

Additional Information

Item 8.1, 8.4 & 8.5 Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 13 November 2025

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	13 November 2025
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor T Burns and Mayor Natoli		
Item:	8.1 - Sunshine Coast Council Annual Reporting		
Circulation	Monday 10 November 2025		
Officer :	Manager Community Development, Manager Business and Innovation	Approving Director:	Director Community Strengthening, Chief Financial Officer, Business Transformation and Performance

In response to a question raised by Councillor T Burns and Mayor Natoli please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

We have a target to reach for social enterprises - is there any particular focus - what can we do to meet the target?

Response:

Growth in social enterprises operating in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area was a focus and target in the previous Community Strategy (2019-2024).

Through the Community Strategy refresh in 2024, this target was not carried through as a key measure. However, there is an action pertaining to social enterprises in the current Sunshine Coast Community Strategy:

3.1 (g) Support initiatives that strengthen social enterprises and for-impact businesses to address community priorities.

In response to a question raised by Mayor Natoli, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Battery Storage Facility - what stage is the project at - will this be potentially carried over again?

Response:

The adopted 2026 - 2035 Capital Plan included funding for two battery related projects for Financial year 2025-26:

1. K4198 Battery Energy Storage (\$1.8 million); and
2. K4199 Renewable Energy Facility (gas generator and / or battery) at Nambour Landfill (\$1.8 million).

In relation to project K4198 (Battery Energy Storage), work to identify suitable locations for the battery energy storage system continues to be undertaken.

Work undertaken to date to investigate the electrical suitability for two old landfill sites and the solar farm, completed with assistance and advice from an electrical consultant specialising in grid connection and Energex, identified grid connection issues at each location, resulting in each location being deemed unsuitable.

Advice received from Energex was that locations within close proximity to Energex substations are likely to be far more suitable locations for a battery. A comparison of Council owned land locations within close proximity of Energex substations is currently being done. Any sites identified as part of this work will be reviewed internally before engaging with our consultant and Energex.

The \$1.8 million included for Financial Year 2025-26 has been deferred, through the Budget Review 1 process, to Financial Year 2026-27.

In relation to project K4199 (Renewable Energy Facility), work has been undertaken, and a business case developed to support a capital contribution by Council to the installation of a 1.8MW battery energy storage system by our Landfill Gas to Energy Services contractor.

Following a further detailed review of the costs involved in installing a battery at the Nambour Landfill site, the contractor has taken the decision to defer this work pending the outcome of other battery projects. The length of this deferral is unknown at this stage.

There is still great value to Council in battery investment and we are currently re-evaluating our strategy for this project.

The \$1.8 million included for Financial Year 2025-26 will not be required this year and will be requested to be moved to Financial Year 2027-28.

Related Report / Additional Information

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	13 November 2025
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor T Bunnag		
Item:	8.4 - 2024-25 Financial Statements and Community Financial Report		
Circulation	Monday 10 November 2025		
Officer :	Coordinator Financial Accounting	Approving Director:	Chief Financial Officer

In response to a question raised by Councillor T Bunnag, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Provide a breakdown on what debt is made up of the \$679 million in 2021?

Response:

Please refer to the below table for detailed borrowings for the 5-year period to 2025.

Borrowings per financial year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	
as at 30 June	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
ParknGo Mooloolaba Central	20,678	21,726	22,749			
Lightning Lane ParkNGo	15,052	16,721	12,052	13,215		
Maroochydore City Centre	88,546	93,689	98,889	130,317	129,624	19%
Solar Farm	28,846	30,308	31,733	33,126	34,301	5%
City Hall	67,680	70,897	74,009	76,690	32,731	5%
General Purpose	216,439	206,132	194,762	198,988	158,053	23%
Caloundra Aerodrome	289					
EDQ loan	5,223	5,884	6,525	7,146	7,750	1%
Brisbane Road Carpark				23,747	24,589	4%
Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion					265,915	39%
Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network					26,001	4%
Total	442,753	445,355	440,718	483,230	678,964	100%

Related Report / Additional Information

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	13 November 2025
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor M Suarez		
Item:	8.5 - South Maroochy Drainage Board Review		
Circulation	Monday 10 November 2025		
Officer :	Coordinator Flooding & Stormwater Policy & Planning	Approving Director:	Director Sustainable Growth & Planning

In response to a question raised by Councillor M Suarez, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Are you able to tell us how many landowners contribute to the South Maroochy Drainage Board?

Response:

Council does not have access to Board records to provide a definitive answer. We have no knowledge that any landowners are currently making contributions, however based on historic mapping and the current cadastre, we believe that it would be approximately 25 discrete landowners who might be approached for contributions by the South Maroochy Drainage Board.