

# Agenda

**Ordinary Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 24 July 2024**

**commencing at 9:00am**

Sunshine Coast City Hall Chamber, 54 First Avenue, Maroochydore

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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**NOTICE**

12 July 2024

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

24 July 2024

commencing at 9.00am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DR", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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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 20 June 2024 and the Special Meeting held on 20 June 2024 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 JUNE 2024 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**File No:** Council Meetings

**Author:** Acting Coordinator Financial Services  
Business Performance Group

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**PURPOSE**

To meet Council’s legislative obligations, a monthly report must 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 30 June 2024, in terms of the operating result and delivery of the capital program.

**Operating Performance**

**Table 1: Operating Budget as at 30 June 2024**

	<b>Original Budget \$000</b>	<b>Current Budget \$000</b>
Total Operating Revenue	590,615	595,258
Total Operating Expenses	566,003	573,241
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>24,612</b>	<b>22,017</b>

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

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the report titled “June 2024 Financial Performance Report”**

**FINANCE AND RESOURCING**

This report sets out the details of Council’s financial performance and investments for the month ending 30 June 2024, and meets Council’s legislative reporting requirements.

**CORPORATE PLAN**

<b>Corporate Plan Goal:</b>	<b><i>Our outstanding organisation</i></b>
<b>Outcome:</b>	We serve our community by providing this great service
<b>Operational Activity:</b>	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****Councillor Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with the Portfolio Councillors, E Hungerford and J Broderick.

**Internal Consultation**

This report has been written in conjunction with advice from:

- Acting Group Executive Business Performance
- Acting 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 2023-24 Investment Policy, and  
Sunshine Coast Council’s 2023-24 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****Ordinary Meeting 14 December 2023 (OM23/149)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Budget Review 2 2023/2024"*
- (b) *adopt Appendix A as tabled, pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's amended budget for 2023/24 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) *Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program, endorse the indicative four-year program for the period 2025 to 2028, and note the five-year program for the period 2029 to 2033*
- (c) *note the following documentation applies as adopted 22 June 2023*
  - (i) *the Debt Policy*
  - (ii) *the Revenue Policy*
  - (iii) *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, and*
  - (iv) *the Revenue Statement*
  - (v) *the rates and charges to be levied for the 2023/24 financial year and other matters as adopted 22 June 2023*
  - (vi) *the Strategic Environment Levy Policy*
  - (vii) *the Strategic Arts and Heritage Levy Policy*
  - (viii) *the Strategic Transport Levy Policy*
  - (ix) *the Derivatives Policy and*
- (d) *endorse the Minor Capital Works Program (Appendix B).*

**Ordinary Meeting 21 September 2023 (OM23/104)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Budget Review 1 – 2023/24" and*
- (b) *adopt Appendix A as tabled, pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's amended budget for 2023/24 financial year incorporating:*
  - i. *the statement of income and expenditure*

- ii. *the statement of financial position*
  - iii. *the statement of changes in equity*
  - iv. *the statement of cash flow*
  - v. *the relevant measurers of financial sustainability*
  - vi. *the long-term financial forecast*
  - vii. *Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program, endorse the indicative four-year program for a period 2025 to 2028, and note the five-year program for the period 2029 to 2033*
- (c) *note the following documentation applies as adopted 22 June 2023*
- i. *the Debt policy*
  - ii. *the Revenue policy*
  - iii. *the total value of 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*
  - iv. *the Revenue statement*
  - v. *the rates and charges to be levied for the 2023/24 financial year and other matters as adopted 22 June 2023*
  - vi. *the Strategic Environment Levy Policy*
  - vii. *the Strategic Arts and Heritage Levy Policy*
  - viii. *the Strategic Transport Levy Policy*
  - ix. *the Derivates Policy and*
- (d) *endorse the Minor Capital Works Program (Appendix B)*

### **Special Meeting 22 June 2023 (SM23/2)**

*That Council:*

#### **1. STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION**

*receive and note Appendix A, pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect to the 2022/23 financial year*

#### **2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

*adopt Appendix A as tabled, pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's budget for 2023/24 financial year incorporating:*

- i. *the statement of income and expenditure*
- ii. *the statement of financial position*
- iii. *the statement 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 25 May 2023)*
- viii. *the Revenue Policy (adopted by Council resolution on 25 May 2023)*
- 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 2023/24 Capital Works Program, endorse the indicative four-year program for the period 2025 to 2028, and note the five-year program for the period 2029 to 2033*
- xii. *the rates and charges to be levied for the 2023/24 financial year and other matters as detailed below in clauses 3 to 10*
- xiii. *the 2023/24 Minor Capital Works Program*
- xiv. *the Strategic Environment Levy Policy*
- xv. *the Strategic Arts and Heritage Levy Policy*
- xvi. *the Strategic Transport Levy Policy and*
- xvii. *the Derivatives Policy*

**Related Documentation**

2023-24 Adopted Budget

**Critical Dates**

There are no critical dates for this report.

**Implementation**

There are no implementation details to include in this report.

































**8.2 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTIONS**

**File No:** Council Meetings

**Author:** Team Leader Councillor Liaison  
Civic Governance

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**PURPOSE**

This report proposes one motion for consideration at the Local Government Association of Queensland’s (LGAQ’s) 2024 Annual Conference.

Draft motions are prepared for Council’s review and endorsement prior to the Annual Conference to be held in October 2024.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference is to be held in Brisbane from 21 to 23 October.

Each year, the Conference debates motions put forward by both the LGAQ Policy Executive and member Councils. Motions that are supported and resolved at the Annual Conference guide and inform the LGAQ’s Annual Advocacy Plan and the LGAQ Policy Statement.

Under the LGAQ Conference rules, any motion from a local government, must be endorsed by the submitting Council at a Council meeting. To be considered at the 2024 Annual Conference, all motions must be received by the LGAQ by 29 July 2024.

The Conference agenda will prioritise motions that raise new issues of state-wide relevance or an issue impacting a large portion or segment of the LGAQ membership. Motions should not relate to a matter considered at a previous Annual Conference in the last five years, unless seeking to alter or update the adopted policy position. Motions must also be well formed and presented in a way that is most likely to garner the support of the broader membership of the LGAQ – namely the 77 local governments in Queensland.

One motion is proposed for consideration by Sunshine Coast Regional Council to submit to the LGAQ for consideration and debate at the 2024 Conference. This motion – should it be endorsed by Council and subsequently resolved at the LGAQ Annual Conference - would provide greater impetus for introducing speed limitations for personal mobility devices.

The details of the motion, including background information and desired outcomes, are outlined in **Appendix A**.

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Motions for the 2024 Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference" and
- (b) endorse the following motion for forwarding to the Local Government Association of Queensland for inclusion in the 2024 Annual Conference agenda:
  - (i) That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to introduce device limitations and standards, such as those for e-bikes, to control the speed and capabilities of personal mobility devices (Appendix A).

**FINANCE AND RESOURCING**

There are no financial or resourcing impacts for Council arising from submitting motions for consideration at the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference.

**CORPORATE PLAN**

<b>Corporate Plan Goal:</b>	<b><i>Our outstanding organisation</i></b>
<b>Outcome:</b>	We serve our community by providing this great service
<b>Operational Activity:</b>	S27 - Elected Council – providing community leadership, democratic representation, advocacy and decision-making.

**CONSULTATION****Councillor Consultation**

All Councillors were invited to consider subject areas for potential Conference motions.

As Strong Community portfolio holders, Councillor D Law and Councillor T Bunnag were invited to provide feedback into the motion requesting the consideration of introducing speed limitations for personal mobility devices.

**Internal Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with the Acting Chief Executive Officer and members of the Executive Leadership Team in framing the proposed Conference Motion which is the subject of this report. Specific engagement has also occurred with:

- Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets
- Acting Group Executive Customer and Planning Services
- Manager Project Delivery
- Manager Customer Response

**External Consultation**

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

**Community Engagement**

Community engagement has not been required to formulate this report.

**PROPOSAL**

The next Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference is to be held in Brisbane from 21 to 23 October 2024.

The Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive and member Councils submit motions to the conference for debate. Motions supported at the Conference form part of the LGAQ's Annual Advocacy Plan and the LGAQ Policy Statement.

Local governments must first endorse motions before they are submitted to the LGAQ for inclusion in the Conference Agenda. All motions for this year's conference must be received by the LGAQ by 29 July 2024.

Issues raised at the conference should be of state-wide relevance and generally will call for action by another tier of government.

On 22 May 2024, Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team were asked to commence consideration of potential motions. On 3 June 2024, the Local Government Association of Queensland formally called for motions from member Councils.

One motion is proposed for consideration by Council and, if endorsed, the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference delegates. The motion is of state-wide relevance and requests the Local Government Association of Queensland to advocate for introducing speed limitations for personal mobility devices.

The proposed motion would, if endorsed, further the policy objectives of Council and is also likely to be relevant to other local governments.

Details associated with the motion are outlined in **Appendix A**.

**Status of previous Conference Motions submitted by Council**

Council has regularly submitted motions for debate at the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference. In the last two years, each motion submitted by Council was carried or amended and carried at the Conference. Below is the list of motions put forward by Council in the last two years. See **Attachment 1** for an update on the status of each motion.

*2023 – Motion 40 – Vegetation clearing exemptions for necessary firebreaks or fire management lines*

The LGAQ calls on the State Government to review, in consultation with local governments, s20A of Schedule 6 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*, with a view to provide a more balanced approach to circumstances where vegetation clearing is allowed for bushfire hazard reduction, to minimise biodiversity impacts associated with such clearing.

*2023 – Motion 102 – Active transport connectivity*

The LGAQ calls on State Government to ensure that continuous active transport connections are provided to existing local networks, when planning and delivering major state led infrastructure projects.

*2023 – Motion 117 – Market Valuation Option for Rating Purposes for Strata Titled Properties*

The LGAQ calls on the State Government to amend the *Land Valuation Act 2010* to include the option for councils to request market valuations for the purpose of rating strata titled / community titled properties.

*2022 – Motion 24 – Review of Financial Statement Materiality Thresholds and Application of Australian Auditing Standards Relating to Delays in Recording of Contributed Assets*

The Local Government Association of Queensland calls on the State Government to work with the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) to review financial statement materiality levels for contributed assets received by councils experiencing high rates of growth.

