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Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 21 May 2026

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

2 WELCOME AND OPENING

Councillor T Burns acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting took place.

Pastor Alex Tan from HM Church, Bokarina 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 (via Teams)

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
Governance Policy Lead
Manager Environmental Operations
Coordinator Response Services
Coordinator Financial Services

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4 RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor W Johnston

Seconded: Councillor J Natoli

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 March 2026 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

NIL

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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
 Office of the CEO
Appendices: App A - Amendment Subordinate Local Law No.1 (Animal Management) 2026
Attachments: Att 1 - Human Rights Assessment

Council Resolution (OM26/22)

Moved: Councillor J Broderick
Seconded: Councillor W Johnston

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.

For: Councillor R Natoli, Councillor J Broderick, Councillor T Burns, Councillor J Natoli, Councillor W Johnston, Councillor E Hungerford, Councillor T Bunnag, Councillor M Suarez and Councillor D Law.

Against: Councillor T Landsberg and Councillor C Dickson.

Carried.

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Councillor T Bunnag raised a point of order to question if Councillor T Landsberg was asking a question or speaking to the motion. The Mayor clarified that Councillor T Landsberg was speaking to the motion.

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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
Att 2 - March 2026 Capital Grant Funded Project Report

Council Resolution (OM26/23)

Moved: Councillor J Broderick

Seconded: Councillor E Hungerford

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

Carried unanimously.

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9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

NIL

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10 TABLING OF PETITIONS

10.1 PETITION - REQUEST FOR "NO STOPPING" YELLOW EDGE LINES AT VARDON POINT APARTMENTS MILLENNIUM COURT, PELICAN WATERS.

Council Resolution (OM26/24)

Moved: Councillor T Landsberg

Seconded: Councillor J Natoli

That the petition tabled by Councillor T Landsberg relating to the request for "No Stopping" Yellow Edge Lines at Vardon Point Apartments Millennium Court, Pelican Waters be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer to determine appropriate action.

Carried unanimously.

10.2 PETITION - RAL26/0023 & OPW26/0129 — 131–135 BURNETT STREET, BUDERIM (PROPOSED ACCESS VIA ST MARTINS TERRACE).

Council Resolution (OM26/25)

Moved: Councillor E Hungerford

Seconded: Councillor T Bunnag

That the petition tabled by Councillor E Hungerford relating to the request for RAL26/0023 & OPW26/0129 — 131–135 Burnett Street, Buderim (proposed access via St Martins Terrace) be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer to determine appropriate action.

Carried unanimously.

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11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

NIL

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12 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 21 May 2026 in the Sunshine Coast City Hall Chamber, 54 First Avenue, Maroochydore

13 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:07am.

Confirmed 21 May 2026.



CHAIR

Sunshine Coast Council

Chief Executive Officer's Report Quarter 3, 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 third quarterly progress report for the 2025-26 financial year, outlining the progress of activities for the period 1 January to 31 March 2026 in Council's Operational Plan 2025-26.



This quarter, 84 per cent of our Operational Plan 2025-26 activities are progressing as planned, with 9 activities completed, and 12 not meeting expected delivery timeframes or budget requirements. These challenges are being actively managed by the Executive Leadership Team and assessed for project feasibility, delivery timing and funding to support long-term financial sustainability.

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



During the quarter Council continued to progress key initiatives that advance our Corporate Plan 2025-30 and vision as Australia's most sustainable region. Connected. Liveable. Thriving. Highlights include:

- Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31 was endorsed, aimed to help improve the lives of young people.
- The Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve Lighting Management Plan was adopted and the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve application endorsed.
- Council resolved to transition SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd and its functions to Council, streamlining governance arrangements and reducing duplication to deliver better value for ratepayers.
- Ongoing planning and pre-delivery activities on major transport corridor upgrades progressed to support a safe, efficient and integrated transport network at Caloundra, Maroochydore, Buderim and Coolum.
- Council made a pre-budget submission to the Queensland Government Treasury, highlighting key Sunshine Coast priorities and responded to the Australian Government's Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability.

