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Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

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Financial Performance Report

April 2025



April 2025 Operating Result

- Council's operating result at the end of April 2025 of \$88.1 million is below the current budget by \$1.3 million.
- The variance consists of:
 - Revenue below budget by \$2.6 million
 - Expenses below budget by \$1.3 million

April 2025 Operating Result

Revenue

Fees and Charges below budget \$1.1 million

- Impact of tropical cyclone Alfred:
 - Holiday Parks below budget \$699,000
- Development Application Fees below budget \$1.1 million
- Resource Recovery Recyclables \$419,000 higher than budget

Interest Received from Investments \$1.4 million lower than budget

April 2025 Operating Result

Expenditure

Contracts **below budget** for:

- *Transport Network Operations \$535,000*
- *Digital and Information Services \$613,000*
- *Parks and Gardens \$620,000*

Quarry **below budget** \$1 million

Street Lighting Electricity **below budget** \$520,000

Levy Projects **below budget** for Environment Levy and Transport Levy

Projects **below budget** by \$900,000

April 2025 Capital Program Result

Capital Works Program has progressed 75.7%

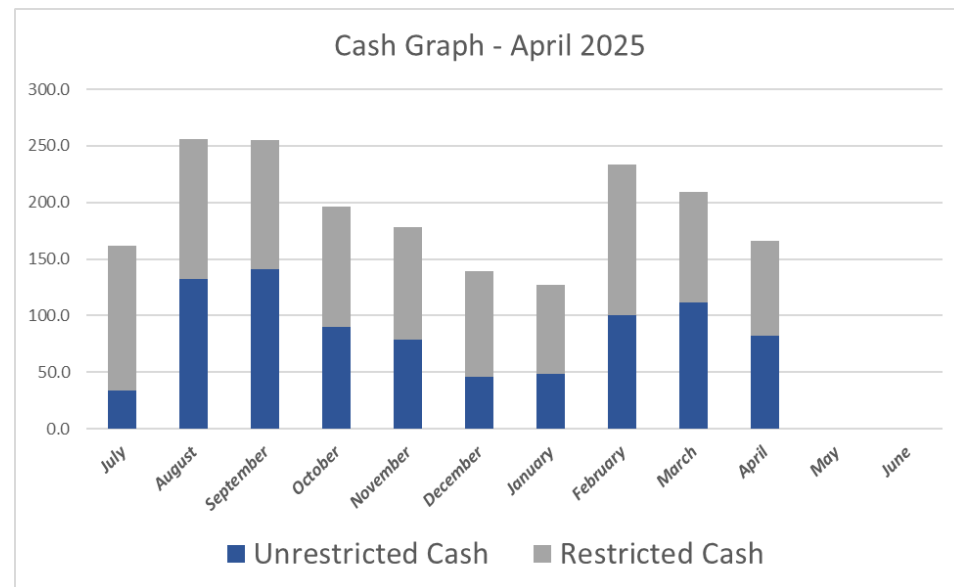
- **\$203.2 million** of Council's \$268.4 million Capital Works Program has been financially expended.
- **\$119.3 million** of the \$152.4 million Core Capital Works Program has been spent which is 78.3% of the budget

Cash Flows

Council Cash

- Council's cash at 30 April is **\$166.5 million**

- *Unrestricted cash \$82.6 million*
- *Restricted cash \$83.9 million*



Debt

Council Debt

- Council's debt at 30 April is **\$421 million**
 - *Debt repayment made during February \$12.8 million*
- Anticipated new borrowings for 2024-25 are **\$23.2 million**

Investment Performance

Investments

- Council currently has 3 term deposits totalling \$70 million
- Term deposits mature within 30 days
- Weighted average interest rate return of 4.87%

Financial Performance Report

Risk

The 2024-25 budget has been developed to ensure long term financial sustainability for the Sunshine Coast region. A key element to long term financial sustainability is achieving the targeted operating result.

The following items need continued attention:

- The achievement of revenue targets
- The delivery of the \$9.9 million in savings initiatives included in the operating result, of which \$8.1 million is attributed to the Employee Vacancy Rate.

Failure to achieve the budgeted operating result will negatively impact Council's financial sustainability both in the short term and long term.

Continued monitoring of the delivery of the capital works program within budgeted scope and cost.



Officer Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report titled “April 2025 Financial Performance Report”

Thanks for your time



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Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates

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Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates

- The *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3, applies where some of the overdue rates and charges have remained unpaid for a period of at least three years and allows a local government to sell the land on which the rates or charges were levied (Sale of Land procedures).
- As the Sale of Land procedures progress the number of properties with overdue rates and charges will continue to reduce as landowners take action to pay their rates.
- Over the last four years only one property has been auctioned as an outcome of the Sale of Land procedures and the property was not occupied.

Year	Number of Properties subject to the Sale of Land process in January	Number of Properties subject to the Sale of Land process as detailed in the May Ordinary Meeting Report	Amount of rates and charges overdue as detailed in the May Ordinary Meeting Report	Number of Properties Auctioned
2021	77	51	\$758,663	1 – vacant property
2022	56	29	\$291,743	Nil
2023	67	45	\$494,676	Nil
2024	57	17	\$205,774	Nil
2025	62	14	\$190,343	

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Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates

- 14 properties are included within the Sale of Land process, with some of the overdue rates and charges unpaid for a period of at least three years, totalling \$190,343

Rate Category Group	Number of Properties	Number of Properties with a Mortgage
Principal Place of Residence – owner occupied	10	9
Not Principal Place of Residence – not owner occupied	4	2
Total Properties	14	11

- The majority of properties subject to the Sale of Land procedures have a mortgage. In all instances in the past where a property has a mortgage, the rates have been paid in full by the mortgagee to protect their interests.

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Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates

- Prior communication issued to property owners included an advisory letter in January 2025 issued with the Rate Notice and a second letter issued in March 2025. The subsequent letters and further extensive follow-up actions have resulted in 48 properties being removed from the Sale of Land list.
- In the event that Council approves the recommendations in this report, the legislation directs the following timelines:
 - First statutory notice – Notice of Intention to Sell to be issued in June 2025,
 - Second statutory notice – Auction Notice to be issued in September 2025, and
 - Sale of Land auction (if required) to occur in October 2025.
- Should the recommendation be approved by Council, landowners may prevent the sale of the property by paying all overdue rates and charges and all expenses that Council has incurred in attempting to sell the land.

Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates

Officer Recommendation:

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled "**Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates** " and*
- b) pursuant to Section 140(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 sell the land where some or all of the rates or charges for the land have been overdue for at least three years as at 31 December 2024 in accordance with Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to recover outstanding rates and charges, and*
- c) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take all further steps under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to effect the sale of the land procedures, including for the avoidance of doubt the power to end the sale procedures.*

Thank you



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Investment, Debt and Revenue Policies for 2025-26

May 2025

2025 Investment, Debt and Revenue Policies

Purpose

The *Local Government Regulation 2012*, sections 191 to 193 requires Council to prepare an Investment Policy, Debt Policy and Revenue Policy annually.

