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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:01am.

2 WELCOME AND OPENING

Councillor E Hungerford acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting took place.

Senior Pastor Murray Boyton from Rhythm Church Aura read a prayer.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCILLORS

Councillor R Natoli	Mayor (Chair)
Councillor J Broderick	Division 1
Councillor T Landsberg	Division 2
Councillor T Burns	Division 3
Councillor J Natoli	Division 4
Councillor W Johnston OAM	Division 5
Councillor C Dickson	Division 6 (via Teams)
Councillor E Hungerford	Division 7
Councillor T Bunnag	Division 8
Councillor M Suarez	Division 9 (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor D Law	Division 10

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer
 Chief Financial Officer
 Director Business Transformation and Performance
 Director Community Strengthening
 Director Infrastructure and Natural Assets
 Director Sustainable Growth and Planning
 Executive Manager Office of the CEO
 Coordinator Financial Services
 Manager Leasing and Land Management
 Coordinator Strategic Property

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4 RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor M Suarez

Seconded: Councillor T Burns

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 December 2025 be received and confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

NIL

6 INFORMING OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6.1 PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

6.2 DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

7 PRESENTATIONS / COUNCILLOR REPORTS

**7.1 PRESENTATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND
YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD - CR JOHNSTON**

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8 REPORTS DIRECT TO COUNCIL

8.1 DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File No: Council Meetings

Author: Coordinator Financial Services
Finance and Commercial Partnerships

Attachments: Att 1 - December 2025 Financial Performance Report
Att 2 - December 2025 Capital Grant Funded Project Report

Council Resolution (OM26/1)

Moved: Councillor J Broderick

Seconded: Councillor E Hungerford

That Council receive and note the report titled "December 2025 Financial Performance Report".

Carried unanimously.

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8.2 DISPOSAL (LEASE) OVER 334 FINLAND ROAD, MARCOOLA TO THE KABI KABI PEOPLES ABORIGINAL CORPORATION LIMITED

File No: F2024/34066
Author: Manager Leasing and Land Management
Finance and Commercial Partnerships
Attachments: Att 1 - Locality Plan
Att 2 - Aerial Photograph

Council Resolution (OM26/2)

Moved: Councillor T Bunnag
Seconded: Councillor D Law

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Disposal (Lease) over 334 Finland Road, Marcoola to the Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation Limited" and*
- (b) *resolve that in accordance with Section 236(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that an exception to dispose of an interest in land (lease) other than by tender or auction applies as per section 236(1)(b)(ii) as the Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation Limited is a community organisation and registered charity.*

Carried unanimously.

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8.3 ACQUISITION OF LAND - MAROOCHY RIVER

File No: F25/00186

Author: Principal Property Officer
Finance and Commercial Partnerships

Attachments: Att 1 - Land Acquisition Details - *Confidential*

Council Resolution (OM26/3)

Moved: Councillor M Suarez

Seconded: Councillor T Bunnag

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Acquisition of Land - Maroochy River"
- (b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the acquisition of land in Maroochy River identified in this report and
- (c) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publicly release details in relation to the acquisition of the land identified in this report, once the transfer of ownership of land has registered with Titles Queensland.

Carried unanimously.

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9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

10 TABLING OF PETITIONS

10.1 PETITION - REFUSE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MCU2025/0276 –
MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE (CHILD CARE CENTRE, BOKARINA)

Council Resolution (OM26/4)

Moved: Councillor T Burns

Seconded: Councillor J Natoli

That the petition tabled by Councillor T Burns relating to the request to refuse Development Application MCU2025/0276 for a Child Care Centre at Bokarina be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer to determine appropriate action.

Carried unanimously.

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11 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 26 February 2026 in the Sunshine Coast City Hall Chamber, 54 First Avenue, Maroochydore

12 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:36am.

Confirmed 26 February 2026.



CHAIR

Sunshine Coast Council

Chief Executive Officer's Report Quarter 2, 2025-26

Progress against Operational Plan 2025-26 activities



Traditional acknowledgement

Sunshine Coast Council acknowledges the Sunshine Coast Country, home of the Kabi Kabi peoples and the Jinibara peoples, the Traditional Custodians, whose lands and waters we all now share.

We recognise that these have always been places of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance. The Traditional Custodians' unique values, and ancient and enduring cultures, deepen and enrich the life of our community.

We commit to working in partnership with the Traditional Custodians and the broader First Nations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) communities to support self-determination through economic and community development.

Truth telling is a significant part of our journey. We are committed to better understanding the collective histories of the Sunshine Coast and the experiences of First Nations peoples. Legacy issues resulting from colonisation are still experienced by Traditional Custodians and First Nations people.

We recognise our shared history and will continue to work in partnership to provide a foundation for building a shared future with the Kabi Kabi and the Jinibara peoples.

We wish to pay respect to their Elders – past, present and emerging, and acknowledge the important role First Nations people continue to play within the Sunshine Coast community.

Together, we are all stronger.

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

I am pleased to present the second quarterly progress report for the 2025-26 financial year, outlining the progress of activities for the period 1 October to 31 December 2025 in Council’s Operational Plan 2025-26.