*2022 – Motion 36 – Locally Responsive and Sustainable Design Outcomes*

The LGAQ calls on the State and Federal governments for changes to existing planning and building legislation and plan-making processes to remove barriers to the achievement of locally responsive and sustainable design, including by:

1. Making changes to the Queensland Development Code and National Construction Code to provide for more locally responsive and sustainable design measures to be incorporated in planning schemes or alternatively, amending these Codes to include such measures as mandatory requirements;
2. Amending State plan-making guidelines and the State interest-review process to better support the incorporation of locally responsive and sustainable design outcomes in planning schemes; and
3. Any such other actions considered necessary and appropriate to achieve the objective of the motion.

*2022 – Motion 70 – Better Regulation of the Breeding and Sale of Dogs and Cats*

The Local Government Association of Queensland calls on the State Government to undertake a full review of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* and the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, together with their interaction with the *Planning Act 2016*, to achieve a more effective regulatory framework for the breeding and sale of cats and dogs and the assessment of development applications relating to such uses.

**Legal**

There are no legal implications associated with submitting the proposed motion to the Local Government Association of Queensland for consideration and debate at the Annual Conference.

**Policy**

The proposed motion in this report does not conflict with the adopted policy positions or objectives of Council. Should the proposed motion be approved by Council and resolved at the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference, it will influence and shape future advocacy efforts of the LGAQ, which may result in policy and program decisions by the other tiers of government that will be advantageous to the interests of Council.

**Risk**

No discernible risks have been identified from potentially submitting the proposed motion to the Local Government Association of Queensland for consideration and debate at its Annual Conference.

**Previous Council Resolution****Ordinary Meeting 27 July 2023 (OM23/74)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Motions for the 2023 Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference" and*
- (b) *endorse the following motions for forwarding to the Local Government Association of Queensland for inclusion in the 2023 Annual Conference agenda:*
  - (i) *That Local Government Association of Queensland advocate to the State Government to ensure that the active transport pathways provided as part of the delivery of major roads projects are connected to nearby local networks and not left stranded at the extent of the road project*
  - (ii) *That the Local Government Association of Queensland calls on the State Government to amend the Land Valuation Act 2010 to include the option for councils to request market valuations for the purpose of rating strata titled / community titled properties*
  - (iii) *That the Local Government Association of Queensland calls on the State Government to review, in consultation with local governments, section 20A of Schedule 6 of the Planning Regulation 2017, with a view to provide a more balanced approach to circumstances where vegetation clearing is allowed for bushfire hazard reduction, to minimise biodiversity impacts associated with such clearing.*

**Ordinary Meeting 28 July 2022 (OM22/53)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "**Motions for the 126<sup>th</sup> Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference**" and*
- (b) *endorse the following motions for forwarding to the Local Government Association of Queensland for inclusion in the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference agenda –*
  - 1. *That the Local Government Association of Queensland advocate to the Queensland Government to undertake a full review of the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 and the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008, together with their interaction with the Planning Act 2016, to achieve a more effective regulatory framework for the breeding and sale of cats and dogs and the assessment of development applications relating to such uses.*

2. *That the Local Government Association of Queensland advocate to the Federal and Queensland Governments for changes to existing planning and building legislation and plan-making processes to remove barriers to the achievement of locally responsive and sustainable design, including by:*
  - a. *making changes to the Queensland Development Code and National Construction Code to provide for more locally responsive and sustainable design measures to be incorporated in planning schemes or alternatively, amending these codes to include such measures as mandatory requirements*
  - b. *amending State plan-making guidelines and the State interest-review process to better support the incorporation of locally responsive and sustainable design outcomes in planning schemes and*
  - c. *any such other actions considered necessary and appropriate to achieve the objective of the motion.*
3. *That the Local Government Association of Queensland advocate to the Queensland Government to work with the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) to review financial statement materiality levels for contributed assets received by Councils experiencing high rates of growth.*

#### **Ordinary Meeting 22 July 2021 (OM21/72)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "**2024 Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference Motions**" and*
- (b) *endorse the following motions for forwarding to the Local Government Association of Queensland for inclusion in the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference agenda –*
  - ii. *That the Local Government Association of Queensland advocate to the Queensland Government to develop and agree a joint State/Local government package of measures that will enable a more timely response to housing affordability and availability in high growth areas of the State.*
  - iii. *That the Local Government Association of Queensland advocate to the Queensland Government to amend section 236 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to afford greater flexibility to Councils to approve an exemption from the compulsory tender or auction requirements in relation to the disposal of non-current assets, in circumstances where there is a clear business case that demonstrates the disposal of the asset would provide clear beneficial outcomes for the community.*

#### **Ordinary Meeting 25 July 2019 (OM19/105)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "**Motion for the 123rd Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference**" and*



- (b) endorse the following motion titled "Partnership with Power Utilities in delivering Underground Power" for forwarding to the Local Government Association of Queensland for inclusion in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference agenda –

*That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobbies the peak power utilities' industry body to jointly fund undergrounding power where the change to existing overhead power supplies is required as part of a local government's urban upgrade capital works program and is called up in the local government's planning scheme.*

### **Ordinary Meeting 16 August 2018 (OM18/126)**

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "**Motion for the 122nd Local Government Association of Queensland Conference 2018**" and
- (b) endorse the following motion titled "Enhancing Queensland's future drought resilience" for forwarding to the Local Government Association of Queensland for inclusion in the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference agenda –

*That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobby State and Federal governments to develop options (in partnership with local governments, bulk water providers and water retailers) that improve drought resilience in Queensland – particularly with regard to the agricultural sector – through the more efficient storage, movement and use of all types of water, including recycled water and storm/rain water.*

### **Ordinary Meeting 17 August 2017 (OM17/157)**

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to submit to the Local Government Association of Queensland the following motion for inclusion in its 2017 Annual Conference agenda –

*'That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobby the Queensland Government to undertake an immediate review of the legislative and regulatory framework for local government procurement so that it is more agile and adaptive to a constantly evolving digital environment, more responsive to innovative proposals and products and can be better utilised by Councils to support start-ups and entrepreneurialism in their regions'.*

### **Ordinary Meeting 18 August 2016 (OM16/138)**

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "**Motion for 120th Annual Local Government Association Queensland Conference 2016**"
- (b) forward the motion titled 'To develop new guidelines to replace Guidelines On Arrangements for Infrastructure External to State Government Sites and Non-State Schools – December 1997' (Appendix A) to the Local Government Association Queensland for inclusion in the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Agenda
- (c) forward the motion titled 'To investigate providing legislative power to local government to apply catchment based developer contributions for delivery of non-trunk

*infrastructure' (Appendix B) to the Local Government Association Queensland for inclusion in the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Agenda and*

- (d) *forward the motion titled 'To request that the State Government review Planning Scheme amendment processes with a view to removing or significantly reducing the timeframes associated with First State Interest Check Reviews' (Appendix C) to the Local Government Association Queensland for inclusion in the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Agenda.*

### **Ordinary Meeting 20 August 2015 (OM15/132)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "119th Annual Local Government Association Queensland Conference 2015 - Motion - Valuation Methodology for Strata Units" and*
- (b) *forward the motion titled 'To introduce a different valuation methodology to Strata Units by using market value' as detailed in Appendix A, to the Local Government Association Queensland for inclusion in the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Agenda.*

### **Related Documentation**

- Local Government Association of Queensland 2024 Annual Conference Program.
- Constitution of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

### **Critical Dates**

This report must be considered by Council at the July 2024 Ordinary Meeting to enable any endorsed motions to be submitted to the Local Government Association of Queensland by 29 July 2024.

### **Implementation**

Subject to Council endorsing the recommendations in this report, the approved proposed motion will be forwarded to the Local Government Association of Queensland for consideration for inclusion in the Annual Conference Motions Agenda.























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### 8.3 COUNCIL OF MAYORS SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND - PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION

**File No:** Council Meetings

**Author:** Coordinator Executive Support Office of the Mayor  
Civic Governance

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#### PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's approval for Mayor Natoli to undertake overseas travel from 4 to 14 February 2025 to participate in the Council of Mayors South East Queensland (CoMSEQ) delegation to Singapore, Manchester and Paris.

The Mayor's participation in this delegation cannot be confirmed until authorisation to undertake the overseas travel has been provided by Council.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its Board Meeting on 10 May 2024, COMSEQ endorsed its 2024-25 Strategic Action and Advocacy Plan. The proposed international delegation to Singapore, Manchester and Paris forms part of that Plan and aims to increase global awareness of the South-East Queensland region and to promote trade and investment opportunities. Missions such as this also provide excellent opportunities for the Mayors of South-East Queensland to discuss regional priorities and develop relationships.

While the delegation has been approved by the CoMSEQ Board, at the time of writing this report, which local governments are participating is not yet confirmed. All 11 Mayors that comprise the CoMSEQ Board have been invited and have indicated a willingness to participate.

CoMSEQ confirmed that it will meet the costs of the Mayor's travel, including economy class flights, accommodation, transfers and meals.

The focus areas of the proposed delegation program are aligned to Council's regional strategies, Corporate Plan and Operational Plan. The learnings, relationships and strategic connections that could be established from participating in this delegation are potentially considerable, particularly given Council's role as a key delivery partner for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the opportunities and potential challenges this may afford.

The purpose of the mission is to:

1. Investigate how city regions leverage major events to advance their global identity; and
2. Explore inter-governmental initiatives that promote greater investment while balancing the competing interests from other levels of government, including:
  - a. Managing population growth – housing affordability, land-use planning and regional growth management
  - b. Funding a growing region – maintaining fiscal sustainability through a partnership model

- c. Regional connectivity – mobility and smart infrastructure
- d. Sustainability and resilience – waste management, circular economy, and water security.

Given the low cost to Council and to rate-payers, this is a high-level local government delegation, covering a broad range of subject areas of interest to Sunshine Coast Council, it is proposed that Mayor Natoli be authorised to undertake overseas travel in an official capacity to participate in the delegation. The nomination of Mayor Natoli to participate in the proposed delegation is also consistent with the Mayor's responsibilities under the adopted Councillor Portfolio System (adopted on 30 May 2024) and the Mayor's position as the Council representative on, and Director of, CoMSEQ.