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 3, 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	3	17	-	-

Key activity highlights

Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31

- The Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31 was endorsed by Council at the March 2026 Ordinary Meeting to help prioritise actions that Council, together with young people and community partners, will take to improve the lives of young people.
- The Plan was informed by the voices and input of over 1,000 young people and co-designed and developed in collaboration with the 2025 Young Leaders Academy.
- Implementation of the Plan has commenced through the newly recruited Young Leaders Academy 2026, with 5 academy sessions held during the quarter focussing on leadership development, community involvement and peer connection, with strong, engaged participation from the cohort.

Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games

- The Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority awarded Architectus as the Principal Architect for the Sunshine Coast Stadium upgrade project, who aim to cement the Sunshine Coast’s identity on the world stage.
- The stadium upgrade will boost permanent seating to over 10,000 seats, with a new eastern grandstand and a rebuilt western grandstand, providing multi-purpose community spaces and amenities accessible to people of all abilities.
- The Sunshine Coast Citizens’ Panel met on 11 February 2026 to consider Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy.
- The Panel’s input is informing Council’s draft Legacy Action Plan, building on the region’s existing 10+10+ Vision developed by the 2032 Sunshine Coast Legacy Plan Community Reference Group.



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		9		6		2		1		1	

Key activity highlights

Dark Sky Reserve

- At Council’s March 2026 Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve Lighting Management Plan and endorsed the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve application for the proposed Dark Sky Reserve.
- The proposed reserve area would encompass almost 900 square kilometres in the Mary River Catchment and adjoining national parks within the local government area.
- The application will be formally submitted to Dark Sky International in Quarter 4, reinforcing Council’s commitment to sustainability, liveability, protection of the region’s unique character, and complementing the Sunshine Coast’s UNESCO Biosphere Reserve designation.

First Avenue Maroochydore streetscape upgrade

- Construction of the First Avenue, Maroochydore streetscape commenced in February 2026 to connect the established northern section of First Avenue and Maroochydore CBD, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, increase space for local businesses, and create shady, green streets.
- Frequent construction notifications were provided during the quarter, and a community liaison officer was appointed by the principal contractor to work closely with Council, the community and traders along First Avenue Maroochydore.

Coastal Hazard Adaptation Precinct Planning Investigations (CHAPP)

- Following a consultation period between 17 November and 12 December 2025, the Community Engagement Summary Report for the Golden Beach and Caloundra (Bulcock Beach) CHAPP was finalised and published on Council’s website.
- The engagement indicated that the community is passionate about issues related to coastal hazards and there is a strong recognition of the need for long-term coastal hazard adaptation in the area.
- Detail analysis of options including cost benefit analysis will continue to progress to inform ongoing planning and decision making.



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	8		1		1	

Key activity highlights

Maroochydore City Centre

- Council resolved to transition SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd - established to deliver the early stages of the city centre - and its functions to Council at the February 2026 Ordinary Meeting, providing streamlined governance arrangements and reduced duplication to deliver better value for ratepayers.
- Council will continue to provide strategic leadership and oversight of the Maroochydore City Centre, ensuring the project’s vision, community outcomes and sustainability objectives remain central to future development.
- Key projects within the City Centre continue to progress, including Maroochy Private Hospital and the 50 First Avenue commercial buildings by Walker Corporation reaching practical completion and welcoming their first tenants.

Regional investment and growth

- Council leveraged strategic infrastructure assets, including the Sunshine Coast Airport and the Maroochydore City Centre digital assets to support investment, business activity and regional economic growth, with key activities including:
 - promotion of the \$170 million Sunshine Coast Airport domestic terminal redevelopment
 - expansion of international and trade activities through Trade and Invest Queensland missions, export development programs and sister city engagements, and
 - delivery of targeted marketing activities, generating 69 leads, 51,363 impressions and 1,436 engagements.

Sunshine Coast Innovation Ecosystem

- The first event of the Innovation @ Altitude 2026 Event Series 'Start Here' was held on 25 March 2026 and attended by 110 participants with strong representation from business founders, industry leaders, investors, and newcomers to the region and innovation ecosystem.
- The sold-out session provided a clear, practical entry point into the Sunshine Coast's innovation landscape, improving visibility of ecosystem players, strengthening cross sector connections, and enabling participants to confidently engage with local innovation pathways.



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	2	12		2		1		1	

Key activity highlights

Road safety initiatives

- Council resolved 95 per cent of all traffic signal issues that were raised by the public and completed over 400 different road safety requests.
- Pacific Paradise, Currimundi and Golden Beach State Schools joined 11 other schools in the RideScore Active Schools Program, encouraging young people to choose active transport, promoting healthy choices and reducing the reliance on private vehicle trips.