This quarter, 94 per cent of our Operational Plan 2025-26 activities are progressing as planned, with 7 activities fully completed, 3 experiencing minor delays to their expected delivery timeframes, and one is currently under review.

A snapshot of the progress of activities against Council’s Corporate Plan 2025-30 goals is provided below, with more detailed commentary on each activity included within this Report.

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-26 SNAPSHOT



Quarter 2 is a vibrant and busy time for our region, with residents and visitors enjoying our events, open spaces, and facilities during the holiday season. More than 2 million beachgoers visited our beaches, which is a strong reminder of the lifestyle and natural assets that make the Sunshine Coast such a special place to live, work and visit.

Alongside seasonal activity, Council continued to progress a wide range of initiatives that deliver on our Corporate Plan 2025-30 and support our region’s future planning and growth, including:

- Two deliberative engagement sessions were held with our newly formed Citizens’ Panel, exploring Budget and Service Prioritisation, and Waste - Large Bulky Items, gaining deeper community understanding of issues and informing future planning and service delivery.
- Completion of stage one of the Moffat Beach seawall and car park ahead of the Christmas period, which included the western section of the seawall, upgraded coastal pathway, car park, beach ramp and landscaping.
- Commencement of early works in the Maroochydore City Centre for the delivery of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Arena and Athletes’ Village, which will transition to 1,800 new homes post the event.
- Community feedback was received on the Draft Active Transport Plan to help create a more connected, safe, healthy, and sustainable transport network.
- Five funding agreements were entered with the Queensland Government for infrastructure projects across the region.

These examples represent only a small snapshot of the work undertaken over the past 3 months. I encourage you to explore this report to learn more about the progress Council is making, in partnership with community business and government, to deliver on our shared priorities.

John Baker
Chief Executive Officer

Summary

Operational Plan activities

Quarter 2, 2025-26



Strong community

Goal: Communities thrive through connection with people, places and spaces and staying true to our principles as a welcoming, caring and vibrant community, with opportunities to participate for all.

Operational Plan 2025-26 delivery

Operational Activities:	Progressing as planned		Challenges identified	
	Completed	On Track	Time	Budget
20	2	20	-	-

Key activity highlights

Excellence in Engagement

- Council continued to embed best practice community engagement across the organisation, including the launch of a new online Community Engagement Training Program for employees and a new data analysis tool to improve insights and reporting.
- Eleven projects were launched on Council's Have your Say platform in the quarter, enabling the community to provide valuable input into initiatives across the region.
- Two sessions of the Sunshine Coast Citizens' Panel were delivered, exploring Budget and Service Prioritisation, and Waste - Large Bulky Items.

Support for homelessness

- Council continued to progress practical place-based responses to homelessness, working with the Queensland Government on options for temporary supported accommodation and a day hub in Nambour.
- Continued patrols and engagement with people experiencing homeless to connect them with relevant support services and encourage the safe use of public spaces.
- The promotion, volunteer recruitment, location and site permit for the expanded Sunny Coast Sleeper Service - a partnership with Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre - now offering 3 nights of safe sleeps in Nambour in addition to its Maroochydhore service.
- A review of the Amenity Pass Program was completed ahead of its recommencement in early 2026, providing access to amenities at Council aquatic centres for people experiencing homelessness.
- Support for 4 local churches to form the Nambour Shelter Network, to offer seasonal and storm shelter from mid-2026.

Healthy Sunshine Coast Program

- The Healthy Sunshine Coast Program continues to deliver a diverse range of inclusive, low-cost health and wellbeing activities across the region, providing 93 regular holistic sessions to the community each week.
- Recent additions to the Program include meditation and Qi Gong on the beach, and men's gathering and meditation which is scheduled to commence in 2026.



Environment and liveability

Goal: Natural assets are preserved and enhanced as we continue to create a built environment and living practices that support a sustainable community.

Operational Plan 2025-26 delivery

Operational Activities:	Progressing as planned		Challenges identified			
	Completed	On Track	Time		Budget	
19	3	17	2		1	

Key activity highlights

Moffat Beach Seawall Reconstruction Project

- Stage one of the Moffat Beach seawall reconstruction was completed in December 2025, enabling safe public access over the Christmas holiday period.
- Works delivered included the western section of the seawall, upgraded coastal pathway, car park, beach ramp and landscaping.

Sunshine Coast Shorebird Conservation Plan 2025–30

- Council adopted the Sunshine Coast Shorebird Conservation Plan 2025–30 at the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting, providing a strategic roadmap to protect the rapidly declining shorebird populations.
- The Plan incorporates extensive input from our local community, Traditional Owners, community groups, researchers and government agencies, ensuring a collaborative approach to conservation.

Dog Exercise Area Plan Regional Plan 2025-45

- Council endorsed the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025-45 at the December 2025 Ordinary Meeting, balancing protection of sensitive coastal and natural environments while maintaining generous access for exercising dogs in outdoor spaces.

Environment Levy conservation projects

- More than 4,000 native trees and shrubs were planted at the Honey Farm Road Environment Reserve during a community planting day. The 11th annual Australasian Bat Night was held in Maleny, providing opportunities for residents to learn about living alongside bats in a wildlife-friendly biosphere.



Resilient economy

Goal: Resilient, high-value economy of choice drives business performance, investment and enduring employment.