In line with the requirements of Council's *Corporate Travel Policy*, *Councillor Expenses and Resources Policy* and *International Relations Policy*, authority from Council for the Mayor to undertake overseas travel in an official capacity is required prior to confirming the Mayor's participation in the delegation.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Council of Mayors South East Queensland - Proposed International Delegation"**
- (b) approve for Mayor Natoli to undertake overseas travel in an official capacity between 4 February 2025 and 14 February 2025 to participate in the Council of Mayors South East Queensland proposed delegation to Singapore, Manchester and Paris**
- (c) authorise the expenditure of up to \$1,500 by Council to cover the balance of incidental costs associated with Mayor Natoli's participation in the Council of Mayors South East Queensland delegation to Singapore, Manchester and Paris, with this expenditure to be met from the existing budget for the Civic Governance Group; and**
- (d) note that costs associated with Mayor Natoli's travel to Singapore, Manchester and Paris – namely economy class airfares, accommodation, most meals, and on-ground transport - will be met by the Council of Mayors South East Queensland.**

### **FINANCE AND RESOURCING**

COMSEQ has advised that it will meet the following costs associated with the Mayor's participation in the proposed delegation to Singapore, Manchester and Paris:

- Economy class return airfares
- Accommodation in the locations to be visited by the delegation (with accommodation selected and determined by CoMSEQ)
- Most meals
- All on-ground, in-country, transportation

It is estimated that up to \$1,500 will be required to meet any other incidental costs related to travelling as an official representative of Council. Funding can be sourced from Council's current operational budget to fund expenditure on incidentals.

Council may nominate an officer to accompany the Mayor as part of the delegation, but all travel and accommodation costs for any accompanying Council officer will need to be met by Council. It is a matter for the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, to determine whether a Council officer participates in the delegation.

## **CORPORATE PLAN**

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

## **CONSULTATION**

### **Councillor Consultation**

Mayor Natoli has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Suarez has also been consulted in relation to her availability to act as Mayor for the period Mayor Natoli is travelling overseas.

### **Internal Consultation**

The Acting Chief Executive Officer and Council's Executive Leadership Team have been consulted on the purpose and themes of the delegation and the proposal that the Mayor participate in the delegation.

### **External Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with CoMSEQ in relation to the proposed travel arrangements, itinerary and briefings required for the proposed delegation.

### **Community Engagement**

There has been no Community Engagement undertaken in relation to this item.

## **PROPOSAL**

At its Board Meeting on 10 May 2024, CoMSEQ committed to examining the opportunity for the Mayors of South East Queensland to undertake an international delegation to Singapore, Manchester and Paris.

The focus areas for the proposed delegation are to:

1. Investigate how city regions leverage major events to advance their global identity; and
2. Explore inter-governmental initiatives that promote greater investment while balancing the competing interests from other levels of government, including:
  - a. Managing population growth – housing affordability, land-use planning and regional growth management

- b. Funding a growing region – maintaining fiscal sustainability through a partnership model
- c. Regional connectivity – mobility and smart infrastructure
- d. Sustainability and resilience – waste management, circular economy, and water security.

The key focus areas in each city are:

**Singapore**

- Mass transit network
- Green development / buildings and innovations
- Resource recovery
- Promoting food security with SEQ produce

**Greater Manchester**

- Growth funding models and evolution of funding agreements
- Strategic spatial planning and locally controlled integrated travel network (Transport for Manchester) as part of a broader suite of devolved powers transferred from central government
- Keeping more business rates collected by Council from local businesses to pay for local services; enterprise zones and local economic partnerships.

**Greater Paris Metropolis**

Post-2024 Olympic observatory, including:

- Performance of 'eco-friendly games'
- Transport and mobility
- Housing
- City operations and planning
- Legacy and community engagement

The proposed delegation will undertake technical studies and site visits, executive and civic roundtables as well as undertake networking with government and industry leaders in each of the destination cities.

At this time, all eleven councils that comprise CoMSEQ have indicated a willingness to participate in the proposed delegation, with the majority of delegates likely to be the Mayor of SEQ councils. The duration of the proposed delegation involves seven days of meetings and associated site visits, two full days of travel and one rest day. The proposed itinerary for the delegation is below:



<b>Date/Date 2025</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>City / Region</b>
Tues, 4 Feb	Transit	Brisbane to Singapore
Wed, 5 Feb	Full program day	Singapore
Thurs, 6 Feb	Full program day	Singapore
Fri, 7 Feb	Half program day	Singapore / Manchester
Sat, 8 Feb	Full program day	Manchester / Paris
Sun, 9 Feb	Rest day	Paris
Mon, 10 Feb	Full program day	Paris
Tues, 11 Feb	Full program day	Paris
Wed, 12 Feb	Full program day	Paris
Thurs, 13 Feb	Transit	Paris to Brisbane
Fri, 14 Feb	Transit	Arrive Brisbane (AM)

Given this is a high-level local government delegation, covering a broad range of subject areas of interest to Sunshine Coast Council, it is proposed that Mayor Natoli be authorised to undertake overseas travel in an official capacity to participate in the delegation. The nomination of Mayor Natoli to participate in the proposed delegation is also consistent with the Mayor's responsibilities under the adopted Councillor Portfolio System (adopted on 30 May 2024) and the Mayor's position as the Council representative on, and Director of, CoMSEQ.

In line with the requirements of Council's *Corporate Travel Policy*, *Councillor Expenses and Resources Policy* and *International Relations Policy*, authority from Council for the Mayor to undertake overseas travel in an official capacity is required prior to confirming the Mayor's participation in the delegation.

Each of the focus areas of the proposed delegation are key areas of interest to Council as represented in its regional strategies, 2024-2028 Corporate Plan and 2024-2025 Operational Plan. For example, housing affordability and mass transit as well as contemporary approaches to waste management are all matters that Council is currently examining as part of the development of its new Planning Scheme, the advancement of its Integrated Transport Strategy and the continuing implementation of its Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017. Likewise, Council is currently working towards the development of an appropriate and fit for purpose legacy plan that will best advance the interests of the region. That work could potentially benefit from insights to some of the learnings and experiences of Paris which will, by that time, have recently hosted the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024.

The learnings, relationships and strategic connections that could be established from participating in this proposed delegation are considered to be significant, particularly given the low cost to Council as well as the forecast growth and the impacts of Council's role as a key delivery partner for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Should Council authorise the Mayor to undertake the overseas travel proposed in this report, the Mayor will need to update her Register of Interests to record the receipt of travel and accommodation funded by CoMSEQ.

### **Legal**

There are no known legal issues associated with Mayor Natoli participating in the proposed delegation to Singapore, Manchester and Paris with COMSEQ. All immigration requirements of the governments of Singapore, the United Kingdom and France will be complied with as part of the Mayor's participation in the proposed delegation.

### **Policy**

There are no identified potential conflicts with Council policies associated with the recommendations in this report.

### **Risk**

Whilst there is always a risk of negative public reaction to expenditure associated with undertaking international travel, it needs to be borne in mind that:

- the cost of Mayor Natoli's participation in the proposed delegation is being substantially met by CoMSEQ; and
- there is a clear advantage for the Sunshine Coast and for Council in Mayor Natoli participating in the delegation and in establishing valuable contacts relevant to planning for and progressing a range of priority activities for Council.

Council will continue to monitor the travel advisory service provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in order to respond appropriately to any heightened level of travel risk that might eventuate prior to February 2025.

### **Previous Council Resolution**

#### **Ordinary Meeting 25 August 2022 (OM22/69)**

*That Council:*

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Council of Mayors South East Queensland – Proposed Delegation to North America"*
- (b) approve for Mayor Mark Jamieson to undertake overseas travel in an official capacity on 2 – 12 February 2023 to participate in the Council of Mayors South East Queensland proposed delegation to North America*
- (c) authorise the expenditure of up to \$12,000 by Council to cover the balance of air travel and other incidental costs associated with Mayor Jamieson's participation in the Council of Mayors South East Queensland delegation to North America, with this expenditure to be met from the existing budget for the Office of the Mayor and*
- (d) note that costs associated with Mayor Jamieson's travel to North America – namely accommodation, meals, on-ground transport and a contribution to airfares - will be met by the Council of Mayors South East Queensland.*

**Related Documentation**

- Constitution of COMSEQ Pty Ltd.
- COMSEQ Strategic Action Plan 2024-2025
- Sunshine Coast Council Corporate Plan 2024-2028
- Sunshine Coast Council Operational Plan 2024-2025
- Sunshine Coast Council Councillor Portfolio System and Protocols

**Critical Dates**

Council needs to confirm by July 2024 whether Mayor Natoli will participate in the proposed CoMSEQ delegation to secure the proposed group bookings.

In line with the requirements of Council's *Corporate Travel Policy*, *Councillor Expenses and Resources Policy* and *International Relations Policy*, authority from Council for the Mayor to undertake overseas travel in an official capacity is required in order to confirm the Mayor's participation in the delegation.

**Implementation**

Should the recommendations in this report be accepted by Council, CoMSEQ will be advised to confirm Mayor Natoli as Council's representative in the delegation. Travel arrangements will be confirmed subsequent to that advice.

A further report will be provided to Councillors on the outcomes of the delegation in the first quarter of 2025.



**8.4 2024 SPORTS FIELD MAINTENANCE FUNDING PROGRAM**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>Council Meetings</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Community Connections &amp; Partnerships Lead Economic &amp; Community Development Group</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>App A - 2024 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program Recommendations..... 59</b>  

**PURPOSE**

This report seeks Council consideration and endorsement of recommendations for the 2024 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program (Appendix A).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The inaugural Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program and supporting guidelines were endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 2 February 2011. The funding program commenced in the 2011/12 financial year providing funding for up to three years to successful applicants.

On 20 June 2013, Council adopted the Community Grants Policy under which the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program guidelines are administered.

The aim of this program is to contribute to maintenance costs incurred by, and provide expert advice to, organisations maintaining turf surfaces to competition standard.

The program is jointly managed by the Economic and Community Development and Built Infrastructure Groups and is premised on the following four elements:

- The sports field maintenance undertaken ensures fields are at competition standard.
- The costs are attributed per field, per annum and based on the type of sport played.
- Council’s contribution to the maintenance costs is a percentage of the full contractor rate.
- The program is not applicable to specialised, exclusive and/or restricted access sports.

