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Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 13 November 2025

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Sunshine Coast Council Annual Reporting

1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025



PURPOSE

Section 182 – Annual Report

The local government must:

- Prepare an annual report for each financial year.
- Adopt its annual report within 1 month after the day the auditor-general gives the auditor-general's audit report about the local government's financial statements.
- Publish its annual report on its website within 2 weeks of adopting the annual report



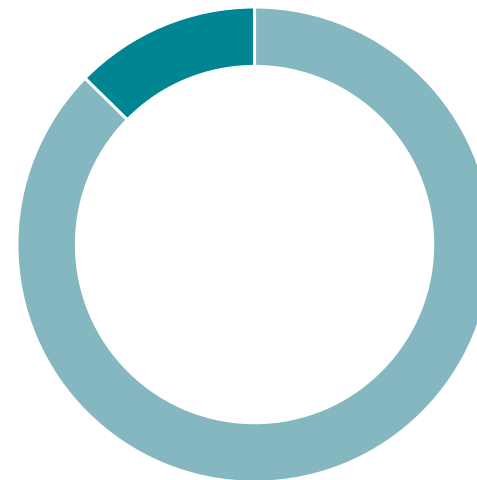
CORPORATE OVERVIEW

**Corporate Plan
Progress Indicators**



■ On target ■ Behind target

**Operational Plan
Delivery**



■ Activities completed ■ Challenges identified

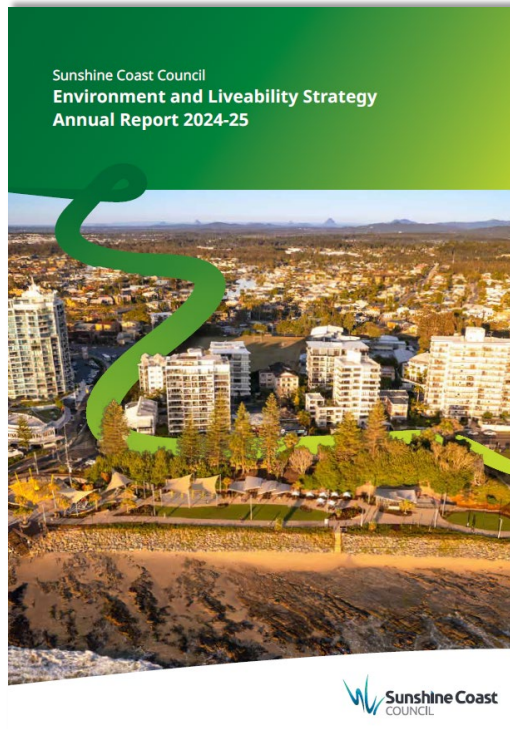
COMMUNITY STRATEGY



KEY OUTCOMES

- Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan
- Lived Experience Inclusion Project
- Shine a Light on Racism Campaign
- \$5.6 million provided across 1,152 community grants.
- Thriving Futures Sunshine Coast Youth Forum

ENVIRONMENT AND LIVEABILITY STRATEGY



KEY OUTCOMES

- Completed the Critical Infrastructure Failure Project
- Secured over 200 hectares of land for conservation and recreation
- Inaugural Sunshine Coast Marine BioBlitz event
- Planted 3,280 trees

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



KEY OUTCOMES:

- Expert advice to 8,450 businesses
- 57 major events with economic impact of \$106 million
- Invest Sunshine Coast campaign
 - \$161 million in economic impact
 - 914 new leads
 - 564 new jobs

Recommendations

That Council:

- receive and note the report titled “Sunshine Coast Council Annual Reporting”
- Adopt the Sunshine Coast Council Annual Report 2024-25
- Note the Community Strategy Annual Report 2024-2
- Note the Environment and Liveability Strategy Annual Report 2024-25
- Note the Regional Economic and Development Strategy Annual Report 2024-25

Thank you



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Item 8.4 2024-25 Financial Statements and Community Financial Report

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2024-25 Audited Financial Statements