The policies form part of the Council's overall system of financial management, as required under section 104(5)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Section 169(2)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council include a Revenue Policy in the annual budget.

There have been no changes to the existing Investment Policy, Debt Policy or Revenue Policy.

2025-26 Investment Policy

Legislative requirements

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 191 requires Council to prepare an Investment Policy annually.

This policy forms part of the Council's overall system of financial management, as required under section 104(5)(c)(i) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

The Investment Policy sets the boundaries of investment and includes the overall philosophy and strategy for investment of surplus funds, along with detailed guidelines and procedures for officers in the application of the policy.

Council's overall philosophy is that priority is given to the presentation of capital invested over investment returns.

There have been no changes compared to the previous policy.

2025-26 Investment Policy

Investment parameters and guidelines

Council investments are limited to those prescribed by Part 6 of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* (SBFAA) for local governments with Category 2 investment powers, which allows for investment with Queensland Treasury Corporation or Queensland Investment Corporation, along with a range of other higher-rated counterparties without further approval.

The SBFAA includes a list of prohibited investments that require Treasurer approval including derivative based instruments, non-Australian dollars and maturity maximum greater than three years.

2025-26 Investment Policy

Principles

Council will maintain an active investment strategy with the following goals:

- Maximise investment returns from investment activities
- Exceed the benchmark of the Bloomberg AusBond Bill (BAUBIL) Index
- Invest only in investments as authorised under current legislation
- Invest only with approved institutions
- Invest to protect capital value of investments

Consideration will be given to ethical investment principles in determining the approved counterparty lists for investment of funds.

2025-26 Debt Policy

Legislative requirements

The *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 192 requires Council to prepare a Debt Policy annually. This policy forms part of the council's overall system of financial management as required under section 104(5)(c)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Council's borrowing activities are governed by the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, and the Debt Policy provides clear guidelines for loan raising, requiring an assessment of the impact of any borrowing decision on Council's long-term financial sustainability.

The Debt Policy is reviewed annually as part of the Budget Development process.

There have been no changes to the existing policy.

2025-26 Debt Policy

Borrowing purposes

New borrowings will only be made to fund capital expenditure, for a period of less than or equal to the estimated useful life of the asset(s) and for no more than 20 years.

- Council will not utilise loan funding to finance operating activities or recurrent expenditure.
- Council undertakes full analysis of all funding options as outlined in Council's Long-Term Financial Forecast, including a forward program of capital works, to determine loan funding requirements.
- Council recognises that infrastructure demands placed upon Council can often only be met through borrowings but will always be mindful of the additional cost incurred by the community when assets are acquired through borrowings, as this increases the cost of providing capital infrastructure.

2025-26 Debt Policy

Borrowing purposes

- Council will endeavour to fund all capital renewal projects from operating cash flows and borrow only for new or upgrade capital projects, having regard to sound financial management principles and considering inter-generational equity for the funding of long-term infrastructure projects.
- Where capital expenditure is deferred from one year to the next, the drawdown of approved loan funds will be reviewed to minimise interest expenses.
- Borrowing for infrastructure that provide the opportunity for a return on assets will take priority over borrowings for other assets.

2025-26 Revenue Policy

Legislative requirements

Section 169(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that Council include in a Revenue Policy in the budget.

A local government must review its Revenue Policy annually and in sufficient time to allow an annual budget that is consistent with the Revenue Policy to be adopted for the next financial year.

The 2025-26 Revenue Policy, in accordance with section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, sets out the principles used by Council for:

- Levying rates and charges
- Granting concessions for rates and charges
- Recovering overdue rates and charges
- Cost-recovery methods

There have been no changes to the existing policy.

2025-26 Revenue Policy

Principles

In levying rates and charges, Council will apply the principles of:

- Consistency, by scheduling the issue of rate notices on a half yearly basis
- Communication, by advising ratepayers about rate notice issue dates and payment dates
- Clarity, by providing meaningful information on rate notices to enable ratepayers to clearly understand their responsibilities
- Flexibility, by providing payment arrangements to ratepayers in financial difficulty, along with a wide array of payment options

2025-26 Revenue Policy

Principles

In making and levying rates and charges, Council will be guided by the principles of:

- Equitable distribution of the differential general rates burden as broadly as possible
- Transparency in the making and levying of rates
- Flexibility, to take account of changes in the local economy
- Clarity in terms of responsibilities (Council's and ratepayers') regarding the rating process
- National Competition Policy legislation where applicable
- Having in a place a rating regime that is efficient to administer

Accordingly, the principles contained within the Revenue Policy are applied in the determination of the Revenue Statement, rates, fees and charges.

2025-26 Investment, Debt and Revenue Policies

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report titled "Investment, Debt and Revenue Policies for 2025-26",
- b) Adopt the 2025-26 Investment Policy (Appendix A),
- c) Adopt the 2025-26 Debt Policy (Appendix B), and
- d) Adopt the 2025-26 Revenue Policy (Appendix C).

Thanks for your time



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2025-26 General Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges

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Fees and Charges

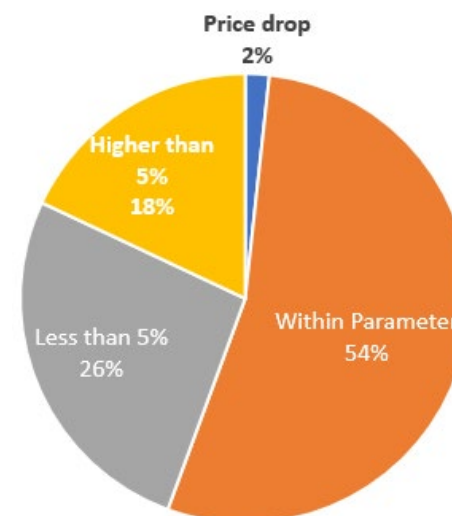
- Cost-recovery fees covered under Section 97(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 (LGA) including fees for:
 - a) Application for licence, permit, registration or other approval under the LGA
 - b) Recording a change of ownership of land;
 - c) Providing information kept under the LGA;
 - d) Seizing property or animals under the LGA; and
 - e) The performance of another responsibility under the LGA
 - f) These fees are required to be set equal to or less than the cost of providing the service
- Charges which are commercial in nature covered under Section 263(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009

Fees and Charges

- Budget parameter of 2.5% price increase
- General fees and commercial charges for 2025-26 have a forecast revenue of \$59 million
- 1,455 fees covering 34 areas of Council, made up of:
 - 241 cost-recovery fees
 - 1,214 commercial fees
- Cost-recovery fees are reviewed using Activity Based Costing methodology to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 2009

Highlights

- Majority of fees stay within the 2.5% parameter
 - 54% of fees up to 2.5% increase in price
 - 2% of fees reduced in price
 - 26% of fees from 2.5% - 5% increase in price
 - 18% of fees increase higher than 5%
- Holiday Parks have implemented a Price on Application (POA) fee structure to enable the Holiday Parks Business Unit to be more agile and responsive to market conditions, while also facilitating the provision of re-booking prices for new reservations.
- Introduction of 65 Caloundra Library Plus Fees
 - Includes hire fees for various rooms, including the old Caloundra chambers
 - Standard, community group, and not for profit rates available
- Introduction of Monthly and Annual Commuter Parking fees for Multideck Carparks



Fees and Charges

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled “Register of General Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges 2025-26”
- (b) adopt the fees detailed in the Register of General Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges 2025-26 (Appendix A)
- (c) resolve that, in relation to those cost-recovery fees to which Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009 apply:
 - i. the applicant is the person liable to pay these fees
 - ii. the fee must be paid at or before the time the application is lodged, and
- (d) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power
 - i. to amend commercial charges to which Section 262(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009 apply and
 - ii. to determine a reasonable fee based on cost recovery principles when a price on application is requested.