Pivotal to the program is the availability of a dedicated Council staff member, Parks Community Sports Field Officer (Parks and Gardens), to provide support to sporting organisations by providing expert advice on maintaining their sports field to competition standard.

There is one Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program round per year. The program has existing commitments to 48 sporting organisations that were awarded multiple years of funding in the 2023 round.

Applications for the 2024 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program round closed on 27 May 2024 with one organisation applying to enter the program and one of the existing partner organisations requesting a variation to their funding agreement to include maintenance of an additional field.

This report recommends a total of \$15,444 in funding for 2024/25 and \$18,620 plus annual CPI in 2025/26 to applicant organisations as follows:

- \$3,176 in 2024/25 and \$6,352 plus annual CPI in 2025/26 for Nirimba Hurricanes Junior Rugby League Club to join the program, taking responsibility for new fields in Nirimba from March 2025.
- an increase of \$12,268 in 2024/25 and \$12,268 plus annual CPI in 2025/26 to the existing allocation to the Coolum Cricket Club Inc towards costs of maintaining an additional field at Keith Royal Oval, Marcoola.

Details of this recommendation are provided in Appendix A.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- (a) receive and note the report titled “2024 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program” and**
- (b) endorse the 2024 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program Recommendations including two years of funding with annual CPI increases to be applied in 2025/26 (Appendix A).**

## **FINANCE AND RESOURCING**

Funding of sporting organisations through the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program is based on a formula which considers field type, number of fields and period of responsibility and is allocated (subject to budget) for one-, two- or three-year funding periods.

The 2024 round is the second of the current three-year cycle. There are existing commitments of \$943,991 to 48 sporting organisations that were awarded multiple years of funding in the 2023 round.

It was determined that a maximum of two years of funding will be allocated in the 2024 round to bring the new allocations into line with existing Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program agreements which end on 30 June 2026.

The 2024/25 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program budget is sufficient to support:

- \$3,176 for Nirimba Hurricanes Junior Rugby League Club to join the program.
- An increase of \$12,268 to the existing agreement with Coolum Cricket Club Inc to include responsibility for the maintenance of an additional cricket field - the Keith Royal Oval, Marcoola.
- \$943,991 that will be distributed to organisations already committed under multi-year agreements from the 2023 round.

All applicants are recommended for two years of funding with an annual CPI increase in year two.

As funding is allocated for the two (2) year funding period, the recommendations in this report have implications for future budgets (see Table 1 below).

<b>Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program Budget</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
2024 round – 1 <sup>st</sup> year – Recommendations in this report	\$15,444	
2024 round – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year – Recommendations in this report		\$18,620 + CPI
2023 round – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year - Existing commitments	\$943,991	
2023 round – 3 <sup>rd</sup> year – Existing commitments		\$943,991 + CPI
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$959,435</b>	<b>\$962,611 + CPI</b>

*Table 1. Budget Implications*

**CORPORATE PLAN**

**Corporate Plan Goal:** ***Our strong community***  
**Outcome:** 1.1 Healthy and active communities  
**Operational Activity:** 1.4.1 - 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**

**Portfolio Councillor Consultation**

- Community Portfolio – Councillor T Bunnag and Councillor D Law

**Internal Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with relevant internal stakeholders across various groups and branches of Council including:

- Parks Community Sports Field Officer, Parks and Gardens
- Sports Planning and Development team, Sport and Community Venues
- Senior Project Officer, Community Connections, Community Planning and Development
- Senior Property Officer, Land Management, Property Management

**External Consultation**

Consultation with representatives from partner sporting organisations is undertaken on a regular basis by both the Parks Community Sports Field Officer and relevant Sport and Recreation Officers to ensure compliance with and support for their funding agreements.

**Community Engagement**

No external community engagement was undertaken in relation to this report.

**PROPOSAL**

The 2024 round is the second of the current three-year cycle. The program has existing commitments to 48 sporting organisations that were awarded multiple years of funding in the 2023 round.

Opening on 22 April, the 2024 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program round was promoted through direct contact with organisations identified as potentially eligible for funding as well as through Council's Grants eNews and public website.

Applications for the 2024 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program round closed on 27 May with one (1) organisation applying to enter the program, and one (1) current partner organisation seeking an additional funding allocation to take on responsibility for an additional sports field. Both applicants requested two years of funding.

The assessment of applications for this funding program required clarification of tenure, type of sport played on the field/s, number of fields and period of maintenance responsibility. An assessment panel made up of Council officers with relevant expertise met to review the applications and determine an outcome. Assessment panel membership is detailed in the Internal Consultation section of this report.

This report recommends a total of \$15,444 in funding for 2024/2025 and \$18,620 plus annual CPI in 2025/2026 to the two applicant organisations as follows:

- \$3,176 in 2024/25 and \$6,352 plus annual CPI in 2025/26 for Nirimba Hurricanes Junior Rugby League Club to join the program, taking responsibility for two new rugby fields in Nirimba for part of the year from March 2025. This club will maintain the fields for three (3) months during 2024/25 and six (6) months during 2025/26. It is anticipated that a summer sports club will take over responsibility for the remaining six (6) months of 2025/26.
- an increase of \$12,268 in 2024/25 and \$12,268 plus annual CPI in 2025/26 to the existing allocation to the Coolooloong Cricket Club Inc towards costs of maintaining an additional field at Keith Royal Oval, Marcoola. This club will have responsibility for maintaining the additional cricket field for a full 12 months each year.

Details of this recommendation are provided in Appendix A.

**Legal**

The act of providing funding does not, of itself, raise issues of legal liability for Council. Rather it is the conduct of the funding recipient in carrying out what may be considered a local government type activity on local government owned or controlled land that will have some legal liability exposure issues for Council.

This will be mitigated, as best as is possible, by having the successful funding applicants enter into Agreements that clearly articulate the relationship between the parties and obligate them to be incorporated bodies with adequate risk management plans, levels of insurance, training, reporting and financial controls.

**Policy**

Delivery of the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program is governed by the Community Grants Policy and supporting guidelines.



**Risk**

There is minimal financial risk associated with the program in supporting identified eligible organisations to carry out field maintenance, due to the ongoing working relationships between the organisations and dedicated Council officers. This relationship is supported by individually tailored funding agreements.

**Previous Council Resolution****Ordinary Meeting 27 July 2023 (OM23/69)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "2023 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program" and*
- (b) *endorse the 2023 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program Recommendations including three years of funding with annual CPI increases to be applied in 2024/25 and 2025/26 (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 2 February 2011 (OM11/12)**

*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program"*
- (b) *adopt a 70% Council funding contribution of the full contractor rate to maintain fields noting potential funding sources and refer funding to 2011/12 budget process*
- (c) *adopt the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program Policy (Appendix A) and note Guidelines (Appendix B) and*
- (d) *request the Chief Executive Officer to review the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program one year after adoption and provide a progress report back to Council.*

**Related Documentation**

Funding arrangements with individual organisations include individual agreements which must demonstrate field maintenance plans. These plans are formulated in consultation with the Parks Community Sports Field Officer.

There are related policies and governing legislation that guide and inform the management and delivery of the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program. These include:

- *Local Government Act (2009)*
- *Local Government Regulation (2012)*
- Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041
- Community Grants Policy (2013)
- Environment and Liveability Strategy 2023
- Corporate Plan 2024-2028
- Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2011-2026
- Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program Guidelines

**Critical Dates**

The due date for acquittals of 2024/2025 Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program allocations is 31 August 2025.

**Implementation**

Upon Council endorsement of 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.

The recipients will also develop a maintenance agreement in consultation with Council's Parks Community Sports Field Officer, clarifying expectations in relation to the maintenance of the sports fields.

Funding will be distributed once the transfer of responsibility is confirmed and the online agreement is submitted to Council. All recipients will be required to display Council supplied signage acknowledging Council's support for field maintenance.

Details of the successful partner organisations will be posted on Council's website.





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**8.5 EXCEPTION UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012 FOR THE DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN LAND, BELLS CREEK**

**File No:** Council Meetings  
**Author:** Senior Property Officer  
Business Performance Group

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**PURPOSE**

In accordance with *Local Government Regulation 2012*, this report seeks Council's endorsement to provide an exception to the tender or auction process for disposing of an interest in land. The purpose of which is to facilitate a lease with Police Citizens Youth Clubs Queensland (PCYC) for the development of a community facility in Bells Creek.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) Queensland is a charity providing youth and community programs, services and facilities across Queensland. The organisation partners with Queensland Police Service to focus on personal and leadership development of young people, through activities and programs delivered over 56 facilities across the State.

During the latter half of 2023, Police Citizens Youth Club began discussions with Council and Stockland regarding opportunities for establishing a community facility in Caloundra South. Police Citizens Youth Club expressed specific location requirements to fit its business model. These site requirements included a location that is well serviced by public transport, has close proximity to activity centres and importantly, close proximity to a police station.

Police Citizens Youth Club have identified a 6500m<sup>2</sup> area of land to the east of the Emergency Services Precinct in the future Aura Town Centre that is desirable for their purpose. The site is proximate to a future police station, fire station, ambulance station and the future Aura Train Station.

However, the site does not form part of the planned community facilities network to be created and contributed to Council as part of the Aura development. The site is an opportunistic prospect identified by Police Citizens Youth Club.

Stockland are agreeable to the subject land being used for Police Citizens Youth Club's proposal but this will necessitate a redistribution of planned community facility sites within the broader Aura development. Council's Open Space & Social Policy team have reviewed the proposal to identify any impacts to the provision of future community facilities in the network, confirming that two planned neighbourhood meeting room sites and one planned local community centre site could instead be delivered as a single facility on the 6,500m<sup>2</sup> site within the future town centre. The proposal by Police Citizens Youth Club does not adversely impact the overall community facilities network as there will be no net loss of community facilities land. To ensure that the endorsed community facility network outcomes are achieved, it would be anticipated that the Police Citizens Youth Club development integrates flexible and multipurpose bookable spaces in accordance with Council's minimum Desired Standards of Service requirement for local community venues.

The proposal to site the Police Citizens Youth Club facility in the town centre, including a redistribution of sites within the community facilities network will require an amendment to the Caloundra South PDA Infrastructure Agreement (Local Government Infrastructure) 2015 (the "IA"). This amendment can be progressed as a Deed of Variation to the IA.