Audit Opinion

Audited by the Queensland Audit Office

Unmodified audit opinion for Sunshine Coast Council for the 17th year in a row

- Gives a true and fair view of Council's financial position, financial performance and cash flows for the year
- Complies with the *local Government Act 2009*, the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Australian Accounting Standards
- Annual Auditor-General report to parliament on the results of Local Government audits

2024-25 Net Result

\$'000	
150,148	Net result as per 2024-25 audited financial statements
(187,660)	Less non-recurrent revenue
(568)	Less non-recurrent expenses
(38,080)	Operating result prior to required adjustments
	As per the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024, the following items are to be excluded from calculation of the operating result
328	Interest on leases
3,271	Depreciation on right-of-use assets
3,599	
(34,481)	Adjusted operating result

2024-25 Operating Result

\$'000	
(28,995)	Operating deficit as per Interim June 2025 Financial Performance Report
	Year end adjustments
(2,022)	Depreciation expense in excess of forecast
733	Additional transfer to prior period adjustment
(6,475)	Year end accruals
(1,321)	Depreciation expense relating to backlog in contributed assets
(38,080)	Operating result prior to required adjustments
	As per the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024, the following items are to be excluded from calculation of the operating result
328	Interest on leases
3,271	Depreciation on right-of-use assets
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(34,481)	Adjusted operating result

2024-25 Queensland Audit Office Final Management Report

Audit Opinion

Section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* – present to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council

Provides details on audit matters and summary of issues

2024-25 summary of audit issues

Significant deficiencies – require immediate management action to resolve

Deficiencies/moderate financial reporting issues – require management action in a timely manner

Other matters – may be implemented at management's discretion

Significant deficiencies	4 in progress
Deficiencies/moderate financial reporting issues	3 resolved 1 partially resolved 6 resolved pending audit clearance 4 in progress
Other Matters	1 resolved pending audit clearance

2024-25 Community Financial Report

Council is required to prepare a Community Financial Report for each financial year

Easy to understand summary and analysis of Council's financial performance and financial position for the financial year

Included in Section 4 of Council's Annual Report

2024-25 Controlled Entities

Audited financial statements

- SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd
- Sunshine Coast Events Centre Pty Ltd
- Sunshine Coast Arts Foundation Limited

- Financial statements audited by Queensland Audit Office
- Unmodified audit opinion for all controlled entities

- Published on Council's website

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South Maroochy Drainage Board Review

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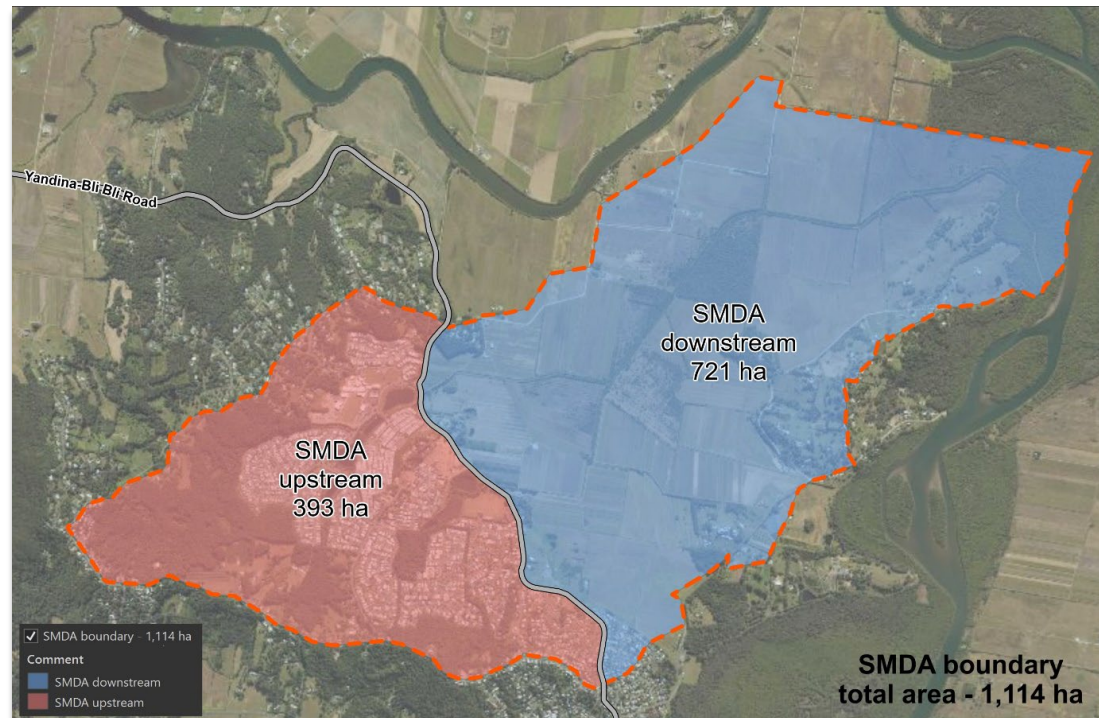
Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to provide direction on the proposed arrangements to manage Council's future interactions with the South Maroochy Drainage Board and stormwater drainage issues in the defined South Maroochy Drainage Area.