Operational Plan 2025-26 delivery

Operational Activities:	Progressing as planned		Challenges identified	
	Completed	On Track	Time	Budget
10	1	10	-	-

Key activity highlights

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Development Assistant Tool

- Council launched the new AI Development Assistant Tool on 5 November 2025, providing residents with instant guidance on planning and development enquiries.

Crowne Plaza Maroochydore development approval

- Council approved the Crowne Plaza Maroochydore development on Ocean Street, a full-service hotel featuring 180 rooms alongside more than 900 square metres of meeting and event space and is the second luxury hotel approved under Council’s Accommodation Hotel Incentive Measures.

Maroochydore City Centre development

- Early works commenced under the Queensland Government’s Residential Activation Fund to help unlock more than 1,800 new homes within the Maroochydore City Centre.
- These works are delivering essential road, power and service upgrades, fast tracking development and preparing the Sunshine Coast Athlete Village site, which will transition to residential use after Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Concept designs are underway for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Arena and Athletes Village.

Tabua Subsea Fibre Optic Cable Project

- A major milestone was achieved for the region with the landing of the Tabua international submarine fibre optic cable at Maroochydore, as part of the Australia Connect initiative.
- The new cable delivers high-speed and secure infrastructure that will enable faster, more reliable digital services for businesses, governments, and communities across Australia all via the Sunshine Coast.
- The Project supports long-term economic growth, unlocking opportunities in technology, data centres, smart city development, and strengthening the region’s reputation as an innovation hub.



Managing for growth

Goal: Growth is well managed, connecting urban and transport planning, to maintain our region’s unique characteristics and support sustainable development.

Operational Plan 2025-26 delivery

Operational Activities:	Progressing as planned		Challenges identified						
	Completed	On Track	Time			Budget			
17	1	15		1		1		1	

Key activity highlights

Draft Active Transport Plan

- Council invited the community to have their say on the Draft Active Transport Plan between 7 October and 3 November 2025 and received 124 survey responses, 227 map contributions and more than 20 formal submissions.
- Community feedback is being reviewed to identify where changes to the Draft Plan may be required.

Stormwater upgrade projects

- Priority stormwater upgrade projects progressed during the quarter to improve drainage efficiency and reduce flooding risks including completion of a condition 5 pipe upgrade and stormwater optimisation at Balkin Road, Eumundi, and the continued open channel rehabilitation at Forestwood Drive, Buderim.

The Wave (formally Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line)

- Council continued collaboration with the Queensland Government on The Wave, providing input into Stage 1 proposal evaluations, review of the Stage 2 Project Scope and Technical Reference document including Birtinya Station, and options for Stage 3 proposed alignment and station locations.
- Once complete, The Wave will include a heavy passenger rail line from Beerwah to Birtinya, connecting with a metro-style service to allow journeys to the Sunshine Coast Airport via Mountain Creek and Maroochydore central business district.



Organisational excellence

Goal: An agile organisation that achieves high performance by being community centred, building trust and providing a great place to work.

Operational Plan 2025-26 delivery

Operational Activities:	Progressing as planned		Challenges identified			
	Completed	On Track	Time		Budget	
11	-	11	●		-	-

Key activity highlights

Digital Plan 2023-2027

- Council progressed work with South East Queensland (SEQ) local governments to agree on priority programs for funding under the Council of Mayors SEQ City Deal Smart Region Digital Plan.
- The program, once agreed will allow Council and other SEQ local governments to leverage federal and state funds or coordinate co-investment opportunities, providing potential saving or reduction when delivering our corporate priorities.
- The priority programs considered for inclusion in the funding request focus on housing, infrastructure, digital innovation and regional collaboration.

VIBE Program

- The VIBE Program continues to guide organisational initiatives aimed at enhancing employee experience and ensuring Council remains a great place to work.
- Key activities delivered include updating position profiles, reviewing delegations, and strengthening cultural alignment through values-based actions.

Funding partnerships and advocacy

- Council entered into 5 funding agreements with the Queensland Government to deliver commitments made during the 2024 State Election:
 - Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade for the delivery of Section 2 between Arthur Street and Nicklin Way
 - Caloundra Town Square to design and build a central town square at Bulcock Street and Otranto Avenue
 - Currimundi Community Hall to upgrade into a multi-use hub
 - Nambour Streetscape to support the revitalisation of the Nambour central business district, and
 - Coolum High School Sports Facility to support the delivery of A-grade quality playing field and a multi-use clubhouse.
- Council also provided a pre-budget submission for the Australian Government, advocating for priority projects across transport, community, facilities, and housing to support liveability and future growth.

Council services

Council services are the foundation of our daily operations and provide essential support for the wellbeing and functionality for the community we serve. Through our services and operational plan activities, we provide a holistic approach to meeting the needs of our community and continue to progress towards our vision as Australia's most sustainable region. Connected. Liveable. Thriving.

Service statistics

The list below presents key service statistics for the quarter, highlighting the scope and impact of our services across the region.

