at the Coolum Beach and Mudjimba holiday park are currently scheduled for completion in September.

Parks and Gardens

- Works will begin shortly on the recreational park upgrade to Quota Memorial Park Nambour
- Construction is underway for significant recreational park upgrades at Forest Park West Sippy Downs. Construction is scheduled for completion in November

Stormwater

- Council's \$3.6 million stormwater pipe relining program is due to begin in September

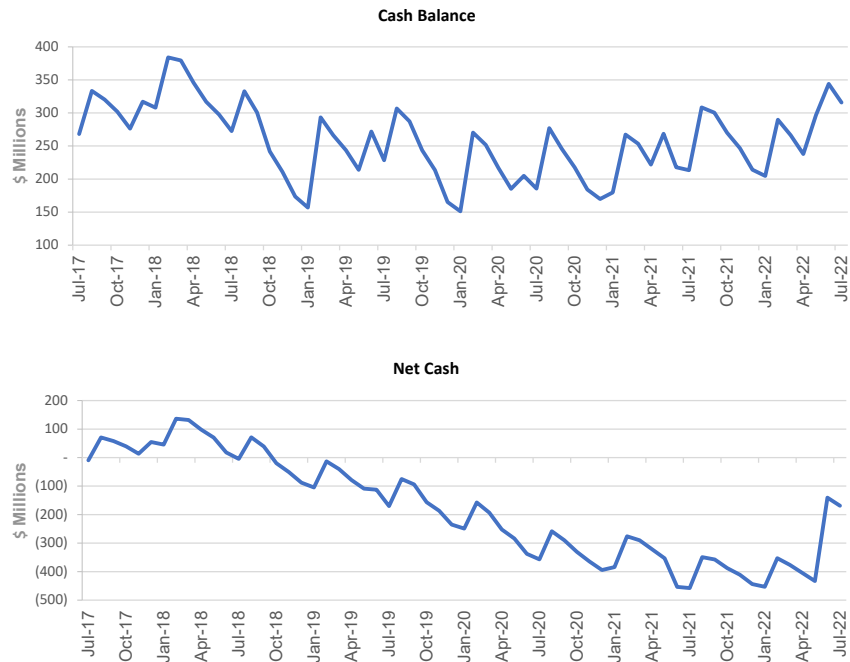
Transportation

- Council's \$23.5 million road resurfacing and rehabilitation program has progressed 3% with a total expenditure of \$793,000.
- Council's \$860,000 bus stop program has progressed 27% with a total expenditure of \$233,000.
- Construction continues for Council's major transport corridor upgrade at Brisbane Road Mooloolaba

Waste

- Design and construction is progressing for the new material resource facility at the Nambour resource recovery centre.

Cash Flows and Balance Sheet



Cash and Balance Sheet - July 2022	
	Original Budget \$000s
CASH FLOWS	
Opening Cash	289,721
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflows) from:	
Operating Activities	78,211
Investing Activities	(177,162)
Financing Activities	19,509
Net Increase/(decrease) in Cash Held	(79,442)
Cash at year end	210,279
BALANCE SHEET	
Current Assets	269,810
Non Current Assets	6,319,144
Total Assets	6,588,954
Current Liabilities	136,038
Non Current Liabilities	541,261
Total Liabilities	677,299
Net Community Assets/Total Community Equity	5,911,655

- Council's cash at 31 July 2022 is \$305 million
- Council's debt at 31 July 2022 is \$484 million

Debt

Sunshine Coast Council's debt program is governed by the 2022/23 Debt Policy, which was adopted with the Original Budget adoption on 23 June 2022.

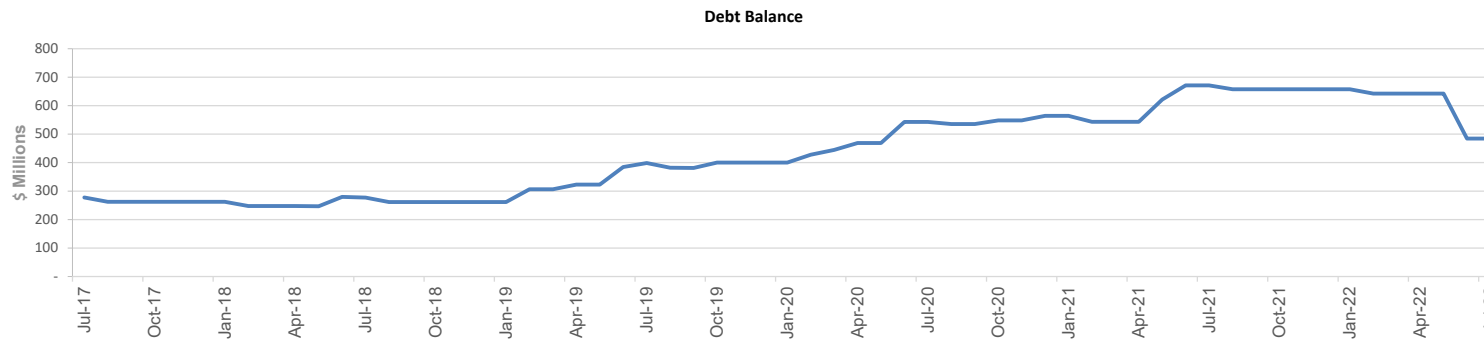
New borrowings are undertaken in accordance with the Queensland Treasury Corporation Guidelines, the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982 and Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Table 1 includes Sunshine Coast Council's budgeted debt balance for 2022/23.

Council's debt as at 31 July 2022 is \$484 million

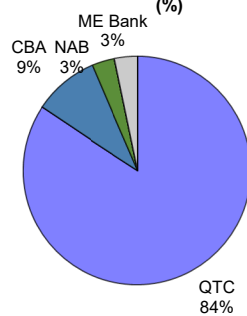
Debt - 2022/23				
	Opening Balance	Debt Redemption	New Borrowings	Closing Balance
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Sunshine Coast Council Core	345,766	16,680	44,430	373,516
Maroochydore City Centre	138,717	6,879	-	131,837
Total	484,483	23,559	44,430	505,354

Table 1: 2022/23 Adopted Debt Balance

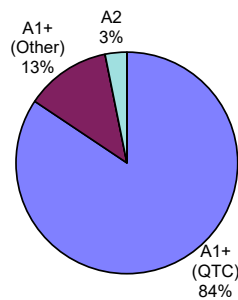


Investment Performance

Investment per financial institution (%)



Investment by Standard & Poor's (Short Term Credit Rating)




Investment Performance - July 2022								
Liquidity as at:	31/07/2022			Term deposits maturing:				
	\$'000's			\$'000's	Count			
At-call accounts				within 30 days	-			
QTC + CBA (excl. trust)	285,460	90.02%		30-59 days	-			
				60-89 days	-			
Maturities within 7 days	-	0.00%		90-179 days	20,000			
Total at-call	285,460	90.02%		180-364 days	-			
Investment Policy Target		10.00%		1 year - 3 years	-			
				Total	20,000			
					2			
INVESTMENT SUMMARY (including Trust) as at:								
	31/07/2022		30/04/2022		31/07/2021		Investment Policy	
							Individual Limit	Group Limits
A1+ (QTC)	267,538	84%	202,185	83.3%	191,499	88.5%	100%	100%
A1+ (Other)	39,555	12%	30,601	12.6%	24,830	11.5%	40%	100%
A1	-	0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	30%	50%
A2	10,000	3%	10,000	4.1%	-	0.0%	30%	45%
A3	-	0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5%	10%
Total Funds	317,094		242,786		216,329			
FUND SUMMARY								
General Funds	305,460		232,414		204,687			
Trust Funds	11,634		10,371		11,642			
Total Funds	317,094		242,786		216,329			

- All investment parameters remain within the guidelines established by the Investment Policy.
- For the month ending 31 July 2022 Council had \$305 million cash (excluding Trust Fund) with an average interest rate of 1.6%, being 0.01% above benchmark. This is compared to the same period last year with \$205 million cash (excluding Trust Fund) with an average interest rate of 0.50%, being 0.48% above benchmark.
- The benchmark used to measure performance of cash funds is Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill index (BAUBIL).



8.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MCU22/0075 - TOURIST PARK - 185 -205 DIDDILLIBAH ROAD WOOMBYE

File No:	MCU22/0075
Author:	Senior Development Planner Customer & Planning Services Group
Appendices:	App A - Conditions of Approval 5/133 
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SUMMARY SHEET	
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Applicant:	Highgate Developments Pty Ltd
Owner:	Highgate Developments Pty Ltd
Consultant:	Murray & Associates (Qld) Pty Ltd
Proposal	Development Permit for Material Change of Use of Premises to Establish a Tourist Park
Properly Made Date:	11 March 2022
Information Request Date:	7 April 2022
Information Response Received Date:	26 April 2022
Number of Submissions	<p>The application was publicly notified for 15 business days between 3 May 2022 and 24 May 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>.</p> <p>A total of 330 submissions were received, including:</p> <p>247 “properly made” submissions, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 132 in support of the proposal • 115 against the proposal. <p>83 “not properly made” submissions, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66 in support of the proposal • 17 against the proposal.
PROPERTY DETAILS	
Division:	5
Property Address:	185-205 Diddillibah Road WOOMBYE
RP Description:	Lot 3 SP 246610
Land Area:	26.5ha
STATUTORY DETAILS	
Planning Scheme:	Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme (24 May 2021)
SEQRP Designation:	Regional Landscape and Rural Production
Strategic Plan Designation:	Rural Enterprise and Landscape Area

Local Plan Area:	Not applicable
Zone:	Rural zone
Assessment Type:	Impact

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's determination of an application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use of Premises to Establish a Tourist Park at 185-205 Diddillibah Road, Woombye.

The application is before Council due to the high level of community interest.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The application seeks approval for Development Permit for Material Change of Use of Premises to Establish a Tourist Park.

The proposed development comprises a total of 132 sites, including camping, caravan and glamping sites, and various ancillary recreational buildings and activities, including a Recreation Centre, pool, restaurant and bar, café, and outdoor activities.

All Tourist Park facilities will be for guest use only, with no external use of the facilities by the general public.

A detailed assessment of the application has been undertaken and is included in the officer's Detailed Assessment Report in **Attachment 1** to this report.

The proposed development has been assessed against the relevant sections and codes in the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014*.

The application is recommended for approval with reasonable and relevant conditions.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Development Application MCU22/0075 - Tourist Park - 185 -205 Diddillibah Road WOOMBYE"
- (b) **APPROVE** Application No. MCU22/0075, and grant a Development Permit for Material Change of Use of Premises to Establish a Tourist Park subject to imposition of reasonable and relevant conditions in Appendix A and
- (c) note all future requests for a negotiated decision notice and requested changes to the approval to be determined by delegated Council officers where the changes would not have a material impact on the outcome of the original decision.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

In the event of an approval, Infrastructure Charges are payable in accordance with Council's Infrastructure Charges Resolution.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal: *Our service excellence*

Outcome: We serve our community by providing this great service.

Operational Activity: S19 - Development services – planning, engineering, plumbing and landscaping approvals, provision of specialist advice to the community on planning requirements, audit of private development works, investigation of complaints from the public around land use or development, management of appeals.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

The Divisional Councillor, Councillor W Johnston, as well as the adjoining Divisional Councillors, Councillor E Hungerford and Councillor D Law, and Councillor R Baberowski, have been consulted on the application.

Internal Consultation

The application was referred to and/or discussed with the following internal Council specialists/branches and their assessment forms part of this report:

- Development Engineer, Engineering and Environment Assessment Team, Development Services Branch, Customer and Planning Services Group
- Hydraulic Engineer, Engineering and Environment Assessment Team, Development Services Branch, Customer and Planning Services Group
- Senior Architect, Planning Assessment Team, Development Services Branch, Customer and Planning Services Group
- Ecology Specialist, Engineering and Environment Assessment Team, Development Services Branch, Customer and Planning Services Group
- Environment Health Officer, Engineering and Environment Assessment Team, Development Services Branch, Customer and Planning Services Group
- Landscape Officer, Engineering and Environment Assessment Team, Development Services Branch, Customer and Planning Services Group
- Plumbing Officer, Development Services Branch, Customer and Planning Services Group

External Consultation

The application was referred to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (SARA) as a referral agency in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

The department is a concurrence agency for State Transport Infrastructure – Transport Corridors and Future Corridors. The department responded by letter dated 2 June 2022 (changed referral agency response with conditions) stating that the supplied conditions must be attached to any development approval. Refer to **Attachment 2** for this response.

The supplied conditions relate to noise attenuation for permanent accommodation buildings, stormwater management (no worsening or actionable nuisance to the state-controlled road), no impact to the state-controlled road from development works, and no access to the state controlled road.

Community Engagement

The application was publicly notified for 15 business days between 3 May 2022 and 24 May 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016*.

A total of 330 submissions were received. Of the 247 “properly made” submissions, 132 were in support of the proposal, and 115 were against the proposal. Of the 83 “not properly made” submissions, 66 were in support of the proposal, and 17 were against the proposal.

Maps showing the location of the properly made submissions and a summary of the properly made submissions, together with a statement of how those matters were dealt with in reaching a decision for this application, are included in the officers Detailed Assessment Report in **Attachment 1** of this report.

PROPOSAL

The application seeks approval for Development Permit for Material Change of Use of Premises to Establish a Tourist Park at 185-205 Diddillibah Road, Woombye. Figure 1 shows the location of the site and an aerial of the site.



Figure 1 – Locality and Site Aerial

The proposed development comprises a total of 132 sites, including camping, caravan and glamping sites as follows and as shown on Figure 2 below:

- 20 cabins
- 19 glamping sites
- 49 Van and RV sites
- 44 camping sites



Figure 2 – Site Plan

The proposal includes a Managers Residence (within the Recreation Centre/Reception building) and Caretakers Residence in the south eastern corner of the site.

Various ancillary recreational buildings and activities are proposed on the site, including a Recreation Centre, pool, restaurant and bar, café, and outdoor activities.

The maximum occupancy of the Tourist Park will be 284 people. All Tourist Park facilities will be for guest use only, with no external use of the facilities by the general public.

Each accommodation site would contain its own guest parking space. Additional guest and visitor parking (20 spaces) is also provided along the western boundary in proximity to the Recreation Centre building.

Landscape buffers and generous boundary setbacks would be provided to all boundaries.

There is a recent development approval (MCU18/0154) over the site for Short-Term Accommodation (8 Cabins) which is currently under construction and two maintenance sheds, one which has been recently constructed.

The subject site currently comprises a primary dwelling house and secondary dwelling along the southern boundary, with stables and a horse paddock along the western boundary of the site. The existing buildings will be re-used as part of the proposed Tourist Park development as well as additional new buildings.

The proposed plans have been attached to this report (refer to **Attachment 3**).

In relation to the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014*, the application is assessable against the whole of planning scheme, including the Strategic Framework and the following relevant codes:

- Zone codes
 - Rural Zone Code
- Use codes
 - Relocatable Home Park and Tourist Park Code
- Other Development codes
 - Landscape Code
 - Nuisance Code
 - Safety and Security Code
 - Stormwater Management Code
 - Sustainable Design Code
 - Transport and Parking Code
 - Waste Management Code
 - Works, Services and Infrastructure Code
- Overlay codes
 - Acid Sulfate Soils Overlay Code
 - Airport Environs Overlay Code
 - Biodiversity, Waterways and Wetlands Overlay Code
 - Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code
 - Flood Hazard Overlay Code
 - Height of Buildings and Structures Overlay Code

- Regional Infrastructure Overlay Code
- Scenic Amenity Overlay Code

A detailed assessment of the application has been undertaken and is included in the officer's Detailed Assessment Report in **Attachment 1** to this report, including an assessment of the pertinent issues being land use, traffic impacts, landscape buffering, acoustic assessment and flood management.