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Development Services Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges 2025/26

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Updates to 2025/26 Register

- Under the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council can set cost recovery fees for services such as the processing of a development application.
- Council has a statutory obligation to ensure cost recovery fees do not exceed the cost to undertake the services.
- An average increase of 4% is proposed for the majority of the fees in the 2025/26 Register.
- Fees proposed to be decreased or increased more than 4% are outlined in the Development Services Comparison of 2024/25 Fees and Charges to 2025/26 (Attachment 1).

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2025/26 Register – New Fees

- Section 2.6 Refund of Fees – new refund process outlined when withdrawing a Development Information or Advice Services request.
- Section 3.1.1 Written advice to confirm accepted development or prohibited development – new fee to provide a specific services for landowners to confirm when they don't require a development application - \$365 for dwelling house or dual occupancy uses or \$640 for all other uses.
- Section 3.2.3 Priority Residential Assessment Services (PRAS) prelodgement meeting or eligibility confirmation meeting – new fee to review proposals and to assist with any minor non-compliances with eligibility requirements; \$365 for dwelling house or dual occupancy uses or \$640 for all other uses.

2025/26 Register – New Fees (cont.)

- Section 10.2.2 Operational Work relating to only one specific internal work associated with a Material Change of Use (e.g. earthwork, stormwater, landscaping, car parking, driveways, minor verge work and infrastructure connections) – new fee as requested by industry/customer - \$1,250.
- Section 15.2.8 Cancellation of development approval – new fee introduced based on several instances over the past year when we have received this request - \$530 for dwelling house and dual occupancy uses or \$1,140 for all other uses.
- Section 15.3.2 Extension of currency period for a development approval requiring assessment against a different planning scheme under which the approval was issued – new fee to prepare for the adoption of the new planning scheme - 25% of the application fee or a minimum fee of \$4,935.

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2025/26 Register – Updated Fees

- Section 3.2.2 Design advice meeting – update fees to include new Council Guide for Apartments and Townhouses and also Local Heritage Place design advice.
- Section 3.2.4 Pre-lodgement meeting services – updated fees to include a Council Development Engineer in all meetings to support the Council Development Planners.
- Section 3.3.4 Plan sealing pre-assessment services – updated fees to provide a range of fees based on the number of conditions requiring pre-sign off.

2025/26 Register – Updated Fees (cont.)

- Section 4.1 Planning and Development Certificates – updated fees to ensure cost recovery for services provided - Limited Certificates \$495, Standard \$1,395 and Full Certificates based on land value.
- Section 6 Material Change of Use – updated fees for:
 - Dwelling Unit - \$1,395
 - Showroom – increment \$10 and capping 6,000m²
 - Bulk landscape supplies, Low impact industry, Marine industry, Medium impact industry, Research and technology industry, Service industry, Special industry, Transport depot, Warehouse – increment \$5 and capping 3,000m²
 - Childcare centre, Community care centre, Community use, Place of worship – capping \$2,000m²
- Section 10.1.1 Operational Work relating to Reconfiguring a Lot calculated per component – updated fees based on industry/applicant feedback to improve the lot ranges for fees.

Maintain Existing Fee Incentives

- Council will continue to provide a range of existing fee incentives already included in the current Register (Section 2), including:
 - Not-for-profit organisation - fee reduction of changed from 75% to 50%.
 - Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct - discounted application fee by 50% for a Theatre, Bar, Nightclub or Hotel use.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report titled "Development Services Register of Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges 2025-26".
- b) Adopt the fees detailed in the Development Services Register of Cost-recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for Sunshine Coast Council 2025-26 in Appendix A.
- c) Resolve that, in relation to those cost recovery fees to which Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* apply:
 - i. The applicant is the person liable to pay these fees.
 - ii. The fee must be paid at or before the time the application is lodged.
- d) Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power:
 - i. To amend commercial charges to which section 262(3) (c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* apply.
 - ii. To determine a reasonable fee based on cost recovery principles when a price on application is requested.

Thank you



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Queensland Audit Office First Interim Management Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025

Item 8.7

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Queensland Audit Office

First Interim Management Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025

Audit Schedule

- Planning - January 2025
- **First Interim - March 2025**
 - Assessment of control environment
- Second Interim Audit - June 2025
- Final Audit - September 2025

Legislative Requirements

- Statutory obligation to prepare General Purpose Financial Statements subject to audit by the Queensland Auditor-General (or representative)
- Audit Reports are first presented to Council's Audit Committee
- Section 213(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that the report be presented to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council

Results of the First Interim Audit 2025

Internal control assessment

The First Interim Audit assessed the design and implementation of Council's internal controls relevant to the financial report, and whether they are operating effectively.

The Queensland Audit Office assess the key controls they intend to rely on in auditing Council's financial statements.

Based on the results of Queensland Audit Office testing to date, and the resolution of some prior year issues, the auditors have determined Council's internal control environment supports and audit strategy where they can rely on Council's controls.

Results of the First Interim Audit 2025

Outstanding issues

A summary of outstanding issues as well as their status is below.

One new issue has been identified for the 2024-25 audit.

Item	Status
Internal controls	2 prior year Significant Deficiencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 resolved; 1 due 31 August 2025 1 new Deficiency due 31 July 2025 8 prior year Deficiencies due this calendar year 1 prior year Other Matter due 1 September 2025
Financial reporting issues	Nil
Milestones	On track
Audit fees	On track

Audit Schedule

Critical Dates

2 – 13 June 2025	Second Interim Audit
8 – 26 September 2025	Final Audit
15 October 2025	Council certification of the 2024-25 financial statements and current year financial sustainability statement prior to the statutory deadline of 31 October
13 November 2025	Council adoption of the 2024-25 audited financial statements

Implementation

All identified audit issues will be stored in Council's corporate reporting system with implementation to be monitored by the Audit Committee.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report titled "Queensland Audit Office First Interim Management Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025".

Thanks for your time



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Healthy Coast Management Plan

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Environment and Liveability Strategy - Coastal



Coastal

Outcome 2041:

Our coastal areas are healthy, resilient to climate change impacts and support sustainable use.

Target:

Maintain and improve the health of our coast to good or excellent grade by 2041.

Environment & Liveability Strategy 2023

10. Delivering a healthy coast

Provide a strategic and coordinated approach to the protection, sustainable use and enjoyment of our dunes, beaches, rocky shores and near-shore marine waters.

