

# Public Notification

## Ordinary Meeting

**Thursday, 27 January 2022**



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<b>Item:</b>	<b>11.1 STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITIONS, - MERIDAN PLAINS</b>		
<b>Circulation</b>			
<b>Officer:</b>	<b>Coordinator Open Space and Social Policy, Liveability &amp; Natural Assets Group Coordinator Strategic Property</b>	<b>Approving GE:</b>	<b>Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets</b>

In response to Council Resolution OM22/6, item (b)

*That Council:*

- (a) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute contracts for the strategic land acquisition of the identified properties in Meridan Plains, which are the subject of this report and*
- (b) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publicly release the property details and acquisition prices once the ownership of the properties has transferred to Council.*

**Minute Action:**

Council has acquired three properties at Rainforest Drive and Meridan Way, Meridan Plains as per the above resolution. Title transfer has since occurred.

<b>Property Address</b> (Map Reference)	<b>Real Property description</b>	<b>Lot Size (hectares)</b>	<b>Contract Price</b>
110 Rainforest Dr Meridan Plains QLD 4551 (A)	2RP97720	86.6	of \$9,500,000 (Excl GST and Stamp Duty)
Rainforest Dr Meridan Plains QLD 4551 (B)	4RP97720	49.2	
201 Meridan Way Meridan Plains QLD 455 ©	5RP97720	78.7	

The acquired land parcels are strategically located in the Lower Mooloolah River Green Space (LMRG), an emerging green space being planned and advocated for through the "Expanding the Green Space" Transformational Action in the Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017.

This green space is incredibly important to our community and to the environment as the Sunshine Coast continues to consolidate growth in the coastal corridor from Maroochydore to Caloundra.

The Lower Mooloolah River Green Space is approximately 3,000 hectares of non-urban land located east of the Bruce Highway, extending north to Buderim and Palmview, south to Caloundra Road and east to Kawana. It provides an important sub-regional inter-urban break, maintaining openness, providing the boundary for the urban footprint and providing relief from the surrounding urban landscape.

The Open Space Blueprint contained in the Environment and Liveability Strategy (ELS) provides strategic guidance for the ongoing purchase of land for recreation and sport purposes. Securing these properties is a strategic long-term action that will contribute to the ongoing liveability, protection of the natural environment and strengthen our resilience for the future.

The rural-zoned properties acquired consist of three contiguous lots (214.56 hectares) located outside the Urban Footprint on the northern side of Rainforest Drive – described as A - Lot 2 RP 97720 (86.66 ha), B - Lot 4 RP 97720 (49.18 ha) and C - Lot 5 RP 97720 (78.72 ha). Attachment 1 – Landscape Context and Property Context Map.

The acquisition of these land parcels contributes to a number of outcomes in Council's *Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017* including:

- a contribution to the planning and protection of the Lower Mooloolah River Green Space
- expanding the publicly accessible open space network by 214 hectares
- providing opportunity to establish a sport and recreation precinct for future generations
- provide future recreational trail linkage opportunities to the north and south
- protect and enhance significant biodiversity and cultural values
- help maintain and responsibly manage the floodplain



