The Deed of Variation will ultimately be executed by Stockland, Council and Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) as parties to the IA. It is noted that Economic Development Queensland have given 'in principle' support for the Deed of Variation, given its minor nature.

Once the lot is created, it is intended to be transferred to Council under a nomination of trust, which will enable Council to enter into a long-term community lease to facilitate third party capital investment. The final leasing terms between Council and Police Citizens Youth Club are yet to be negotiated, finalised and executed.

*The Local Government Regulations 2012* prescribe that Council must dispose of an interest in land (including a lease) in a particular way, being via tender or auction. However, there are exceptions to this requirement should Council agree by resolution that the exception applies. Section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* states that a relevant exception to dispose of an interest in land, other than by tender or auction, may apply where the disposal is to a community organisation.

Important considerations for this proposal are as follows:

- Police Citizens Youth Club is a community organisation,
- The proposal has been initiated by Police Citizens Youth Club for land identified by them as suitable, and confirmed by relevant Council teams as feasible within the planned community facilities network,
- The site has unique attributes that meets Police Citizens Youth Club's operating model, including proximity to a police station,
- Police Citizens Youth Club have demonstrated a funding mechanism for delivery of the community facility.

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**That Council:**

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Exception Under Local Government Regulation 2012 for the Disposal of an Interest in Land, Bells Creek "**
- (b) resolve, pursuant to section 236(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that an exception to dispose of an interest in the identified land, other than by tender or auction applies, as the disposal is pursuant to section 236(1)(b)(ii) to a community organisation and**
- (c) note that Police Citizens Youth Club Queensland is a community organisation.**

**FINANCE AND RESOURCING**

This proposal seeks to deliver a contemporary community facility on community purpose land at no cost to Council. Council is making a land contribution only (by way of a peppercorn lease) and will have no ongoing operating expenses attributed to the facility. The Queensland Government has publicly announced \$15 million in funding for a new Police Citizens Youth Club facility in Caloundra.

**CORPORATE PLAN**

<b>Corporate Plan Goal:</b>	<b><i>Our strong community</i></b>
<b>Outcome:</b>	We serve our community by providing this great service
<b>Operational Activity:</b>	S2 - Community venues – providing, managing, programming and administering community and cultural venues including the Events Centre, Venue 114 and other community spaces.

**CONSULTATION****Councillor Consultation**

- Councillor J Broderick – Division 1 Councillor
- Councillor T Bunnag – Portfolio Councillor Strong Community
- Councillor D Law – Portfolio Councillor Strong Community

**Internal Consultation**

- Manager Community Development, Economic & Community Development
- Coordinator Open Space & Social Policy, Liveability & Natural Assets
- Project Manager Urban Growth Projects, Customer & Planning Services
- Manager Leasing and Land Management, Business Performance
- Senior Solicitor Property & Commercial, Civic Governance

**External Consultation**

- Stockland
- Economic Development Queensland

**Community Engagement**

There has been no specific community engagement undertaken for this particular report. However, during June and July 2022, Council undertook a community engagement program (“Our People, Our Place, Our Aura”) to understand the local community’s values and vision, opportunities and challenges, and ideas to build a vibrant and connected community. It also investigated what community facilities, programs and activities people would like available locally. While community venues were not highlighted as a current priority for participants, a desire was expressed for places and spaces for the community to come together.

**PROPOSAL**

Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) Queensland is a charity providing youth and community programs, services and facilities across Queensland. The organisation partners with Queensland Police Service to focus on personal and leadership development of young people, through activities and programs delivered across 56 facilities across the State.

A Police Citizens Youth Club facility typically consists of spaces designed to provide youth and community programs often delivered through sport, fitness, dance, wellbeing initiatives and after school care. The proposed Club will support community safety and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle providing a number of benefits to the local and surrounding growing community:

These include a range of programs that are available at no charge to young people and their families including basketball and or boxing after dark, youth leadership team, youth drop in, and brake the cycle driver mentoring program. The facility will also consist of a multi-purpose space for community sport and recreation hire.

During the latter half of 2023, Police Citizens Youth Club began discussions with Council and Stockland regarding opportunities for establishing a community facility in Caloundra South. Police Citizens Youth Club expressed specific location requirements to fit its business model. These site requirements included a location that is well serviced by public transport, has close proximity to activity centres and importantly, close proximity to a police station.

Recently, Council has prepared an Expression of Interest package for five parcels of land designated for community facilities throughout the Aura development. The Expression of Interest sought activation of the five sites, located in Baringa and Nirimba, through partnership opportunities with community providers.

After some consideration, Police Citizens Youth Club advised Council that none of the five sites included in Council's Expression of Interest package were suitable as they did not meet their location requirements. However, Police Citizens Youth Club have identified a 6500m<sup>2</sup> area of land to the east of the Emergency Services Precinct in the future Aura Town Centre that is desirable for their purpose. The site is proximate to a future police station, fire station, ambulance station and the future Aura Train Station (planned as part of the Queensland Government's Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line). A map of the nominated site, described as proposed Lot 8048, is shown in Figure 1.





Figure 1: Map showing location of subject site in Bells Creek

The subject site (shown in further detail in Figure 2) is currently part of an englobo lot owned by Stockland and is yet to be surveyed and created. The site does not form part of the planned community facilities network to be created and contributed to Council as part of the Aura development. The site is an opportunistic prospect identified by Police Citizens Youth Club.

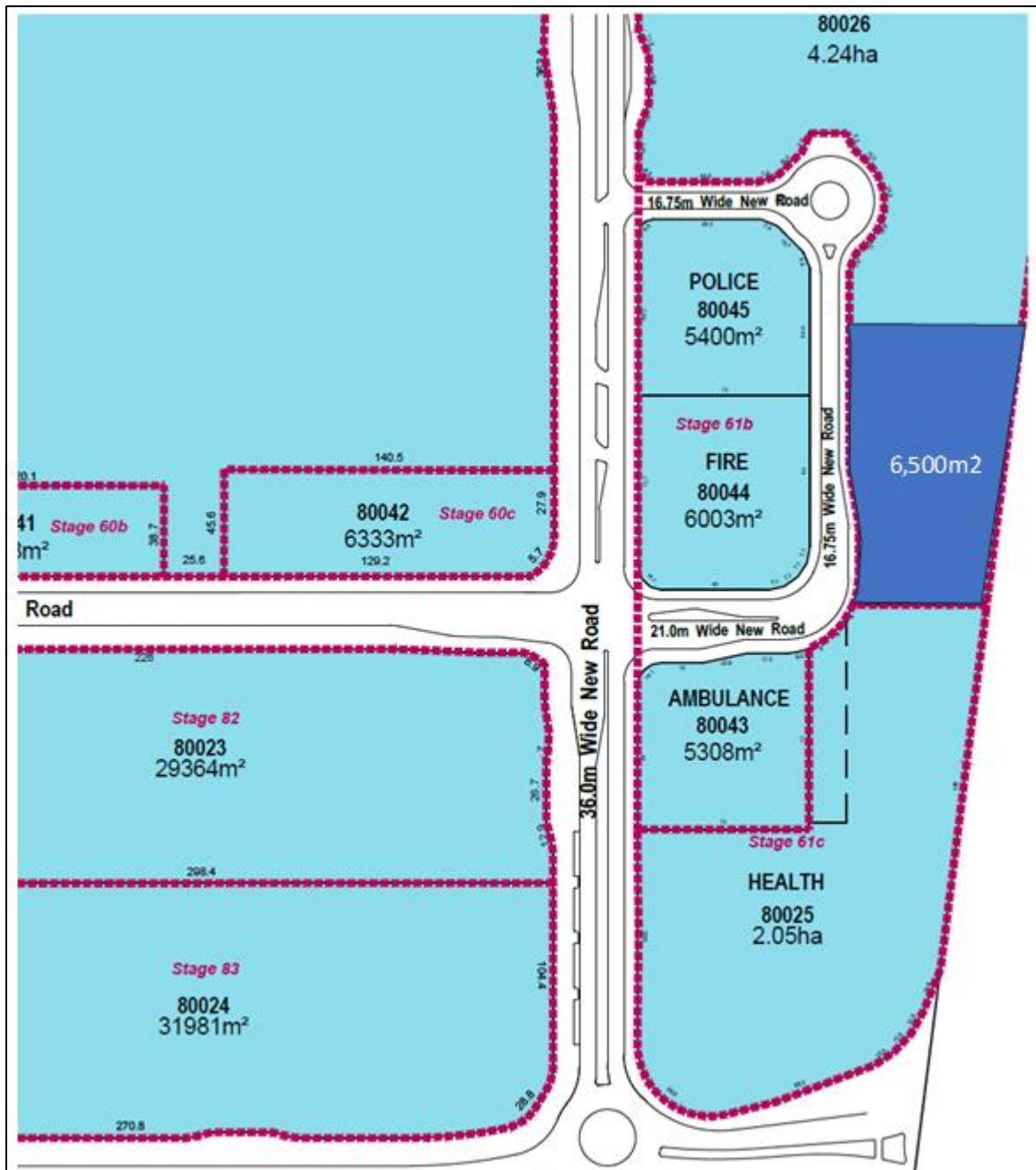


Figure 2: Location of proposed Lot 8048

The Queensland Government has publicly announced \$15 million in funding for a new Police Citizens Youth Club facility in Caloundra. This announcement has brought into focus the need for Police Citizens Youth Club to finalise a site location.

Stockland are agreeable to the subject land being used for Police Citizens Youth Club’s proposal, but this will necessitate a redistribution of planned community facility sites within the broader Aura development. Council’s Open Space & Social Policy team have reviewed the proposal to identify any impacts to the provision of future community facilities in the network, confirming that two planned neighbourhood meeting room sites and one planned local community centre site could instead be delivered as a single facility on the 6,500m² site within the future town centre. The proposal by Police Citizens Youth Club does not adversely impact the overall community facilities network as there is no net loss of community facilities land. To ensure that the endorsed community facility network outcomes are achieved, it

would be anticipated that the Police Citizens Youth Club development integrates flexible and multipurpose bookable spaces in accordance with Council’s minimum Desired Standards of Service requirement for local community venues.