- ***10.1 Develop and implement a Healthy Coast Management Plan***

11. Expanding our green space

Secure and activate space for future generations to improve conservation, flood mitigation and sport and recreation opportunities.

- ***11.1 Plan, protect and manage our five major green spaces: including the Coast***

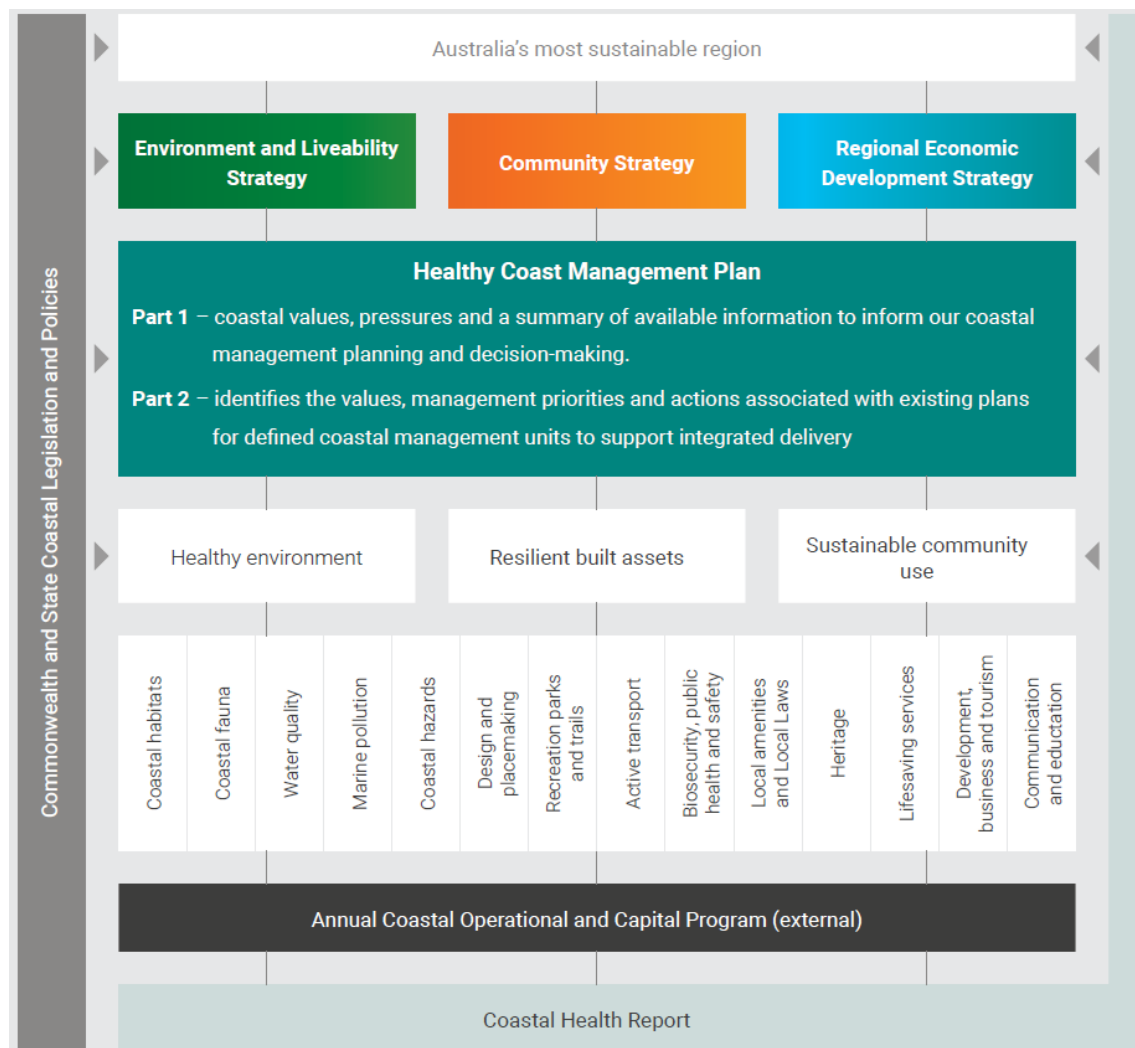
Healthy Coast Management Plan

A new plan that outlines how the Coast's values are protected, maintained, and improved now and into the future

- Sustain and enhance public environment, built assets and sustainable use values
- Respond to population growth and climate change
- Brings together our coastal strategies, plans and actions



