

Agenda

Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, 23 April 2026

commencing at 9:00am

Sunshine Coast City Hall Chamber, 54 First Avenue, Maroochydore

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ORDINARY MEETING

NOTICE

10 April 2026

Dear Councillors, Directors 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

23 April 2026

commencing at 9.00am.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Baker".

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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 26 March 2026 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 TO MAKE AMENDMENT SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAW NO. 1 (ANIMAL MANAGEMENT) 2026

File No: Council Meetings

Author: Governance Policy Lead
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council resolution to make *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026* (**Appendix A**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council adopted the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025-2045 (the Plan) at its Ordinary Meeting on 11 December 2025. *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026* seeks to implement the following high priority components of the Plan:

- Changes to 12 off-leash and prohibited beach access areas
- Add two new off-leash dog access areas at Pelican Waters and Yandina
- Prohibit dogs and other animals from all active playing surfaces on Council owned sports fields, however, continue to allow on-leash access in common areas and provide a permit process to support organised events that include dogs on sports fields’ active playing surfaces.
- Prohibit dogs and other animals from seventeen (17) Conservation Reserves, six (6) Nature Reserves and thirteen (13) Bushland Reserves of high conservation and environmental value.
- Prohibition of dog and other animal access from areas within six (6) Bushland Reserves.
- Prohibit dogs and other animals from five (5) Rocky Foreshores.

Extensive community consultation was undertaken in the development of the Dog Exercise Area Plan, including associated consultation on the proposed local law changes. Given its recency and direct relevance, this consultation is being utilised for the purposes of the Local Law Making Process. Conducting additional community consultation would be duplicative and unnecessary.

Subject to the outcome of Council’s consideration of this report, the amending local law will take effect on Friday 3 July 2026, allowing sufficient time for the installation of appropriate signage and relevant communication.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled *"To Make Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026"*
- (b) resolve to modify Council's Local Law Making Process in the case of *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026 (Appendix A)*, by foregoing the step where Council 'propose to make' an amendment local law and releases the draft local law for community consultation, for the following reasons:
 - (i) the proposed changes to the local laws were contained in the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025-2045, which was the subject of extensive community consultation between 4 February and 7 March 2025 and
 - (ii) all community feedback was considered and the final Dog Exercise Area Plan containing the agreed local law changes was adopted by Council on 11 December 2025, and
- (c) resolve to make *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026 (Appendix A)* to implement the local law changes endorsed in the Dog Exercise Area Plan
- (d) note the proposed amendments have been reviewed pursuant to section 38 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and the amendments do not contain anti-competitive provisions, and
- (e) give notice in the Government Gazette of the making of *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No.1 (Animal Management) 2026* with an effective date of Friday 3 July 2026.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

The Local Law Making Process has been undertaken utilising existing resources and has been funded through current operational budget allocations.

Implementation costs have been considered as part of the adoption of the Dog Exercise Area Plan.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal:	<i>Organisational excellence</i>
Strategic Pathway:	We serve our community by providing this great service
Operational Activity:	S30 - Corporate Governance - Provision of corporate governance, legal, audit and risk management services that builds adaptation, resilience and supports transparent, ethical and informed decision making.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Consultation

All Councillors were briefed throughout the development of the Dog Exercise Area Plan. Following adoption of the Plan by Council, all Councillors have been consulted individually regarding the proposed local law amendments resulting from implementation of the Plan, with specific focus on the resulting changes and additions to the local law animal management maps.

Internal Consultation

As part of the Local Law Making Process internal consultation and liaison was undertaken with those officers who were involved in the preparation of the Dog Exercise Area Plan. The consultation included verifying that the high priority (short term) Plan recommendations have been accurately captured in this proposed Local Law Amendment. The officers consulted include:

- Manager Parks & Gardens
- Coordinator Business & Technical, Parks & Gardens
- Manager Environmental Operations
- Manager Customer Response
- Co-ordinator Response Services
- Team Leader Geospatial and Mapping Services
- Executive Manager, CEO Office

External Consultation

The proposed local law amendments were incorporated in the draft Dog Exercise Area Plan which was released for formal community consultation from 4 February to 7 March 2025.

Community interest in the Dog Exercise Area Plan was strong, with a wide range of feedback recorded.

Community Engagement

Community feedback was considered in the final Dog Exercise Area Plan containing the agreed local law changes as adopted by Council on 11 December 2025.

PROPOSAL

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 December 2025, Council resolved to adopt the Dog Exercise Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025-2045 introducing several changes to dog off-leash areas and dog prohibition requirements across the region. Council noted that the Chief Executive Officer would progress to a Local Law Amendment Process where detailed changes were recommended in the Dog Exercise Area Plan.

Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026 seeks to implement and give effect to the below high priority (short term) recommendations of the adopted Dog Exercise Area Plan:

Changes to current dog off leash and dog prohibited areas

- Stumers Beach - Amendment to off-leash access to provide separation from car park to off-leash area.
- Moffat Beach - amend off-leash access area due to rocky foreshore prohibition.
- Currimundi/Ballinger Beach - 50m reduction to the southern off-leash boundary south of the beach access (261) ramp. Aligns with Dicky Beach Bathing Reserve boundary.
- Alex Beach - Prohibit dog and other animal access north of beach access 164.
- North Shore, Twin Waters - seasonal prohibition of dogs and other animals within high value migratory shorebird high tide roost area between October-April.
- Town of Seaside, Coolum Beach - extend beach access area from beach access 96-98.
- Mudjimba Beach - add off leash access from beach access 127-130 Mudjimba Beach South.
- Kings Beach/Happy Valley - extend animal prohibited area from beach access 291-293.
- Goat Island - prohibit dogs and other animals.
- Point Cartwright - update map to prohibit dogs from 'Carties' beach access 196-196T.
- Mooloolaba Beach - update map to show dogs prohibited to the Spit Rock Wall.
- Maroochydore Beach - include prohibition of animals to Patrolled Beach area.
- Add two new off-leash dog access areas at Pelican Waters and Yandina

New prohibition of dogs and other animals from playing surfaces of Council owned sports fields

Prohibit animals from the playable surface of any sports field, sports court, or sports facility in a park or reserve that is under Council's control, however, continue to allow on-leash in common areas and provide a permit process to support organised dog events on sports fields active playing surfaces.