With respect to traffic impacts in particular, the development fronts Diddillibah Road, which is currently nominated as a Rural Neighborhood Collector in Council's transport mapping. This category has a functional capacity of up to 1000 vehicles per day. Council's engineering specialist has confirmed that the proposed traffic volumes are within the accepted limits for this type of road. The intersection with Walden Road requires upgrading to provide a higher standard of turn treatment (CHR) than as initially proposed by the development. The channelised turn treatment will improve safety for both turning and through traffic and avoid the implementation of Extended Design Domain sight distance parameters. Upgrade of Walden Road to a 6m wide sealed carriageway would also be required.

The proposed Tourist Park is of an appropriate nature, scale and intensity having consideration to the size of the rural site and its surrounding context. The proposed development sufficiently complies with the requirements of the Planning Scheme and does not raise any significant issues that cannot be addressed by reasonable and relevant conditions. The application is therefore recommended for approval.

Legal

In relation to this development application, there are currently no legal implications relevant to this report but noting Council's decision on the application can be appealed to the Planning and Environment Court by either the applicant or a properly made submitter. Council will proceed with any required actions resulting from any legal action.

Policy

The application has been assessed against the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* and regard has been given to all relevant Council policies.

Risk

These matters can be appealed to the Planning and Environment Court by the applicant or submitters. Council will proceed with any required actions resulting from any legal action.

Previous Council Resolution

There is no previous Council resolution which is applicable to this application.

Related Documentation

A copy of the officer's full and detailed assessment report is included as **Attachment 1** to this report. The detailed assessment report contains all the specific assessment details under the Planning Scheme considered in Council's assessment of this application.

A copy of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (SARA) changed referral agency response is included as **Attachment 2** to this report.

A copy of the proposal plans associated with the proposed development are included as **Attachment 3** to this report.

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates relevant to this report.

Implementation





Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that Council officers will communicate the outcome of Council's resolutions to the applicant and submitters as appropriate.

8.4 DISPOSAL (EASEMENT) OF PART OF COUNCIL FREEHOLD LAND AT 34 GREENVIEW TERRACE, PALMVIEW

File No: F2022/14022

Author: Senior Property Officer
Business Performance Group

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PURPOSE

This report seeks a resolution from Council to grant an exception under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to dispose of land to Unitywater (via easement) without the need to undertake a tender or auction process. The easement is proposed to be registered over part of Council owned land under nomination of trust for park purposes located at 34 Greenview Terrace, Palmview, legally described as Lot 8001 SP299776.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is a requirement for the registration of a sewerage easement, in favour of Unitywater, over part of Council land owned in freehold under nomination of trust for park purposes located at 34 Greenview Terrace, Palmview, legally described at Lot 8001 SP299776 (Council's land). The purpose of the easement is to protect a constructed sewer line associated with the approvals under R17 RAL20/0149 & OPW20/0687 and R18 RAL20/0152 & OPW 20/0695. A small section of the easement was overlooked when the survey plan approval requirements were completed.

A resolution is sought from Council under Section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to permit the disposal of an interest in land (by way of easement), other than by tender or auction. An exception to dispose is applicable and complies with the Regulation in this instance as the disposal is to a government agency, in favour of Unitywater, part of Council owned land Lot 8001 SP299776, being 34m².

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Disposal (easement) of Part of Council Freehold Land at 34 Greenview Terrace, Palmview "
- (b) resolve, pursuant to section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that an exception to dispose of an interest (easement) in land over part of Council freehold land under nomination of trust Lot 8001 SP299776, other than by tender or auction applies, as the disposal is pursuant to section 236(1)(b)(i) to a government agency and
- (c) note that Unitywater is a government agency.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

Costs associated with facilitating the easement include compensation, preparation of the easement documentation and survey plans, the preparation of compensation assessments, and Titles Queensland registration fees to register the dealings.

The compensation for providing an easement over Council's land will be equal to or above that of the market value of the interest in land and will be undertaken by an independent registered valuer pursuant to Section 236(3) and 236(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. In the event an exemption to the disposal is granted, the Property Management Branch will commission an independent compensation assessment for the diminished value of the encumbered land.

There are no direct or ongoing costs to Council in relation to the proposal.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal: *Our service excellence*

Outcome: We serve our community by providing this great service.

Operational Activity: S21 - Property management – comprehensive management of Council's land and building assets to ensure that Council's property dealings are optimised, centrally managed, and support Councils objectives.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

- Councillor C Dickson – Division 6 Divisional Councillor and Portfolio Councillor
- Councillor W Johnston – Service Excellence Portfolio Councillor

Internal Consultation

- Manager Leasing & Land Management, Property Management
- Senior Property Officer, Property Management
- Strategic Planner, Strategic Planning
- Project Officer, Environmental Operations
- Parks Technical Officer, Open Space
- Development Services Officer, Development Services.

External Consultation

Council's Property Management Branch has liaised with RPS consulting group as the Survey Managers on behalf of the developer in relation to the approval process and eventual registration of the sewerage easement within Councils Land.

Community Engagement

Due to the administrative nature of this report, no community engagement has been undertaken or is required.

PROPOSAL

The land located at 34 Greenview Terrace, Palmview is owned by Council in freehold under Nomination of Trust (Council's land). The Council's land is legally described at Lot 8001 SP299776 and comprises of park amenities and vegetated open space as shown in **Attachment 1 – Aerial Map** and Council's land is shown in **Attachment 2 – Locality Plan**.

There is a requirement for the registration of a sewerage easement in favour of Unitywater, to protect the existing sewer infrastructure requirements within Council's land. Easement EX is required to align with adjoining easements ET, M and AD to then protect the whole of the sewerage pipeline.

The proposed easement is 34m² in area and traverses the Council owned land as shown in **Attachment 3 – Easement Location Plan**. Easement documentation for Easement EX within Council's land is associated with Survey Plan 330413. The location of the proposed drainage easement is identified as Easement EX as shown in **Attachment 4 – Easement EX Survey Plan 330413**.

Lot 8001 SP299776 was transferred to Council by the developer responsible for the development approval R17 RAL20/0149 & OPW20/0687 and R18 RAL20/0152 & OPW 20/0695 with two registered easements M and AD. In this instance, easement EX was overlooked prior to the transfer of land to Council and now requires registration.

To facilitate the registration of the sewerage easement over Council's land, Council is required to grant an exception under Section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Local Government Regulation 2012 stipulates that Council may, by resolution, dispose of an interest in land (including by way of easement), other than by tender or auction, if an exception applies. An exception is permitted as it relates to this application as the land is being disposed to a government agency as outlined in Section 236(1)(b)(i) of the Regulation.

In the event that an exception is granted, the Property Management Branch will commission an independent compensation assessment to determine the diminished value of the encumbered land. This will ensure the disposal complies with Sections 236(3) and (5) of the Regulation as: -

- Compensation will be assessed by a registered valuer who is not an employee of the local government) registered under the *Valuers Registration Act 1992*; and
- Compensation will be set at or above the market valuation as determined by the registered valuer.

Legal

Legal Services have been consulted in relation to this report and will review all easement documentation to enable the registration of the proposed sewerage easement with Titles Queensland.

Policy

This report has been prepared in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy relating to the disposal of Council assets.

Risk

The risk associated with this matter is that Council would not have a registered record of private drainage infrastructure within Councils Land.

Previous Council Resolution

There are no previous Council Resolutions relevant to this report.

Related Documentation

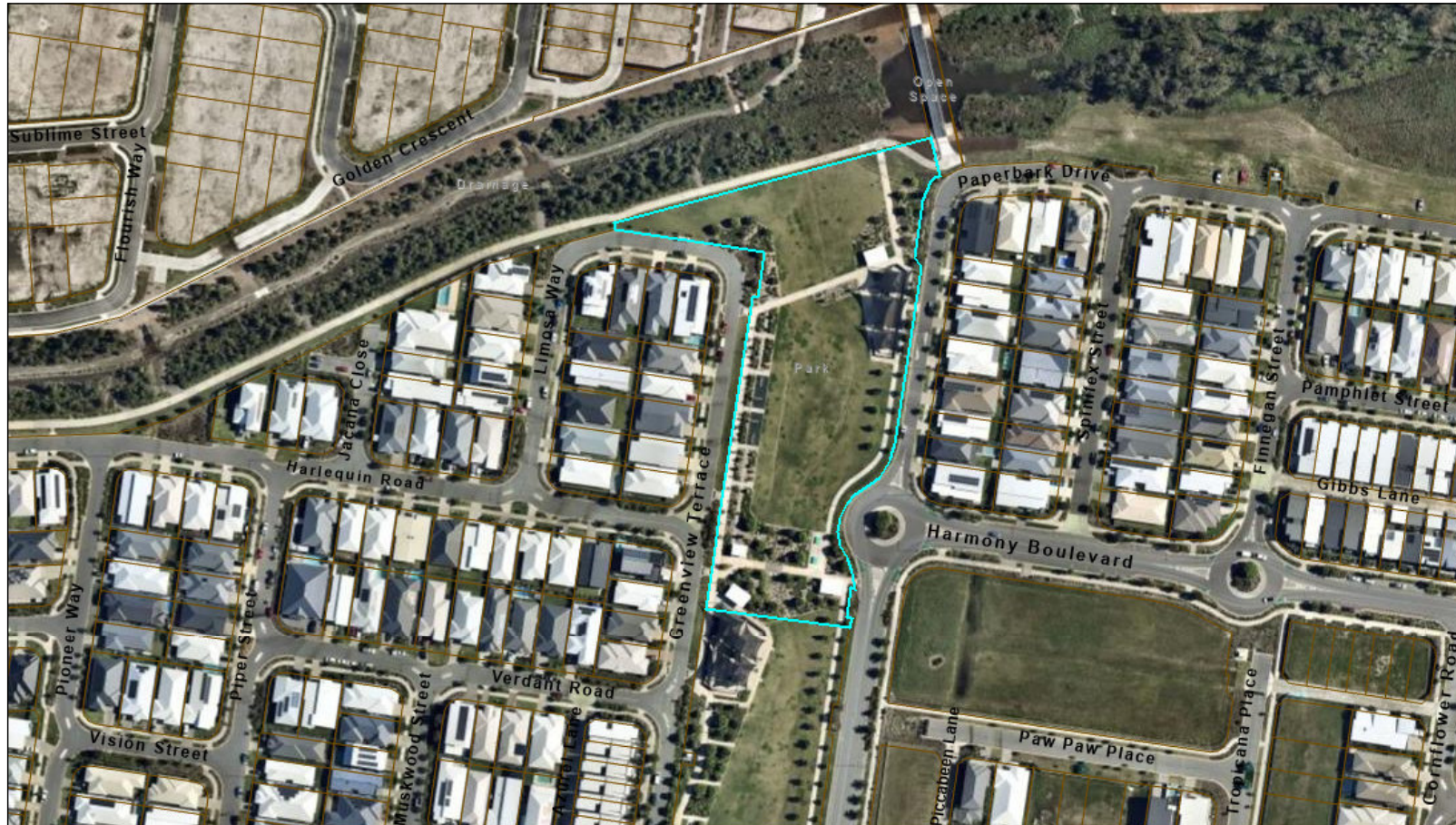
Council's Standard Terms Document dealing number 714904857 for sewerage infrastructure and access rights easements on Council owned land will be registered in accordance with the easement documentation.

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates relevant to this report.

Implementation

Should the recommendation be resolved by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will delegate to Council's Delegated Officer that an exception to division 4 of section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies and the survey plan and easement documentation will be executed and registered with Titles Queensland.



Attachment 1 - 34 Greenview Tce PALMVIEW



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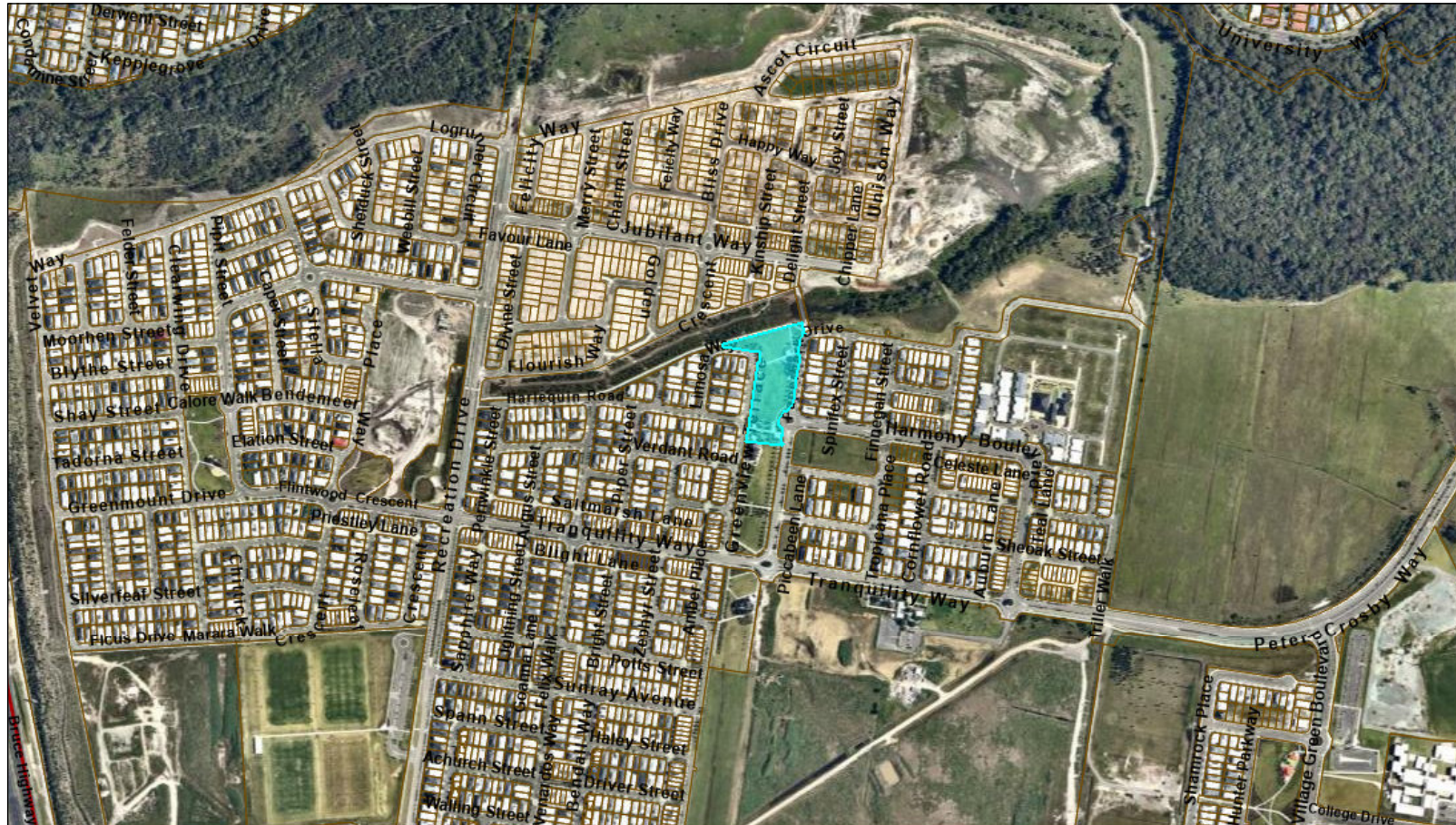
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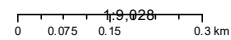
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Attachment 2 - Locality Plan