- **428** community grant applications awarded, worth more than **\$1.5 million**
- **110,130** people attended community events at Council's venues
- **812** street trees planted as part of the Street Tree Master Plan
- **5,634 hectares** of landscape and garden beds maintained
- **24,292 tonnes** of greenhouse gases flared or combusted for power generation
- **\$89.8 million** spent with local businesses through procurement activities, representing **72%** of the available of procurement spend
- **3,625 businesses** accessed specialist advice and information
- **15 sponsored major events** generated an estimated economic impact of **\$12.4 million**
- **263** community land permits issued
- **\$7.4 million** invested in rehabilitating **7.6 kilometres** of roads for the safety of our community
- **83,691** customers assisted through our customer contact centres
- **6.9 out of 10** rating for experience with Council services
- **6.7 out of 10** rating - customers trust Council to act in the community's best interest

Operational Plan Activities Report

Quarter 2, 2025-26





Quarterly Progress Report









Corporate Plan Goal: Strong Community

Goal: Communities thrive through connection with people, places and spaces and staying true to our principles as a welcoming, caring and vibrant community, with opportunities to participate for all.

Strategic Pathway: Healthy, active communities

Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
1.1.1	Deliver a broad range of inclusive health and well being events and initiatives as part of the Healthy Sunshine Coast Program.	50%			The Healthy Sunshine Coast Program continued to deliver a wide range of inclusive health and wellbeing activities across the region. With 93 regular holistic sessions available, the Program supports people of all ages and abilities to stay healthy, connected, and engaged. Recent additions include meditation and Qi Gong on the beach, with men's gathering and meditation sessions starting at Mudjimba in 2026. Participation has grown to 8,085 registered members, and the program's Facebook community now exceeds 4,500 members. A participant survey was conducted to shape future activities and ensure the program continues to meet local health and wellbeing needs. A total of 595 responses were received, and outcomes of the participant survey will be available and reported next quarter	Community Strengthening
1.1.2	Deliver a winter lifeguard service at Coolum North and additional resourcing at Marcoola, Mudjimba and Discovery Beaches as outlined in the Lifeguard Service Plan 2023-2028. Commence review of remaining activities recommended for future years.	100%			All lifeguard service uplifts for the winter lifeguard service at Coolum North and additional resourcing at Marcoola, Mudjimba and Discovery beaches have been enacted throughout the 2025 winter period. A review of the Lifeguard Service Plan with Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) has occurred with further uplifts to service delivery placed on hold for the remainder of the Plan. Ongoing review and engagement with SLSQ will occur to identify risks and evaluate high demand points.	Community Strengthening

Strategic Pathway: Vibrant communities





Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
1.2.1	Identify and secure an enduring legacy for the Sunshine Coast as a key delivery partner in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and work collaboratively with our key partners to identify and implement Sunshine Coast specific themes, opportunities and challenges.	50%			Council continues to advocate for the delivery of legacy outcomes through current infrastructure projects relating to venues, transport and other associated initiatives including procurement opportunities. Council has an endorsed the 2032 Legacy Vision which is in the process of being developed into a 2032 Legacy Action Plan. This work is being undertaken with input from the Sunshine Coast Legacy Community Reference Group, with the view to being presented to Council for adoption in the first half of 2026.	Community Strengthening
1.2.2	Partner in the planning, design and delivery of the Sunshine Coast Stadium expansion project and Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre as part of the region's Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games venues.	50%			Council remains actively engaged in planning for the region's 2032 Games venues including the Sunshine Coast Stadium expansion, where the Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority (GIICA) has responsibility for the delivery of this project and has completed an expression of interest process for design services, with the tender for these works expected to be finalised in early 2026. Project delivery for the Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre will be overseen by Council with a Project Framework Agreement and Funding Deed presented to Council by GIICA, currently under review. Finalisation of these agreements is anticipated in the first quarter of 2026, paving the way for project commencement.	Community Strengthening
1.2.3	Deliver prioritised actions from the Sunshine Coast Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2011-2026 and the Sunshine Coast Aquatic Plan 2011-2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the Aquatic Plan for regional network planning • finalise the Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Plan • develop operational plans for the activation and use of the Honey Farm Sport and Recreation Precinct, and • activate the Nirimba Rugby League Grounds and Baringa Sports Complex. 	50%			Review of the endorsed Sunshine Coast Aquatic Plan will progress in 2026, and the Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Network Plan is on track to be presented to Council's Ordinary Meeting in February 2026. The Honey Farm Sport and Recreation Precinct, template Management Plan and User Agreements have been drafted and will be sent to proposed user groups for review in 2026 in readiness for relocations from early 2027. New sports precincts were opened this quarter in Nirimba and Baringa to service tennis, pickleball, AFL and rugby league.	Community Strengthening

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Appendix A Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 2, 2025-26





Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
1.2.4	Finalise the Sunshine Coast Library Services Plan 2025-2035 and deliver priority projects in the Sunshine Coast Library Network Plan, including the opening of the new Library+ Caloundra and ongoing operations.	50%			Council engagement on the draft Sunshine Coast Library Services Plan was undertaken. Library+ Caloundra continues to exceed expectations, welcoming more than 100,000 visitors since opening on 22 September 2025 compared to 49,000 visitors at the former Caloundra Library during the same period last year. The digital studios fit out and staff training was completed, enhancing service delivery for our community. Libraries also partnered with the Sunshine Coast Gallery of Art to activate the Makerspace at Library+ Caloundra through the successful and well-attended artist residency, Wild Women.	Community Strengthening
1.2.5	Identify opportunities to develop and attract events at Council venues including Caloundra Indoor Stadium, Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex, Nambour Showgrounds, Sunshine Coast Stadium and Venue 114 and other community spaces.	50%			Attendance at major events increased by 80% compared to the same quarter in 2024, driven by the arrival of a brand-new national event, the Strummingbird Festival, the Sunshine Coast's biggest-ever one-day festival which took place at Kawana Sports Precinct and attracted 29,000 country music fans. Sunshine Coast Stadium hosted its first official A-League fixture, as Brisbane Roar and Newcastle Jets played in front of 7,200 fans, marking another milestone for the venue. Attendance numbers for community events remain largely consistent with the same quarter last year. Notable growth was experienced across venues with attendances increasing by 13% at Venue 114 and Altitude Nine, 22% at the Events Centre and, in comparison to the previous quarter, Coolum Civic Centre achieved a 25% increase. Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex has attracted 4 AFL clubs to train at the venue between December 2025 and January 2026, with each club having an open community training session. Two National Rugby League (NRL) trial games were announced in December 2025 to be played at Sunshine Coast Stadium in February 2026 including Brisbane Broncos, Melbourne Storm and Gold Coast Titans NRL teams.	Community Strengthening

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Item 8.1 Quarterly Progress Report, Quarter 2 2025-26

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Appendix A Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 2, 2025-26

Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
1.2.6	Deliver initiatives in collaboration with community organisations and government agencies that raise awareness, enhance people's understanding, and support improved outcomes for people experiencing homelessness	50%			Council continued working with the Queensland Government to progress a place-based response to homelessness in Nambour including options for temporary supported accommodation and a day hub. Council has supported 4 local churches to form the Nambour Shelter Network, offering seasonal and storm shelter from mid-2026. In partnership with Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre, the Sunny Coast Sleeper will provide 3 nights of safe sleeps in Nambour commencing in early 2026 to add to the existing service in Maroochydhore. Council has assisted with promotion, volunteer recruitment, location and site permit for the expanded service. Council officers continue to patrol and engage with people sleeping rough to connect individuals with support services and encourage safe use of spaces. Outreach coordination response in Nambour with Council, Integrated Family and Youth Services and the Queensland Government has seen fewer rough sleeper numbers. The Amenity Pass Program, which provides individuals experiencing homelessness with access to amenities at public aquatic centres has been reviewed and the Program will recommence in early 2026 with strengthened controls.	Community Strengthening
1.2.7	Deliver prioritised projects that achieve affordable housing outcomes as outlined in the Sunshine Coast Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2023.	100%			All 22 dwellings for the Maroola Affordable Housing Project have been completed and are fully tenanted. Coast2Bay Housing Group are managing the tenancies to eligible low-income key worker households.	Sustainable Growth & Planning

Strategic Pathway: Inclusive communities





Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
1.3.1	Deliver prioritised actions set out in the Sunshine Coast Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan in partnership with Traditional Custodians and the First Nations community.	50%			The Sunshine Coast Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2025-2028 received final endorsement from Reconciliation Australia in October 2025. The Stretch RAP Working Group established a reporting framework that supports accountability and transparency in achieving the RAP commitments. The Sunshine Coast First Nations Business Showcase celebrated Indigenous Business Month on 14 October 2025, featuring more than 50 First Nations businesses and attracting over 300 attendees. As Queensland's largest indigenous business month event, the showcase strengthened procurement pathways and supported economic outcomes by connecting First Nations businesses with government, corporate, and community buyers. This event was delivered by Council in partnership with the Queensland Government and Stockland. A series of roundtable discussions were held with First Nations community leaders to strengthen NAIDOC celebrations on the Sunshine Coast. Coordination of the First Nations Community Advisory Group continued, with members providing input into key RAP priorities, including the draft Youth Plan, regional NAIDOC celebrations and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.	Community Strengthening
1.3.2	Deliver on the prioritised actions set out in the All Abilities Action Plan 2024-2028 that educate and raise awareness of, and provide support for disability in the community.	50%			A series of events were held during Disability Action Week in November with community partners, including the Dicky Beach All Access Day, which saw increased use of accessible blue matting and mobility beach chairs, supporting inclusive beach experiences for all. The FUNctional Market Day provided opportunities for people with disability to sell products to the public and included educational sessions, with Carers Queensland presenting on the upcoming Be Your Own Boss Project launching on the Coast in 2026, and Equity Works delivering an important message on disaster preparedness. Council also produced a comprehensive calendar showcasing accessible events available across the Sunshine Coast, helping people with a disability connect with inclusive activities, and ran an accessible photo competition that encouraged community members to share photos of their favourite accessible venues on the Coast, promoting awareness and engagement. Accessibility Technology Cerge, designed to enhance access and inclusion, is now available at 39 Council venues, offering companion websites and apps with sensory/visual guides, 360° tours, communication boards, and real-time support.	Community Strengthening