New prohibition of dogs and other animals from 5 Rocky Foreshores

- Point Perry
- Point Arkwright
- Point Cartwright
- Moffat Headland
- Caloundra Headland

New prohibition of dogs and other animals from 17 Conservations Reserves

- Baxter Bluff Conservation Area
- Crohamhurst Ecological Reserve
- East Mount Mellum Nature Refuge
- Eudlo Creek Conservation Area

- Hussey Creek Esplanade
- Marist Brothers Ecological Reserve
- Mooloolah River Nature Refuge
- Patten's Ecological Reserve
- Policeman Spur Environment Reserve
- Pumicestone Esplanade
- Pumicestone Esplanade-Mekins Road
- Pumicestone Esplanade-Red Road
- Roys Road Esplanade
- South Eudlo Creek Bushland Conservation Reserve
- South Eudlo Creek Bushland Environment Reserve
- Triunia Environment Reserve
- Upper Mooloolah Nature Reserve

New prohibition of dogs and other animals from 6 Nature Reserves

- Annie Hehir Road Environment Reserve
- London Creek Environment Reserve
- Tall Gums Environment Reserve
- Tanawha Tall Gums Conservation Area
- Mons Station Nature Reserve
- Maroochy River Esplanade-Bli Bli

New prohibition of dogs and other animals from 13 Bushland Reserves

- Arcoona Road Bushland Conservation Reserve
- Baringa Environment Reserve
- Bobbie Sattler Nature Reserve
- Corbould Road Bushland Conservation Reserve
- Doonan Wetland Conservation Area
- Gull'bu rah Environment Reserve
- Kenilworth Bluff-Wilcox Family Park
- Kirbys Road Environment Reserve
- Lower Mooloolah River Environment Reserve
- Maroochy River Environment Reserve
- Ninox Environment Reserve
- Sunshine Coast Ecological Park
- Tuan Environment Reserve

New prohibition of dog access from areas within the following 6 Bushland Reserves

- Doonan Creek Environment Reserve - western area of reserve including western trail network
- Glasshouse Mountains Environment Reserve - all of reserve except trail connections from Allan Avenue to Fullertons Road
- Kawana Forest Environment Reserve - all of reserve except recreation trails
- Lake Weyba Bushland Reserve Network - lake trail, north-south connection trail section, and non-trail areas of reserve
- Maleny Community Precinct Riparian Reserve - all of reserve outside of defined trails
- Mountain Creek Conservation Area - southern section of reserve

Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026 also includes newly constructed dog off leash areas at Pelican Waters, Yandina Tea Tree Park and Banyan Ave Linear Park extensions to the dog off leash areas at both Grand Parade Parrearra and Ridgehaven Park Arona.

LOCAL LAW MAKING PROCESS

Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 2009* permits a local government to determine its own process for making a local law, provided it is not inconsistent with legislative requirements.

Table 1 below outlines the steps of Council’s adopted Local Law Making Process:

Steps	Action taken	Date	Status
Propose to make local law amendments	The proposed changes to current local laws for prohibited animal areas and dog off-leash areas were set out in the Dog Exercise Area Plan released for community consultation in February 2025	February 2025	Waived
Community Consultation	Undertaken following the release of the draft Dog Exercise Area Plan for community consultation	4 February to 7 March 2025	Complete
State Interest Check	Not required for a subordinate local law	N/A	N/A
Anti-Competitive Provisions - Public Interest Review	Nil	N/A	N/A

Steps	Action taken	Date	Status
Council consideration of consultation feedback and finalisation of proposed local law	Council considered consultation feedback on the draft Dog Exercise Area Plan and endorsed the final Dog Exercise Area Plan containing the proposed local law changes		
Report to Council to make the final amendment subordinate local law	Report presented to Council to recommend making the amendment to the Local Law	23 April 2026	Current
Council Website Updated	Update Council's website with the amendment Local Law.	To occur subject to Council adoption of amending Local Law	To be completed
Notify Minister	Notification to Minister	Required within 14 days of adoption	To be completed
Gazette Notice	Publication of Government Gazette notifying of any amendment made by Council to the Local Law.	To occur subject to outcome of Council's consideration of the above report. Should this report be adopted the amending local law will be published in the Government Gazette. NOTE: the amending local law will take effect on Friday 3 July 2026.	To be completed
Consolidation of Local Laws	Preparation and adoption of the consolidated local laws.	To occur following any decision by Council to amend the local law	To be completed

Extensive community consultation was undertaken as part of the development of the Dog Exercise Area Plan, including associated consultation on proposed changes to the local laws.

Conducting additional local law making consultation would be duplicative and unnecessary, and *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026* reflects the outcomes of the Dog Exercise Area Plan's development and adoption. Bypassing local law making consultation does not compromise transparency or fairness, as the proposed amendments were fully canvassed during the Dog Exercise Area Plan's development.

The proposed local law amendment being presented to Council for consideration implements and operationalises the first stage (high priority areas) of the Dog Exercise Area Plan adopted by Council on 11 December 2025.

Legal

The development of *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026* has occurred in line with consideration of the following legislation:

- sections 29-32 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) and section 15 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld)
- *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* (Qld), and
- Sunshine Coast Council's Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws.

Council has obligations under section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld). The proposed amendments align with the adopted Dog Exercise Area Plan, which underwent thorough human rights assessment (available at **attachment 1**) and confirmed that any limitations are lawful, serve a legitimate purpose, and are rational, necessary, and proportionate.

Policy

There are no new policy implications in the proposed local law amendments.

Risk

Council adopted the Dog Exercise Area Plan and therefore there are no risks associated with the inclusion of the high priority actions within *Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011*. If *Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011* is not updated, it risks inconsistency and therefore confusion for the community and would impact enforcement of the Dog Exercise Area Plan through the local laws.

Previous Council Resolution**Ordinary Meeting 11 December 2025 (OM25/110)**

That Council:

- receive and note the report titled "Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint"*
- endorse the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025-45 (Appendix A)*
- progress to a Local Law Amendment Process where detailed dog access provision changes are recommended in the Plan and*
- note the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025-45 will inform priorities for consideration in relevant future budgets.*

Ordinary Meeting 14 December 2023 (OM23/145)

That Council:

- receive and note the report titled "Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2023"*
- resolve to make Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2023 at Appendix A, which has been amended in the following manner following consideration of public submissions as detailed in this report:*

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- (i) *in section 4(2), substitute a revised map SLL 2.5.19 (Point Cartwright, Buddina) for inclusion in schedule 5 (Exclusion of animals from specific places)*
- (ii) *in section 5(2), insert a new row 11 to declare a new dog off-leash area (for Point Cartwright, Buddina, beach access 196 to 196T), which will operate only from 4.00pm to 8.00am, Monday to Friday*
- (iii) *in section 5(3), substitute a revised map SLL 2.6.19 (Point Cartwright, Buddina, beach access 198 to 201) and insert a new map 2.6.20 (Point Cartwright, Buddina, beach access 196 to 196T) to delineate the new dog off-leash area*
- (iv) *insert a new section 6 in the Amendment Subordinate Local Law to state that row 11 and map SLL 2.6.20 (relating to the new dog off-leash area at Point Cartwright) will expire on 30 June 2025*
- (c) *note it is considered there are no anti-competitive provisions in Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2023 and*
- (d) *note the Chief Executive Officer plans to undertake, complete and report back to Council before 30 June 2025 on a proposed region-wide dog exercise area plan and associated network blueprint.*

Related Documentation

- *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*
- *Sunshine Coast Regional Council Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws*
- *State Government Guidelines for Drafting Local Laws 2016*
- *Sunshine Coast Council Corporate Plan 2022-2026*
- *Compliance and Enforcement Policy*
- *Dog Exercise Area Plan and Blueprint 2024-2045.*

Critical Dates

Subject to the outcome of Council's consideration of this report, the amending local law will take effect on Friday 3 July 2026.

Implementation

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will progress the statutory and other obligations for the Local Law Making Process as outlined in **Table 1** of this report.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council

Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026

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1 Short title

This subordinate local law may be cited as *Amendment Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2026*.