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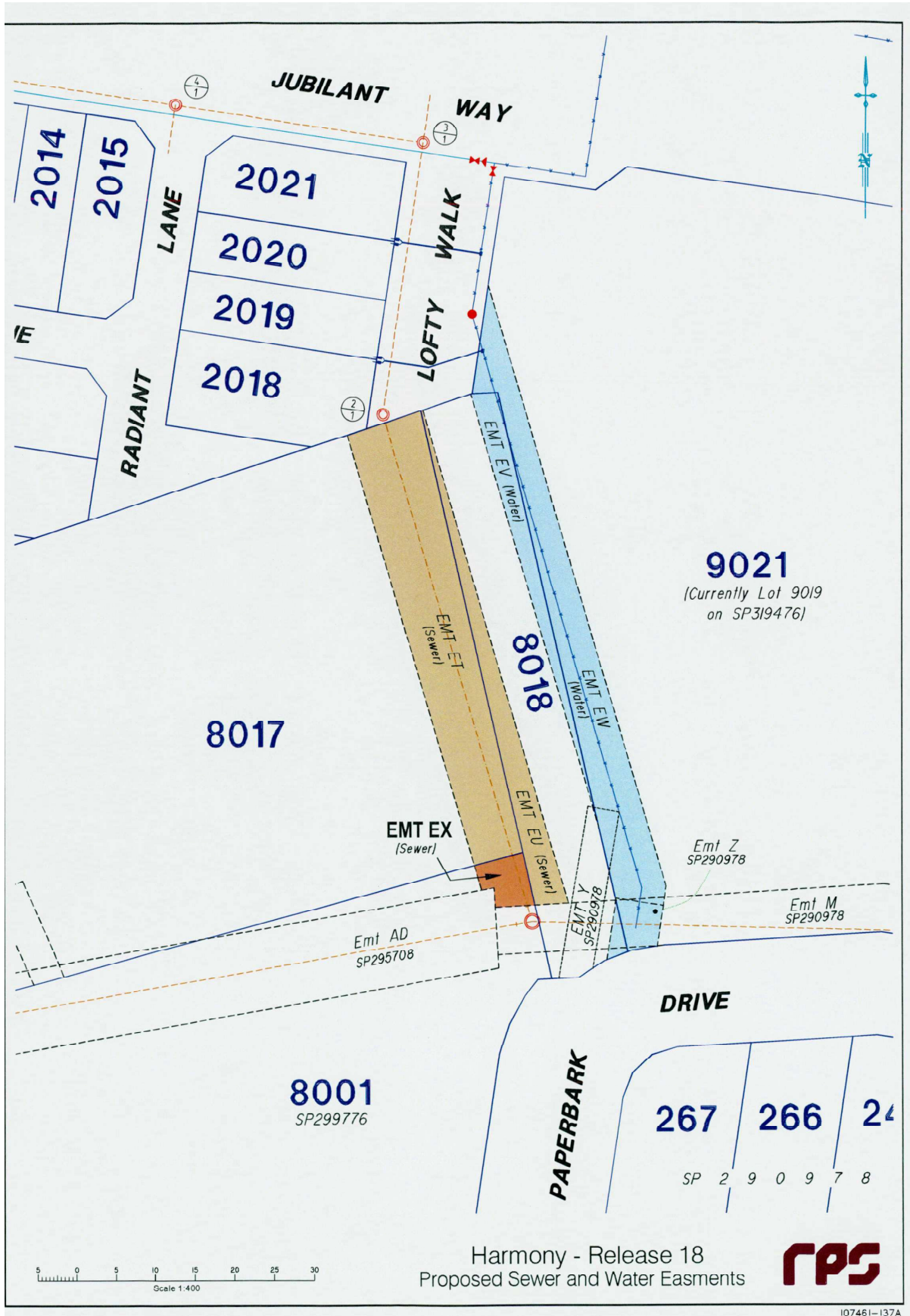


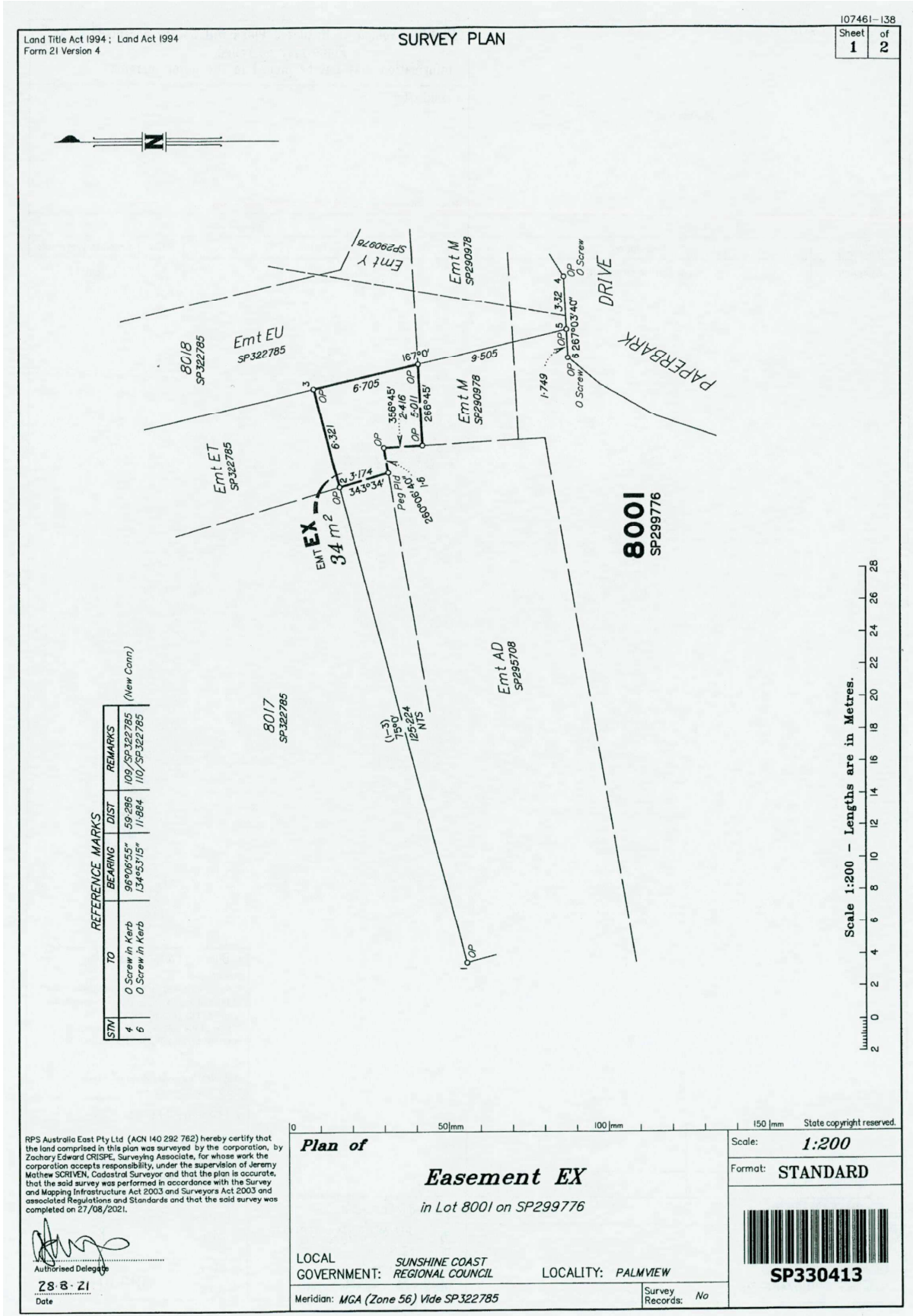
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8.5 INVASIVE PLANT SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM - BIOSECURITY ACT 2014

File No: F2018/30481

Author: Coordinator Healthy Places
Customer & Planning Services Group

Appendices: App A - 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council under the Biosecurity Act 2014..... 109  

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council endorsement to conduct the biosecurity surveillance program for the management of invasive plants. The program is required to be endorsed by Council before implementation in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014, section 235*. The proposed program is scheduled to commence on 12 September 2022 and conclude on 11 September 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Customer Response propose to implement a Biosecurity Surveillance Program (the Program) for the management of invasive plants (**refer to Appendix A**). The Program requires authorisation from Council under section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act) to allow officers to lawfully undertake the management of invasive plants. The program was previously presented to Council annually for review; however, the most recent review of the Program identified an option to extend the timeline to a three-year period. This change allows officers to focus on long term outcomes of the program and reduces the administrative impost on the program.

Council is required to undertake certain activities to meet its biosecurity obligations and commitments under the Act and Sunshine Coast Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017. The Program has been developed in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Program is designed to reduce the environmental, social, economic and amenity impacts associated with invasive plants that are listed as prohibited, restricted or locally significant in the Biosecurity Plan. The Biosecurity Plan prioritises the management of all invasive species for the five major Sunshine Coast catchments (Mary River, Upper Stanley River, Pumicestone Passage, Mooloolah River, Maroochy River, and part of Noosa River) and the Program focuses on invasive plants listed in the Act such as Groundsel bush, Cat's claw creeper, Fireweed, Giant rat's tail grasses and Salvinia.

Council aims to inspect all properties within the program area for invasive plants, regardless of whether the property is private or publicly managed. Inspections assist Council in understanding the extent of targeted invasive plants and then take the appropriate actions:

- providing education, guidance, tools, and direction to land holders on preventing or controlling invasive plants
- partnering with other government bodies to address the invasive plants and
- planning and undertaking work on Council-controlled or managed land.

Council's focus with the Program is to educate and empower landholders to understand and manage invasive plants on their property. This educational approach has had a high level of success with less than 1% requiring Council's intervention to manage the plants.

In addition to the proactive program, Council officers respond to around 400 service requests each year from members of the community reporting or seeking assistance in relation to infestations. The Program supports Council's response to these requests and is complimented by a range of educational programs including:

- providing one-on-one training, advice, and on-the-ground support to property owners
- partnering with non-government organisations (including non-for-profit community groups such as Landcare) to share educational material and
- education stalls at community events such as regional shows.

The Program is funded from a combination of the environmental levy and operational budget for the Customer Response Branch.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Invasive Plant Surveillance Program - Biosecurity Act 2014"**
- (b) adopt the 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program (Appendix A) for Sunshine Coast Council in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014***
- (c) authorise the carrying out of the 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council (Appendix A) in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and**
- (d) note the following details of the 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council (which are required to be specified in this authorisation under Section 236 *Biosecurity Act 2014*):**
 - (i) relates to invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the *Biosecurity Act 2014***
 - (ii) purpose is to monitor for compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and monitor the presence and extent of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the *Biosecurity Act 2014***
 - (iii) the period over which the Program is carried out is from 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025**
 - (iv) is for monitoring compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and places that will be entered and inspected are land within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area that are Council assets or properties with land size equal to, or greater than, 4,000m²**
 - (v) is for determining the presence or extent of the spread of specific invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and applies to land within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area that are Council assets or properties with land size equal to, or greater than, 4,000m²**
 - (vi) surveillance in the localities of Balmoral Ridge, Beerwah, Belli Park, Bells Creek, Crohamhurst, Diamond Valley, Doonan, Dulong, Eerwah Vale, Eumundi, Flaxton, Kureelpa, Maleny, Mapleton, Montville, Mt Mellum, North Maleny, Obi Obi, Peachester, Reesville and Verrierdale and**
 - (vii) individual properties also previously known to harbour invasive biosecurity matter may be surveyed for ongoing compliance.**

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

The Program is delivered by officers within the Vector and Pest Plant Education and Control Team within the Customer Response Branch.

The budget allocated to address invasive plant issues through the biosecurity surveillance program is \$455,653 allocated as follows:

Salaries	\$ 298,158
Materials and services	\$ 66,657
Vehicles	\$ 64,761
Internal materials and services	\$ 26,077

The Environment Levy funds \$175,121 of the Program. The balance of the Program is funded by the Customer Response operational budget.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal:	<i>Our service excellence</i>
Outcome:	We serve our community by providing this great service.
Operational Activity:	S22 - Public health – protecting public health by managing declared pests, controlling mosquitoes and administering environmental health regulations.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

- Portfolio Councillors for Environment and Liveability - Councillors P Cox and M Suarez
- Portfolio Councillors for Service Excellence - Councillors W Johnston and C Dickson

Internal Consultation

The following internal stakeholders contributed to the development of this report:

- Liveability and Natural Assets, Environmental Operations, Manager Environmental Operations
- Liveability and Natural Assets, Environmental Operations, Natural Areas Team
- Liveability and Natural Assets, Environmental Operations, Coastal Constructed Water Bodies Team
- Healthy Places unit - Vector and Pest Plant Education and Control Team

External Consultation

External stakeholder consultation was undertaken with the Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries reviewed the Program and noted that officers had no comments on the Program.

Community Engagement

In 2017, community consultation was undertaken with a broad spectrum of land care groups and external agencies in prescribing the prioritisation of invasive plants and management

options for the five major Sunshine Coast catchments in the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017. This plan remains current.

PROPOSAL

The Vector and Pest Plant Education and Control Team support the community and Council in managing biosecurity matters within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area. Council is required to undertake certain activities to meet its biosecurity obligations and commitments under the Act and Sunshine Coast Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017. Through the Program officers target specific invasive plants listed in the Act such as Groundsel bush, Cat's claw creeper, Fireweed, Giant rat's tail grasses and Salvinia.

Council has been managing invasive plants in our community since the mid-1980s. The *Biosecurity Act 2014* introduced the requirement for Council to authorise programs which allow Council to enter private property to undertake control work. The proposed Program, designed in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and developed in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, must be authorised by Council to allow the carrying out of the following activities:

- monitoring compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014*
- confirming the presence, absence, and/or the extent of invasive biosecurity matter (invasive plants)
- monitoring the effectiveness of measures taken in response to a biosecurity risk
- monitoring compliance with requirements about prohibited matter or restricted matter (as defined in the Act) and
- monitoring levels of biosecurity matter (invasive plants), including a carrier (e.g., feed contaminated with invasive plants).

Council officers always make efforts to locate the landholder and an information leaflet is sent in the weeks prior to inspections to notify residents of the Program and to prompt a productive pre-inspection discussion. Officers provide information and education to assist them with their management options during and post the inspections.

Part of this education process includes assisting the person in understanding their "general biosecurity obligation", noting that the person who is in control of the property *has an obligation to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the biosecurity risk* (section 23(2) of the Act).

Council also offers access to free weed control equipment to assist the landholder to comply with their requirements. The Program is a necessary initial step before compliance work under the Act can occur such as issuing a Biosecurity Order.

Council's endorsement of the Program gives authorised persons (Council officers) power to enter property without consent in the very unusual circumstance where a landholder does not want to work with Council to manage invasive plants (this occurs in less than 1% of cases). Based on the 1000 inspections completed in the 2021/2022 biosecurity surveillance programs:

- 83% of properties were proactively managing their invasive plants, many with the assistance of Council's free weed hire equipment
- 63% of properties proactively inspected through the current Program contained invasive plants
- 7% of landholders received a notice requesting further control actions to meet their general biosecurity obligations and
- less than 1% of properties (2 properties) inspected resulted in Council engaging a contractor to enter and clear the property.

As part of the development of this year's Program officers identified an opportunity to extend the Program to cover a three-year period. This change allows officers to focus on long term outcomes of the program and reduces the administrative impost on the program.

Legal

Authorisation of the Program by a resolution of the local government is required in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act). Section 236 of the Act outlines what must be stated in the program authorisation for a biosecurity program. Section 36 of the Act allows a program to operate for a period that is reasonably necessary to achieve the objectives of the program. As the delivery of the Program is an ongoing obligation for Council a three-year Program is reasonable to capture the long-term outcomes of the program.

The authorisation of the Program enables specific powers under the Act including section 261 (Power to enter place under biosecurity program), section 262 (Power to enter place to check compliance with biosecurity order) and section 270 (Entry of place under sections 261 and 262).

While these powers are in place, Council officers will continue to work closely with landholders to seek their support and voluntary participation in the Program as their primary approach.

Policy

Local governments in Queensland have a biosecurity obligation to control invasive biosecurity matter within their local government area in compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (section 48). The Program contributes to the outcomes of the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.

Risk

Invasive plants have the potential to present a problem on large and small acreage as well as urban fringe areas. Failure to endorse the Program for Sunshine Coast Council may mean that:

- Council is not meeting its obligations under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*
- it may lead to the potential loss of agricultural productivity and community amenity
- the risks associated with not controlling invasive plants throughout the region are increased
- it may lead to potential significant longer-term environmental damage and the resulting loss or reduction of biodiversity and
- stock and domestic animals are exposed to threats.