Major corridor upgrade projects

- Council has continued its planning on major corridor upgrade projects to deliver a safe, efficient integrated transport system, including:
 - the commencement of the detailed design of the Sugar Road and Maud Street upgrade
 - construction tenders opened for the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade
 - community consultation outcomes on the Goshawk Boulevard Extension and tenders for detailed design are underway
 - environmental assessments commenced and collaboration with the Queensland Government continued regarding the delivery of the Sunshine Motorway connection to the extension of Suncoast Beach Drive, Mount Coolum.

Draft Active Transport Plan

- Following a community engagement period between 7 October and 3 November in 2025, a Summary Report for the draft Activity Transport Plan has been published on the 'Have your Say Sunshine Coast' project page.
- Feedback on the Plan and the draft Aspirational Active Transport Network Mapping will be considered as part of the finalisation of the Plan.



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	-	10	1	-	-	-

Key activity highlights

Financial sustainability

- Council continued to develop the 2026-27 Budget which included the prioritisation of services, activities and capital expenditure to position the organisation for long-term success.
- Council made a pre-budget submission to the Queensland Government Treasury, highlighting key Sunshine Coast priorities. These included:
 - Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre
 - Nambour Streetscape Project, and
 - improved public transport for the region.
- Council also responded to the Australian Government's Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability, highlighting challenges such as cost shifting, the growing expense of maintaining assets and the indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants to local governments.

The Adaptation Game (TAG)

- Council implemented The Adaptation Game, a localised community climate resilience tool designed to build understanding of climate risks, support adaptive decision-making, and spark meaningful conversations about climate preparedness.
- The new engagement tool is targeted at Council staff and the community, supporting Council’s broader Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program and contributing to a climate-ready organisation and region.

Customer Request Management System

- Council launched a new Customer Request Management System, Tibro, in February 2026, providing a modern, intuitive and future-ready platform to manage customer requests.
- Since implementation the system has improved staff efficiency and response times, creating additional capacity for high-value work and more responsive service delivery.

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.

- **48** community grant applications awarded, worth **\$61,140**
- **139,917** people attended community events at Council's venues
- **531** street trees planted as part of the Street Tree Master Plan
- **5,869 hectares** of landscape and garden beds maintained
- **17,956 tonnes** of greenhouse gases flared or combusted for power generation
- **\$74.4 million** spent with local businesses through procurement activities, representing **76%** of the available of procurement spend
- **1,761 businesses** accessed specialist advice and information
- **10 sponsored major events** generated an estimated economic impact of **\$17.2 million**
- **246** community land permits issued
- **\$4.3 million** invested in rehabilitating **10 kilometres** of roads for the safety of our community
- **89,055** customers assisted through our customer contact centres
- **6.90 out of 10** rating for experience with Council services
- **6.72 out of 10** rating - customers trust Council to act in the community's best interest.

Operational Plan Activities Report

Quarter 3 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.	75%			Healthy Sunshine Coast offered more than 90 regular inclusive health and wellbeing activities across the region. New activity types were added, including Qi Gong at Alexandra Headland and Maleny, and Laughter Yoga in Buderim. Program registrations increased to more than 9,000 participants, with the Facebook community growing to over 4,900. Results from the late-2025 participant survey showed strong positive outcomes, with 87% reporting improved wellbeing through the program and 87% noting the low-cost model enabled them to participate in activities they otherwise could not afford. The most common benefits included social connection, improved wellbeing, enjoyment, and better general fitness.	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.	75%			Council continues to advocate for the delivery of legacy outcomes through current infrastructure projects including venues, transport, other associated initiatives and procurement opportunities. In February, the Sunshine Coast Council Citizen's Panel met to consider the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy. The Citizens' Panel explored topics through dynamic information stations, had questions addressed by a Council Q&A panel, and shared ideas about how our involvement in the 2032 Games can deliver lasting benefit our region and community. The intent was to ensure that community voices directly inform Council's draft Legacy Action Plan, building on the region's existing 10+10+ Vision developed by the 2032 Sunshine Coast Legacy Plan Community Reference Group. The draft Sunshine Coast Legacy Action Plan will be presented to Council for consideration in the new financial year.	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.	75%			Council remains actively engaged in planning for the region's 2032 Games venues including the Sunshine Coast Stadium expansion. The Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority (GIICA) has responsibility for the delivery of this project and awarded the contract for design services during the quarter. 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 for review. Finalisation of these agreements is anticipated next quarter, 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. 	75%			The Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Network Plan was endorsed by Council in February 2026. A recommendation of the Plan is to establish an Indoor Sports Centre Advocacy Plan as a tool to attract funding contributions from the Australian and Queensland Governments, which is now live with a petition underway to source community support. Operational plans for Honey Farm Sport and Recreation Precinct are under development in anticipation of club relocations from early 2027. Formal tenures are in place with sporting clubs that will activate the Nirimba Rugby League Grounds and Baringa Sports Complex. A review of the Sunshine Coast Aquatic Plan will commence next quarter with engagement from current aquatic centre operators.	Community Strengthening