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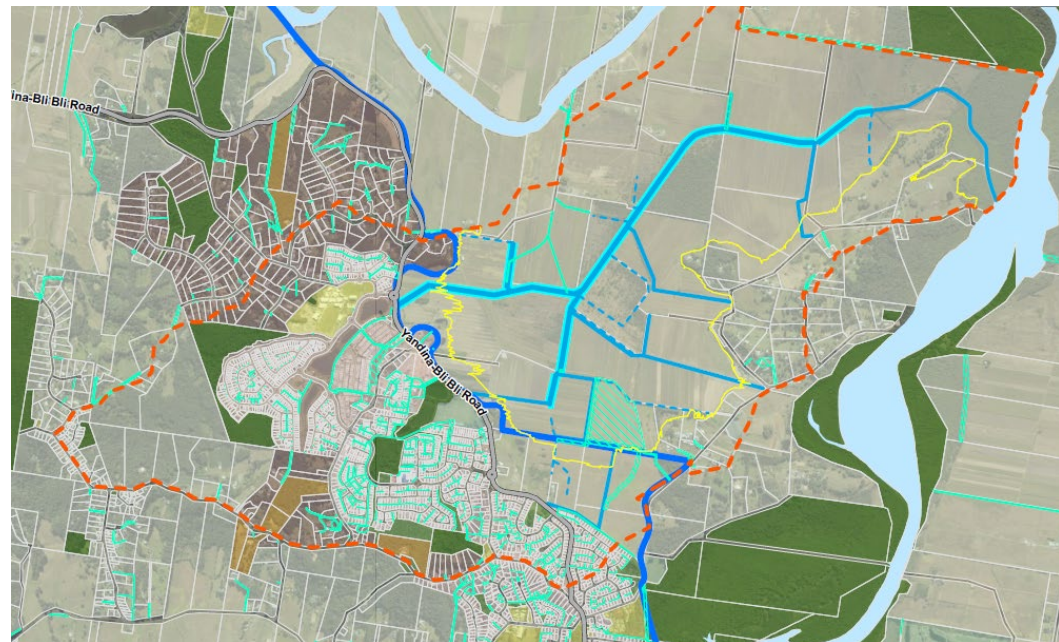
Board Jurisdiction

- Non urban land:
 - Bli Bli's Parklakes developments.
 - Yandina-Bli Bli Road.
- Urban land:
 - No formal transfer of management to Council.
 - Natural outcome of development process.
- Drainage discharges to Maroochy River.



Drainage System

- 6.5km constructed major drains.
- 10.5km subsidiary drains.
- Controlled release of impounded waters from cane fields via flood gates.
- Receive water from upstream land (now urban land west of Yandina-Bli Bli Road).
- Drainage capacity ~ minor events only.
- Works generally undertaken by property owners with Board oversight.