Under section 50 of the Act the State Government minister responsible for biosecurity may direct (by issue of a formal notice) the Local Government to perform a biosecurity function or obligation. The Local Government must comply with this notice.

Previous Council Resolution

Ordinary Meeting 22 July 2021 (OM21/64)

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Surveillance Program – Biosecurity Act 2014"
- (b) adopt the 6 September 2021 to 5 September 2022 Surveillance Program (Appendix A) for Sunshine Coast Council in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*

- (c) *delegate the Chief Executive Officer to authorise the carrying out of the 6 September 2021 to 5 September 2022 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council (Appendix A) in accordance with section 235 of the Biosecurity Act 2014 on conclusion of the consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and*
- (d) *note the following details of the 6 September 2021 to 5 September 2022 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council (which are required to be specified in this authorisation under Section 236 Biosecurity Act 2014), the Program:*
- (i) *relates to invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the Biosecurity Act 2014*
 - (ii) *purpose is to monitor for compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2014 and monitor the presence and extent of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the Biosecurity Act 2014*
 - (iii) *will be carried out from 6 September 2021 to 5 September 2022*
 - (iv) *is for monitoring compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2014 and places that will be entered and inspected are privately owned land within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area and are properties with land size equal to or greater than 4,000m²*
 - (v) *is for determining the presence or extent of the spread of specific invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the Biosecurity Act 2014 and applies to privately owned land within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area and are properties with land size equal to or greater than 4,000m²*
 - (vi) *surveillance in the localities of Balmoral Ridge, Diamond Valley, Beerwah, Mt Mellum, Bells Creek, Crohamhurst, North Maleny, Flaxton, Dulong, Eerwah Vale, Verrierdale, Belli Park, Peachester, Montville, Obi Obi, Mapleton and*
 - (vii) *Individual properties also previously known to harbour invasive biosecurity matter may be surveyed for ongoing compliance.*

Related Documentation

- [Biosecurity Act 2014](#)
- [Local Government Act 2009](#)
- [Queensland invasive plants and animals Strategy 2019-2024](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Compliance and Enforcement Policy 2021](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Corporate Plan 2022-2026](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Operational Plan 2022-2023](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#)

Critical Dates

The Program has been scheduled to commence monitoring activities from 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025. Notice of the Program must be given at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the program. The notification would be raised no later than 26 August 2022.

Implementation

The Program will be available for customers and the public to view at all Customer Contact Centres and will be published on the Council website at least 14 days before commencement. The Program is a necessary initial step before Council can undertake compliance and enforcement work to prevent and control invasive plants.

The Program will be implemented by Council's Vector and Pest Plant Education and Control Team in correlation with Council land management schedules. This ensures an efficient delivery for maximum benefit to both community and Council's assets. Council has several tools to be used in the education, surveillance, compliance, and enforcement work including an entry notice and fact sheet that will be supplied to the occupier outlining the requirements of the legislation and their options.

Several resources including educational booklets, a smartphone application, fact sheets and public notices will be provided to occupiers of a property via social media, mail outs and surveys. Information is also available online at Council's website and Biosecurity Queensland's website.

Council's Vector and Pest Plant Control Officers will seek voluntary compliance and collaborate with landholders and land managers wherever possible to facilitate the control of invasive plants. The Program will:

- allow the confirmation of the presence of invasive plants on a property
- allow Council to communicate and inform a person about their general biosecurity obligation and
- assess whether to issue a Biosecurity Order to a person for failure to discharge their general biosecurity obligation (which may require the person to undertake management action – such as prevention or control).

If the responsible person fails to comply with formal notices, the authorised Program provides for the property to be entered and for Council to undertake the work required (section 263). The costs associated with this work can be recovered from the responsible person. Based on the history of the program, this intervention is expected in less than 1% of cases.

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will ensure the Program is undertaken in line with the specified requirements.

12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*

1. Biosecurity program

1.1 PROGRAM NAME

The Surveillance Program (biosecurity program) for Sunshine Coast Council will be known as the *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council*.

2. Requirement for a surveillance program

2.1 PURPOSE AND RATIONALE

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act) provides for the establishment of surveillance programs. Surveillance programs are an important contribution to the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017 objectives through this community engagement.

The *Surveillance Program* is directed at the following:

- (a) monitoring compliance with the Act in relation to a particular matter to which the Act applies;
- (b) confirming the presence, or finding out the extent of the presence, in the State or the parts of the State to which the program applies, of the biosecurity matter to which the program relates;
- (c) confirming the absence, in the State or the parts of the State to which the program applies, of the biosecurity matter to which the program relates;
- (d) monitoring the effects of measures taken in response to a biosecurity risk;
- (e) monitoring compliance with requirements about prohibited matter or restricted matter;
- (f) monitoring levels of biosecurity matter or levels of biosecurity matter in a carrier.

The objectives of the Surveillance Program are to further reduce the environmental, social, economic and amenity impacts associated with invasive biosecurity matter - invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter such as rats tail grasses *Sporobolus sp* and groundsel bush *Baccharis halimifolia* on private properties in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area. Surveillance, education and control is undertaken in partnership with private and public landholders or land managers.

Background

Council has been undertaking surveillance programs for many years which has involved proactive site inspections on thousands of properties. The community often work collaboratively with Council on most occasions to better manage their properties of invasive biosecurity matter. To ensure the continuation of the management of invasive biosecurity matter - invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter such as rats tail grasses *Sporobolus sp* and groundsel bush *Baccharis halimifolia* it is important to continue to undertake these proactive surveillance programs fostering landholder engagement. Education on the broader impacts, control options and access to weed control equipment is offered in the first instance.

Justification for the Program

1. The program supports the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017 objectives.
2. Council receives over 400 hundred complaints each year from members of the community in relation to infestations of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter.
3. Community engagement with this program is largely very positive and the support for landholders with land management expertise and weed control hire equipment is welcomed.
4. Council is aware that the localities listed in this surveillance program have infestations of invasive biosecurity matter - invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter such as rats tail grasses *Sporobolus sp* and groundsel bush *Baccharis halimifolia*.
5. The previous proactive surveillance program has shown that 63% of 1000 properties inspected had invasive biosecurity matter on them and 17% of properties were not being managed in line with the legislative requirements to meet their general biosecurity obligations.

2.2 MEASURES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE

The key activities undertaken by the Program include but are not limited to:

- Surveying of properties for invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter and data capture for regional analysis;
- Education to landholders and property managers (“recipients”) of their ‘general biosecurity obligations’ under the Act; and
- Monitor treatment programs and enforce compliance where necessary.

2.3 POWERS OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

(a) Entry of place

The Act provides that authorised officers appointed under the Act may, at reasonable times, enter a place situated in an area to which a biosecurity program applies, to take any action authorised by the biosecurity program¹. These activities must be done in a timely and efficient manner to ensure that the measures are as effective as possible. The Program will authorise entry into places to allow these measures to be undertaken.

In accordance with the Act a reasonable attempt will be made to locate an occupier² and obtain the occupier’s consent to the entry prior to an authorised officer entering a place to undertake activities under the Program. Nevertheless, an authorised officer may enter the place if³—

- (a) The authorised officer is unable to locate an occupier after making a reasonable attempt to do so; or
- (b) the occupier refuses to consent to the entry.

If after entering a place an authorised officer finds an occupier present or the occupier refuses to consent to the entry—an authorised officer will make reasonable attempts to produce an identity card

¹ See section 261 (Power to enter a place under biosecurity program) of the Act.

² The Act defines an **occupier**, of a place, generally to include the person who apparently occupies the place (or, if more than 1 person apparently occupies the place, any of the persons); any person at the place who is apparently acting with the authority of a person who apparently occupies the place; or if no-one apparently occupies the place, any person who is an owner of the place.

³ See section 270 (Entry of place under sections 261 and 262) of the Act.

for inspection and inform the occupier of the reason for entering and the authorisation under the Act to enter without the permission of the occupier. An authorised officer under the biosecurity program must make a reasonable attempt to inform the occupier of any steps taken, or to be taken, and if steps have been taken or are to be taken, that it is an offence to do anything that interferes with a step taken or to be taken.

An authorised officer must leave a notice in a conspicuous position and in a reasonably secure way. This notice must state the date and time of entry and information addressing the reason for entry, authorisation to enter a place and the steps undertaken by the authorised officer after entry.

(b) General powers of authorised officers

Nothing in the Program or its associated Authorisation limits the powers of authorised officers under Chapter 10 of the Act.

2.4 CONSULTATION

As required by the Act⁴, Sunshine Coast Council, prior to the authorisation of the Program, has consulted with the Deputy Director-General (Chief Executive) Mr Malcom Letts, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries who advised on 25 May 2022 that "Biosecurity officers have also reviewed the proposed surveillance program authorisation and have no further comments." The Portfolio Councillors for Environment and Liveability Councillor Maria Suarez and Councillor Peter Cox have been consulted. The Portfolio Councillors for Service Excellence Councillor Winston Johnston and Councillor Christian Dickson have been consulted.

3. Authorisation of a surveillance program in the Sunshine Coast Council area

AUTHORISATION STATEMENT

The Sunshine Coast Council acting pursuant to section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act), authorises the *Surveillance Program* in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area, to mitigate environmental, social and economic risks associated with the presence of invasive biosecurity matter.

Local government Resolution

At the Ordinary Meeting of 25 August 2022, Council will consider to resolve to:

Officer recommendation:

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Surveillance Program – Biosecurity Act 2014";
- (b) adopt the *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council* in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*;
- (c) authorise the carrying out of the *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council* (Appendix A) in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*; and
- (d) note the following details of the *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Surveillance Program for Sunshine Coast Council* (which are required to be specified in this authorisation under Section 236 *Biosecurity Act 2014*):
 - (i) relates to invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the *Biosecurity Act 2014*

⁴ See section 239 (Consultation about proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

- (ii) purpose is to monitor for compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and monitor the presence and extent of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the *Biosecurity Act 2014*
- (iii) the period over which the program is carried out is from *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025*
- (iv) is for monitoring compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and places that will be entered and inspected are land within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area that are Council assets or properties with land size equal to or greater than 4,000m²
- (v) is for determining the presence or extent of the spread of specific invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter as defined in the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and applies to land within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area that are Council assets or properties with land size equal to or greater than 4,000m²
- (vi) surveillance in the localities of Balmoral Ridge, Beerwah, Belli Park, Bells Creek, Crohamhurst, Diamond Valley, Doonan, Dulong, Eerwah Vale, Eumundi, Flaxton, Kureelipa, Maleny, Mapleton, Montville, Mt Mellum, North Maleny, Obi Obi, Peachester, Reesville, Verrierdale and
- (vii) individual properties also previously known to harbour invasive biosecurity matter may be surveyed for ongoing compliance.

3.1 BIOSECURITY MATTER

The biosecurity matter to which the Program relates is invasive biosecurity matter - invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter. Prioritisation of species is listed in the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.

3.2 PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

In line with the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017 goals, the purpose of the Surveillance Program is to reduce the environmental, social and economic impacts associated with invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited matter or restricted matter in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area.

3.3 AREA AFFECTED BY THE PROGRAM

The Surveillance Program will apply to all properties over 4000m² in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area and Council assets. Smaller properties will be surveyed where neighbouring issues are identified.

Areas surveyed will be those with a known presence of invasive biosecurity matter in the upper catchment areas and in suburbs adjacent to areas identified on previous year's programs to ensure continuity of historical control work. The catchment management approach is consistent with the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017 objectives.

Individual properties also previously known to harbour invasive biosecurity matter will be surveyed for ongoing compliance.

3.4 POWERS OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

An authorised officer of the Program appointed under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, may enter a place—other than a residence⁵—without a warrant and without the occupier's consent within the State of Queensland under the Program⁶ ⁷. An authorised officer can exercise the powers of an authorised

⁵ The Act defines a *residence* to mean a premises or a part of a premises that is a residence with the meaning of section 259(2) and 259(3).

⁶ See section 259 (General powers to enter places) of the Act.

⁷ See section 261 (Power to enter a place under biosecurity program) of the Act.

officer under the Act in relation to the Program, if the authorised officer is appointed by the chief executive⁸.

An authorised officer may make a requirement (a **help requirement**) of an occupier of the place or a person at the place to give the authorised officer reasonable help to exercise a general power⁹.

An authorised officer has general powers after entering a place to do any of the following¹⁰:

General powers in the Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures an authorised officer may take under the Program
Search any part of the place	<i>Searching a place to check for the presence or absence of an invasive plant.</i>
Inspect ¹¹ , examine ¹² or film ¹³ any part of the place or anything at the place	<i>Inspect, examine and film to assist Search a place to check for the presence of an invasive plant.</i>
Take for examination a thing, or a sample of or from a thing, at the place	<i>Inspect, examine and film to assist with tracing of carriers to and from a place.</i>
Place an identifying mark in or on anything at the place	<i>Undertake surveillance by visual, photographic or electronic observations of a place which may include the use of piloted aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).</i>
Place a sign or notice at the place	<i>Take samples for the purposes of diagnostic analysis, to ascertain the presence or absence of invasive biosecurity matter.</i>
Produce an image or writing at the place from an electronic document or, to the extent it is not practicable, take a thing containing an electronic document to another place to produce an image or writing	<i>Producing a written and/or electronic note(s) to support Program activities.</i>
Take to, into or onto the place and use any person, detection animal, equipment and materials the authorised officer reasonably requires for exercising the authorised officer's powers under this division	<i>Taking GPS coordinates to ensure accuracy of location details.</i>
Remain at the place for the time necessary to achieve the purpose of the entry	<i>Undertake preventative treatment such as invasive biosecurity matter destruction that is consistent with the objectives of the Program.</i>
The authorised officer may take a necessary step to allow the exercise of a general power	<i>Take a document such as pesticide spraying log that is relevant to the objectives of the Program.</i>
If the authorised officer takes a document from the place to copy it, the authorised officer must copy and return the document to the place as soon as practicable	
If the authorised officer takes from the place an article or device reasonably capable of producing a document from an electronic document to produce the document, the authorised officer must	

⁸ See section 255 (3) (Powers of particular authorised officers limited) of the Act.

⁹ See section 297 (Power to require reasonable help) of the Act.

¹⁰ See section 296 (General powers) of the Act.

¹¹ Section 296(5) defines **inspect**, a thing, to include open the thing and examine its contents.

¹² Section 296(5) defines **examine** to include analyse, test, account, measure, weigh, grade, gauge and identify.

¹³ Section 296(5) defines **film** to include photograph, videotape and record an image in another way.

General powers in the Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures an authorised officer may take under the Program
produce the document and return the article or device to the place as soon as practicable	

3.5 OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED ON A PERSON UNDER THE PROGRAM

The following obligations - may be imposed on a person who is an occupier of a place to which the Program relates - and includes but is not limited to:

- allow Council's authorised persons (council officers) access to their property/ies to monitor for infestations of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter;
- allow Council to take invasive biosecurity matter – invasive plants that are prohibited or restricted matter samples for further analysis;
- the person must not interfere with access by Council's authorised persons (council officers); and
- the person must provide reasonable help when requested by Council's authorised persons (council officers) during the property inspection.

3.6 COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

The program will begin on 12 September 2022 and conclude on 11 September 2025. The duration of the program is considered to be reasonably necessary to achieve the program's purpose.

3.7 CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT PARTIES

As required by the Act¹⁴, the chief executive officer of Sunshine Coast Council has consulted, prior to the authorisation of the Program, with the Deputy Director-General (Chief Executive) Mr Malcolm Letts, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Chief Executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries was consulted in April 2022.

3.8 NOTIFICATION OF RELEVANT PARTIES OF REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Act¹⁵, the chief executive officer of Sunshine Coast Council will give public notice of the program 14 days before the program starts by:

- giving the notice to each government department or government owned corporation responsible for land in the area to which the Program relates; and
- publishing the notice on the Sunshine Coast Council website.

