

Additional Information

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 17 November 2022

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Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	17 November 2022
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor W Johnston Councillor J Natoli		
Item:	8.4 Environment Levy Annual Report 2021/22		
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Officer (title):	Coordinator, Biodiversity & Waterways Policy	Approving GE (title):	Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets

In response to a question raised by Councillor Johnston and Councillor Natoli, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Please provide a map for each division noting all the environmental areas under Council control

Response:

- An [online public mapping](#) tool is available to view environmental areas across the local government area.
- The tool allows you to view state and Council environment protection areas, lands contributed by the Environment Levy and highlights of recent acquisitions.
- The tool also includes divisional boundaries.
- Division-specific PDF maps of conservation land, for printing or emailing to interested constituents can be provided on request.

Question:

Do we have overlays which provide information on the condition of our native vegetation?

Response:

- Understanding the condition of native vegetation across the entire local government area is challenging due to the large extent of vegetation, which is in both private and public ownership/management.
- However, Council is committed to protecting our Sunshine Coast biodiversity and want to ensure our native plants, animals and habitats are healthy, resilient and valued by the community.
- To do this we need to continue to build our knowledge and track our progress towards this outcome and inform our regional and reserve-specific biodiversity planning and conservation actions.
- Our [Biodiversity Report](#) (2016, 2020) assists us to do this by providing details on:
 - how much native vegetation covers our region and how well protected it is.
 - what our different vegetation communities are.
 - where our important habitat areas are.
 - how many threatened plants and animals live in our region's habitat areas.
- The framework established by the Biodiversity Report provides for the long-term tracking of key biodiversity elements.



- From a reserve perspective, Council has various ways of assessing the quality of the vegetation within our conservation network to effectively monitor the outcomes of our projects, which are outlined in the [Environmental Reserves Network Management Plan 2017-2027](#).
- The most commonly used is the Bushland Operational Assessments (BOA). This is a systematic method that provides a map of assessed reserves showing the vegetation condition ranging from poor-excellent.
- This includes a comprehensive assessment of weed species and cover, and resilience, based on the regional ecosystems' indicators developed specifically for the Sunshine Coast.
- The assessment is undertaken every 5 years on priority reserves to assess change in habitat condition, with information used to ensure the effective adaptive management of individual reserves and the best ecological outcomes for the investment by Council are achieved.
- Not all reserves have BOAs undertaken and at this stage there is not an effective way of presenting this information outwardly for the community in the form of a digital mapping product.

Question:

Please provide details of unspent funds available for vegetation offsets

Response:

- Council has a well-developed environmental offsets program aimed at delivering on the Environment and Liveability Strategy's Biodiversity theme's strategic directions and target.
- This program is delivered by the Environmental Operations Branch, and includes planning, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of environmental offsets for impacts to flora, fauna and ecological communities.
- The program works with:
 - external proponents (such as the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Energex, Unitywater and local developers).
 - Department of Environment and Science and Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to deliver offsets for specific environmental matters where an offset has been paid directly to the State by the proponent impacting that matter and
 - internal clients as per the SCC Environmental Offset Policy and Guideline (e.g. Waste Services, Transport Infrastructure Planning, etc).
- Budgets allocated for offset projects are held in restricted cash accounts and are drawn down to deliver each offset project as required.
- The total closing balance of the restricted cash accounts at the end of 21/22 was approximately \$2.4 Million across about 25 projects. During the 21/22 financial year, approximately \$700,000 was spent on these projects.
- Offset projects generally take 5-20 years to deliver and delivery timeframes are dependent on the environmental impact being offset, legislative requirements, and meeting the performance outcomes associated with the Offset Management Plan and/or Offset Agreement for the project.
- Once an offset project has met all performance and legislative requirements, and is acquitted, the site is handed over to the Natural Areas Operations team to continue ongoing operational management of the site.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	17 November 2022
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor T Landsberg		
Item:	8.5 – Cultural Heritage Levy Annual Report 2021/22		
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Officer (title):	Coordinator Cultural Heritage Services/ Head of Property	Approving GE (title):	Group Executive Economic & Community Development

In response to a question raised by Councillor Landsberg, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Please provide details on the relationship between museums and other heritage listed properties we lease out – do we have different policy/leases?