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1.3.3	Develop a Youth Action Plan for youth led initiatives as part of the Young Leaders Academy Program that fosters civic engagement and participatory leadership practices.	85%			Council continued developing the draft Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-2031, which promotes youth-led initiatives and civic engagement. The second phase of engagement ran from late October to late November 2025, including an online survey and focus groups with young people across the region. Feedback highlighted strong support for safe, inclusive youth spaces, practical life skills workshops, youth-led advocacy on housing and transport, and better promotion of Council events and activities. Young Leaders Academy members contributed throughout the process, ensuring youth perspectives inform the Plan. An expression of interest process for the next intake was completed, with 12 new participants selected to commence in 2026. The Program helps young people build leadership skills, connect with peers, and make a positive impact in their communities.	Community Strengthening
1.3.4	Deliver the Shine a Light on Racism Campaign, migrant employment and business opportunities and other key initiatives that foster a welcoming, inclusive and culturally diverse community.	50%			The Train-the-Trainer course completed by Council staff and community patrons now enables local delivery of Anti-Racism Upstarter Training to equip sporting clubs and businesses to recognise, prevent and respond to racism. Planning commenced for the 2026 Harmony Day event with 19 expressions of interest received for hosting a community activity or facilitating a library workshop. Grant applications were submitted to the Queensland Government to support a Welcoming Champions initiative and Welcoming picnic event. The Employer Peer Network hosted its third meeting, fostering collaborations and informing strategies to address labour shortages, while planning commenced for the 2026 Migrant Job Expo. Eight participants graduated from the Migrant Business Ready program, with evaluation underway to ensure sustainability. Council also piloted mentorships and work experience placements for migrants within its workforce, reinforcing pathways to employment. Support was provided to the local Jewish community in hosting their Menorah Lighting and Chanukah celebrations following the Bondi Beach tragedy, demonstrating unity and compassion and a firm stance against violence and discrimination.	Community Strengthening

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1.3.5	Implement the Excellence in Engagement Framework and commence a review to further embed best practice community engagement.	50%			A new online community engagement training program launched in October 2025 for employees to access on-demand, alongside a new data analysis tool released in November 2025 to support enhanced insights and reporting outcomes. There were 11 projects that launched for broad community engagement this quarter, including the Sunshine Coast Draft Active Transport Plan, Street Tree Master Plan Refresh, Naming Proposal - Mudjimba Multisports Complex, Wilkins Park - Pacific Paradise Improvements, Sunshine Coast Draft Youth Plan, Goshawk Boulevard Extension, River Esplanade - Mooloolaba Active Transport Link, Maroochydore City Centre to Alexandra Headland Active Transport Link, Mooloolaba to University Active Transport Corridor, Coastal Hazard Adaptation Precinct Planning - Golden Beach and Caloundra (Bulcock Beach), and Diamond Head Seawall and Foreshore Improvements. The first 2 deliberative sessions of the Sunshine Coast Citizens' Panel were hosted throughout October and November 2025, exploring the topics of Budget and Services Prioritisation, and Waste - Large Bulky Items, with evaluation of these processes showing strong positive sentiment from Panel participants.	Community Strengthening

Strategic Pathway: Connected, resilient communities







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1.4.1	Deliver the Horizon Festival, citizenship ceremonies, community awards, the festive season program and other community events that contribute to connected and resilient communities.	50%			The 2026 Horizon Festival program is being finalised with the program launch scheduled for February 2026. A \$30,000 grant from Tourism and Events Queensland was received to support delivery of the Festival, and media sponsorships were also secured. Festive banners and 24 trees were installed and/or decorated across the region. Festive and Commemorative Grants were provided to community carols events across the region, and to New Year's Eve events at Coolum Beach and Caloundra. New Year's Eve fireworks were delivered at 8.30pm and midnight off Mooloolaba Beach to over 34,000 onlookers in collaboration with emergency services and others. The Citizenship Ceremony on 14 November saw 324 conferees become new citizens. The Sunshine Coast Australia Day Community Awards Program was finalised and includes 112 nominees across 6 categories with the ceremony to be held on 23 January 2026.	Community Strengthening

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1.4.2	Deliver the Community Grants Program to support community organisations deliver projects, events and operate facilities that meet community's need.	50%			A total of \$1,562,968 was allocated to the community through 428 funding applications - an increase of 10 applications compared the same quarter last year. This included 130 major grants to the amount of \$719,631 and 79 minor grant allocations to the value of \$153,338 through the Community Grants Program, 72 Landholder Environment Grants and 2 Environment Levy Grants through the Environment Levy Funding Program. An additional 15 Festive and Commemorative Events Grants were awarded to single-year grant recipients, 13 applications were funded via Heritage Levy funded programs, 8 Creative Industry Investment applications (supported by the Arts and Heritage Levy) and 16 Regional Arts Development Fund applications were supported. Two grants were also awarded through Emergency Grants, 51 Individual Development Grants and 39 Councillor Discretionary Funding Program grants for one-off projects. A total of 12,454 community volunteers will be engaged in these funded projects and activities.	Community Strengthening
1.4.3	Deliver coordinated planning, preparedness, response and recovery for the region in response to disaster events and undertake a review of Council's Local Disaster Management Plan.	50%			The coordinated approach to disaster planning, preparedness, response, and recovery remains on track. Key actions include establishing the Local Disaster Coordination Centre for the storm season and maintaining Council's Local Disaster Management Plan to ensure compliance and best practice. Ongoing stakeholder engagement and inter-agency collaboration continue to drive effective outcomes.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets
1.4.4	Deliver initiatives that raise awareness and understanding of domestic and family violence in collaboration with community organisations and government agencies.	50%			Council partnered with local organisations to promote awareness and understanding of domestic and family violence (DFV) during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Campaign. Key initiatives included a Legislative Theatre Project delivered in collaboration with Caloundra Community Centre, Zonta, Queensland Shakespear Ensemble and Women Speak (a group of women with lived experience of DFV) with 3 performances at Caloundra, Maleny, and Nambour that shared real stories of families impacted by DFV and explored systemic barriers to achieving safety. Over 50 participants gathered at Allan Walker Park, Buddina for the fifth annual Seeds of Hope Tree Planting event on 9 December 2025, where Council staff and community members planted 500 native trees and shrubs, symbolising hope, resilience, and solidarity with victims and survivors of DFV and to restore vital coastal habitat. Men's Convo Sessions continued to provide a safe space for men to share experiences and foster strength through vulnerability and acceptance.	Community Strengthening