From the start of the program, the Authorisation for the program and the Surveillance Program will be available for inspection ¹⁶ at the Sunshine Coast Council's Customer Service Centres located at:

- 1 Omrah Avenue Caloundra 4551
- Cnr Currie and Bury Street Nambour 4558
- 10 First Avenue Maroochydore 4560.

¹⁴ See section 239 (Consultation about proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

¹⁵ See section 240 (Notice of proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

¹⁶ See section 241 (Access to authorisation) of the Act.

8.6 FERAL ANIMAL PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM - BIOSECURITY ACT 2014

File No: F2018/30481

Author: Coordinator Healthy Places
Customer & Planning Services Group

Appendices: App A - 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Prevention
and Control Program for feral animals under the Biosecurity Act
2014 for the Sunshine Coast Council area 123  

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council endorsement to conduct a feral animal prevention and control program. The program is required to be endorsed by Council before implementation in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, section 235. The proposed program is scheduled to commence on 12 September 2022 and conclude on 11 September 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Customer Response propose to implement the Feral Animal Prevention and Control Program (**refer to Appendix A**) (the Program) under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act) for the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area commencing the 12 September 2022 and concluding on 11 September 2025. Prior to commencement, the Program requires endorsement from Council under section 235 of the Act to allow officers to lawfully undertake the management of feral animals. The program was previously presented to Council annually for review; however, the most recent review of the Program identified an option to extend the timeline to a three-year period. This change allows officers to focus on long term outcomes of the program and reduces the administrative impost on the program.

Council is required to undertake certain activities to meet its biosecurity obligations and commitments under the Act and Sunshine Coast Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017. The Program has been developed in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Program is designed to target specific feral animals throughout the Sunshine Coast Council area namely wild dogs, dingoes, feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits. Work under the Program covers all tenures within the local government area.

Whilst most of the Program is conducted on private land, it is also carried out on Council owned and managed land to ensure Council meets its general biosecurity obligations under the *Queensland Biosecurity Act 2014*. Council works closely with other levels of government and land managers to provide a seamless response to feral animal management across the region. The proactive, strategic control efforts play an integral role in the region to protect high risk native species including endangered, vulnerable and near threatened species (EVNT).

When addressing feral animal populations on private property Council officers will contact the landholder, provide them with education, and obtain their consent to allow Council to manage feral animals in their area. In the unlikely event that the landholder refuses to work with Council, the Program gives authorised persons (Council officers) power to enter private property without consent for the purposes outlined under the program. Since the adoption of the Act in 2014 Council has not had a landholder refuse access to their property for the purpose of dealing with feral animals.

In addition to proactively locating and removing feral animals, Council officers respond to around 500 requests for service each year from community members seeking support in

dealing with feral animals. The Program supports Council's response to these requests and is complimented by a range of educational programs including:

- providing one-on-one training, advice, and on-the-ground support to property occupants
- Community Wild Dog Baiting Programs
- engaging with neighbouring Councils to coordinate control activities and training programs and
- education stalls at community events such as the regional shows.

The Program is funded from a combination of the environmental levy and operational budget for the Customer Response Branch.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Feral Animal Prevention and Control Program - Biosecurity Act 2014"
- (b) adopt the 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* for the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area (Appendix A) in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and
- (c) authorise the carrying out of the 12 September 2021 to 11 September 2025 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* for the Sunshine Coast Council area in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

The Program is delivered by the Feral Animal Education and Control Team within the Customer Response Branch.

The budget allocated to address feral animal issues through the Program is \$1,228,123 allocated as follows:

Salaries	\$817,106
Materials and services	\$242,795
Vehicles and plant	\$145,710
Internal materials and services	\$22,512

The Environment Levy funds \$290,357 of the Program which includes a community action and engagement component of \$60,000. The balance of the Program is funded by the Customer Response Branch operational budget.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal:	<i>Our service excellence</i>
Outcome:	We serve our community by providing this great service.
Operational Activity:	S22 - Public health – protecting public health by managing declared pests, controlling mosquitoes and administering environmental health regulations.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

- Portfolio Councillors for Environment and Liveability - Councillors P Cox and M Suarez
- Portfolio Councillors for Service Excellence - Councillors W Johnston and C Dickson

Internal Consultation

The following internal stakeholders contributed to the development of this report:

- Liveability and Natural Assets, Environmental Operations, Manager Environmental Operations
- Liveability and Natural Assets, Environmental Operations, Natural Areas Team
- Liveability and Natural Assets, Environmental Operations, Coastal Constructed Water Bodies Team
- Customer and Planning Services, Customer Response - Feral Animal Education and Control Team

External Consultation

External stakeholder consultation was undertaken with the Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

The stakeholders recommended the removal of Indian Myna birds from the Program as these animals are not considered an invasive biosecurity matter under the Act. The balance of the Program was supported. In consideration of this recommendation and the requirements under the Act, Indian Myna birds have been removed from the Program.

Council does not require an approved program where a landholder requests Council's assistance and invites Council onto their property to undertake control work. As such, Council will continue to support landholders in controlling Indian Myna birds where the landholder invites Council officers to enter their property to assist with undertaking this work.

Community Engagement

There has been no community engagement undertaken in relation to this report. However, Council undertakes several proactive education programs, including information displays at agricultural shows and other community events throughout the year to educate the community on feral animals and Council's programs.

PROPOSAL

The Feral Animal Education and Control Team support the community and Council in managing biosecurity matters within the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area. Council is required to undertake certain activities to meet its biosecurity obligations and commitments under the Act and Sunshine Coast Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017. The team are specifically responsible for targeting the control of feral animals including wild dogs, dingoes, feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits. The officers respond to approximately 500 requests for service each year regarding feral animals and the proposed Program compliments and supports these requests.

Council has been managing feral animals in our community since 2002. The *Biosecurity Act 2014* introduced the requirement for Council to authorise programs which allow Council to enter private property to undertake control work. The proposed Program, designed in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and developed in consultation with the Department

of Agriculture and Fisheries, must be authorised by Council to allow the carrying out of the following activities:

1. Provide information and education to an occupier of a place.
2. Undertake property assessments to determine the travel routes or harbourage areas of the feral animals being targeted in the Program.
3. Collect information from occupiers of properties to inform the Program to maximise its functioning.
4. Establish monitoring cameras, sand pads or other animal detection devices on a property to determine the presence of roaming domestic animals or feral animals.
5. Undertake surveillance by visual, photographic, or electronic observations of a place which may include the use of piloted aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
6. Undertake regular monitoring programs to inform the distribution, habitat use and populations of specific feral animal species within the region.
7. Install traps and/or deploy poisons in line with regulatory controls.
8. Install warning signage on the property to alert the public to the actions being conducted.
9. Visit the property at varying hours to attend to traps or other devices.
10. Visit the property at varying hours to undertake removal/destruction of feral animals in line with regulatory controls.
11. Control feral animals using approved methods.

As part of being a landholder, the person who is in control of the property *has an obligation to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the biosecurity risk* (section 23(2) of the Act). The Program allows Council to both meet its own obligations, but also support community members in managing feral animals on their property. As an extension to the control work outlined in the Program Council offers access to free training and feral animal control equipment to assist the occupier to comply with their obligations.

When undertaking the Program on private property Council officers contact the landholder to provide them with information on the Program, their general biosecurity obligation, the impacts of feral animals and control options before obtaining their consent to implement various management and control options. It has not occurred under the current legislation, however in the unlikely event that the landholder refuses to work with Council, the Program gives authorised persons (Council officers) power to enter private property without consent for the purposes under the Program.

The Program is complimented by a range of proactive control and education programs focussed on partnering with the community to address invasive animals:

- Biosecurity Education Program – Providing community education and engagement to improve knowledge and understanding which can result in people managing invasive animals on their properties.
- Community led Wild Dog Partnership Program – Supporting landholders in a coordinated manner to address wild dog impacts with associated support services.
- Feral Deer Program – Supporting landholders in reducing feral deer impacts on their primary production and amenity. It is imperative that the feral deer are controlled to avoid range extension before it reaches high speed roadways leading to vehicle collisions experienced in other regions along the eastern seaboard of Australia.
- Mary River Turtle Protection Program - Native species protection and direct agricultural asset protection as an indirect benefit of the control.

- Coastal Fox Control Program – Reducing fox numbers to alleviate pressure on native animals and other impacts in the local area.

As part of the development of this year's Program officers identified an opportunity to extend the Program to cover a three-year period. This change allows officers to focus on long term outcomes of the program and reduces the administrative impost on the program.

Control techniques

Council's response to feral animals is informed by long term monitoring programs and data collection. This approach allows for informed decision making in the design and delivery of efficient feral animal control programs.

As a lead agency, Council uses innovative control techniques. Older practices are being slowly replaced with new technologies. The use of artificial intelligence technology monitoring projects continues to grow driving innovation and efficiency in data gathering leaving officers to concentrate on service delivery.

Legal

Authorisation of the Program by a resolution of the local government is required in accordance with section 235 of the Act. Section 236 of the Act outlines what must be stated in the program authorisation for a biosecurity program. Section 36 of the Act allows a program to operate for a period that is reasonably necessary to achieve the objectives of the program. As the delivery of the Program is an ongoing obligation for Council, a three-year Program is reasonable to capture the long-term outcomes of the program.

The authorisation of the Program enables specific powers under the Act including section 261 (Power to enter place under biosecurity program), section 262 (Power to enter place to check compliance with biosecurity order) and section 270 (Entry of place under sections 261 and 262).

While these powers are in place, Council officers will continue to work closely with landholders to seek their support and voluntary participation in the Program as their primary approach. Council rarely, if ever, exercises powers of entry as local landholders are pleased to have the service available to assist in the control of feral animals considering the specialist techniques and training requirements. Where Council is required to exercise the full powers afforded under the program officers work closely with the relevant partnering agencies such as Biosecurity Queensland.

Policy

Local governments in Queensland have a biosecurity obligation to control invasive biosecurity matter within their local government area in compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (section 48). The Program contributes to the outcomes of the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.

Risk

The activities conducted to address feral animals include several risks and can be categorised in the broader areas detailed below:

Risk	Mitigation
Firearms	The use of firearms is undertaken in accordance with the Queensland legislation and internal policies and procedures.
Animal welfare	Throughout the capture and management of animals, procedures are followed in accordance with Queensland legislation, codes of practice for humane outcomes and internal policies and procedures.

Risk	Mitigation
Best practice	Routine training adhered to, to ensure appropriate methodology applied to feral animal control and the early adoption of technology and advancements across the industry.
Workplace Health and Safety	Safe Work Method Statements and documented processes adhered to, to prevent risk to officers and the community.
Poisons	Use of poisons (including 1080) undertaken in line with Queensland legislation and officers undertake relevant training approved by Biosecurity Queensland and Queensland Health.

With the control of feral animals comes the use of tools, techniques, and chemicals that many are unfamiliar with. These items are seen as high risk and their misuse could cause great harm to the operators. These high-risk items are heavily regulated by legislation and supported by significant training and proficiency testing. In addition, Council procedures provide governance in the use of firearms and chemicals and are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure compliance with legislative and technical changes. These activities are also listed and regularly reviewed on Council's Corporate Risk Register.

Previous Council Resolution

Ordinary Meeting 22 July 2021 (OM21/65)

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Feral Animal Prevention and Control Program – Biosecurity Act 2014"*
- (b) *adopt the 6 September 2021 to 5 September 2022 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the Biosecurity Act 2014 for the Sunshine Coast Council area (Appendix A) in accordance with section 235 of the Biosecurity Act 2014 and*
- (c) *delegate the Chief Executive Officer to authorise the carrying out of the 6 September 2021 to 5 September 2022 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the Biosecurity Act 2014 for the Sunshine Coast Council area in accordance with section 235 of the Biosecurity Act 2014 on conclusion of the consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.*

Related Documentation

- [Biosecurity Act 2014](#)
- [Local Government Act 2009](#)
- [Medicines and Poisons Act 2019](#)
- [Queensland invasive plants and animals Strategy 2019-2024](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Compliance and Enforcement Policy 2021](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Corporate Plan 2022-2026](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Council Operational Plan 2022-2023](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#)

Critical Dates

The Program has been scheduled to commence monitoring activities from 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025. Notice of the Program must be given at least 14 days prior to

the commencement of the program. The notification would be raised no later than 26 August 2022.

Implementation

The Program will be available for customers and the public to view at all Customer Contact Centres and will be published on the Council website at least 14 days before commencement. The Program is a necessary initial step before Council can undertake compliance and enforcement work to prevent and control feral animals.

The Program will be implemented by Council's Feral Animal Education and Control Team in correlation with Council land management schedules. This ensures an efficient delivery for maximum benefit to both community and Council's assets. Council has several tools to be used in the education, surveillance, compliance, and enforcement work including an entry notice and fact sheet that will be supplied to the occupier outlining the requirements of the legislation and their options.

Several resources including educational booklets, a smartphone application, fact sheets and public notices will be provided to occupiers of a property via social media, mail outs and surveys. Information is also available online at Council's website and Biosecurity Queensland's website.

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will ensure the program is implemented as detailed in this report.

Appendix A – 12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* for the Sunshine Coast Council area

1. Biosecurity program

1.1 PROGRAM NAME

The prevention and control program (biosecurity program) for invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter will be known as the *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the Biosecurity Act 2014 for the Sunshine Coast Council area*.

2. Requirement for a prevention and control program

2.1 PURPOSE AND RATIONALE

Significant biosecurity risk

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act) provides for the establishment of prevention and control programs. Prevention and control programs are directed at any of the following—

- (a) Preventing the entry, establishment or spread of biosecurity matter in an area that poses a significant biosecurity risk;
- (b) Managing, reducing, or eradicating any biosecurity matter in an area that could pose a significant biosecurity risk.

The objectives of the *Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Program) are:

- (a) preventing the entry, establishment or spread of feral dogs and dingos (other than a domestic dog), feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits;
- (b) Managing, reducing, or eradicating any feral dogs and dingos (other than a domestic dog), feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits in an area that could pose a significant biosecurity risk.

Background

Council has been undertaking feral animal control programs for many years on hundreds of properties. The community have worked with Council and have formed a number of local area coordinated wild dog 1080 baiting groups and established canid pest ejector programs which have been very successful and well received by the primary production sector.

Whilst there have been successes in these programs more work is needed to ensure the continuation of the management of invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter such feral dogs and dingos (other than a domestic dog), feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits. It is important to continue to undertake these prevention and treatment programs to respond to our community and to meet our general biosecurity obligations.

Justification of the program

1. Council receives over 500 complaints each year from members of the community in relation to infestations of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter;
2. Council is aware that the Sunshine Coast Council local government area has infestations of invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter and many of these populations are mobile which means that individual localities cannot be specified as populations are transient;
3. Previous proactive and reactive feral animal control and monitoring programs have established that there are populations of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter throughout the Sunshine Coast Council local government area and these populations are impacting on the social, environmental, and economic components;
4. Council is aware through the network of established community led local area coordination wild dog baiting groups that feral dogs and dingos are impacting on their primary production;
5. The program supports the *Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017* objectives.

2.2 MEASURES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE

The key activities undertaken by the Program include but are not limited to:

- Surveying of properties for invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter and data capture for regional analysis; and
- Education and assistance to occupiers of property of their 'general biosecurity obligations' under the Act and the control/management/eradication of invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter; and
- Undertaking the capture and destruction of feral dogs and dingos (other than a domestic dog), feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits.

2.3 POWERS OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

Entry of place

The Act provides that authorised officers appointed under the Act may, at reasonable times, enter a place situated in an area to which a biosecurity program applies, to take any action authorised by the biosecurity program¹. These activities must be done in a timely and efficient manner to ensure that the measures are as effective as possible. The Program will authorise entry into places to allow these measures to be undertaken.