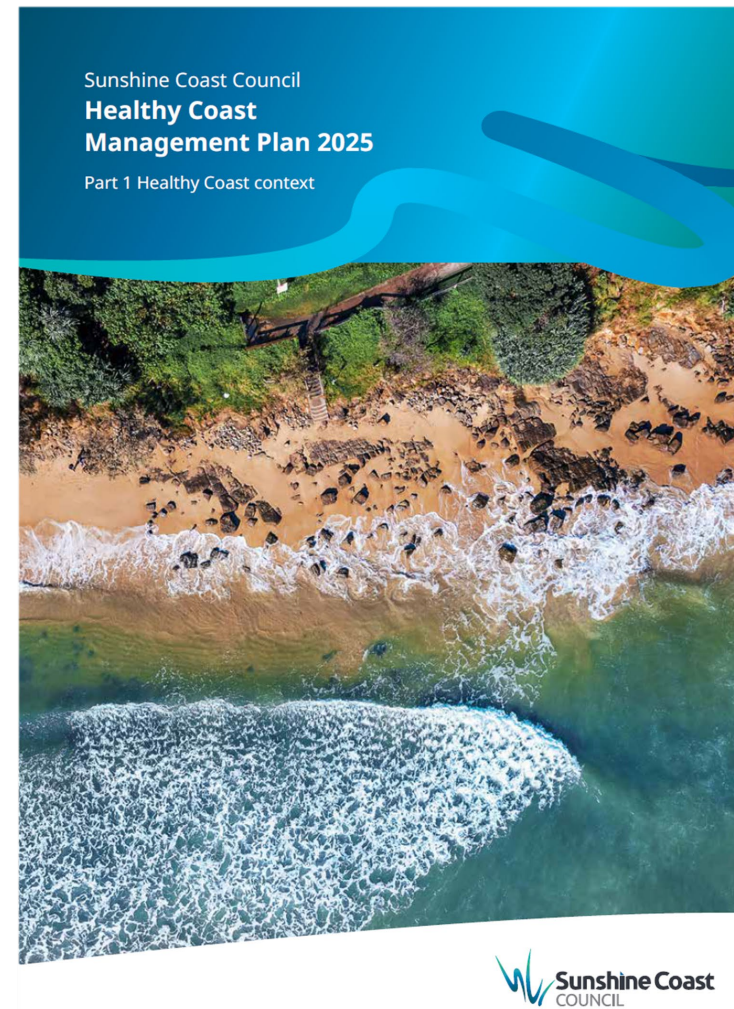
Strategic approach



Part 1- Healthy Coast context

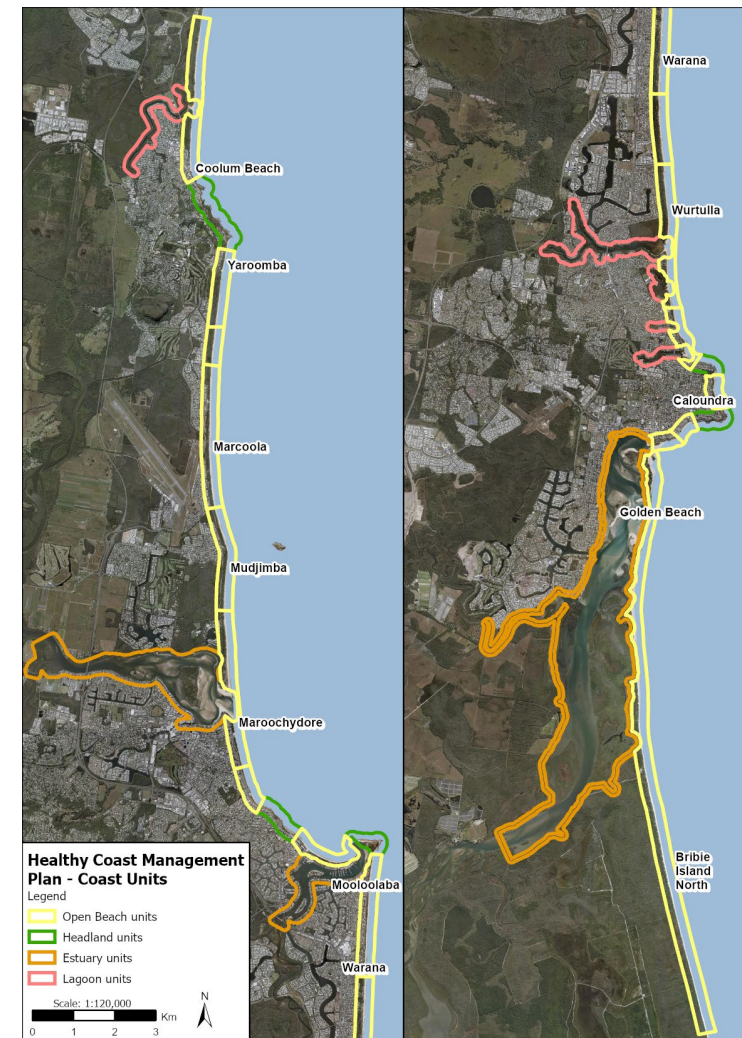
Information about the Coast to inform decision making: -

- Purpose
- Healthy Coast values
(environmental, cultural, recreation, built asset)
- Pressures on the Coast
(coastal hazards, climate change, population growth)




Part 2- Healthy Coast management

- Individual Coast units and segments
 - Coastal features, values, pressures, and understanding
 - Management priorities



Management priorities

Coastal Health Report



Management overview

Coolool Beach – Open Beach Unit O1

Description

Coolool Beach Unit extends from the northern border of the Sunshine Coast local government area (adjacent to the intersection of David Low Way and Emu Mountain Road) to the northern end of Point Perry. The unit includes the natural values of the pristine Noosa National Park and Council environment reserves, before stretching south to the comfortable and relaxed coastal lifestyle values of the commercial and residential areas adjacent to the Coolool township. The unit consists of three management segments: O1A Coolool Beach (northern Council boundary to Stumers Creek); O1B Coolool Beach (Stumers Creek to Coolool Beach Holiday Park); and O1C Coolool Beach (Coolool Beach Holiday Park to north end of rocky foreshore).

Key pressures

The use of this unit from residents and visitors and the associated demand on the natural and built assets requires an ongoing management focus. This may be exacerbated by the creation of a major transport hub in Coolool West. The unit will continue to be exposed to increased coastal erosion.

Management statement

Management priorities are focused on maintaining and improving the natural values through habitat protection and managing inappropriate uses, protecting important public assets in the foreshore area and the Coolool Beach Holiday Park from coastal erosion, and enhancing the community's access to and connection with open space. Increased coastal management services may be required south of the Coolool Beach Holiday Park to address the increased demand.

Management priorities

Management function	Management priorities	O1A	O1B	O1C
Biorecognition	Implement coastal fox control program	•	•	•
Coastal Fauna	Manage SLSC floodlighting impacts on turtle nesting			•
Coastal habitats	Manage impacts from illegal camping		•	
Recreation parks and trails	Undertake landscape works for Lions and Norrie Job Park		•	
	Address recreation shortfalls, including teenage and young adult play		•	
Recreation parks and trails	Undertake Coolool Connections placemaking activities			•
Coastal hazards	Manage CoastSnap monitoring location at beach access 77			•
	Undertake sand profiling as required from Coolool Beach Holiday Park to Coolool SLSC (SEMP priority)			•
	Prepare new engineering plans for replacement of existing seawall at Coolool SLSC (SEMP priority)			•
	Design and renew vehicle access ramp at Coolool SLSC (SEMP priority)			•

Coastal Health Report 2023

Overall health	Good
Biodiversity	Fair
Beach and buffer	Excellent
Public benefits	Excellent

Overall health is good. Coolool Beach has fair biodiversity and provides excellent beach and dune buffer widths and public benefits.

Additional information

Lions-Norrie Job Park Coolool Landscape Plan, Coolool Local Area Parking Plan 2017.

Community groups

Coolool SLSC, Coolool and North Shore Coast Care, Coolool Boardriders Club, Coolool Business and Tourism Association.

Segment information

Segment = O1A Coolool Beach

Description	North Council boundary to Stumers Creek	
Coastal features	• Excellent dune width	• Adjoining coastal creeks and wetlands
Environment values	• Dominated by natural environmental values	• Ecosystems: Foredune complex (12.2.14), Sedgeland coastal swamps (12.2.15), Open forest beach ridges (12.2.5), threatened plants <i>Acacia cincinnata</i> and <i>Casuarina emuina</i>
	• Environment and Liveability Strategy and Biodiversity Report identifies the vegetation north of Stumers Creek as primary core habitat and medium stepping stone connecting habitat south of Stumers Creek	• Core koala habitat area
	• Noosa National Park	
Built assets	–	
Sustainable use values	• Locally popular recreation area, containing dog walking, fishing and surfing locations	• Beach access 68
	• Bathing reserve	• Dog off leash area
Key pressures	Existing: Use and demand from residents and visitors.	Coastal hazards: Increased future exposure to open coast erosion

Segment = O1B Coolool Beach

Description	Stumers Creek to Coolool Beach Holiday Park.	
Coastal features	• Excellent dune width	
Environment values	• Stumers Creek Bushland Reserve	• Ecosystems: Foredune complex (12.2.14), Open forest beach ridges (12.2.5 Of Concern), <i>Melaleuca</i> sand plains (12.2.7), threatened plants <i>Casuarina emuina</i>
Built assets	–	
Sustainable use values	• Locally popular recreation area, containing dog off leash areas, fishing and surfing locations	• Dog off leash area
	• Bathing reserve	• Lions and Norrie Job Park
	• Beach accesses 70-71	• Commercial permits: tandem skydiving and parachute landings, beach equipment hire, learn to surf lessons
Key pressures	Existing: Use and demand from residents and visitors.	Coastal hazards: Increased future exposure to open coast erosion