NOTE: Question was raised in relation to a new lease/licence agreement for the Caloundra Lighthouses.

Response:

Cultural Heritage Services:

We are aware of additional considerations for heritage-listed places, as distinct from other community leases on Council properties, due to the special requirements of preserving the heritage values and character of these places.

The Lighthouses had a fairly complicated lease/sub-lease arrangement when the state government was the owner, this has been simplified since Council acquired the site.

Recent changes to the Community Leasing Policy are likely to apply to a new agreement – refer to Property Management Branch.

Property Management Branch:

Council has standard form tenancy agreements which have been drafted in line with Council's Policy for 'Community Groups Occupying Council Owned or Controlled Land and/or Infrastructure'. This will provide community organisations with a direct tenancy arrangement with Council. Where there are requirements regarding heritage, special conditions are incorporated into these tenancy agreements to ensure that a heritage listed site can be managed under the direction of Council and relevant legislation and policy.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	17 November 2022
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor R Baberowski		
Item:	8.6 – Landsborough Museum – Management Report		
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Officer (title):	Coordinator Cultural Heritage Services/ Head of Property	Approving GE (title):	Group Executive Economic & Community Development

In response to a question raised by Councillor Baberowski, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

In relation to building assets, please confirm if we can repurpose buildings rather than rebuild?

NOTE: Question was raised in relation to Depot buildings at Landsborough, in the context of future Master Planning, and related to ongoing maintenance of some of the remaining structures in the interim.

Response:

Cultural Heritage Services

Generally speaking, we have observed Property Management Branch has undertaken some clearing out, and cleaning out, of one of the Sheds recently. Another shed was impacted by a fallen tree branch (through the roof) in a recent weather event.

Longer-term: Master Planning exercise (2025) and Rail Duplication / Overpass projects are likely to have as-yet-unknown impacts on the site.

Refer to Property Management Branch.

The Landsborough Depot site is currently mothballed with maintenance activity restricted to statutory testing and grounds maintenance. The site is occasionally used as a disaster management lay down area or for occasional project material storage. It is subject to the alignment of the Department Transport Main Roads rail duplication project which will see a reconfiguration of the site, with the balance land being available for future Council purposes. The future use of the balance land and improvements will then be subject to updated precinct Master Planning.

The buildings on the site are industrial high bay metal framed/metal clad sheds in average to poor condition, but there are opportunities to refurbish the units depending on the intended future purpose. The main building is currently being cleaned as a holding location for the redistribution of furniture during the workplace moves (Caloundra Administration Building, Eddie De Vere Building, Fred Murray Building, Maroochy on First Building).

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	17 November 2022
Requesting Councillor:	Cr Baberowski, Cr Landsberg, Cr Johnston, Cr O'Pray, Cr Suarez, Cr Law		
Item:	8.9 – Caloundra Aerodrome Master Plan		
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Officer (title):	Head of Strategic Property	Approving Executive:	Chief of Staff

Please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question 1:

What is the process and time frames for undertaking the proposed review of the Public Safety Area (PSA), as referred to in the Council Agenda Report (page 188 of 213)?

Response:

Council is in the process of engaging a consultant to undertake a review of the PSA at Caloundra Aerodrome, as identified on the Airport environs overlay in the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* (the Planning Scheme).

The successful consultant is required to:

- review the current and future need of the PSA at Caloundra Aerodrome, identified on the Airport environs overlay map in the Planning Scheme from a legislative, safety and risk perspective;
- consider the implications of the PSA on airport operations and the proposed Beerwah to Maroochydore Rail Extension (including the planned station location adjoining the Caloundra Aerodrome); and
- provide advice/recommendations on whether the application of the PSA at Caloundra Aerodrome is appropriate to be carried forward into the new planning scheme to assist in managing land uses in the vicinity of the ends of runways.

The review is expected to be completed by the end of December 2022. The outcomes of this review are intended to inform the drafting of the New Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme Project.

Question 2:

Does the Master Plan impose or “lock-in” the existing extent of the PSA?

Response:

No.

The proposed Master Plan does not “lock in” the PSA. The Master Plan simply reflects the overlays contained in the current Planning Scheme. The proposed Master Plan does not – and cannot – impose, remove or modify the PSA.

The PSA can only be removed or modified when making or amending a planning scheme, in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules 2020*.