In accordance with the Act a reasonable attempt will be made to locate an occupier² and obtain the occupier's consent to the entry prior to an authorised officer entering a place to undertake activities under the Program. Nevertheless, an authorised officer may enter the place if³—

- (a) The authorised officer is unable to locate an occupier after making a reasonable attempt to do so;
 or

¹ See section 261 (Power to enter a place under biosecurity program) of the Act.

² The Act defines an **occupier**, of a place, generally to include the person who apparently occupies the place (or, if more than 1 person apparently occupies the place, any of the persons); any person at the place who is apparently acting with the authority of a person who apparently occupies the place; or if no-one apparently occupies the place, any person who is an owner of the place.

³ See section 270 (Entry of place under sections 261 and 262) of the Act.

(b) The occupier refuses to consent to the entry.

If after entering a place an authorised officer finds an occupier present or the occupier refuses to consent to the entry—an authorised officer will make reasonable attempts to produce an identity card for inspection and inform the occupier of the reason for entering and the authorisation under the Act to enter without the permission of the occupier. An authorised officer under the Program must make a reasonable attempt to inform the occupier of any steps taken, or to be taken, and if steps have been taken or are to be taken, that it is an offence to do anything that interferes with a step taken or to be taken.

An authorised officer must leave a notice in a conspicuous position and in a reasonably secure way. This notice must state the date and time of entry and information addressing the reason for entry, authorisation to enter a place and the steps undertaken by the authorised officer after entry.

Giving a direction under a prevention and control program

Section 237 of the Act provides that an authorised officer may, at a reasonable time and at a place within an area to which a prevention and control program applies:

- direct an occupier to take reasonable steps⁴, within a stated and reasonable timeframe, to remove or prevent the entry, establishment or spread of feral dogs and dingos (other than a domestic dog), feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits.

Failure to comply with a direction

Under section 238 of the Act, occupiers of a place are obligated to comply with an authorised officer's direction issued under section 237 of the Act, as outlined above.

Obligations

The following obligations may be imposed on a person who is an occupier of a place to which the Program relates:

- allow Council's authorised persons (council officers) access to their property/ies to monitor for the presence of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter;
- allow Council to take invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter samples for further analysis;
- The person must not interfere with access by Council's authorised persons (council officers); and
- the person must provide reasonable help when requested by Council's authorised persons (council officers) during the property inspection/s.

In addition to Program specific obligations in the prevention and control program authorisation, under section 238 of the Act, occupiers of a place are obligated to comply with an authorised officer's direction issued under section 237 of the Act.

General powers of authorised officers

Nothing in the Program or its associated Authorisation limits the powers of authorised officers under Chapter 10 of the Act.

2.4 CONSULTATION

As required by the Act⁵, Sunshine Coast Council has consulted, prior to the authorisation of the Program, with:

⁴ These steps must be limited to what is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of the prevention and control program.

⁵ See section 239 (Consultation about proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

- the Director-General (Chief Executive), Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in April 2022
- The Portfolio Councillors for Environment and Liveability Councillor Maria Suarez and Councillor Peter Cox
- The Portfolio Councillors for Service Excellence Councillor Winston Johnston and Councillor Christian Dickson.

3. Authorisation of a prevention and control program in the Sunshine Coast Council area

AUTHORISATION STATEMENT

The Sunshine Coast Council acting pursuant to section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act), authorises the Prevention and Control Program for invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter (the Program) in Sunshine Coast Council, on the basis that Emma Thomas, Chief Executive Officer of Sunshine Coast Council is satisfied that:

- there is or there is likely to be invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals which is prohibited or restricted matter, in the Sunshine Coast local government area.
- invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter feral dogs and dingos (other than a domestic dog), feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits in the Sunshine Coast Council local government area and poses or is likely to pose a significant biosecurity risk in the Sunshine Coast Council local government area.
- that measures are required to prevent the entry or establishment of invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals that poses/is likely to pose a significant biosecurity risk in the Sunshine Coast local government area.

Local Government Resolution

At the Ordinary Meeting of 25 August 2022, Council will consider the officer recommendation to resolve that Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Feral Animal Prevention and Control Program – *Biosecurity Act 2014*"
- (b) adopt the *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the Biosecurity Act 2014 for the Sunshine Coast Council area (Appendix A)* in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and
- (c) authorise the carrying out of the *12 September 2022 to 11 September 2025 Prevention and Control Program for feral animals under the Biosecurity Act 2014 for the Sunshine Coast Council area* in accordance with section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

3.1 BIOSECURITY MATTER

The biosecurity matter to which the Program relates is: -

1. Invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter such feral dogs and dingos (other than a domestic dog), feral pigs, feral goats, feral cats, feral deer, European foxes, and European rabbits.

3.2 PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Program is to: -

1. allow the confirmation of the presence of feral animals on a property
2. allow Council to communicate and inform a person about their general biosecurity obligation;
3. assess whether to issue a Biosecurity Order to a person for failure to discharge their general biosecurity obligation (which may require the person to undertake management action – such as prevention or control)
4. ensure Sunshine Coast Council is meeting its general biosecurity obligation to manage invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter in the Sunshine Coast Council local government area to reduce the impacts on human health, social amenity, the economy, or the environment (section 48 of the Act)
5. assist in capacity building of the occupiers of properties to minimise the impacts from invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter on pets, animals and livestock or agricultural crops
6. determine the extent of invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter in identified locations
7. collect data and undertake research to assist in determining trends in invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter populations and better understand how to manage these populations whilst reducing their impacts including refining and enhancing current programs and services
8. determine the effectiveness of education, community/council partnerships and on-ground treatment programs
9. permit the deployment of data collection methods such as sand pads, monitoring cameras (including artificial intelligence cameras), aerial surveillance and infield thermal site surveys
10. permit the deployment of trapping systems, Canid Pest Ejectors using either 1080 or PAPP, tied and buried 1080 or meat baits, manufactured 1080 or PAPP baits and strychnine providing these deployments are within the regulatory controls
11. the provision of 1080 or PAPP manufactured and or meat baits to landholders to use for approved feral animal control programs
12. permit the destruction of invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter subject to meeting regulatory controls including humane destruction under animal welfare legislation and
13. permit the use of other control methods as they become available through federal and state approving authorities.

3.3 AREA AFFECTED BY THE PROGRAM

The Program will apply to properties within the Sunshine Coast Council local government area whereby: -

1. the occupier of a property requests assistance to address invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter or locally significant animals;

2. Council has been alerted to a property from information collected that invasive biosecurity matter - invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter are present or are likely to be present;
3. they are owned or under the control of Council or the occupier of a property is undertaking primary production or located in the vicinity of primary production;
4. Properties that are privately owned.

3.4 POWERS OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

An authorised officer of the Program appointed under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, may enter a place—other than a residence⁶—without a warrant and without the occupier’s consent within the State of Queensland under the Program⁷ ⁸. An authorised officer can exercise the powers of an authorised officer under the Act in relation to the Program, if the authorised officer is appointed by the chief executive⁹.

An authorised officer may make a requirement (a **help requirement**) of an occupier of the place or a person at the place to give the authorised officer reasonable help to exercise a general power¹⁰.

An authorised officer has general powers after entering a place to do any of the following¹¹:

General powers in the Act	Measures an authorised officer may take under the Program
Search any part of the place	<i>Destroy biosecurity matter or a carrier if the authorised officer believes on reasonable grounds the biosecurity matter or carrier poses a significant biosecurity risk</i>
Inspect ¹² , examine ¹³ or film ¹⁴ any part of the place or anything at the place	
Take for examination a thing, or a sample of or from a thing, at the place	<i>Direct an occupier of the place to take reasonable steps within a reasonable time to remove or eradicate the biosecurity matter to which the program relates.</i>
Place an identifying mark in or on anything at the place	<i>Searching a place to check for the presence or absence of invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter.</i>
Place a sign or notice at the place	
Produce an image or writing at the place from an electronic document or, to the extent it is not practicable, take a thing containing an electronic document to another place to produce an image or writing	<i>Inspect, examine and film to assist with tracing of carriers to and from a place.</i>
Take to, into or onto the place and use any person, detection animal, equipment, and materials the authorised officer reasonably requires for exercising the authorised officer’s powers under this division	<i>Undertake surveillance by visual, photographic, or electronic observations of a place which may include the use of piloted aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).</i>
Destroy biosecurity matter or a carrier if:	

⁶ The Act defines a **residence** to mean a premises or a part of a premises that is a residence with the meaning of section 259(2) and 259(3).

⁷ See section 259 (General powers to enter places) of the Act.

⁸ See section 261 (Power to enter a place under biosecurity program) of the Act.

⁹ See section 255 (3) (Powers of particular authorised officers limited) of the Act.

¹⁰ See section 297 (Power to require reasonable help) of the Act.

¹¹ See section 296 (General powers) of the Act.

¹² Section 296(5) defines **inspect**, a thing, to include open the thing and examine its contents.

¹³ Section 296(5) defines **examine** to include analyse, test, account, measure, weigh, grade, gauge and identify.

¹⁴ Section 296(5) defines **film** to include photograph, videotape and record an image in another way.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the authorised officer believes on reasonable grounds the biosecurity matter or carrier presents a significant biosecurity risk; and the owner of the biosecurity matter or carrier consents to its destruction 	<p><i>Take samples for the purposes of diagnostic analysis, to ascertain the presence or absence of invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter</i></p> <p><i>Producing a written and/or electronic note(s) to support Program activities.</i></p>
<p>Remain at the place for the time necessary to achieve the purpose of the entry</p>	<p><i>Taking GPS coordinates to ensure accuracy of location details of invasive animals – prohibited or restricted matter.</i></p>
<p>The authorised officer may take a necessary step to allow the exercise of a general power</p>	<p><i>Undertake preventative treatment such as destruction activities including trapping, baiting, Canid Pest Ejector deployment that is consistent with the objectives of the Program.</i></p>
<p>If the authorised officer takes a document from the place to copy it, the authorised officer must copy and return the document to the place as soon as practicable</p>	<p><i>Take a document such as proof of purchase of an invasive animal – prohibited or restricted matter that is relevant to the objectives of the Program.</i></p>
<p>If the authorised officer takes from the place an article or device reasonably capable of producing a document from an electronic document to produce the document, the authorised officer must produce the document and return the article or device to the place as soon as practicable.</p>	<p><i>Take a document such as proof of purchase of an invasive animal – prohibited or restricted matter that is relevant to the objectives of the Program.</i></p>

Pursuant to section 237 of the Act an authorised officer may also give a direction to an occupier of a place located in the area to which the Program applies to take reasonable steps to:

- remove or eradicate invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter, as reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of the Program, or
- destroy invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter if that authorised officer believes on reasonable grounds that they pose a significant biosecurity risk.

A penalty applies for failing to comply with a direction issued under this section.

Authorised persons are directed to act under the program to assist in the management of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter: -

- provide information and education to an occupier of a place;
- undertake property assessments to determine the travel routes or harbourage areas of the feral animals being targeted in the program;
- collect information from occupiers of properties to inform the program to maximise its functioning;
- establish monitoring cameras, sand pads or other animal detection devices on a property to determine the presence of roaming domestic animals or feral animals;
- undertake surveillance by visual, photographic, or electronic observations of a place which may include the use of piloted aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs);
- install traps and or deploy poisons in line with regulatory controls including humane destruction;
- install warning signage on the property to alert the public to the actions being conducted;
- visit the property at varying hours to attend to traps or other devices;

- visit the property at varying hours to undertake removal/destruction of feral animals in line with regulatory controls and humane destruction;
- undertake the use of firearms for feral animal destruction purposes within the regulatory controls;
- Engage a veterinarian for animal care or destruction purposes where required.

3.5 OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED ON A PERSON UNDER THE PROGRAM

The following obligations may be imposed on a person who is an occupier of a place to which the Program relates:

- allow Council's authorised persons (council officers) access to their property/ies to monitor for the presence of invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter;
- allow Council to take invasive biosecurity matter – invasive animals that are prohibited or restricted matter samples for further analysis;
- The person must not interfere with access by Council's authorised persons (council officers); and
- The person must provide reasonable help when requested by Council's authorised persons (council officers) during the property inspection/s.

3.6 COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

The program will begin on 12 September 2022 and conclude on 11 September 2025. The duration of the program is considered to be reasonably necessary to achieve the program's purpose.

3.7 CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT PARTIES

As required by the Act¹⁵, Sunshine Coast Council has consulted, prior to the authorisation of the Program, with:

- the Director-General (Chief Executive), Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in April 2022
- The Portfolio Councillors for Environment and Liveability Councillor Maria Suarez and Councillor Peter Cox
- The Portfolio Councillors for Service Excellence Councillor Winston Johnston and Councillor Christian Dickson.

3.8 NOTIFICATION OF RELEVANT PARTIES OF REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Act¹⁶, the chief executive officer of Sunshine Coast Council will give public notice of the program 14 days before the program starts by:

- giving the notice to each government department or government owned corporation responsible for land in the area to which the Program relates; and
- publishing the notice on the Sunshine Coast Council website.

From the start of the program, the Authorisation for the program and the Surveillance Program will be available for inspection ¹⁷ at the Sunshine Coast Council's Customer Service Centres located at:

- 1 Omrah Avenue Caloundra 4551
- Cnr Currie and Bury Street Nambour 4558
- 10 First Avenue Maroochydore 4560.

¹⁵ See section 239 (Consultation about proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

¹⁶ See section 240 (Notice of proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

¹⁷ See section 241 (Access to authorisation) of the Act.

**8.7 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING PROGRAM
RECOMMENDATIONS 2022**

File No:	Council Meetings
Author:	Community Connections and Partnerships - Lead Economic & Community Development Group
Appendices:	App A - Community Partnership Funding Program Recommendations 2022 139  

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council consideration and endorsement of the funding recommendations for the Community Partnership Funding Program 2022 (Appendix A).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The inaugural Community Partnership Funding Program (the Program) was endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 10 December 2009 and launched early in 2010.

The program is open to established not-for-profit community organisations that provide facilities or services which support the delivery of Council's priorities and demonstrate broad community benefit. It provides up to three years of funding towards operational expenses for successful applicants.

The Program offers partnerships under the following five categories:

- Community Development
- Community Facilities
- Community Safety
- Cultural Heritage
- Economic Development.

One Community Partnership Funding Program round is offered per financial year. There are existing commitments for 2022/23 totalling \$965,495 for 136 community organisations that were awarded multiple years of funding in the 2021 round.

It is recommended that a maximum of two years of funding be allocated in this round to bring new allocations into line with existing Community Partnership Funding Program agreements which end 30 June 2024.

The 2022 round included an Expression of Interest (EOI) period from 11 April to 9 May 2022 to identify potential partners and invite eligible organisations to submit a full application. Applications closed on 6 June 2022. Throughout the Expression of Interest and application period, grants officers and category partners provided advice and assistance to community organisations seeking funding.

At the close of the application period, Council had received five (5) applications requesting \$43,000 in funding.

Funding for all five (5) community organisations is recommended for Council's consideration and endorsement including \$31,500 in funding for 2022/23. (Appendix A).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled “Community Partnership Funding Program Recommendations 2022” and
- (b) endorse the Community Partnership Funding Program Recommendations 2022 (Appendix A).

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

There is one Program round per financial year and funding is allocated (subject to annual budget considerations) for a one, two- or three-year period. As 2022/23 is the second year of the current three year cycle, it is recommended that a maximum of two years of funding would be allocated in this round.

The Program is supported by two budgets. The Arts and Heritage Levy Program budget supports the Program’s Cultural Heritage category partnerships. The Community Grants and Partnerships budget supports the partnerships under all other categories. There are no new partnerships to be supported by the Heritage Levy Program budget in this round.

There are existing commitments for both the Arts and Heritage Levy Program budget and the Community Grants and Partnerships 2022/23 budgets, totalling \$965,495 for 136 community organisations that were awarded multiple years of funding in the 2021 round. This is comprised of \$862,095 supported through the 2022/23 Community Partnership Funding Program budget and \$103,400 supported through the 2022/23 Arts and Heritage Levy Program budget.