2 Commencement

This subordinate local law commences on 3 July 2026.

3 Subordinate local law amended

This subordinate local law amends *Subordinate Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2011*.

4 Amendment of s 9 (Public places where animals are excluded— Authorising local law, s 11(1))

Section 9(2), after ‘prohibited’—

insert—

during the times specified in column 5 of schedule 5

5 Amendment of sch 4 (Exclusion of animals generally)

Schedule 4, after last row—

insert—

park/reserve	the playing surface of any sports facility (for example, a field or court) within a park or reserve under the local government’s control	all animals
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6 Amendment of sch 5 (Exclusion of animals from specific places)

(1) Schedule 5, table, insert new column 5 (Applicable times).

(2) Schedule 5, table, column 5, rows 1 to 19—

insert—

all times

(3) Schedule 5, table, row 5, column 2, ‘Currimundi Lake, Currimundi’—

omit, insert—

Currimundi Lake and beach access 253 to 255, Currimundi

(4) Schedule 5, table, row 9, column 2, from ‘Memorial Park’—

omit, insert—

, Kings Beach Pool and beach access 293 to 283, Kings Beach

- (5) Schedule 5, table, row 12, column 2, ‘195’—
omit, insert—
rockwall
- (6) Schedule 5, table, row 13, column 2, ‘Quota/’—
omit.
- (7) Schedule 5, table, after last row—
insert—

park/reserve, beach and foreshore	Alexandra Headland Beach (beach access 156 to 164)	all animals	SLL 2.5.20	all times
park/reserve, beach and foreshore	North Shore, Twin Waters (still water east area)	all animals	SLL 2.5.21	all times from October to April
park/reserve, beach and foreshore	Goat Island, Maroochy River	all animals	SLL 2.5.22	all times
park/reserve, beach and foreshore	Point Perry Rocky Foreshore	all animals	SLL 2.5.23	all times
park/reserve, beach and foreshore	Point Arkwright Rocky Foreshore	all animals	SLL 2.5.24	all times
park/reserve, beach and foreshore	Moffat Headland Rocky Foreshore	all animals	SLL 2.5.25	all times
park/reserve, beach and foreshore	Caloundra Headland Rocky Foreshore	all animals	SLL 2.5.26	all times
nature reserve	Mooloolah River Nature Refuge	all animals	SLL 2.5.27	all times
conservation reserve	Baxter Bluff Conservation Area	all animals	SLL 2.5.28	all times
conservation reserve	Crohamhurst Ecological Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.29	all times
conservation	East Mount Mellum Nature	all	SLL 2.5.30	all times

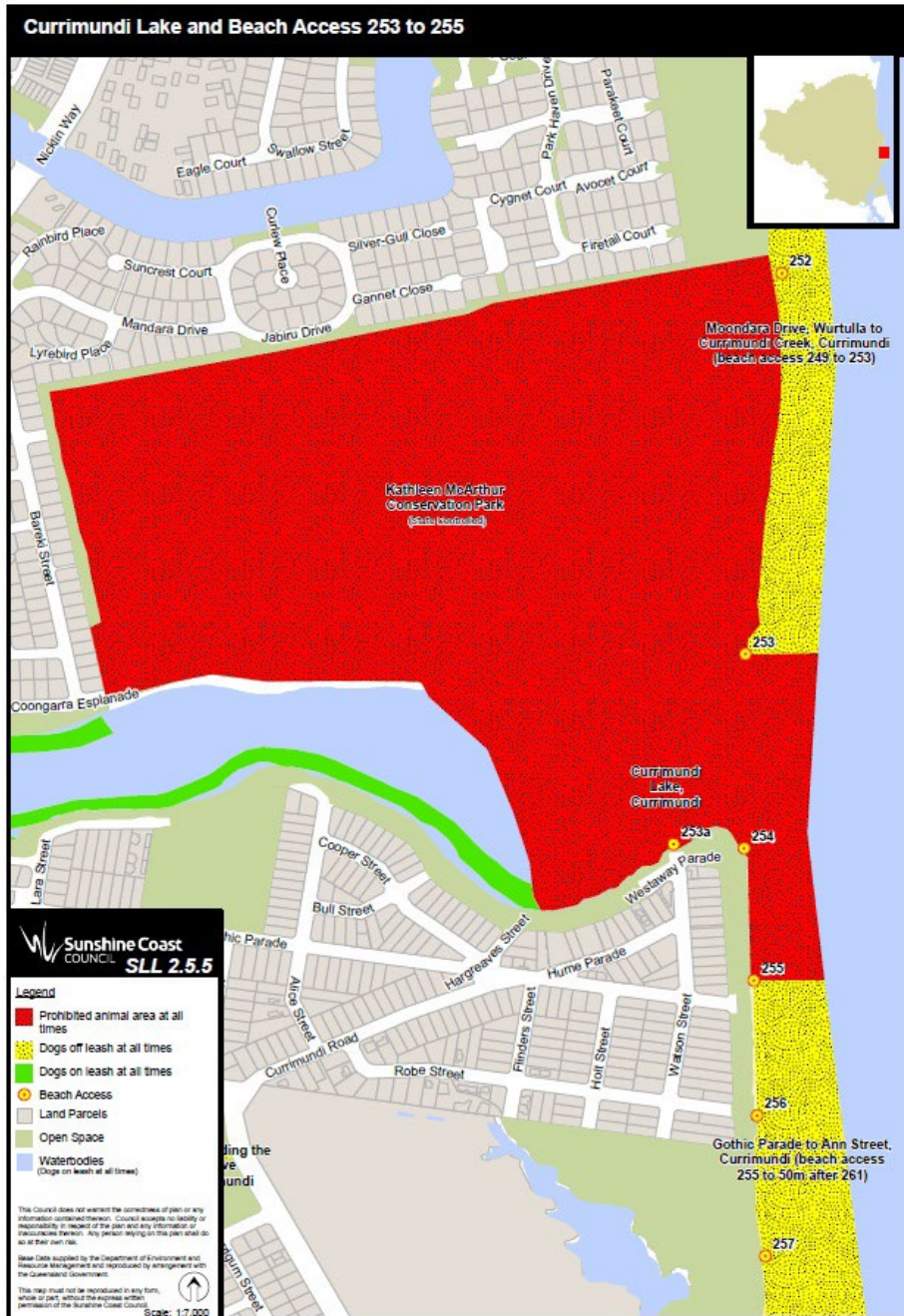
reserve	Reserve	animals		
conservation reserve	Eudlo Creek Conservation Area	all animals	SLL 2.5.31	all times
conservation reserve	Hussey Creek Esplanade	all animals	SLL 2.5.32	all times
conservation reserve	Marist Brothers Ecological Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.33	all times
conservation reserve	Patten’s Ecological Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.34	all times
conservation reserve	Policeman Spur Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.35	all times
conservation reserve	Pumicestone Esplanade	all animals	SLL 2.5.36	all times
conservation reserve	Pumicestone Esplanade - Mekins Road	all animals	SLL 2.5.37	all times
conservation reserve	Pumicestone Esplanade - Red Road	all animals	SLL 2.5.38	all times
conservation reserve	Roys Road Esplanade	all animals	SLL 2.5.39	all times
conservation reserve	South Eudlo Creek Bushland Conservation Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.40	all times
conservation reserve	South Eudlo Creek Bushland Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.41	all times
conservation reserve	Triunia Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.42	all times
conservation reserve	Upper Mooloolah Nature Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.43	all times
nature reserve	Annie Hehir Road Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.44	all times
nature reserve	London Creek Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.45	all times
nature reserve	Tall Gums Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.46	all times
nature	Tanawha Tall Gums	all	SLL 2.5.47	all times