Segment = O1C Coolool Beach

Description	Coolool Beach Holiday Park to north end of rocky foreshore.	
Coastal features	• Excellent dune width along north end of Coolool Beach Holiday Park, narrowing to the south	• Natural rock present along the shoreline between Point Perry and the Coolool SLSC provides erosion protection to David Low Way.
	• Coolool SLSC, Tickle Park and skatepark protected by 150m long seawall	• 2100 open coast erosion impacts Coolool Beach Holiday Park
Environment values	• Stumers Creek Bushland Reserve	• Core koala habitat area
	• Point Perry Foreshore Reserve	
Built assets	• Sections of the Coolool commercial town centre (with cafes, restaurants and retail), medium to high density residential development and tourist accommodation	• Coolool SLSC and Coolool North Lifeguard Tower
	• Coolool Beach Holiday Park	• Skatepark, playground, amenities, viewing platform (Tickle Park), viewing platform (Coolool Coastal Boardwalk)
	• Fitness area, active recreation and amenities (Norrie Job Park)	• Open coast revetments (Tickle Park, SLSC)
		• David Low Way, Coolool Esplanade
		• Stormwater water quality devices
Sustainable use values	• High demand use areas, including popular recreation parks, a skate park, SLSC, bathing reserve and coastal paths	• Coolool Coastal Boardwalk
	• Bathing reserve	• Adjacent to Coolool town centre
	• Beach accesses 72-81	• Beach wheelchair & matting access
		• Event: Bloody Long Walk
		• Commercial permits: tandem skydiving and parachute landings, beach equipment hire, learn to surf lessons
Key pressures	Existing: Level of recreation and tourism use and major transport hub in Coolool West create additional use and demand pressure.	Coastal hazards: Increased future exposure to open coast erosion will place assets at risk, including public foreshore infrastructure and some areas of Coolool Beach Holiday Park

Pressures

Values

Community groups

Engagement and consultation

- Analysis of 10,000 coastal community survey responses (2022)
- First round engagement - Community stakeholder workshops (2023)
- Second round engagement (2024):
 - Community stakeholder workshops and community drop-in sessions
 - Have Your Say webpage and community group email responses
- Consultation with Kabi Kabi, State Government, and research organisations (Ongoing)



Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled “Healthy Coast Management Plan 2025”,
- b) adopt the Healthy Coast Management Plan 2025 (Appendix A) for the purpose of providing strategic guidance for coastal management planning and service delivery and
- c) note that subject to adoption of Appendix A, the document will be graphically designed in line with corporate guidelines and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments as required to finalise.

Thank you



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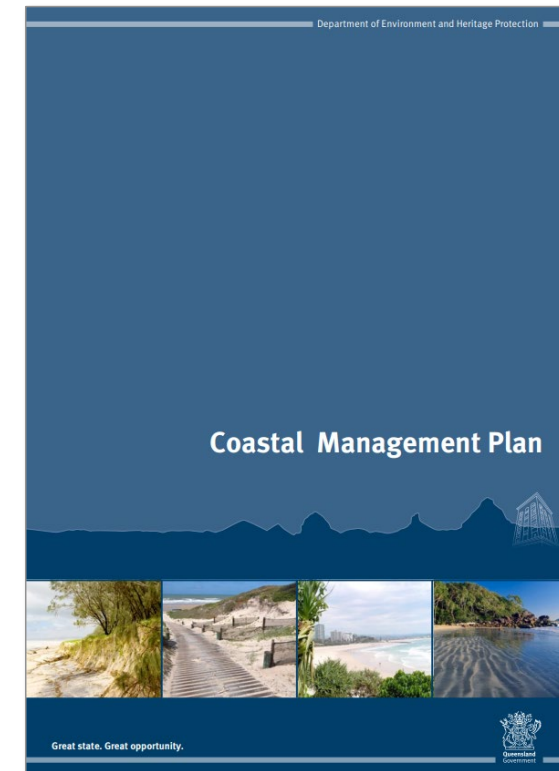
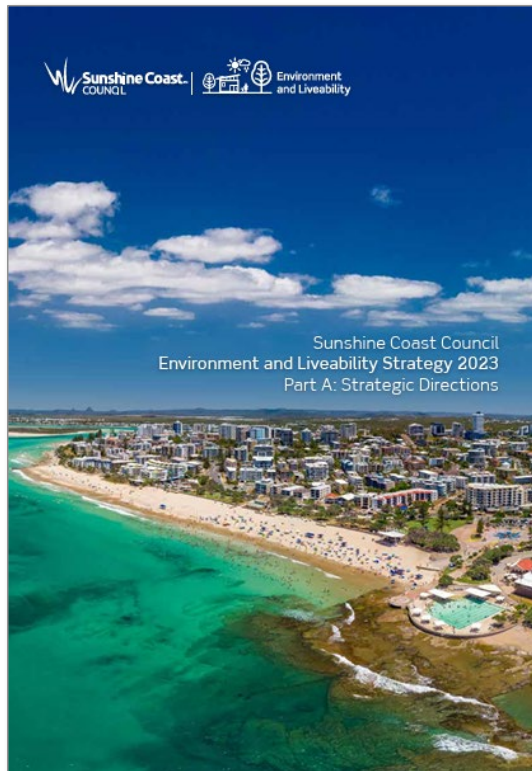
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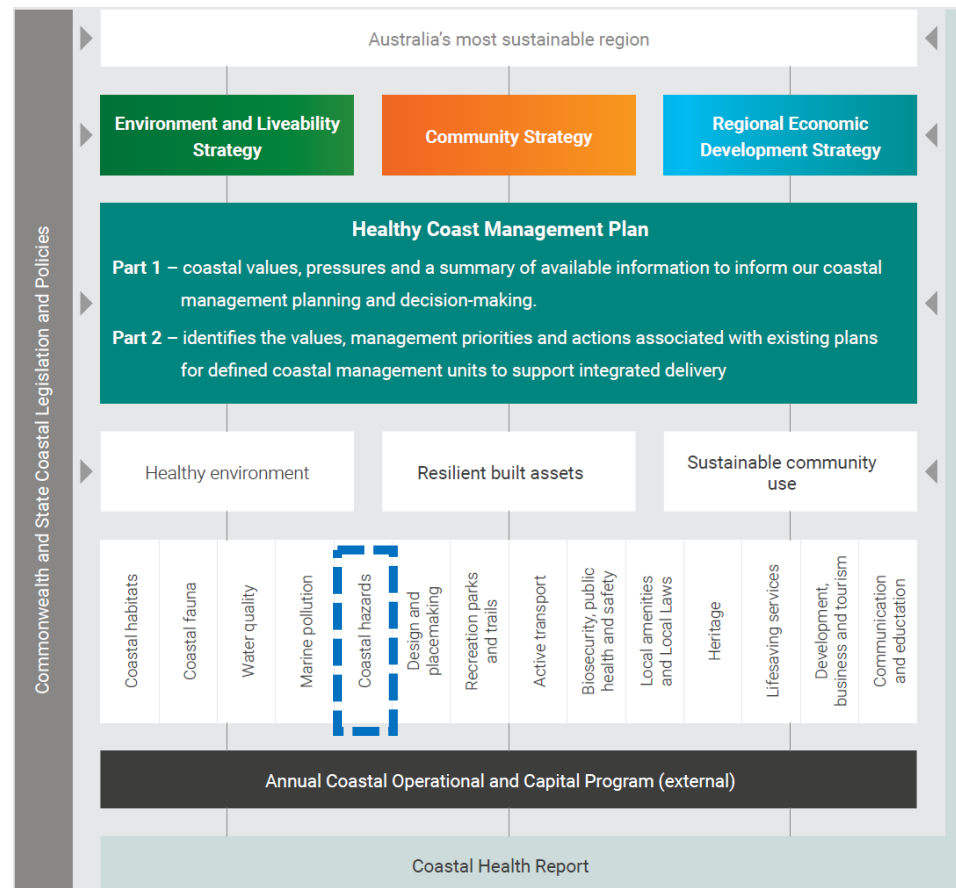
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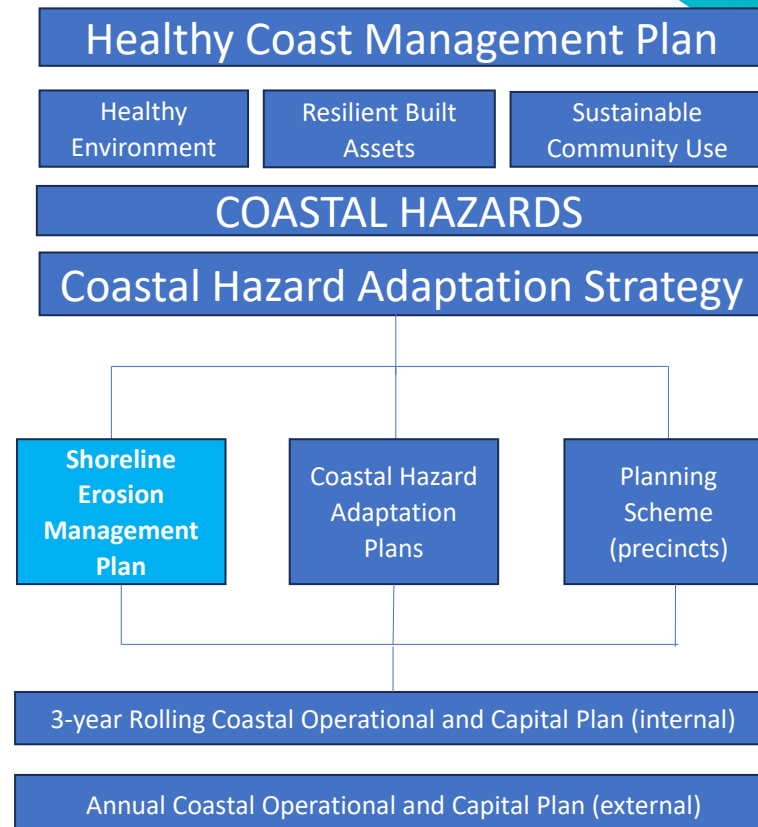
Why do we 'manage' our coastline?