The proposal to site the Police Citizens Youth Club facility in the town centre, including a redistribution of sites within the community facilities network will require an amendment to the Caloundra South PDA Infrastructure Agreement (Local Government Infrastructure) 2015 (the “IA”). This amendment can be progressed as a Deed of Variation to the IA. The effect of the change will primarily be to update Map 5 – Community Facilities Infrastructure Network (refer Figures 3 and 4) and the Infrastructure Contribution Schedule – Community Facilities Infrastructure to identify the redistribution of LC5 (5,000sqm), NM5 (750sqm) and NM6 (750sqm) to a single allotment located within Precinct 8 and identified as LC5.

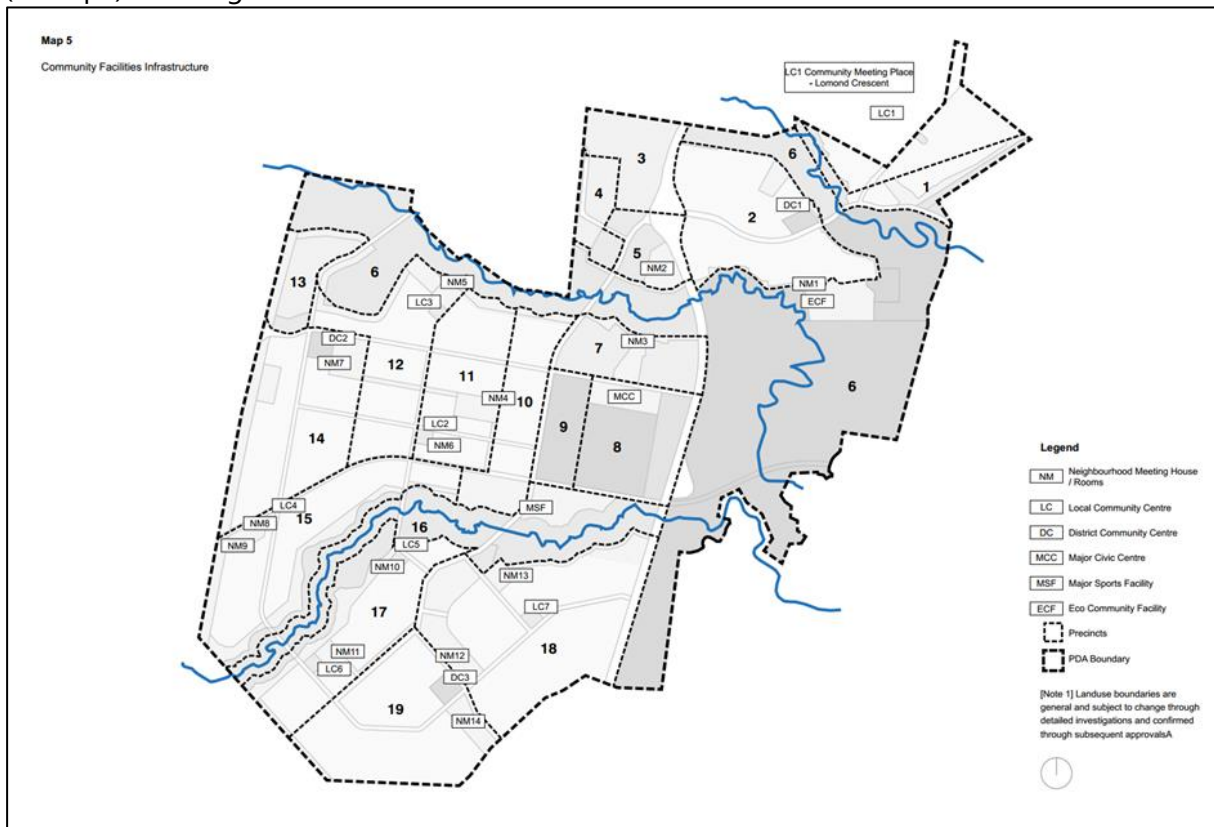


Figure 3: Current Map 5- Community Facilities Infrastructure Network

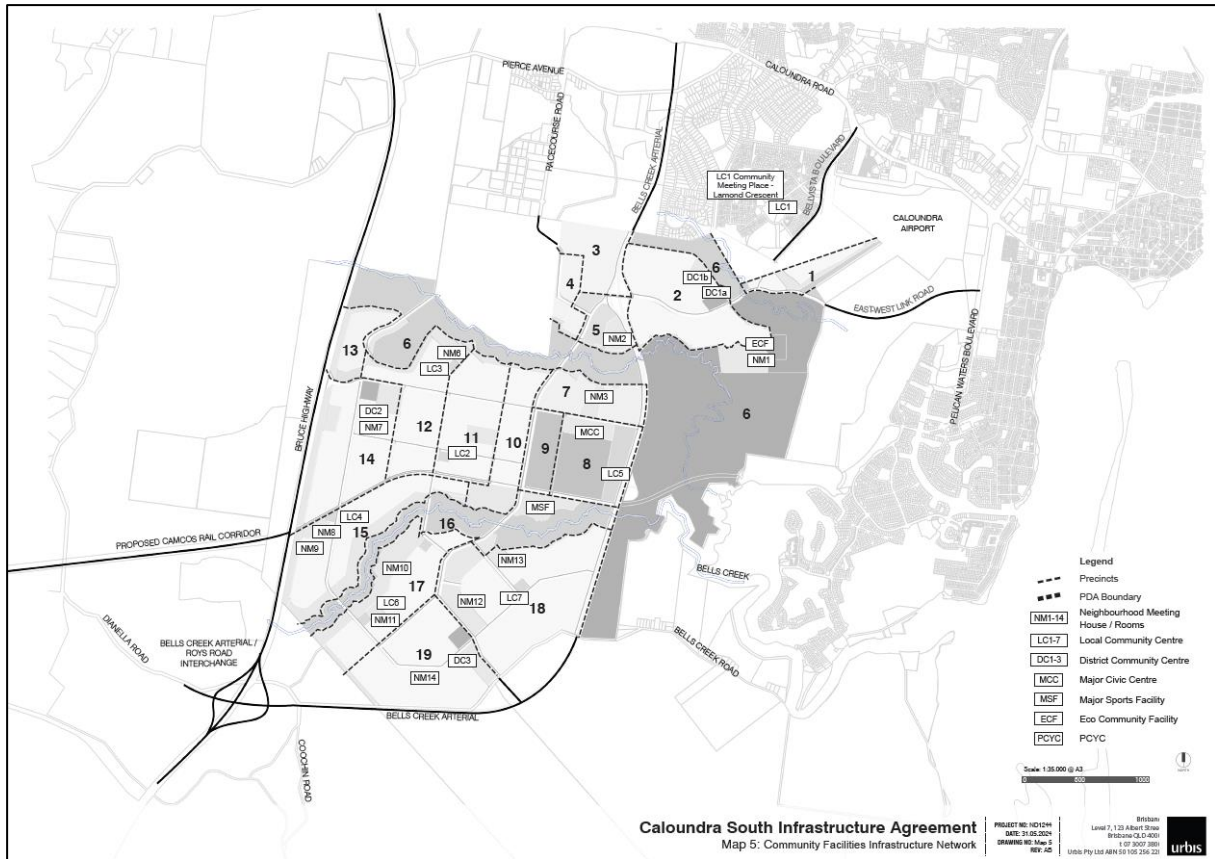


Figure 4: Proposed Amended Map 5 - Community Facilities Infrastructure Network

Stockland will prepare a draft Deed of Variation that captures the details of the change to the Map and Schedule, and this draft will then be reviewed by Council’s legal team. The Deed of Variation will ultimately be executed by Stockland, Council and Economic Development (EDQ) Queensland as parties to the IA. It is noted that Economic Development Queensland have given ‘in principle’ support for the Deed of Variation, given its minor nature.

In addition, it is anticipated that the Caloundra South Community Facilities Network Plan will be updated to reflect the changes to the network as a result of the Police Citizens Youth Club proposal.

The subject site is intended to be created via a Reconfiguration of a Lot approval and minor change to the Caloundra South Precinct 7-10 Plan of Development to reflect any required administrative changes to permit the Police Citizens Youth Club to establish a facility in this location.

Once the lot is created, it is intended to be transferred to Council under a nomination of trust, which will enable Council to enter into a long term lease to facilitate third party capital investment. The final leasing terms between Council and Police Citizens Youth Club are yet to be negotiated.

Preliminary design for the proposed facility includes spaces dedicated to gymnasium, gymnastics, multipurpose spaces, youth programs, meetings rooms, outdoor basketball courts and running track. To remain in line with Council’s strategic network directions and partnership approach for delivery of community facilities, the future proposed Police Citizens Youth Club facility will be required to incorporate a community venue space bookable by the community.

A preliminary floorplan and concept design of the proposed facility is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 5: Preliminary Floorplan and Concept Design of Proposed PCYC Facility

The *Local Government Regulations 2012* prescribe that Council must dispose of an interest in land (including a lease) in a particular way, being via tender or auction. However, there are exceptions to this requirement should Council agree by resolution that the exception applies. Section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* states that a relevant exception to dispose of an interest in land, other than by tender or auction, may apply where the disposal is to a community organisation.

Important considerations for this proposal are as follows:

- Police Citizens Youth Club is a community organisation,
- The proposal has been initiated by Police Citizens Youth Club for land identified by them as suitable, and confirmed by relevant Council teams as feasible within the planned community facilities network,
- The site has unique attributes that meets Police Citizens Youth Club’s operating model, including proximity to a police station,
- Police Citizens Youth Club have demonstrated a funding mechanism for delivery of the community facility.

**Legal**

The subject land is intended to be contributed to Council as freehold land under a nomination of trust for community purposes. The development of the site is subject to the *Trusts Act 1973*. The development is required to be in accordance with the trust purpose specific to the site. The development is further required to be in accordance with the planning requirements of the relevant planning instruments, in this case the Caloundra South Precinct 7-10 Plan of Development. The planning requirements may be amended subject to due processes and approvals.

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides the processes by which Council may dispose of interests in land.

Specific terms for the proposed future lease of land between Council and Police Citizens Youth Club are yet to be negotiated.