reserve	Conservation Area	animals		
nature reserve	Mons Station Nature Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.48	all times
nature reserve	Maroochy River Esplanade - Bli Bli	all animals	SLL 2.5.49	all times
bushland reserve	Arcoona Road Bushland Conservation Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.50	all times
bushland reserve	Baringa Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.51	all times
bushland reserve	Bobbie Sattler Nature Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.52	all times
bushland reserve	Corbould Road Bushland Conservation Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.53	all times
bushland reserve	Doonan Wetland Conservation Area	all animals	SLL 2.5.54	all times
bushland reserve	Gull'bu rah Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.55	all times
bushland reserve	Kenilworth Bluff - Wilcox Family Park	all animals	SLL 2.5.56	all times
bushland reserve	Kirbys Road Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.57	all times
bushland reserve	Lower Mooloolah River Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.58	all times
bushland reserve	Maroochy River Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.59	all times
bushland reserve	Ninox Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.60	all times
bushland reserve	Sunshine Coast Ecological Park	all animals	SLL 2.5.61	all times
bushland reserve	Tuan Environment Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.62	all times
bushland reserve	Lake Weyba Bushland Reserve Network, excluding eastern on leash trails network	all animals	SLL 2.5.63	all times

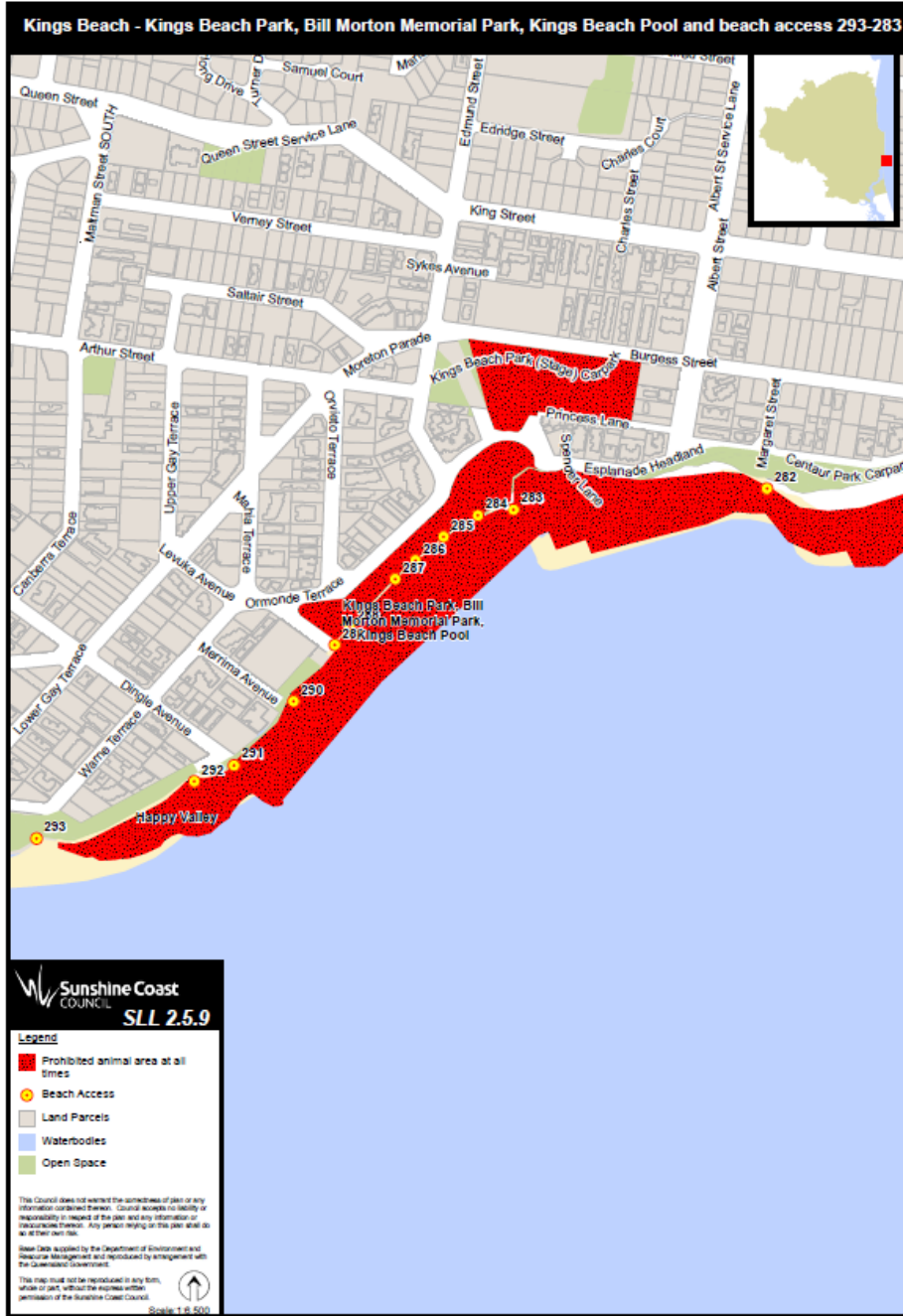
bushland reserve	Maleny Community Precinct Riparian Reserve	all animals	SLL 2.5.64	all times
park/reserve, beach and foreshore	Maroochydore Beach (Patrolled) beach access 145 to 147	all animals	SLL 2.5.65	all times
bushland reserve	Doonan Creek Environment Reserve (southern parcel)	all animals	SLL 2.5.66	all times
bushland reserve	Glasshouse Mountains Environment Reserve, excluding trail connections	all animals	SLL 2.5.67	all times
bushland reserve	Kawana Forest Environment Reserve, excluding recreation trails	all animals	SLL 2.5.68	all times
bushland reserve	Mountain Creek Conservation Area (south)	all animals	SLL 2.5.69	all times