This report recommends a total of \$31,500 in funding for 2022/23 to establish new two-year partnerships with five (5) community organisations. Details of funding recommendations are provided in Appendix A.

The 2022/23 Community Partnership Funding Program budget is sufficient to provide for the new partnerships recommended in this report.

As this is a multi-year funding program, the recommendations in this report have implications for future Community Partnership Funding Program budgets. Table 1 provides details.

Community Partnership Funding Program Budget	2022/2023	2023/2024
Recommendations 2022 round – new applications	\$31,500	\$31,500
Existing commitments 2021 Round	\$862,095	\$861,595
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$893,595	\$893,095

Table 1. Budget implications

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal:	<i>Our strong community</i>
Strategic Pathway:	1.4 - Connected, resilient communities, with the capacity to respond to local issues
Operational Activity:	1.4.2 - Provide support to the community and other not for profit organisations in the delivery of resources, facilities and services that meet the needs of communities through the grants program.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

- Community Portfolio – Councillor R Baberowski and Councillor D Law

Internal Consultation

Council officers with expertise relevant to the specific expressions of interest and applications were consulted in partnership development.

1. Strategic Panel Representation

Assessment panel membership:

- Community Connections & Partnerships Lead, Community Development (Chair)
- Manager Community Development
- Coordinator Sports Venues & Development, Sport & Community Venues
- Manager Arts, Heritage & Libraries
- Head of Economic Development
- Senior Projects Officer, Community Development.

2. Category Panel Representation

Assessment panel membership:

- Community Connections & Partnerships Lead, Community Development (Chair)
- Community Development Officer, Community Development
- Sport and Recreation Officer x 2, Sport & Community Venues
- Team Leader Sports Planning & Development, Sport & Community Venues
- Project Officer, Economic Development
- Head of International Relations Trade & Future Industries, Economic Development
- Creative Development and RADF Officer, Arts, Heritage & Libraries
- Senior Projects Officer, Community Development

External Consultation

Throughout the Expression of Interest and application period, grants officers and category partners provided advice and assistance to community groups interested in applying for funding through the 2022 Program.

Community Engagement

The 2022 Program round included a four-week Expression of Interest period from 11 April to 9 May 2022 to identify potential partners and invite eligible organisations to submit a full application.

PROPOSAL

The Community Partnership Funding Program (the Program) is designed to provide funding certainty to community groups by granting up to three years of funding for operational expenses, which is the most difficult funding type to secure externally. The program was endorsed by Council in 2009 and launched in early 2010.

The Program is available to established not-for-profit community organisations that provide facilities or services which support the delivery of Council's priorities and demonstrate broad community benefit.

The program ensures that these organisations can continue to operate and invest their time in service delivery and building long-term, ongoing sustainability.

The framework and criteria for the program were developed to ensure an equitable, accountable and transparent process for the creation of funding partnerships between Council and community organisations. This enables distribution and acquittal of financial assistance to community groups, in accordance with government guidelines and standards.

It is important to note that operational expenses of sporting organisations with primary responsibility for maintaining sports fields are supported separately through the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program. Environmental groups performing on ground works are also funded separately through Council's Environment Levy Partnership Program.

The Program includes the following five categories:

- Community Development
- Community Facilities
- Community Safety
- Cultural Heritage
- Economic Development.

In assessing the applications and determining the level of funding recommended, the panels reference the Program Guidelines which include program specific and category specific criteria, and also consider:

- extent of reach into the community
- alignment with Council's adopted strategies, plans and policy positions
- like services / facilities comparisons to ensure consistency
- availability of other revenue sources and
- funding amount requested in relation to the overall operational costs.

2022 Community Partnership Funding Program

The 2022 Program round included an initial Expression of Interest (EOI) process to identify potential partners and invite eligible organisations to submit a full application. The Expression of Interest process was designed to save organisations with limited alignment to the Program priorities from the time-consuming process of completing a full application. It also provides an opportunity for applicants to receive advice and support in the development of their partnership proposals.

The 2022 Program was promoted through direct contact with organisations identified by category representatives as potential new partners as well as on Council's website and through the Grants e-News. Grants officers and category representatives provided assistance with proposal development and negotiation of deliverables and measures and sought to manage expectations regarding potential funding amounts available through the Program in line with the endorsed Program budget.

At the close of the application period, Council had received a total of five (5) Program applications requesting \$43,000 in funding.

Assessment process

Assessment of applications was based on general program and category specific assessment criteria and comprised of three stages:

- Stage 1: Pre-assessment by Council grants officers to determine applicant and proposal eligibility
- Stage 2: Proposal assessment by a panel made up of Council officer category experts and grants officers

Stage 3: Strategic assessment by the relevant Branch Managers.

Guidance was given to panel members at the start of the assessment process to ensure sound governance. Panel members were also reminded to declare any actual or perceived conflicts of interest relating to applicants or applications. No conflicts of interest were declared in this round.

Assessment outcome

This report recommends that the five (5) applications received be funded to a total amount of \$31,500 for the 2022/23 financial year with further funding allocated in the 2023/24 financial year.

Details of the recommended outcomes are included in Appendix A. The recommendations are summarised in Table 2.

Category	Applications received	Funding requested	Proposals recommended	Funding recommended (GST exc.)	% Applicants recommended
Community Development	1	\$12,000	1	\$10,000	100%
Community Facilities	3	\$23,500	3	\$14,000	100%
Economic Development	1	\$7,500	1	\$7,500	100%
Total	5	\$43,000	5	\$31,500	

Table 2. Summary of Recommendations

Of the five organisations recommended for funding, three groups are returning to the Program after a break of one or more years.

Program outcomes

Based on self-reported statistics collected through the application process, funding of \$31,500 provided to the five community organisations recommended for funding in this report will support approximately:

- 713 registered members
- 109 volunteers
- 195 hours of operation per week.

Legal

It can be said that the act of providing funding does not, of itself, raise issues of legal liability for Council.

A Conditions of Agreement document will be sent to successful applicant(s) and will include reporting and acquittal requirements and any conditions of funding to be met prior to partnership funding being awarded and/or during the partnership term.

Policy

At its Ordinary Meeting of 20 June 2013, Council adopted the Community Grants Policy which subsequently provides a framework to guide the administration of the Community Partnership Funding Program and Council's other grants programs.

Risk

There is minimal financial risk associated with the Program in supporting identified eligible organisations due to the ongoing working relationships between organisations and Council officers. This relationship is supported by individually tailored funding agreements and the requirement for mid-term check-in discussions and annual funding acquittal reports.

Previous Council Resolutions**Ordinary Meeting 19 August 2021 (OM21/81)**

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled “**Community Partnership Funding Program Recommendations 2021**” and*
- (b) *endorse the Community Partnership Funding Program Recommendations 2021 (Appendix A).*

Ordinary Meeting 29 January 2015 (OM15/5)

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled “**Community Grants and Partnership Funding Review 2014**”*
- (b) *endorse Option 1 for Council support to community organisations for 2015/16 and beyond*
- (c) *endorse multi-year funding under the Community Partnership Funding Program to provide funding for periods of up to 3 years*
- (d) *note “Community Grants Program and Community Partnership Funding Program Review Report” (Appendix A).*

Ordinary Meeting 20 June 2013 (OM13/109)

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled “**Community Grants Policy**”*
- (b) *adopt the Community Grants Policy (Appendix A)*
- (c) *note the Community Grants Guidelines (Appendix B) as amended by (f) below to implement the Community Grants Policy*
- (d) *adopt the Mayoral and Councillor Discretionary Funding Policy as amended (Appendix C)*
- (e) *note the Mayoral and Councillor Discretionary Funding Program Guidelines (Appendix D) and*
- (f) *amend the grants guidelines to include a clause that stipulates that each program is subject to annual budget allocations.*

Ordinary Meeting 10 December 2009 (OM09/365)

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled “**Transition Funding Recommendations and Community Partnerships Funding Policy and Program Guidelines**”*
- (b) *endorse the transition funding amounts proposed (Appendix A), including the requirement that recipient organisations be advised funding processes and amounts will be subject to review for 2010/2011 year and beyond*
- (c) *endorse the Community Partnerships Funding Policy (Appendix B) and*
- (d) *endorse the Community Partnerships Funding Program guidelines for 2010/2011 and beyond (Appendix C).*

Related Documentation

- Community Grants Policy 2013
- Community Partnership Funding Program Guidelines April 2021
- Corporate Plan 2022-2026
- Operational Plan 2022/23
- Arts and Heritage Levy Policy 2022
- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*
- Sunshine Coast Sustainability and Liveability Strategy 2017
- Sunshine Coast Arts Plan 2018-2038
- Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041
- Sunshine Coast Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2011-2026

Critical Dates

The due date for acquittals of 2022/23 Community Partnership Funding Program allocations is 31 August 2023.

Implementation

If Council endorses the recommendations in this report, the applicants will be notified of the recommended funding amount, funding conditions including reporting and acquittal requirements, and any conditions to be met prior to funding being processed and/or during the partnership term.

Funding will be distributed once online agreements are submitted to Council and any specific conditions are met. Recipients will be required to display Council supplied signage acknowledging Council's support for their operations.

The names of the successful Community Partnership Funding Program applicant organisations will be posted on Council's website.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Community Development

Total applications per category:	1
Total amount requested:	\$12,000

RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Total applications recommended:	1
Total operational costs:	\$145,000
Total amount recommended (GST exc.):	\$10,000

ID	Organisation	Partnership Summary	Amount Requested - Yr 1	Amount Requested - Yr 2	Recommendations			Total for Partnership Duration	Division
					Partnership Duration	Amount - 2022/23	Amount - 2023/24		
CPCD22001	Arts Connect Inc	Hinterland based peak arts organisation contributing to the growth of the arts ecology of the Sunshine Coast through capacity building and skill development opportunities for local artists and arts groups, connecting them with each other, audiences, business and the community through key regional events.	\$12,000	\$12,000	2 years	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	Across the whole Sunshine Coast Region

Community Facilities

Total applications per category:	3
Total amount requested:	\$23,500

RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Total applications recommended:	3
Total operational costs:	\$74,619
Total amount recommended (GST exc.):	\$14,000

ID	Organisation	Partnership Summary	Amount Requested - Yr 1	Amount Requested - Yr 2	Recommendations			Total for Partnership Duration	Division
					Partnership Duration	Amount - 2022/23	Amount - 2023/24		
CPCF22001	Millwell Road Community Centre Association Inc	Community centre that serves the communities of Maroochydore and surrounding areas and offers a wide range of community activities and events seven days a week.	\$15,000	\$15,000	2 years	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	Div. 8
CPCF22002	Maleny Bowls Club Inc.	A hinterland facility providing sporting opportunities and recreational engagement in the sport of bowls for members, volunteers and visitors.	\$4,000	\$4,000	2 years	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000	Div. 5
CPCF22003	Sunshine Coast BMX Club Inc	This organisation operates a family friendly BMX facility in Yandina, which appeals to riders of all ages and genders catering for beginner and professional riders to promote, develop and grow BMX in the Sunshine Coast community.	\$4,500	\$4,500	2 years	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	Div. 10

Economic Development

Total applications per category:	1
Total amount requested:	\$7,500

RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Total applications recommended:	1
Total operational costs:	\$94,700
Total amount recommended (GST exc.):	\$7,500

ID	Organisation	Partnership Summary	Amount Requested - Yr 1	Amount Requested - Yr 2	Partnership Duration	Recommendations		Total for Partnership Duration	Division
						Amount - 2022/23	Amount - 2023/24		
CPED22001	Sunshine Coast Screen Collective Inc	A peak industry body, fostering the advancement of the screen-based industry on the Sunshine Coast by nurturing local talent and providing opportunities for our community's skills and knowledge base. The Screen Collective implements projects that provide access to other working professionals and create opportunities to build their networks and understanding of current industry practices.	\$7,500	\$7,500	2 years	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	Across the whole Sunshine Coast Region

There were no applications submitted in the Cultural Heritage or Community Safety categories.

There were no unsuccessful applications.

**8.8 MAJOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP - IRONMAN 70.3 SUNSHINE COAST
2023-2025**

File No: Council meeting
Author: Head of Tourism & Major Events
Economic & Community Development Group
Attachments: Att 1 - Major Event Sponsorship Proposal IRONMAN 70.3
Sunshine Coast 2023-2025 - *Confidential*

PURPOSE

This report is for Council to consider sponsorship of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast (triathlon) for the period 2023–2025. This report is before Council as the accumulative sponsorship amount exceeds the maximum delegated for sponsorship investment by Council.

Attachment 1 is confidential as it contains commercial in confidence information and confidential information relating to third parties. It also recognises that until Council makes a decision and a contract is executed, the content and timeframes are not final.

For these reasons, it is recommended that should Councillors wish to discuss the information in the confidential attachment, Council resolve to close the meeting under section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as the attachment contains information on negotiations relating to commercial matters involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government.

Specifically, the matters that are considered confidential in the attachments and which would be the subject of discussion when the meeting is closed relate to the contract terms and conditions that are still the subject of negotiation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A sponsorship application has been received from USM Events Pty Ltd (trading as IRONMAN Australia) for the 2023 – 2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast.

The IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast is IRONMAN Australia's largest and most successful 70.3 triathlon type event in Australia. Launched in 2013, the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast has provided significant economic, profiling, and reputational benefits for the Sunshine Coast.

A 70.3 triathlon consists of a 1.9km swim, 90km bike and 21.1km run (total 70.3 miles). At half of the iconic IRONMAN distance, it is a more accessible event that requires less training, making it easier for athletes to race more throughout the year.

The IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast is staged over two days, with participant registration and bike racking on the Saturday and the staging of the event on Sunday. An event expo and merchandise store are also conducted. The event was ranked number one in 2019 of all IRONMAN global events in the Athlete's Choice Awards for the "Best Host City Experience".

There are currently over 100 IRONMAN 70.3 events held globally. Each event offers qualifying slots to the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship which rotates each year. Utah, USA will host the event in 2022, Lahti, Finland in 2023 and Taupo, New Zealand in 2024.

The Sunshine Coast hosted the World Championship in 2016.

The sponsorship application for the 2023–2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast was reviewed and assessed by the Sunshine Coast Events Board at its meeting on 7 June 2022.

The role of the Council-appointed Sunshine Coast Events Board is to provide strategic advice to Council on issues and collaborative opportunities to support the region's investment in existing major events, secure new major events for the region, and oversee the implementation of the Council endorsed Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018 – 2027. Assessing event sponsorship applications and providing recommendations to Council is a primary responsibility of the Sunshine Coast Events Board.

The Sunshine Coast Events Board has recommended that Council provide sponsorship for the 2023-2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast.

IRONMAN Australia forecasts that approximately 1850 total participants, 1600 from outside the region, will be attracted to each IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast event during the period 2023–2025. It has further advised that its focus will be on the retention of current participant levels as opposed to pursuing growth given the ongoing Mooloolaba Foreshore redevelopment.

Based on the participant forecast and other relevant visitor information supplied by IRONMAN Australia, the Tourism and Major Events Unit estimates that each IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast event during the period 2023-2025 will attract approximately 5245 participants, family and friends, and support personnel from outside the Sunshine Coast, generating 15,868 visitor nights. The direct economic benefit from visitor room nights and the event organisers spend in the local economy has been conservatively estimated at approximately \$3.16 million (direct benefit only).

An independent assessment on the 2021 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast carried out by Strategic Facts, commissioned by Tourism and Events Queensland, estimated the event delivered economic benefits of \$3.52 million (direct and indirect benefits) despite the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is also noted that community and business feedback related to the impact on the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast (both positive and negative) is closely monitored and assessed by both Council and IRONMAN Australia.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled “Major Event Sponsorship - IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast 2023-2025” and**
- (b) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a contract for the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast for 2023-2025.**

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

The Major Events Sponsorship budget is sourced from funds collected through general rates.