## **Policy**

### Community Strategy

The Community Strategy provides a longer-term framework which reflects a shared responsibility for how Council and our community will work together to advance our shared goal for a strong community through to 2041. One purpose of the Community Strategy is to focus on ensuring community places and spaces are vibrant, inclusive, accessible, adaptable, and meet the needs of people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Identified actions within the Community Strategy Action Plan include:

- Collaborate and partner to provide increased access to community infrastructure connecting people to information, services and programs.
- Collaborate and partner with community and neighbourhood centres, community organisations and local communities to identify opportunities and challenges to inform community infrastructure provision and planning responses.

### Environment & Liveability Strategy

The Sunshine Coast Environment & Liveability Strategy 2017 provides the overarching framework for the planning and delivery of the social infrastructure network. The proposal is in accordance with the strategic direction to prioritise the development of facilities at the District and Council-wide level whilst enabling access to facilities at the local level through partnerships and advocacy.

### Caloundra South Community Facilities Plan

The Caloundra South Community Facilities Plan 2018 was prepared to respond to a requirement of the Caloundra South Local Government Infrastructure Agreement and provides a further direction for the implementation of the social infrastructure network within the Caloundra South Priority Development Area, in accordance with the directions of the Environment and Liveability Strategy.

### Community Groups Occupying Council Owned and Council Controlled Land and/or Infrastructure

The policy seeks to establish a structured, consistent and transparent approach to the provision and management of community occupancy arrangements over Council owned and Council controlled land and/or infrastructure.

This approach maximises use of community land and infrastructure and clarifies roles and responsibilities to expedite decision making and ultimately build resilient, strengthened communities.

**Risk**

The proposal is applicant-led and over land not previously contemplated for the proposed use. Council has assessed the viability of the proposal and whether it can be accommodated without any detrimental impact to the proposed community facilities network.

The transactional terms are yet to be negotiated and agreed but it is likely that Council will insist on an agreement for lease to cover the period of planning, securing funding, approvals and constructions, and a further lease to cover the period of facility operations. This approach enables Council to build in milestone dates for the development of the site to ensure that a venue is delivered by a particular date.

**Previous Council Resolution**

There is no previous Council resolution relevant to this report.

**Related Documentation**

The Our People, Our Places, our Aura Community Engagement Program Findings Summary Report provides an overview of the community engagement results for people who live, work or play in Aura, and the recommended next steps.

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/aura-ce>

**Critical Dates**

There are no critical dates relevant to this report. However, The Queensland Government has publicly announced \$15 million in funding for a new Police Citizens Youth Club facility in Caloundra. This announcement has brought into focus the need for Police Citizens Youth Club to finalise a site location.

**Implementation**

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will delegate to Council officers the negotiation and execution of lease(s) necessary to facilitate the proposal.





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**8.6 SUNSHINE COAST LIGHTNING SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>Council Meetings</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Head of Economic Development Economic &amp; Community Development Group</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Att 1 - Sunshine Coast Lightning Sponsorship Proposal 2025-2027 - Confidential</b>

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**PURPOSE**

This report seeks Council's endorsement to continue sponsorship of the Sunshine Coast Lightning netball team for a further three seasons from 2025-2027.

**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 with Sunshine Coast Lightning.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has been a key strategic partner in the development and resultant success of the Sunshine Coast Lightning netball team for the past eight years. Council approved a three-year sponsorship agreement with Sunshine Coast Lightning in 2016, supplying both financial, practical and strategic support for the development of Australia's newest professional sports team.

In 2019, as the terms of the initial contract were reaching a conclusion, Council approved a two-year extension to the sponsorship agreement for the same investment.

In 2021, as the terms of the 2021–2022 agreement were reaching a conclusion, Council approved a three-year extension to the sponsorship for the 2023-2024 seasons.

This current agreement will expire at the conclusion of the 2024 season, which commenced in April 2024 and concludes with finals rounds held in August 2024.

Council has received a proposal and request from Sunshine Coast Lightning for the continuation of the sponsorship agreement for a further three seasons (2025-2027) to continue the partnership to achieve further on and off field successes and secure the club's future.

Sunshine Coast Lightning commenced playing in the Australian Super Netball Championship's first season in 2017, becoming the most successful start-up sporting franchise in Australia's history by winning the premiership in their first two seasons (2017 and 2018), and continuing to be successful on court, competing in the Super Netball Finals in 2019 and 2020.

In addition to their on-court success, Sunshine Coast Lightning have delivered excellent community and social benefits for the region over the past eight years through their partnership with Council.

In the development of Sunshine Coast Lightning's sponsorship proposal to Council for the 2025-2027 seasons, Council's Tourism and Major Events team have worked directly with Sunshine Coast Lightning to further evolve the benefits provided to Council through the sponsorship as outlined in the proposal section below.

The proposal provided to Council strongly demonstrates Sunshine Coast Lightning's understanding of Council's key goals and desired outcomes, and their willingness to work closely with Council to build and promote the region as a high-performance sport destination and the benefits that having a professional sports team in the region provides to the local community.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Sunshine Coast Lightning Sponsorship Agreement" and**
- (b) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a contract between Council and Sunshine Coast Lightning for each of the 2025-2027 seasons, which maximises the economic and community return achieved through the continuation of this partnership.**

## **FINANCE AND RESOURCING**

The financial contribution to continue sponsorship of Sunshine Coast Lightning for seasons 2025-2027 would be funded from general rates.

## **CORPORATE PLAN**

**Corporate Plan Goal:** *Our strong community*  
**Outcome:** We serve our community by providing this great service  
**Operational Activity:** S8 - Sporting facilities – providing regional, district and community sport and recreation facilities including aquatic centres, showgrounds and multi-sports fields.

## **CONSULTATION**

### **Councillor Consultation**

All Councillors have been consulted in relation to this report.

**Internal Consultation**

- Group Executive – Economic & Community Development
- Head of Economic Development
- Manager, Sport and Community Venues

**External Consultation**

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

**Community Engagement**

Due to the confidential nature of the sponsorship negotiations with Sunshine Coast Lightning, no community consultation has been undertaken.

**PROPOSAL**

Council's initial support for the formation of Sunshine Coast Lightning in 2016 was based on the following assumptions and proposed benefits:

1. The growing awareness and recognition of Sunshine Coast as one of Queensland's and Australia's premier regional major events and sporting destination;
2. The enhancement of female sports on the Sunshine Coast and the increased community linkages by hosting our first national sporting team;
3. The ability to access State, Federal and Netball Australia funding for 'grass-roots' sports programs and infrastructure;
4. The ability to use the national sporting team presence to identify infrastructure gaps and secure funding for future sporting infrastructure needs on the Sunshine Coast;
5. The opportunity for tourism/sport leveraging in key target markets around Australia and New Zealand and increased linkages/performance between sports and tourism;
6. The ability to promote/market the Sunshine Coast to a national audience on television and print media that does not currently exist;
7. The potential for the Sunshine Coast to host the national/international "Netfest" Netball Australia competition at the Maroochydore Multi-Sports Complex; and
8. Securing our first national sporting team sets the stage for the Sunshine Coast over the next decade to build a business case to secure additional national sporting teams to be based in the region.

In addition, the economic benefits of securing a national netball league on the Sunshine Coast were modelled by AEC Group who determined that a professional netball team based in the region would generate:

- an estimated \$4.9 million economic impact on the local economy, and
- \$249,000 in visitor spend benefits from visiting teams and spectators annually.

In 2019, as the terms of the initial contract were reaching a conclusion, Council approved a two-year extension to the sponsorship with the same legacy benefit targets – as robust and significant gains had been achieved in all eight strategic categories.

In 2021, as the terms of the two-year extension were reaching a conclusion, Council approved a three-year extension (2022-2024). This contract was at an increased investment which saw Council receive significant increases to its contractual benefits received from the Lightning. These benefits focused on greater community engagement and facilitated Council's ability to amplify community programs via Lightning ambassadors. These programs included, but weren't limited to, domestic & family violence prevention awareness, beach safety, and responsible pet ownership.

The current contract is set to expire at the conclusion of the 2024 season. As the Partnership matures and extends into its ninth year, Council's key objectives have evolved beyond the initial partnership legacy benefits. Key considerations when assessing the partnership renewal is the region's status as a delivery partner of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the legacy infrastructure that is associated with the Games and the opportunity for the Lightning to become an anchor tenant of the new indoor arena plus the region becoming a UNESCO Biosphere. When assessing the extension of the partnership, the desired 2025-2027 strategic outcomes now include:

1. Optimise the national exposure of the Sunshine Coast region as a tourism destination through the audience and media reach of the high performing Sunshine Coast Lightning team;
2. Optimise the national awareness and exposure of the Sunshine Coast region as a UNESCO Biosphere and the uniqueness of the Sunshine Coast Lightning being the only professional sporting team to operate within a Biosphere. Leverage the partnership and promote Council's support in assisting the Sunshine Coast Lightning and Storm Group to become more sustainable and position the region as leaders and industry experts.
3. Assist Council to ensure as many opportunities as possible for local businesses to gain benefit through Sunshine Coast Lightning – as suppliers, sponsors or organisations that can promote their own growth and activity through the Sunshine Coast Lightning partnership;
4. Continue to leverage Sunshine Coast Lightning athletes to foster community engagement and pride;
5. Continue to foster youth involvement and developments via community engagement programs. The presence of successful athletes in the community has seen an increase in youth sports participation resulting in a range of social benefits;
6. The opportunity for tourism/sport leveraging in key target markets around Australia and New Zealand and increased linkages/performance between sports and tourism;
7. Continue to promote/market the Sunshine Coast to a national audience on television and print media;
8. Demonstration of Council's commitments to supporting professional sporting franchises positions the region in good stead to continue conversations with additional national and international leagues who have expressed interest in league expansion within the region; and
9. Communication and support for promotion of key Council messaging of all types to local fans and match audiences.

**Partnership History:**

Sunshine Coast Lightning commenced playing in the Australian Super Netball Championship's first season in 2017, becoming the most successful start-up sporting franchise in Australia's history by winning the premiership in their first two years (2017, 2018) and continuing to be successful on court competing in the Super Netball Finals in 2019 and 2020.