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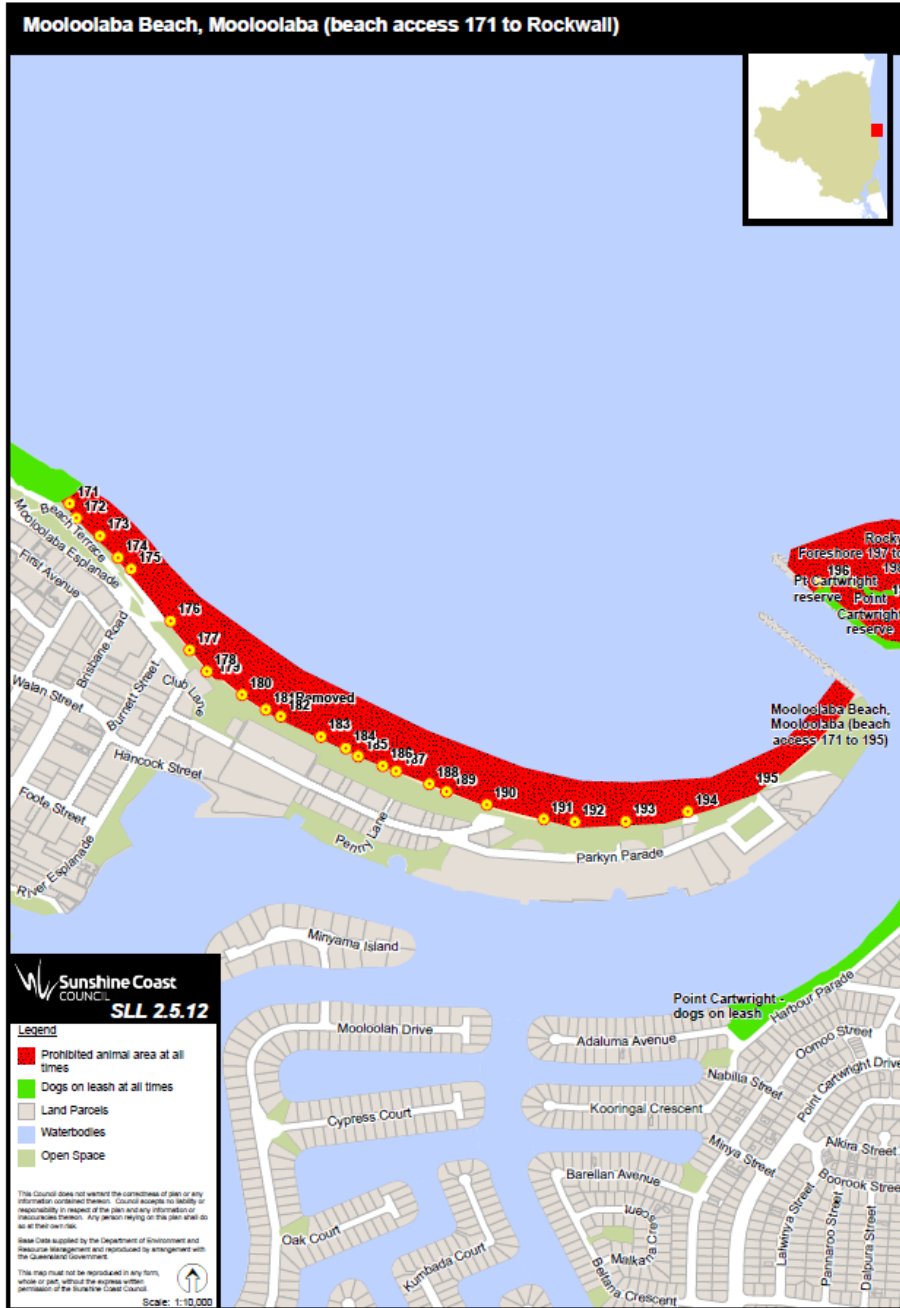
(8) Schedule 5, map SLL 2.5.5 (Currimundi Lake, Currimundi)—
omit, insert—



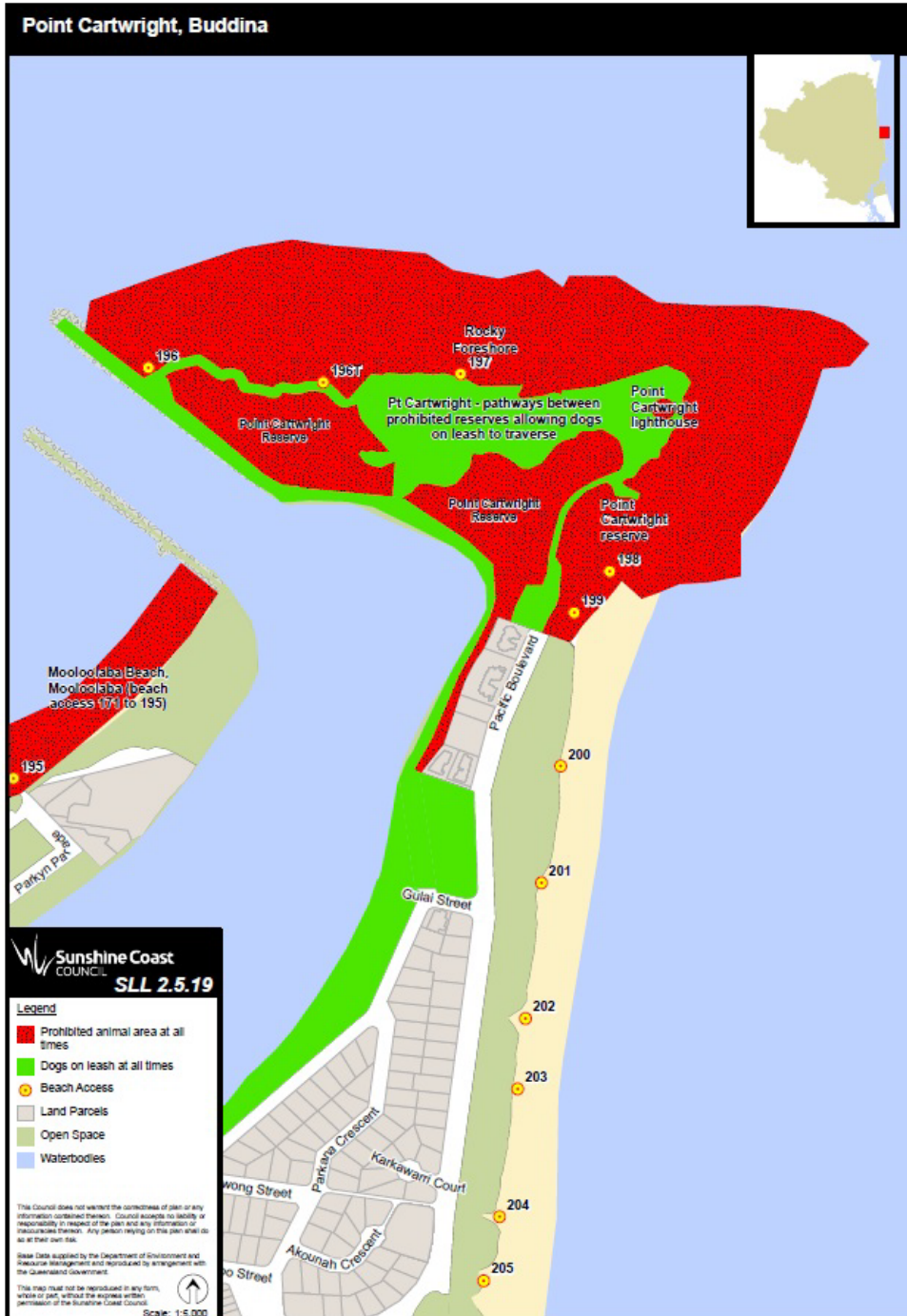
- (9) Schedule 5, map SLL 2.5.9 (Kings Beach)—
omit, insert—