Based on existing and anticipated major event sponsorship commitments and budget projections, sponsorship funds are available through the Major Events Sponsorship budget to support the 2023–2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal: *A smart economy*
Outcome: 3.5 - A natural, major and regional event destination
Operational Activity: 3.5.1 - Implement priority activities from the Major Events Strategy 2018-2027.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

- Councillor J O'Pray – Portfolio Councillor Economic Development and member of the Sunshine Coast Events Board
- Councillor T Landsberg – Portfolio Councillor Economic Development and member of the Sunshine Coast Events Board
- Councillor J Natoli – Divisional Councillor.

Internal Consultation

- Group Executive, Economic & Community Development
- Head of Economic Development
- Head of Tourism and Major Events
- Senior Partnerships Lead – Major Events.

External Consultation

- Sunshine Coast Events Board
- Tourism and Events Queensland.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is conducted by the event organiser and is a requirement of the major events sponsorship agreement and a temporary event permit application.

PROPOSAL

The Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018-2027 recognises the importance of events to the economic and social development of the region – in particular to the tourism industry – through greater visitation, audience reach, destination branding and reputation. The sponsorship of major events is also predicated on the basis that local businesses derive a benefit from the increase in consumer expenditure that occurs in association with both local and inbound visitor attendance at these events.

In seeking sponsorship commitments under Council's Major Events Sponsorship Program, an applicant must demonstrate that their event will generate media / brand exposure and promotional opportunities outside the region for the Sunshine Coast. The event must also attract participants, support personnel and spectators from outside the Sunshine Coast region. Sponsorship applications are reviewed, and recommendations made to Council by the Sunshine Coast Events Board following its regular meetings.

The IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast is IRONMAN Australia's largest and most successful 70.3 triathlon type event in Australia. Launched in 2013, the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast has provided significant economic, profiling, and reputational benefits for the Sunshine Coast.

The route of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast provides a unique swim in the ocean, a flat and fast bike course on the Sunshine Motorway and a scenic run course over Alexandra Headland and along Alexandra Parade.

The Sunshine Coast Events Board has reviewed and assessed the sponsorship application outlined in the Executive Summary against agreed evaluation criteria which are based on Tourism and Events Queensland methodology, the Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018-2027, and elements of Council's Corporate Plan 2021-2025.

The Event Organiser

IRONMAN is Australia's premier triathlon and multi-sport management company and stages 23 high profile events throughout Australia and the Oceania region annually, including the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast and the Mooloolaba Triathlon.

Operating from offices in Noosa, Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland, the IRONMAN team share a common vision for producing successful events, enabling it to align itself competitively and strategically with the needs and expectations of participants, spectators, officials and sponsorship partners.

The mission of IRONMAN Australia is to grow the sport of triathlon through the promotion of a healthy active lifestyle whilst leveraging the profile of the Sunshine Coast nationally and internationally to deliver year-round benefits to the region.

Strategic Partnerships

A strategic partnership with IRONMAN Australia will continue to provide major event opportunities for the Sunshine Coast in the future. An outcome of this existing partnership was the attraction of the 2016 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships which profiled the region to the international IRONMAN community of 357,015 people. Along with Council, Tourism and Events Queensland is the other key strategic partner as a co-sponsor of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast.

Legacy

The Sunshine Coast Events Board believes the legacy implications for the Sunshine Coast from Council's sponsorship of the 2023–2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast are:

1. The growing awareness and recognition of the Sunshine Coast as one of Queensland's and Australia's premier venues for all event types
2. The continued promotion of Mooloolaba as an ideal venue for multi-sport and cycling events
3. Positioning of Mooloolaba as a potential venue for future International Triathlon Union (ITU) events, IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships.

Forecast Sponsorship Outcomes

IRONMAN Australia forecasts approximately a total of 1850 participants, 1600 participants from outside the region, will be attracted to each IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast during the period 2023–2025. It advised that its focus will be on the retention of current participant levels as opposed to pursuing growth, given the on-going Mooloolaba Foreshore Redevelopment.

Based on the participant forecast and other relevant visitor information supplied by IRONMAN Australia, the Tourism and Major Events Unit estimates that each triathlon during the period 2023–2025 will attract approximately 5245 participants, family and friends, and support personnel from outside the Sunshine Coast, generating 15,868 visitor nights. The direct economic benefit from visitor room nights and the event organisers spend in the local economy has been conservatively estimated at approximately \$3.16 million (direct benefit only).

An independent assessment on the 2021 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast carried out by Strategic Facts, commissioned by Tourism and Events Queensland, estimated the event delivered economic benefits of \$3.52 million (direct & indirect benefits) despite the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 1 July 2022, IRONMAN Australia reported that participant numbers for the 2022 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast were approaching 2000 participants. This is a positive sign for the future of this event.

Marketing & Branding Exposure

IRONMAN Australia will promote the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast via a combination of digital and traditional marketing channels targeting existing and new customers in local, interstate and international markets.

Marketing channels and activities include:

- E-newsletters to Multi Sport, IRONMAN Australia and IRONMAN 70.3 athletes in Oceania databases (33,000+ subscribers) and 1800 registered participants/athletes for the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast
- Social Media (owned channels)
 - Facebook (total 48,000+ followers)
 - Instagram (40,000+ followers)
 - YouTube (7,000+ followers)
- Social Media (paid channels)
 - Facebook & Instagram – approx.128,000 audience reach
- IRONMAN website information and promotions (2.5 million site visits monthly)
- Traditional advertising via the Sunshine Coast Daily, local radio stations Sea FM and Mix FM and the Australian Triathlete Magazine
- Flyers and posters distributed throughout Sunshine Coast shops, schools and local businesses
- Media / PR (local stories)

The demographic of participants:

- Size of database: 33,000 (marketing database)
 - Age range: 30yrs – 50yrs
 - Average age: 41yrs
 - Gender basis: 70% Male / 30% Female
 - State by state distribution (%) of the triathlon community in Australia?
 - QLD – 54%,
 - NSW - 23%
 - VIC – 13%
 - WA - 6%
 - SA – 2%
 - TAS/ACT/NT – 2%
- On average, Australian triathletes travel the below distances to get to the event:
 - 52% travel less than 100 Miles (159km)
 - 11% 100-199 Miles (160km – 320km)
 - 5% 200-299 Miles (321km – 481km)
 - 4% 300-499 Miles (482km – 803km)
 - 19% 500-999 Miles (804km – 1607km)
 - 9% 1000+ Miles (1609km)

Reduction in event impact – Business and Community

Upon the constant urging of the Tourism and Major Events Unit, IRONMAN Australia has continually looked for ways to reduce the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast's impact on

Mooloolaba businesses and the community. It has continued to fine tune the bump-in and bump-out schedules (bump-in late and bump-out early), reduce the number of car parks used, limit road closures and fine tune course planning to minimise the impact on key stakeholders, local businesses, and the community. These actions were effectively implemented at the 2022 Mooloolaba Triathlon in March.

IRONMAN Australia's consultation with businesses along Parkyn Parade, the Wharf Complex, Mooloolaba Esplanade and Alexandra Parade will be conducted on two occasions in the lead up to each IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast. Engagement with key stakeholders, including the Mooloolaba Chamber of Commerce, the Wharf Complex management, and Sea Life Mooloolaba will commence in June with further follow ups in July and August to provide updates on operational planning and to allow these stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback.

Also, approximately 35,000 "Changed Traffic Conditions" flyers will be distributed to residents and businesses impacted by the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast three weeks prior to the event plus Changed Traffic Conditions signs and Variable Message Boards will be installed on affected roads and car parks 10 days prior to the event.

Ongoing concerns - Business

Ongoing concerns about the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast (and the Mooloolaba Triathlon) expressed by key Mooloolaba business stakeholders are:

- Retail businesses are impacted due to road closures and reduced parking options over the weekend of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast (and the Mooloolaba Triathlon)
- Locals tend to stay away from Mooloolaba during the weekends of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast and the Mooloolaba Triathlon; and
- Visiting triathletes and families don't spend as much in local cafes and restaurants as displaced locals.

Over the weekends of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast (and the Mooloolaba Triathlon), it is commonly acknowledged by business stakeholders in Mooloolaba that the accommodation providers prosper, the food and beverage businesses do not experience significant loss of trade, however the retail businesses suffer.

It's worth noting that several businesses in Mooloolaba who provided feedback following the staging of the 2022 Mooloolaba Triathlon advised that their takings were greater over the triathlon weekend than any weekend through the summer holiday season.

When assessing the outcomes and challenges of hosting and supporting an event such as the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast (and its "big brother" the Mooloolaba Triathlon), the Tourism and Major Events Unit invests significant effort into communicating with local business groups, businesses and event organisers to ensure event impacts are reduced and benefits are maximised for businesses and the community. Should Council elect to support the 2023–2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast, improvements from IRONMAN (event organiser) in the event staging would continue to be sought.

It is also a key strategy of the Tourism and Major Events Unit to ensure communication of the benefits of significant events such as the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast, relates not only to the direct spend by visitors and locals during the holding of the event, but also to the wider and longer-term positive impact of hosting flagship events in the region.

Key areas of focus are:

- Overall economic impact of an event relates to the direct spend by out of region visitors into the wider economy. This input (estimated at \$3.16 million for the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast) may not be spent evenly into all businesses, however it does create the flow-on effect of external funds entering the regional market, therefore a business is

likely to receive a benefit in the weeks or months after the event as the outflow of the benefit received elsewhere in the region.

- The continued hosting of national scale events of all types has long been a successful Council policy to promote the region widely for future visitation, investment or study. This of course is a central part of our agreements with sponsored Major Events (noting that the results may not be seen directly by businesses on the event weekend).

Community Contributions - Volunteers

IRONMAN Australia requires the assistance of approximately 400 volunteers to assist in the delivery of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast. These volunteers represent 26 local community groups. The volunteering positions include pedestrian marshalling, athlete check in coordination, aid station management, course marshalling and many more.

In return for these services, IRONMAN Australia provides over \$24,000 per year in honorariums to these groups.

Sustainability

With a vision as Australia's most sustainable region. Healthy. Smart. Creative. the Sunshine Coast is already on its journey to transition to live more sustainably.

Councils' strategic directions as outlined in the Environment and Liveability Strategy for living more sustainably, include waste reduction, supporting the circular economy outcomes, building climate resilience, emissions reduction, and maximising renewable energy usage.

In delivering major community events on the Sunshine Coast, event organisers must demonstrate how the event aligns with Council's vision and contributes to Council's strategic directions.

To assist in the running of sustainable events on the Sunshine Coast, a range of resources are available on Council's website in relation to waste, transport, energy and water. The reduction in single-use plastics must be compliant with the relevant legislative requirements.

In addition, Council is a member of the Sustainable Events Alliance which provides a range of information and resources focused on delivering sustainable events.

The IRONMAN Australia (and the international group) embraces the 'triple bottom line' approach to delivering events, with a focus on the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of each event. They have supported the Sunshine Coast events industry by providing a presentation to a Council event networking night to help educate other event organisers on what can be done to reduce event impacts.

IRONMAN Australia places a significant focus on managing the environmental impact of the IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast. Listed below are the specific practices employed to manage this impact:

1. Energy Conservation
 - Power generators are used only when mains supply is unavailable and for essential purposes only
 - Diesel lighting towers are modified to run on mains power.
2. Water Conservation
 - Water stations are available to participants throughout the course at designated points allowing water usage to be planned by participants.
3. Environmentally Sensitive Procedures
 - With the event operating across a variety of environments, including the ocean, beach, parks and roads, all care is taken to limit any impacts on these environments.

4. Waste Minimisation and Management

- Reuse and recycling of printer cartridges and paper
- Reusable signage ties
- Website and social media channels are promoted as the main source of information instead of printed collateral
- Athletes are provided with bidons (bike bottles) as part of their athlete kit, which are reusable and a 'take home' souvenir of the event.

Legal

There are no legal implications relevant to this Council report.

There are no barriers to entry or event obligations that would restrict access to a person or violate one of the 26 Human Rights.

Policy

The IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast is in line with Council's Sponsorship Policy and associated delegated authority.

The distribution of any sponsor benefits will be in line with Council's Ticket Invitation and Allocation Policy.

Risk

If Council resolves not to approve this recommendation for sponsorship, there is a high probability that IRONMAN Australia, may cancel the event altogether. Should this occur, the foregone economic benefit is estimated at \$3.16 million (direct benefit only), the loss of significant audience reaches promotions and media exposure value for the region.

The result for the Sunshine Coast would be:

- a decrease in economic benefit, tourism visitation, audience reach promotions and media exposure
- a possible loss of the regional contribution from Tourism & Events Queensland, and the associated partnerships and strategic gains for other Council projects.
- a lost opportunity to retain a high profile, national standard event
- a loss of profile for the region as a major events destination
- a loss of profile as a premier holiday destination, and
- a loss of reputation as a major events destination.

A decision not to approve this recommendation may also influence IRONMAN Australia's future decisions not to host its other national and international events on the Sunshine Coast.

Previous Council Resolution

Ordinary Meeting 22 March 2018 (OM18/44)

That Council approve the sponsorship in accordance with the recommendations of the Sunshine Coast Events Board as discussed in confidential session in relation to the Major Event Sponsorship Application.

Ordinary Meeting 15 September 2016 (OM16/169)

That Council:

- (a) *note the report titled "Updated Strategic Policy - Sponsorship (Governance Framework)" and*
- (b) *adopt the Sunshine Coast Council Sponsorship (Governance Framework) Strategic Policy (Appendix A) with the following amendment:*
 - i. *that Councillors be advised when the delegation is exercised in a regular and timely manner.*

Ordinary Meeting 20 June 2013 (OM13/114)

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Sunshine Coast Major and Regional Events Strategy"*
- (b) *adopt the Sunshine Coast Major and Regional Events Strategy 2013-2017 (Appendix A)*
- (c) *under Section 264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 endorse the establishment of Sunshine Coast Events Board as an advisory committee of Council*
- (d) *adopt the Sunshine Coast Events Board Charter (Appendix B) for Sunshine Coast Events Board and authorise the Chief Executive Office to amend as necessary, including amendments to 3.1 Membership (c) to 9 board members and (e) for a 2 year term, and with staggered rotation of the board members*
- (e) *appoint Cr O' Pray as the portfolio Councillor for Tourism, Sport and Major Events as the Council representative on Sunshine Coast Events Board*
- (f) *delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to select and appoint members to Sunshine Coast Events Board in order to achieve the broad range of skills as determined by Council in consultation with relevant portfolio Councillors (being portfolio Councillor for Tourism, Sport and Major Events; portfolio Councillor for Community Policy and Programs and the Deputy Mayor)*
- (g) *vary the current Sponsorship Policy (Appendix C) authorising the Chief Executive Officer to enter into outgoing sponsorship agreements for major and regional events up to the value of \$50,000 (ex GST) following the recommendations received from Sunshine Coast Events Board*
- (h) *request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a further report to Council outlining alternative funding sources to boost the major event sponsorship tourism levy funding pool and*
- (i) *provide Mr P Franks, the Transfer Manager (Noosa) a copy of the Sunshine Coast Major and Regional Events Strategy for consideration and reference.*

Related Documentation

- *Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033*
- *Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018–2027*

Critical Dates

Council's endorsement of the Officer Recommendation is critical to provide a sponsorship commitment to IRONMAN Australia so that it can plan its schedule of multisport and IRONMAN events for the period 2023 - 2025 in Australia.

Implementation

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will proceed to finalise and execute a major event sponsorship agreement with IRONMAN Australia for Council's sponsorship of the 2023–2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast.

9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS**10 TABLING OF PETITIONS**

Petitions only eligible for submission if:

- * Legible
- * Have purpose of the petition on top of each page
- * Contain at least 10 signatures
- * Motion limited to:
 - Petition received and referred to a future meeting
 - Petition received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for report and consideration of recommendation
 - Petition not be received

11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

12 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 22 September 2022.

13 MEETING CLOSURE