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Item 8.1 Quarterly Progress Report, Quarter 3 2025-26

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Appendix A Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 3, 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.	75%			Library+ Caloundra continues to operate successfully, with strong community engagement across both library and venue spaces. The library welcomed 85,000 visitors during the quarter, representing a 92% increase compared with the same quarter last financial year, and reactivated 1,804 memberships. Venue and meeting room bookings remained strong, with event bookings up 20% on last quarter to 217 events. Development of the Libraries Plan has progressed in readiness for completion and implementation next quarter. Work continues on the replacement mobile library vehicle and route review, with delivery expected early in the 2026-27 financial year.	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.	75%			Council delivered strong momentum across our venues, highlighted by two National Rugby League trial matches at Sunshine Coast Stadium, including Brisbane Broncos verse Sunshine Coast Falcons, and Melbourne Storm verse Gold Coast Titans, which drew a sellout crowd of 10,000 fans. The SummerSalt Music Festival with Ocean Alley as the headlining act was held on 15 March 2026 and attracted 6,000 attendees. Caloundra Indoor Stadium hosted the Spinners Wheelchair Basketball Camps, Aged and Disability Expo, and the first ever National Karate Championships, with 450 athletes over 5 days, bringing participants and spectators from across Australia. Attendance at community events was slightly higher overall compared to the same quarter last year, reflecting steady growth across Council managed venues. Notable increases were recorded at Caloundra Indoor Stadium (16%), Coolool Civic Centre (31%) and the Events Centre (28%). The Events Centre delivered a strong lineup of performances this quarter, including Celtic Thunder, Bernard Fanning, and Legally Blonde the Musical. Venue 114 also recorded positive results, including the Conscious Life Festival attracting 1,800 attendees, representing a 40% increase in attendees compared with last year's event.	Community Strengthening