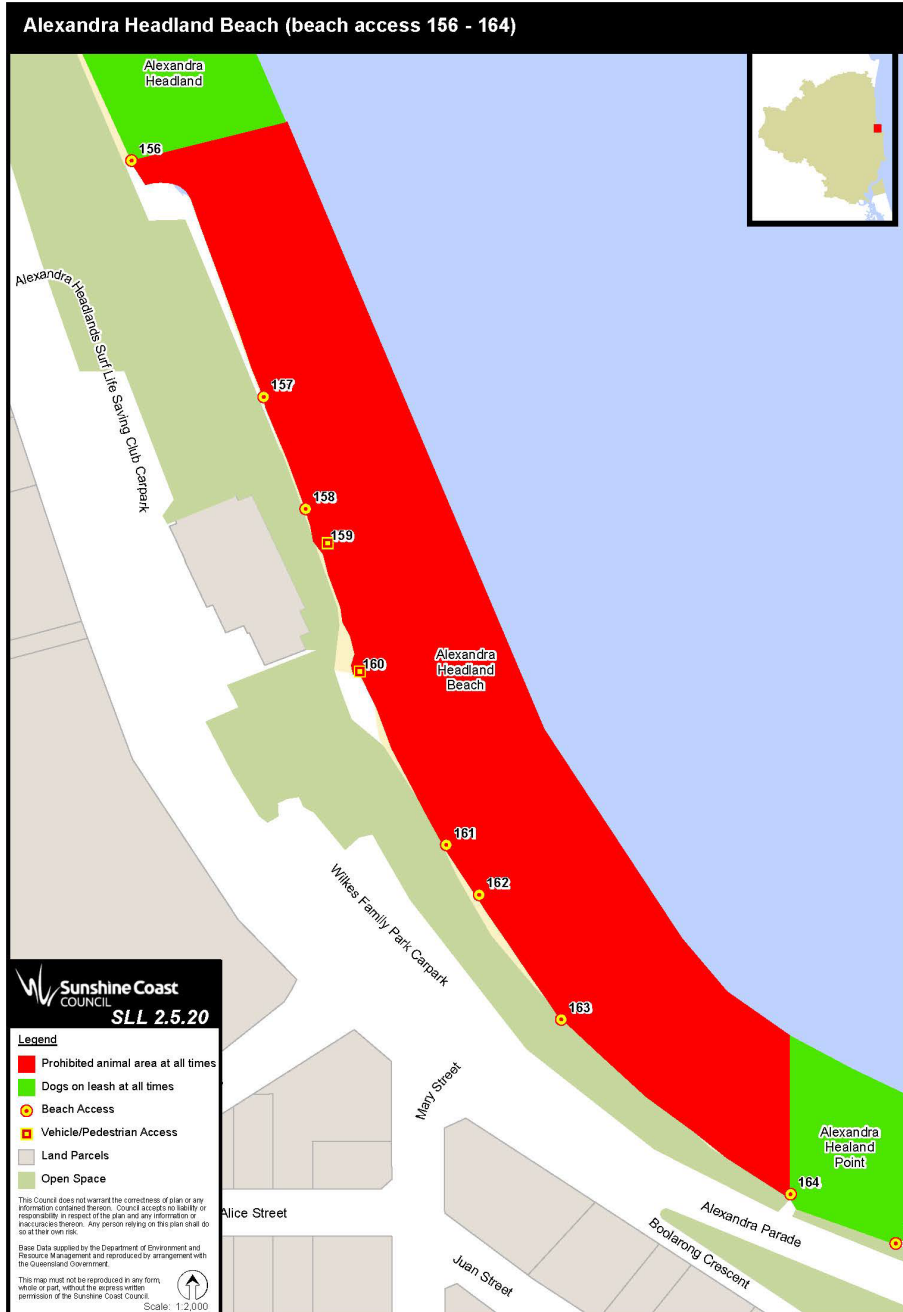
(10) Schedule 5, map SLL 2.5.12 (Mooloolaba Beach, Mooloolaba)—
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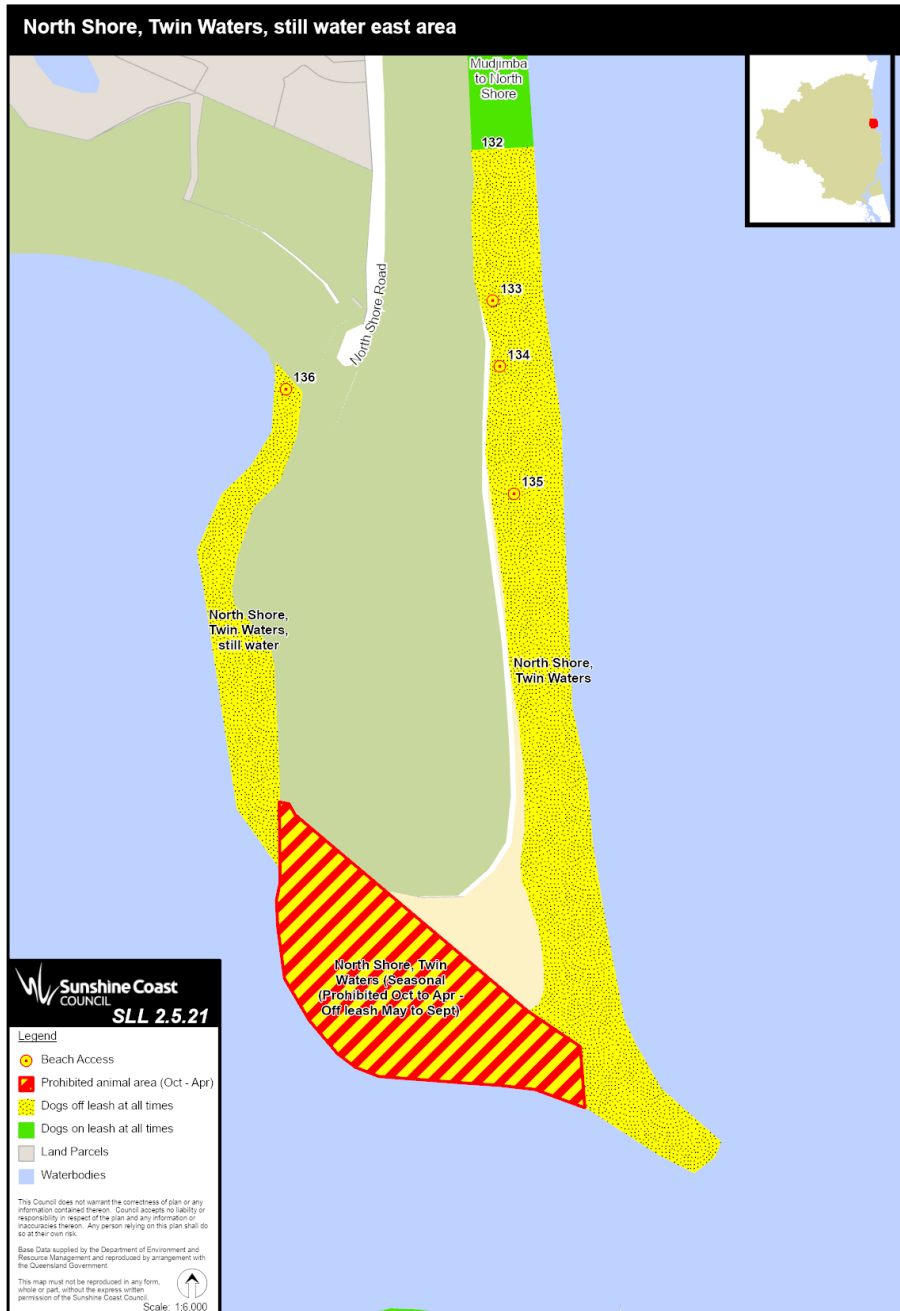