Strategic Pathway: Creative, innovative communities

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1.5.1	<p>Deliver prioritised actions from the Sunshine Coast Creative Arts Plan 2023-2038, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an annual program of development opportunities for the creative sector • the Regional Arts Development Fund • the Regional Public Art Strategy and a broad program of exhibitions and events for the Regional Gallery • Council's annual Arts Levy Program including a First Nations Arts Strategy • Creative Industries competitive investment and business development programs, and • arts philanthropy in the region. 	50%			The Regional Arts Development Fund Grants Program received 20 applications this quarter, 9 of which were supported with \$58,768 in funding. MadeSC professional development workshops engaged a total of 346 participants across 3 webinars and a networking event. The First Nations Strategic Arts Plan has been drafted and provided to stakeholders for feedback. Artworks currently on loan from the National Gallery of Australia are in place in Felicity Park, Caloundra and Sunshine Coast City Hall.	Community Strengthening
1.5.2	<p>Deliver priority projects as outlined in the Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2021-2031 and annual Heritage Levy Program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Regional Collections store and managing Council's museums and cultural collections • programming of Landsborough Museum and Bankfoot House, and • deliver grants for the heritage sector and our First Nations traditional owners. 	50%			The Regional Cultural Collections Storage Facility progressed to tender, enabling future sustainability of collections while managing, conserving, documenting, and showcasing the region's heritage and arts collections. Bankfoot House featured a range of exhibitions and community events with visitation for the calendar year totalling 3,620 people (compared to 2,462 visitors for the same period last year). Landsborough Museum showcased Transformations and On the Heights exhibitions, talks, and a Halloween event, with total visitation for the calendar year to date of 4,369 people (compared to 3,562 visitors for the same period last year). Applications for Arts and Heritage Levy funded Heritage Program grants were awarded this quarter, totalling \$170,940 across three programs.	Community Strengthening

Corporate Plan Goal: Environment and Liveability

Goal: Natural assets are preserved and enhanced as we continue to create a built environment and living practices that support a sustainable community.

Strategic Pathway: Clever planning and good design



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2.1.1	Deliver feasibility research and approach relevant stakeholders regarding a potential partnership to deliver a Medium Density Demonstration Project in a growth area of the Sunshine Coast.	50%			<p>The feasibility investigation for a Medium Density Demonstration Project in the growth area has advanced to 50%. This reflects completion of viability workshops and meetings, updated market analysis, and preliminary developer feedback discussions. This work was supported by internal and external stakeholder involvement.</p> <p>The review questioned earlier feasibility studies that identified barriers such as high land values, rising construction costs, and limited builder capacity to complete a physical development. Updated assessments confirm townhouses may be marginally feasible, while multi-storey projects face capacity constraints. Potential sites within Council control, and Queensland Government land parcels were investigated.</p> <p>Engagement with developers has commenced to understand their delivery models and incentives, and how including access to Council land and planning support may assist. Additional master planning to balance commercial viability and community benefits will be required.</p> <p>Next steps include refining brief options to consider current build projects underway with developers on the coast, review site options, update feasibility metrics, and seek Council direction on delivery models.</p>	Sustainable Growth & Planning
2.1.2	Deliver tree planting initiatives as part of the Annual Street Trees Program within urban areas to provide shade and cool our neighbourhoods.	50%			<p>A total of 812 trees were planted during Quarter 2, which is slightly above the target of 800. The Program is ahead of the half-yearly target and remains on track to meet the annual target of 3,200 trees.</p>	Infrastructure and Natural Assets

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2.1.3	Develop a Sunshine Coast Landscape Design Guide to assist consultants, designers, the development industry and local residents and encourage a greener Sunshine Coast region.	50%			The development of the Landscape Design Guide is progressing with wide ranging cross council internal and external workshops underway. The concepts, inclusions, audience and delivery techniques are currently being considered. These initiatives aim to transform street corridors into leafy, people-focused spaces that enhance liveability. The Guide will provide practical advice for consultants, developers, and residents, promoting deep planting, biodiversity, First Nations knowledge, prioritising tree canopy, biodiversity, water-sensitive design, and safe, inclusive streetscapes. Next steps include managing design and delivery, allocation of budget to progress to finalisation, feedback from stakeholders and planning for programming launch.	Sustainable Growth & Planning