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Appendix A Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 3, 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	75%			Council continued to work with the Queensland Government and community partners on responding to homelessness in Nambour, including progressing discussions on a potential Day Hub and supported accommodation options. The Nambour Winter Shelter Network has been formalised, with volunteer training scheduled and service commencement planned for June. Council also supported broader discussions on expanding seasonal shelter models across the region. The Sunny Coast Sleeper Bus commenced Monday-night safe sleeps in Nambour, with strong volunteer involvement from local organisations. Council supported local organisations exploring a day sanctuary model in Coolum Beach. Two wellbeing sessions were delivered with Library Services in Nambour and Beerwah to support people experiencing financial hardship and social isolation. Council officers continued regular outreach in Nambour, contributing to positive housing outcomes and fewer people sleeping in public spaces. The Amenity Pass Program, providing free access to showers at 9 aquatic centres, was reinstated this quarter.	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 Marcoola Affordable Housing Project were completed in Quarter 2 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.	75%			Implementation of the Sunshine Coast Council Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) progressed with actions delivered across all pillars. Council strengthened partnerships with Traditional Custodians, including a vision-setting workshop between its executives and the Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation. Work advanced on a First Nations Engagement Framework to support consistent, coordinated engagement. Council supported the establishment of a community-led Sunshine Coast NAIDOC Committee to guide regional celebrations. Work also began to clarify Council's responsibilities under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act and Native Title Act. Council exceeded its annual target for First Nations community grant applications, receiving 17 applications attributed to improved support and communication. A First Nations Procurement Strategy is currently in development to increase procurement from First Nations businesses. A quarterly RAP Dashboard was introduced to track progress against targets and priority actions and is shared with the Stretch RAP Working Group and First Nations Community Advisory Group to demonstrate Council's progress against the RAP.	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.	75%			Council continued progressing key actions under the All Abilities Action Plan 2024-28. Planning advanced in partnership with Carers Queensland to deliver 2 upcoming disability-awareness workshops in May and June for Council staff. Preparation also continued for the 2026 All Access Day in the Park at Buderim, with disability-sector organisations contributing to program design and accessibility considerations. The event aims to showcase inclusive recreation options, adaptive equipment and accessible community spaces, helping to increase public understanding of disability inclusion. A total of 49 beach wheelchair bookings were made across accessible beach sites. Two presentations on the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Initiative were delivered to over 40 STEPS students during March. These sessions helped young people understand how the initiative supports people with hidden disabilities and what the presence of the Sunflower symbol signifies in public venues. Council also continued the use of the Cerge digital accessibility platform across its venues with more than 998,000 visits to sensory guides, communication boards and virtual venue tours, reflecting growing community demand for practical, user-friendly accessibility information.	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.	100%			The Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31 was presented and adopted by Council at the March 2026 Ordinary Meeting. Informed by the voices and input of over 1,000 young people and co-designed and developed in collaboration with the 2025 Young Leaders Academy, the plan contains 18 actions for Council to implement, alongside young people and community partners, to improve the lives of young people aged 12-24 years. Implementation of the Plan has commenced through the newly recruited Young Leaders Academy 2026, with 5 academy sessions held during the quarter focussing on leadership development, community involvement and peer connection, with strong, engaged participation from the cohort. Council staff have continued working alongside this group of young leaders, supporting them to build skills, contribute ideas, and strengthen their capacity to 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.	75%			Work progressed on the Shine a Light on Racism campaign, including sharing the updated campaign strategy with partners and advancing a proposed collaboration with Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service. The campaign was promoted at 2 community events and attracted a 50% increase in community pledges. Harmony Week was delivered in partnership with community organisations and libraries, with 17 community-led events held across the region and the launch of the new Welcoming Workplaces Network for Council staff. Council continued strengthening relationships with multicultural and faith communities, including the delivery of the February Ordinary Meeting blessing by the Sunshine Coast Jewish community. The Multicultural Advisory Group met, and recruitment commenced for 2 new mentee positions. Foundational work for Welcoming Cities accreditation was completed, including internal stakeholder mapping and project scoping. Council also supported planning for the regional Career and Employment Expo by convening a cross-sector working group and progressing preparations. Engagement continued through the Mayoral Alliance for the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme to support the wellbeing and integration of PALM workers across the region.	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.	75%			The fourth session of the Sunshine Coast Citizens' Panel was hosted on 11 February 2026. The in-person session focused on the topic of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy. The valuable insights received will help to inform Council's Legacy Action Plan, currently in development. All panel feedback reports are available for viewing on Council's website. Planning was also finalised for delivery of the fifth panel session to be hosted on 1 April and will focus on how Council can better understand, discuss and engage with the community on planning for growth. Early preparation for the Excellence in Engagement Framework review is underway, with benchmarking and project planning progressing, alongside continuing to embed best practice engagement across the organisation with the annual Excellence in Engagement Framework training hosted over 4 days throughout March to 25 Council officers enhancing their engagement capabilities.	Community Strengthening