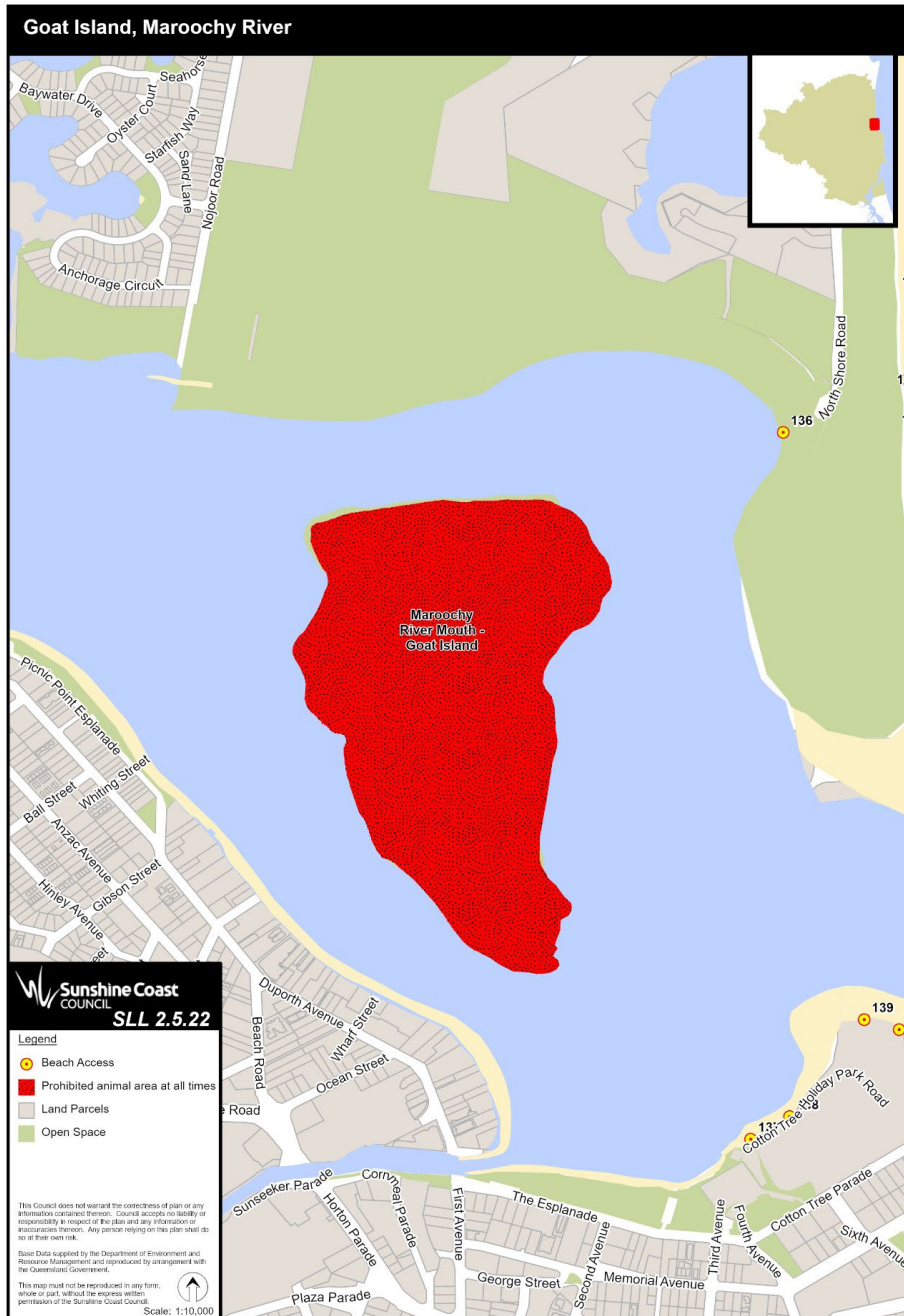
- (11) Schedule 5, map SLL 2.5.19 (Point Cartwright, Buddina)—
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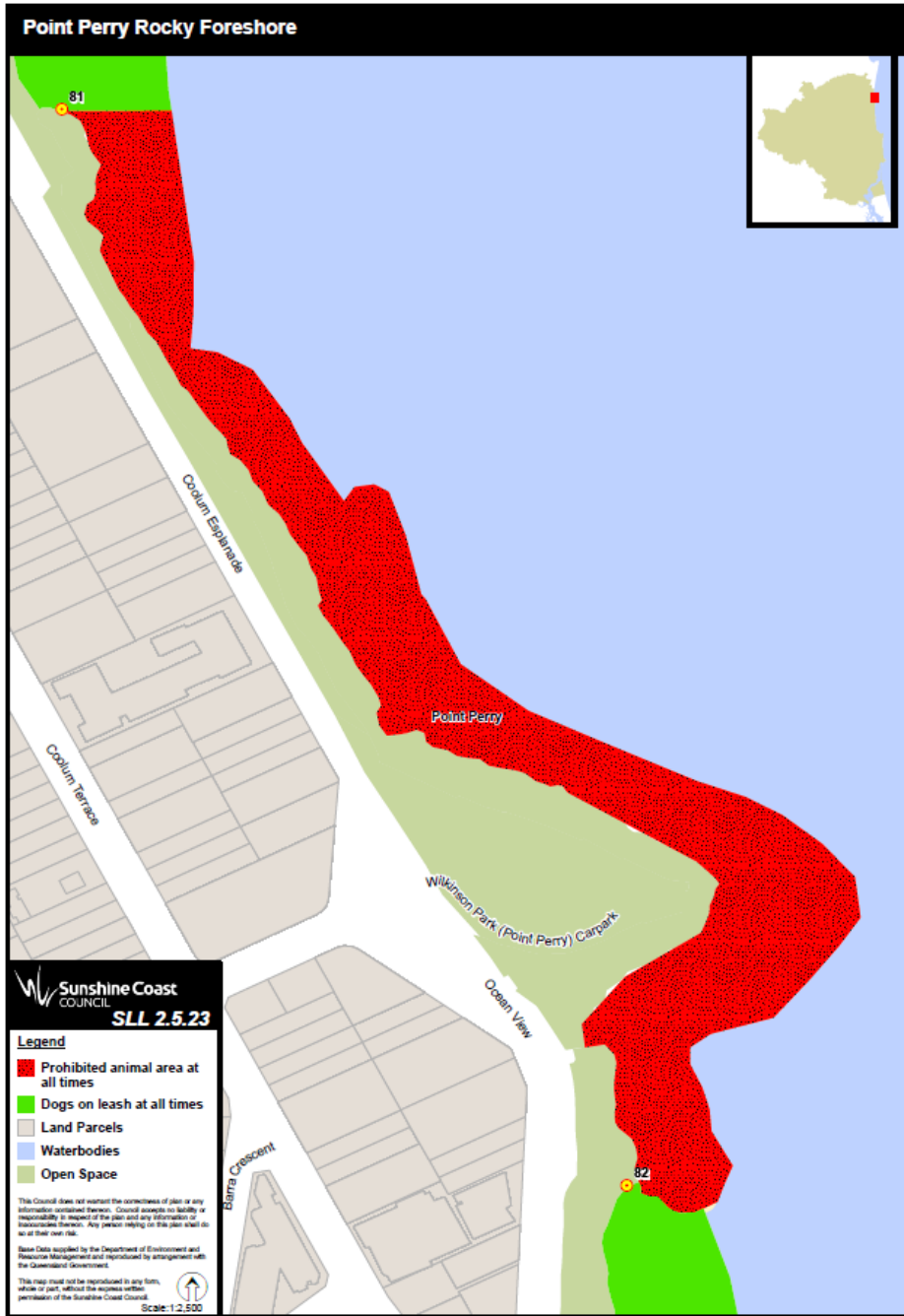