Coastal Management Framework



Coastal Hazard Management – in focus



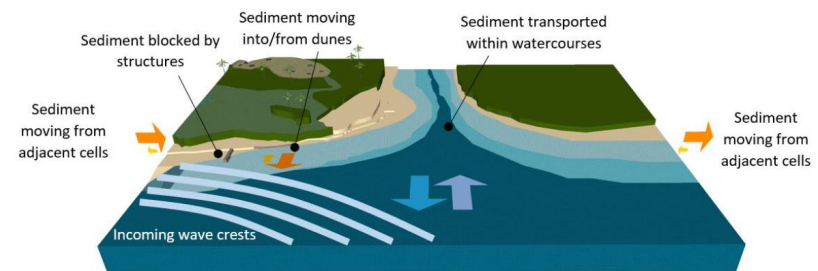
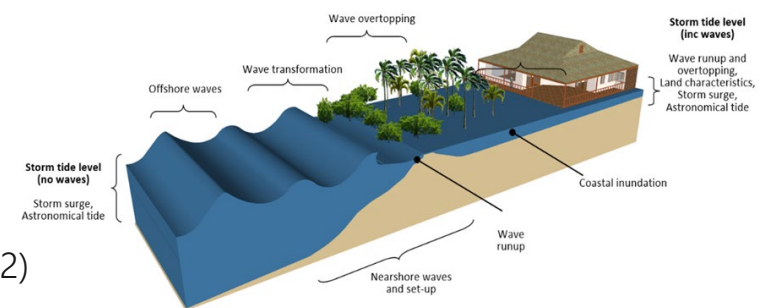
Shoreline Erosion Management Plan

Purpose

To review, appraise, select, and plan for management actions to address existing and emerging coastal erosion issues between 2025 and 2035.

Part 1 – Background Document

1. Coastal management framework
2. Coastal processes
3. Review uncompleted actions from the previous SEMP
4. Extreme coastal conditions (coastal conditions informing Part 2)
5. Sand sourcing case study
6. Compendium of coastal management options
7. Community consultation
8. Extreme wave study



Part 2 – Implementation Plan

1. 38 Units – alignment with CHAS, draft HCMP, Coastal Health Report.
 2. Actions considers the management approach in the CHAS.
 3. Estimate residual life for ageing structures (asset management).
 4. Undertake a management options appraisal incl. feasibility, viability, and social acceptability.
 5. Details proposed actions within each unit.
- 10 Year Plan (2025-2035) – ongoing review (5-year major).



What are the actions?

Coast-wide Actions

- Monitoring and maintenance (asset maintenance inspections, surveys, etc.)
- Dune management
- Management of Beach Accesses
- ICOLL Management
- Permits and Approvals
- Studies and Reports

Priority Actions

- Replacement of existing infrastructure
- Develop new infrastructure projects
- Maintenance of existing structures
- Ongoing and new nourishment activities
- Nourishment pipeline extension
- Design and approval processes



Engagement and Consultation



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- Consultation with Kabi Kabi, State Government and research organisations (ongoing)



Officer recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled "Shoreline Erosion Management Plan 2025- 2035"
- b) adopt the Shoreline Erosion Management Plan 2025-2035 Part 1 - Background Document and Part 2 - Implementation Plan (Appendix A), and
- c) note that the Shoreline Erosion Management Plan 2025-2035 supersedes the Shoreline Erosion Management Plan 2014-2024.