Strategic Pathway: Connected, resilient communities





Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
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.	75%			The 2026 Horizon Festival was launched on 25 February 2026 with a program that includes 35 multi-art events across 13 locations from 1 to 10 May 2026, spanning dance and performance, live music, visual art, immersive food experiences, First Nations-led gatherings, family adventures and workshops, with visitor attendance projected at over 24,000. Three citizenship ceremonies were held this quarter for 1,019 conferees and 921 guests. The Sunshine Coast Australia Day Community Awards were held on 23 January 2026 attended by 320 people. Nominations for the 2026 Sunshine Coast Biosphere Awards were launched in March, with the ceremony taking place on 26 June 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.	75%			A total of \$61,140 was allocated to the community through 48 funding applications, which is comparable to the same period last year. This included 4 Emergency grants totalling \$10,109 and 11 Individual Development grants to the value of \$3,950 through the Community Grants Program. One Festive and Commemorative Events grant was awarded to a single-year grant recipient to the value of \$3,200. Additionally, 32 Councillor Discretionary Funding Program grants for one-off projects were awarded to the amount of \$43,881. A total of 1,008 community volunteers will be engaged in these funded projects and activities with total project costs equating to \$305,176. In line with the opening of the second Major and Minor grants round for the 2025-26 financial year, a series of grant writing workshops and a grants network and information evening were held with the aim of increasing participant confidence and capabilities in grant writing and project planning, while also showcasing Council's grants programs and external grant funding opportunities. Positive evaluation feedback was received with over 76% of participants finding the content very useful or extremely useful and rating the event as excellent or very good.	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.	75%			Council delivered coordinated disaster management outcomes through proactive planning, targeted preparedness activities and proportionate response operations, with early recovery considerations integrated. Progress continued on a structured, evidence-based review of the Local Disaster Management Plan to strengthen governance, capability and community resilience. The Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) was supported through scheduled meetings and executive briefings.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets

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1.4.4	Deliver initiatives that raise awareness and understanding of domestic and family violence in collaboration with community organisations and government agencies.	75%			Council worked closely with community partners throughout the quarter to shape a coordinated program for Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month in May 2026. This includes collaboration with the Red Rose Foundation and local organisations to bring Coolum's first Red Bench to Tickle Park, providing a visible reminder of the importance of DFV awareness in public spaces. Council and community partners also continued to coordinate planning for the annual DFV Candlelight Vigil and March, supporting broad community participation and shared reflection. Alongside this, joint work continued with Sunshine Coast Lightning on the DFV Prevention Round, which will feature awareness activities and resource distribution in partnership with DV Safe Phone, Zonta Sunshine Coast and Centacare. Further collaborative efforts progressed on a DFV-themed community art initiative, set to be displayed across Council libraries during May to encourage community engagement with DFV prevention messages. These actions reflect Council's ongoing commitment to working with local organisations to deliver a united and meaningful approach to DFV Prevention Month.	Community Strengthening

Strategic Pathway: Creative, innovative communities



Code	Activity	Progress	On Time	On Budget	Activity Update	Lead Directorate
1.5.1	Deliver prioritised actions from the Sunshine Coast Creative Arts Plan 2023-2038, including: <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. 	75%			Applications for the Regional Arts Development Fund opened this quarter with an information session held for 40 attendees. The Creative Industries Investment Program, which provides funding to organisations and groups to deliver arts and cultural initiatives to develop the local arts ecology and provide cultural benefit to the region also opened for expressions of interest this quarter. Two exhibitions were held at Caloundra Regional Gallery and one exhibition at Maroochydhore Artspace with total attendance of 5,662 people. MadeSC, a creative and professional development program supporting 21 Sunshine Coast independent artists and 8 arts workers this quarter in creative businesses and arts organisations with residencies, training, mentorship, capacity development and marketing. The Council of Mayors South-East Queensland Public Art Grant of \$1 million was signed off by the Minister for Education and the Arts with funds to support Mooloolaba Foreshore and Library+ Caloundra projects.	Community Strengthening

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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. 	75%			<p>Bankfoot House and Landsborough Museum collaboratively developed exhibitions and programs to optimise visitation including 'On the Heights', highlighting the story of the Clark sisters and their connection to mountain climbing and Bankfoot House. Community requests for built heritage advice were supported for Buderim Pioneer Cottage, Currimundi Lake archaeological material and Maleny Hotel. A Service Level Agreement with the Queensland Museum has engaged professional Museum Development Officers to deliver workshops to our heritage network. The heritage sector was supported through regional marketing programs including school holiday promotions and update and distribution of over 3,000 Heritage Discovery Guides this quarter. Programs delivered include 6 Pioneer Play sessions, 2 school groups for educational programs, 2 heritage talks, Puppet Story Time, Rock Climbing Wall, and 'Around the Track: A Grassroots to Glory Exhibition' leading up the 2032 Games was shown at Landsborough Museum. The Regional Collections Storage Facility project has been paused whilst the project undergoes review. Visitation this financial year to date totals 4,271 for Bankfoot House (30% increase from same period last year) and 6,065 for Landsborough Museum (34% increase from same period last year).</p>	Community Strengthening