(12) Schedule 5, after map SLL 2.5.19—
insert—









8.2 MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**File No:** Council Meetings**Author:** Coordinator Financial Services
Finance and Commercial Partnerships**Attachments:** Att 1 - March 2026 Financial Performance Report..... 137 [↓](#)
Att 2 - March 2026 Capital Grant Funded Project Report 155 [↓](#)**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 31 March 2026, in terms of the operating result and delivery of the capital program.

Operating Performance**Table 1: Operating Budget as at 31 March 2026**

	Original Budget \$'000	Current Budget \$'000	Year to Date Budget \$'000	Year to Date Actuals \$'000	Year to Date Variance \$'000
Total Operating Revenue	711,026	697,517	632,808	634,689	1,881
Total Operating Expenses	710,315	710,846	518,607	513,871	(4,736)
Operating Result	711	(13,329)	114,201	120,817	6,616
Capital Revenue	163,689	170,233	60,152	74,677	14,525
Non-Recurrent Expenses	3,056	39,222	16,477	25,858	9,381
Net Result	161,345	117,681	157,877	169,637	11,760
Capital Expenditure	262,388	267,311	142,200	140,971	(1,229)
Total Cash Balance (including Trust)	271,422	272,374	263,600	349,880	86,280

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report titled “March 2026 Financial Performance Report”.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

This report sets out the details of Council’s financial performance and investments for the month ending 31 March 2026, and meets Council’s legislative reporting requirements.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal: *Organisational excellence*

Strategic Pathway: We serve our community by providing this great service

Operational Activity: S31 - Financial Management - Strategic management of Council's finances, assets, procurement and contracts that support effective supplier relationship, resource allocation and financial sustainability.

CONSULTATION**Councillor Consultation**

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

Internal Consultation

This report has been written in conjunction with advice from:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Executive Leadership Team

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 2025-26 Investment Policy, and

Sunshine Coast Council’s 2025-26 Debt Policy.

Risk

The 2025-26 budget has been adopted with an operating deficit position, however this outcome is acknowledged and Management has established a clear pathway to improve operating performance over the medium term, with a strong focus on long term financial sustainability for the Sunshine Coast region. The achievement of the targeted operating result is a key element of Council's long term financial sustainability strategy.

The 2025-26 budget is based on management estimates and assumptions including:

- Rates and charges revenue incorporating population and property growth forecasts
- Interest revenue and finance costs based on forecast interest rates
- Depreciation informed by asset valuation, useful life and asset condition estimates
- Recurrent capital expenditure reflecting capitalisation estimates

Management has used its best endeavours and judgment to determine these estimates and assumptions based on the available data, with reference to independent sources and relevant historic information where possible. There is a risk that the actual results may vary from the estimates. Any material variances will be monitored and reported to Council through the Monthly Financial Performance Report.

Previous Council Resolution**Ordinary Meeting 26 February 2026 (OM26/10)**

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Budget Review 2 2025-26"*
- (b) *adopt Appendix A as tabled, pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's amended budget for 2025-26 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 2025-26 Capital Works Program, endorse the indicative four-year program for the period 2027 to 2030, and note the five-year program for the period 2031 to 2035*
- (c) *note the following documentation applies as adopted 7 July 2025*
 - (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 2025-26 financial year and other matters as adopted 7 July 2025*
 - (vi) *the Strategic Environment Levy Policy*
 - (vii) *the Strategic Arts and Heritage Levy Policy*
 - (viii) *the Strategic Transport Levy Policy*
 - (ix) *Prescribed Services Charge Plan (No. 2) 2025-26 Financial Year and*
- (d) *endorse the 2025-26 Minor Capital Works Program (Appendix B).*

Ordinary Meeting 18 September 2025 (OM25/82)

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Budget Review 1" and*
- (b) *adopt Appendix A as tabled, pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's amended budget for 2025-26 financial year incorporating:*
 - (i) *the statement of income and expense*
 - (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 2025-26 Capital Works Program, endorse the indicative four-year program for the period 2027 to 2030, and note the five-year program for the period 2031 to 2035.*
 - (viii) *Debt Policy*
- (c) *note the following documentation applies as adopted 7 July 2025*
 - (i) *Revenue Policy*
 - (ii) *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*
 - (iii) *the Revenue Statement*
 - (iv) *the rates and charges to be levied for the 2025-26 financial year and other matters as adopted 7 July 2025*
 - (v) *the Strategic Environment Levy Policy*
 - (vi) *the Strategic Arts and Heritage Levy Policy*
 - (vii) *the Strategic Transport Levy Policy*
 - (viii) *Prescribed Services Charge Plan (No. 2) 2025-26 Financial Year and*
- (d) *endorse the Minor Capital Works Program (Appendix B).*

Special Meeting 7 July 2025 (SM25/4) in part

1. STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

That Council receive and note the statement of estimated financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect to the 2024-25 financial year as set out in Attachment 1 pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

10. ADOPTION OF BUDGET

That Council adopt Appendix A as tabled, pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as Council's budget for 2025-26 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 significant business activity statement
- vii. the long-term financial forecast, as detailed in items 10(i) to 10(iv) above
- viii. the Revenue Policy (adopted by Council resolution on 21 May 2025)
- 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 for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026
- xi. Council's 2025-26 Capital Works Program, endorsing the indicative four-year program for the period 2027 to 2030, and noting the five-year program for the period 2031 to 2035
- xii. the rates and charges to be levied for the 2025-26 financial year and other matters as detailed above in clauses 2 to 9; and
- xiii. the 2025-26 Minor Capital Works Program.

Related Documentation

2025-26 Adopted Budget

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates for this report.

Implementation

There are no implementation details to include in this report.

9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

10 TABLING OF PETITIONS

Petitions only eligible for submission if:

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

11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

12 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 21 May 2026.

13 MEETING CLOSURE