In addition to their on-court success, Sunshine Coast Lightning has achieved excellent results for the region throughout the current partnership with Council such as:

- Every home game at UniSC Arena selling out in 2017–2020 seasons (demonstrating very high levels of local and visitor support for the team), including more than 2,000 paid annual members;
- Generating an estimated economic impact (both direct and indirect) for the region of over \$100 million over the first five years (\$20 million per season generated by visitation, local business development and national marketing and broadcast reach for the region) (Source: Lucid Economics);
- Continually exceeding expectations of community engagement by the team – with Lightning players appearing for over 700 hours at community events during the 2023 season alone;
- An average of 48,000 viewers per match for Sunshine Coast Lightning matches and a total season attendance at games of 16,083 during the 2023 season;
- Active social media audience of 87,000 nationally (two thirds of which are from New South Wales and Victoria), receiving direct promotion of the Sunshine Coast region and a wide range of Council backed activities (such as tourism, events, investment or community); and
- Sunshine Coast Lightning has major partnerships with local businesses based on the Sunshine Coast, who are achieving strong results in promotion of their products and services to a national audience.

**Legal**

There are no legal implications relevant to this Council report. Once a draft sponsorship agreement is prepared it will be referred to Legal Services for review.

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 proposed sponsorship with the Sunshine Coast Lightning is in line with Council's Sponsorship Policy.

**Risk**

If Council were not to continue sponsorship of Sunshine Coast Lightning, there would likely be a significant impact on their continued operations.

**Previous Council Resolution****Ordinary Meeting 29 April 2021 (OM21/30)**

*That Council:*

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Sunshine Coast Lightning Sponsorship Proposal" and*
- (b) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a contract between Council and Sunshine Coast Lightning for each of the 2022-2024 seasons, which maximises the economic and community return achieved through the continuation of this partnership.*

**Ordinary Meeting 17 May 2018 (OM18/78)**

*That Council approve the sponsorship in accordance with the recommendations of the Sunshine Coast Events Board as discussed in confidential session in relation to Proposed Sporting Initiative.*

**Ordinary Meeting 21 April 2016 (OM16/64)**

*That Council approve the sponsorship in accordance with the recommendations of the Sunshine Coast Events Board as discussed in confidential session in relation to Proposed Sporting Initiative.*

**Related Documentation**

Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033 (2023 Refresh)

Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018-2027 (2023 Refresh)

**Critical Dates**

Council's current sponsorship arrangement ends in August 2024. It is important that any future agreement with Sunshine Coast Lightning be finalised to allow them to adequately plan for the following season.

**Implementation**

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will proceed to negotiate and finalise a sponsorship agreement with Sunshine Coast Lightning.

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**8.7 VISIT SUNSHINE COAST FUNDING AND PERFORMANCE DEED**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>Council Meetings</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Head of Economic Development Economic &amp; Community Development Group</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Att 1 - Draft Funding and Performance Deed between Sunshine Coast Council and Visit Sunshine Coast Limited - <i>Confidential</i></b>

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to allow the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute a Funding and Performance Deed (the Deed) negotiated with Visit Sunshine Coast Limited, commencing from execution.

**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 with Visit Sunshine Coast Limited.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Tourism is an integral part of our visitor economy, one of six economies identified in the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS). On the Sunshine Coast, the tourism sector provides:

- 9.3% of the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area's employment
- An estimated 15,957 Full Time Equivalent jobs, 9,034 directly
- Over \$2.5 billion in visitor expenditure across the 2023 calendar year.

Council's investment in the tourism industry occurs predominantly through two mechanisms: through the execution of the Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018-2028 and sponsorship of major events with the objective of driving visitation during low tourism periods; and Council allocates funds to the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO), Visit Sunshine Coast who deliver destination marketing strategies, industry development programs and support to local business to help achieve agreed visitor expenditure and visitation targets. Visit Sunshine Coast is one of 13 Regional Tourism Organisations within Queensland and is currently ranked in the top three in terms of performance by Tourism and Events Queensland.

A Funding and Performance Deed with Visit Sunshine Coast was first entered into by Council in July 2012, with an updated deed executed in 2018 and a Heads of Agreement executed in 2023.

Throughout the year, Visit Sunshine Coast is required to report back on a range of key performance indicators, culminating in an annual report presented to Council on the outcomes of Visit Sunshine Coast's Annual Tourism Plan each year.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

### **That Council:**

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Visit Sunshine Coast Funding and Performance Deed" and**
- (b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the Funding and Performance Deed with Visit Sunshine Coast Limited.**

## **FINANCE AND RESOURCING**

Subject to execution, the new Funding and Performance Deed permits Visit Sunshine Coast to submit a budget request containing a minimum base contribution plus an increase for employee cost increases.

Financial commitment from Council to Visit Sunshine Coast in future years will be considered as part of annual budget deliberations and presentation of an annual tourism plan.

## **CORPORATE PLAN**

**Corporate Plan Goal:** ***Our resilient economy***

**Outcome:** 3.3 - Business retention and expansion

**Operational Activity:** 3.3.3 - Continue to position Visit Sunshine Coast as a key delivery partner for Council to deliver significant tourism expenditure outcomes across the local government area including reviewing the funding and performance deed.

## **CONSULTATION**

### **Councillor Consultation**

- Councillor R Natoli, Mayor
- Councillor J Broderick
- Councillor T Landsberg
- Councillor T Burns
- Councillor J Natoli
- Councillor W Johnston OAM
- Councillor T Bunnag
- Councillor M Suarez
- Councillor D Law



**Internal Consultation**

- Group Executive, Economic and Community Development
- Head of Economic Development
- Head of Tourism and Major Events, Economic Development
- Tourism Lead, Economic Development

**External Consultation**

- David Ryan, Chair, Visit Sunshine Coast Board
- Matt Stoeckel, Chief Executive Officer, Visit Sunshine Coast

**Community Engagement**

There was no community engagement conducted as part of this report. However, membership survey reporting found a satisfaction rating of 85% with service provision by Visit Sunshine Coast.

**PROPOSAL**

Since 2012, as part of Council's agreement with Visit Sunshine Coast, a Funding and Performance Deed has been in place to ensure that Council receives strategic plans, budgets and reports to ensure the funding is used effectively and that Council is receiving value for ratepayer money. An updated Funding and Performance Deed was executed in 2018 with Key Performance Indicators running until the end of 2023 which are due for renewal. On 4 April 2023, Council signed a Heads of Agreement with Visit Sunshine Coast with guiding principles on how the new funding deed would be structured. This was also based on the Investment in Tourism Review that Council commissioned in 2021.

The funding support of Visit Sunshine Coast is the main function that Council can perform to support an industry that drives economic growth and allows our visitor economy to continue to increase. The Regional Tourism Organisation model of destination marketing provides a region-wide focus, encouraging visitation from out of the region to all parts of the Sunshine Coast. On average, a visitor will spend \$944 on their trip, staying on average 3.6 nights in region.

Visit Sunshine Coast's vision is to lead the tourism industry in promoting the Sunshine Coast's offering as a destination utilising the regions natural advantages, and to build a sustainable sector that will maximise the long-term benefits of the visitor economy to the region. Visit Sunshine Coast align closely with Council's strategic priorities and work closely with Council to promote growth in a key sector identified in the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS).

Key updates incorporated within the draft deed:

- Changes to reporting templates to provide greater insights for Sunshine Coast Council, whilst supporting visitor economy growth.
- Commitment to working through the recommendations from the Investment in Tourism Review.

- Alignment to the REDS and Major Events Strategy, supporting the Tourism Industry as a pivotal part of the local economy.

The draft Funding and Performance Deed has been developed by Council staff alongside Visit Sunshine Coast representatives through a series of meetings.

**Legal**

Council's Legal Services team has been involved throughout the negotiation process and provided input into the development of the proposed deed.

**Policy**

Until 2018/19, Council charged a Tourism and Major Events Levy that was paid by properties categorised as transitory accommodation, commercial and industrial and iconic tourism that benefited from tourism and major events.

In 2018/19 the Levy was incorporated into additional categories in the general rates. This amount has been increased in subsequent years in line with general rates until the 2023/24 year. The funding of Visit Sunshine Coast aligns with the Regional Economic Development Strategy, supporting the visitor economy.

**Risk***Financial*

By executing the draft Funding and Performance Deed, Council is committing to the ongoing funding of Visit Sunshine Coast. The financial exposure for Council has been mitigated through the annual budget process and termination clauses included within the deed.

*Economic*

A decrease or the cessation of funding would have significant ramifications on the visitor economy, impacting local businesses and nearly 10% of residents employed within the tourism sector. The Tourism industry provides \$2.5 billion in spend within the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area and plays a significant role in delivering the Regional Economic Development Strategy. There would also be an impact on the feasibility of several major projects including infrastructure and hotel and tourism developments, which would affect the region's ability to successfully deliver elements of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Previous Council Resolution****Ordinary Meeting 9 November 2017 (OM17/225)***That Council:*

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Funding and Performance Deed - Sunshine Coast Destination Limited (trading as Visit Sunshine Coast)"*
- (b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the Funding and Performance Deed with Sunshine Coast Destination Limited and*
- (c) refer the funding agreement to the financial year 2018/19 budget review process.*

**Ordinary Meeting 26 February 2015 (OM15/28)**

*That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the Three-Year Funding and Performance Deed with Sunshine Coast Destination Limited and further undertake the actions as discussed in confidential session.*

**Related Documentation**

Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033 (2023 refresh)

Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018-2028 (2023 refresh)

**Critical Dates**

There are no critical dates relevant to this report.

**Implementation**

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will:

- Finalise and execute the agreement with Visit Sunshine Coast, and
- Refer to the funding deed during Council's annual budget process.



**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****11.1 CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE - STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITION - MOUNT MELLUM**

**File No:** Council Meetings  
**Authors:** Coordinator Biodiversity & Waterways  
Liveability & Natural Assets Group  
Head of Strategic Property  
Business Performance Group

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In preparing this report, the Chief Executive Officer recommends it be considered confidential in accordance with Section 254J (3) (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it contains information relating to negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

The report is confidential in respect to the content and timeframes of negotiations with the landowners and recognising that, until Council makes a decision and the sale contracts are executed, the acquisition has no certainty.

Public disclosure at this time would potentially impact adversely on the finalisation of a current negotiation process and Council's ability to secure the land parcels at a price that represents the best value for the ratepayers of the region.

The report contains a recommendation to release details relating to the site location and price of the acquisitions once negotiations have been finalised and the transfer of the property title has been registered with the Titles Registry.

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**12 NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 29 August 2024.

**13 MEETING CLOSURE**