Thank you



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HORIZON FESTIVAL 2026-2028

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21 May 2025



Background



Key action in the Sunshine Coast Creative Arts Plan 2023–2038



Maintained strong positioning, reputation and engagement



Central part of the Sunshine Coast's arts and cultural landscape since 2016




Focused on cultural development outcomes and opportunities



Generates economic benefit, promotes social inclusion and wellbeing, brings communities together, fosters participation and enables residents to gain a wealth of experiences that would otherwise not be readily available or accessible

Key Achievements

Attendees 319,192	Artists 4,201	Partnerships \$1.2 million	Economic impact \$5.2 million	Media reach 27.6 million
Volunteers 1,180	First Nations artists 726	Grant funding \$430,750	Economic benefit \$16.2 million	Media value \$3.2 million



"Vincent" presented at Horizon 2017 and went on to tour Melbourne, Newcastle and Adelaide Fringe Festival.

Horizon's production of Eumundi Wearable Art in 2017 led to the event establishing itself as the Australian Wearable Art Festival since 2019.

Horizon commissioned Eddie Ray: Silence of the Jams in 2022 which then toured Darwin Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival and Bleach Festival.

Context

Since Council endorsement of Horizon in 2022, the following national and state policy documents were released:

- New National Cultural Policy *Revive* 2023
- New State Government Strategy *Towards Tourism* 2032
- New *Sunshine Coast Creative Arts Plan 2023–2038*

Supporting the development of strategic plans for Horizon, including:

- Horizon Strategy 2024 – 2033 (Attachment 1)
- BUILD Action Plan 2024 - 2027 (Attachment 2)



Multi-year Benefits

This strategic approach needs to be supported by a strategic funding model to unlock a range of benefits:

- Negotiate ongoing partnerships and sponsorships for the three-year period
- Negotiate contracts with artists and providers well in advance of the Festival
- Apply for relevant grant funding in a timely manner
- Retain experienced and knowledgeable Horizon Festival staff for the three-year period.







Resourcing and Budget Implications

Budget requested to deliver the 2026, 2027, 2028 festivals including current positions funded under the Horizon project budget is outlined below.

FY (Festival iteration)	Core budget	Levy/external funding	TOTAL
2024-25 (2025 festival)	\$719,846	\$456,000	\$1,175,846
2025-26 (2026 festival)	\$753,077	\$330,000*	\$1,083,077
2026-27 (2027 festival)	\$753,077**	TBC	TBC
2027-28 (2028 festival)	2026-27 FY budget	TBC	TBC

**no external grants included (\$151,000 in 2024-25) with \$330,000 assumed from Arts and Heritage Levy*

***core budget amount for 2026-27 will be increased by CPI and Certified Agreement wage increases at that time.*

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled "Horizon Festival 2026-2028"
- b) endorse the Horizon Festival of art and culture as a Council supported event for the years 2026, 2027, and 2028 and
- c) refer an annual budget of \$753,077 to the 2025-26 budget process for Council's consideration.



Thank you



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Festive Season Program

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Festive Season

Council delivers an annual festive season program - *defined as the December to January end-of-year holiday period* - with the three main components being:

1. Festive infrastructure including trees and banners
2. Community led events funded by Council through the Festive and Commemorative Events grants and direct agreements
3. Events delivered across the region by Council.



Festive Infrastructure

Festive infrastructure includes decorated trees, street pole banners and decorations.

The current framework includes

- one regional tree in the Maroochydore City Centre
- 25 trees in local communities, and
- 464 street pole banners and decorations.

In the recent 2024 Community Festive Survey, 89% of respondents supported Council providing festive decorations and trees.

Considering feedback and the economic environment it is recommended that no change is made.



Community-led events

Council funds community led festive events for Christmas, New Year's, and Australia Day, as well as Anzac and Remembrance Day through Festive and Commemorative Events Grants (part funded by the Grants budget) and direct agreements.

Key information:

- 69% of 59 applications in 2024-25 were Christmas events
- Demand increasing annually as events return post-COVID
- 86% of applicants highly satisfied with funding program
- \$34,270 gap between funding requests/approvals in 2024-25
- Applicants request CPI be included for multi-year funding
- All those surveyed plan to continue delivering their event into the future.



Community-led events

Previously the Festive and Commemorative Events grants program was funded from the community grants budget and the festive season budget.

These budgets will be combined going forward.

Recommendation is to:

- Increase Festive and Commemorative Events grants and direct agreements (festive season budget) from \$121,720 to \$274,763 (increase of \$153,043)

AND

- retain Festive and Commemorative Events Grants (community grants budget) of \$75,000.

Endorsement of this recommendation to fund community led events will support increased demand and increased costs.



Council delivered

New Year's Eve Mooloolaba

- No budget increase in 15 years
- Mooloolaba decreasing attendance figures in-line with decreased budget
- 64% of respondents said it was not important to have fireworks (at all)
- 42% of respondents said it was very important and extremely important to have early (before 9.30pm) fireworks
- 53% of respondents said it was very important and extremely important to have midnight fireworks
- But the most important issue for respondents was that the event is safe – 81% said this was very important or extremely important
- And the second most important issue (60%) was that the event is family friendly.



Council delivered

New Year's Eve Mooloolaba 2025

- Mooloolaba 2025 will have compromised access due to construction impacts.
- The report recommends that an amount of \$375,800 be allocated for New Year's Eve Mooloolaba fireworks at 8.30pm.
- If a midnight show is added to the Mooloolaba New Year's Eve event, it is estimated that an additional budget of \$133,045 would be required.
- It is proposed that the midnight fireworks only proceed if an equivalent amount of external revenue is raised to offset the cost to Council, for example a sponsorship opportunity.
- Confirmation of external funding for midnight fireworks would be required by 30 June 2025 to allow the event to be appropriately planned.



Finance and Resourcing	2024-25	2025-26
<i>Festive Infrastructure</i>		
One regional tree, 464 banners/pole decs, 25 local trees	\$529,072	\$470,000*
<i>Community-led Events</i>		
Festive and Commemorative Events grants and direct agreements	\$121,720	\$274,763
<i>**Festive and commemorative Events grants via grants team budget</i>	\$75,000	\$75,000
<i>Council Delivered Events</i>		
Mooloolaba NYE - 8.30pm only	\$287,340	\$375,800
Mooloolaba New Year's Eve midnight - expense	\$0	\$133,045
Mooloolaba New Year's Eve midnight - revenue	\$0	(\$133,045)
TOTAL	\$1,013,132	\$1,195,563
<i>Per capita spend</i>	\$2.76	\$3.26

*Note: Budget saving achieved via using natural tree in place of artificial tree.

** Previously funded from community grants budget and supplemented by festive season budget. These budgets will be combined and presented to Council as part of the festive season program going forward.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (a) **receive and note the report titled “Festive Season Program”**
- (b) **endorse the Festive Season Program as presented in Table 2 of this report; and**
- (c) **endorse a funding request of \$1,195,563 as part of the 2025-26 budget process noting that external revenue of \$133,045 will need to be sourced for midnight fireworks at Mooloolaba to proceed.**

Thanks for your time



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