Strategic Pathway: Natural assets, distinctive landscapes

Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
2.2.1	Review the Shorebird Conservation Plan to support the recovery and conservation of Shorebird populations on the Sunshine Coast.	100%			The review of the Shorebird Conservation Plan was adopted at Council's October 2025 Ordinary Meeting.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets
2.2.2	Deliver the priority programs, projects and activities funded through the Environment Levy including the Strategic Land Acquisition Program, partnerships and grants.	50%			More than 4,000 trees and shrubs were planted at the Honey Farm Road Environment Reserve (acquired via the Environment Levy) during a community planting day and the 11th Annual Australasian Bat Night, held in October 2025, focused on species conservation and management. Through the Levy-funded partnership with South East Queensland Resilient Rivers initiative, on-groundwork commenced in November 2025 to control cat's claw creeper on multiple properties in the Mooloolah River catchment as well as fencing and off stream watering points constructed at sites in the Maroochy River Catchment.	Sustainable Growth & Planning

Strategic Pathway: Sustainable living









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2.3.1	Progress the staged design of the Caloundra Community and Creative Hub precinct, commencing with the new Town Square and new Regional Gallery concept design.	50%			Detail design of the new town square advanced with consultancy firm Urbis working closely with Council to progress the concept design developed through community consultation. Vacating and decommissioning the former Council administration building at 77 Bulcock Street, Caloundra has substantially advanced, including an open market tender for a demolition contractor being released and scheduled to progress in Quarter 3. Concept design for the new regional Gallery paused, with the precinct's prioritised focus being the new town square.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets
2.3.2	Deliver prioritised actions to repurpose the Nambour administration buildings.	45%			Asset intervention works focused on roof and glazing upgrades to improve the Eddie De Vere building's condition and usability. Procurement for these improvements continued with contractor appointment and works commencement expected in Quarter 3. An options analysis for the medium-term activation of both the Fred Murray and Eddie De Vere buildings was completed. Consequently, an open market leasing opportunity was released for the use of the Fred Murray building, which will be evaluated in Quarter 3.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets
2.3.3	Progress the implementation of the First Avenue streetscape by confirming the design and proceeding to construction commencement, satisfying the key milestones and deliverables of the approved grant funding agreement.	50%			The First Avenue Streetscape Design Project is complete with some minor landscape elements being refined. The Energex Public Utility Plant relocation design is being finalised for completion in Quarter 3, which remains a risk and is being managed to ensure accelerated delivery of this project. The tender for the construction has now been awarded to the preferred contractor with some early works (relocation of bus-stops) occurring during Quarter 2 and expected major contractor works will commence in early 2026. An update has been provided to the wider community during December 2025 along with one-on-one trader consultation about the Project.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets
2.3.4	Deliver strategic actions outlined in the Recreation Parks Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalise the Play Opportunities Plan • develop guidelines for park trees which meet urban forest objectives, and • provide additional opportunities for community tree planting in recreation parks. 	50%			The Play Opportunities Plan has been endorsed and is now being actively used to provide strategic direction for Council managed open space in the region. The refresh of the Street Tree Master Plan continues to progress with community engagement carried out during the second quarter.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets

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2.3.5	Deliver the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint that will guide the future provision of dog exercise areas and support the health and lifestyle needs of our region's communities.	100%			The Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025-45 was endorsed at the Council Ordinary Meeting on 11 December 2025.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets
2.3.6	Deliver coastal hazard adaptation precinct planning at Golden Beach, Caloundra, Maroochydore and Mooloolaba as part of the Integrated Coastal Management Program.	50%			Coastal hazard adaptation precinct planning has continued with the second phase of community engagement on the Golden Beach Coastal Hazard Adaptation Precinct Plan held from 17 November to 12 December 2025.	Sustainable Growth & Planning
2.3.7	Deliver critical coastal seawall reconstruction projects for Moffat Beach and TS Onslow, Golden Beach.	60%			Moffat Beach Seawall and car park is 55% complete with weather causing construction delays. Stage One was completed and open to the public for Christmas, including the western section of the seawall and coastal path, car park, beach ramp and landscaping. Stage 2 to 5 is scheduled for completion mid-2026. TS Onslow Golden Beach is now 75% complete.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets
2.3.8	Investigate and commence establishment of a regional tracks and trails network that provides world-class experiences and builds on existing discreet trail experiences, including commencing recreation trail planning and implementation as part of Blue Heart Sunshine Coast.	50%			<p>The region's recreational tracks and trails network planning is being progressed in alignment with the Queensland Government's Destination 2045 Plan and Council's Environment and Liveability Strategy. The key projects currently being investigated, in planning, or underway are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parklands Conservation Reserve and Mountain Bike Olympic Venue legacy facility for a nature-based recreation precinct • Glass House Mountains 7 Peaks trail development • Nambour to Coolum Trail Joint Working Group, including investigating opportunities for sections of the Nambour to Coolum trail to be delivered through the \$5 million City Deal funding for Sunshine Coast Blue Heart recreation outcomes. <p>Council is developing a trail usage monitoring system to inform maintenance schedules and are developing a whole of life asset maintenance schedule and renewal planning.</p>	Infrastructure and Natural Assets