South Maroochy Drainage Board

- Established on 14 July 1977 (South Maroochy Swamp Drainage Syndicate).
- State Government Order in Council pursuant to *Water Act 1926* (repealed).
- Since 2002 - Category 2 Water Authority (*Water Act 2000*).
 - Powers to:
 - i. make and levy rates and charges in respect of the Drainage Area, and
 - ii. resume land.
 - limited by agreement of the individual property owners (no access rights without landowner consent).
 - no role or entitlement as an assessment manager and no formal right to assess any development application or impose conditions.
- Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (5 May 2023).

Funding

Basis for not funding Board activities into the future:

- Council has accepted maintenance responsibility and associated costs for drainage in the now developed urban areas.
- Protection of downstream property owners was given due consideration in Council's development assessment and approval processes.
- Council's limited level of investment over the last 15 years.
- Lack of legislative obligation.
- Lack of formal agreement.
- Lack of justification for expenditure of ratepayer funds.
- Such expenditure would not pass financial audit review.
- The Board is an autonomous body established by legislation that provides for it to raise its own revenue.

Recommendations

That Council:

- (a) **receive and note the report titled “South Maroochy Drainage Board Review”**
- (b) **request the Chief Executive Officer to write to the South Maroochy Drainage Board and the Minister for Local Government and Water, addressing the following:**
 - (i) **confirmation that Council recognises the Board as a separate and independent entity,**
 - (ii) **advising that Council supports whatever entity the Board wishes to operate as, be that a Category 2 Water Authority or a Closed Water Activity Agreement,**
 - (iii) **noting that funding of drain upgrades and maintenance activities undertaken by the South Maroochy Drainage Board is the responsibility of the Board, and**
 - (iv) **advising that Council is under no obligation to provide funding to the South Maroochy Drainage Board.**

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Public Flood Mapping Update 2025

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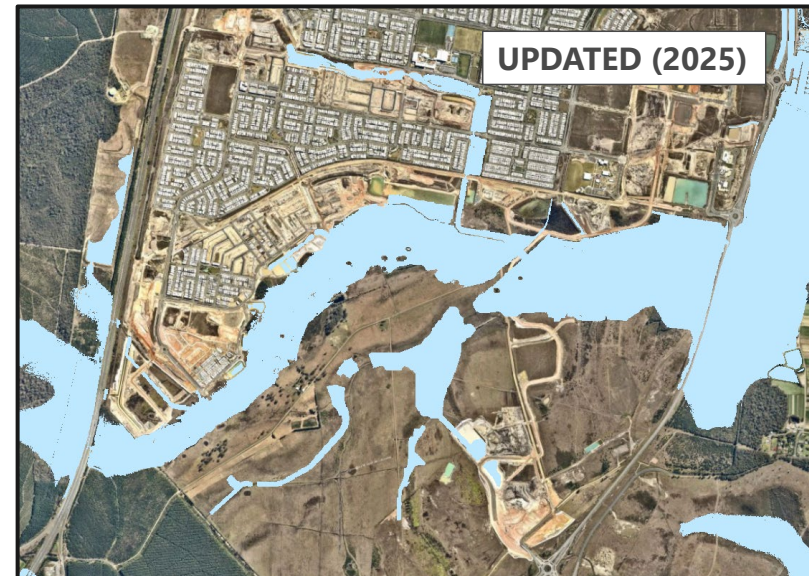
Public Flood Mapping Update

The November 2025 report proposes to publish a minor revision of flood mapping products at the locations below:

- Caloundra South Priority Development Area (as of April 2025);
- Maroochydore City Centre Priority Development Area (Amendment No. 3, March 2024);
- Flood mapping of the March 2025 (Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred) rainfall event within Petrie, Paynter and Eudlo Creeks, and Mooloolah River.
- Other minor revisions:
 - Battery Hill (stormwater upgrade project),
 - Parklakes II, Bli Bli (development earthworks),
 - Coolum Industrial Estate (revision of ground survey on undeveloped land).

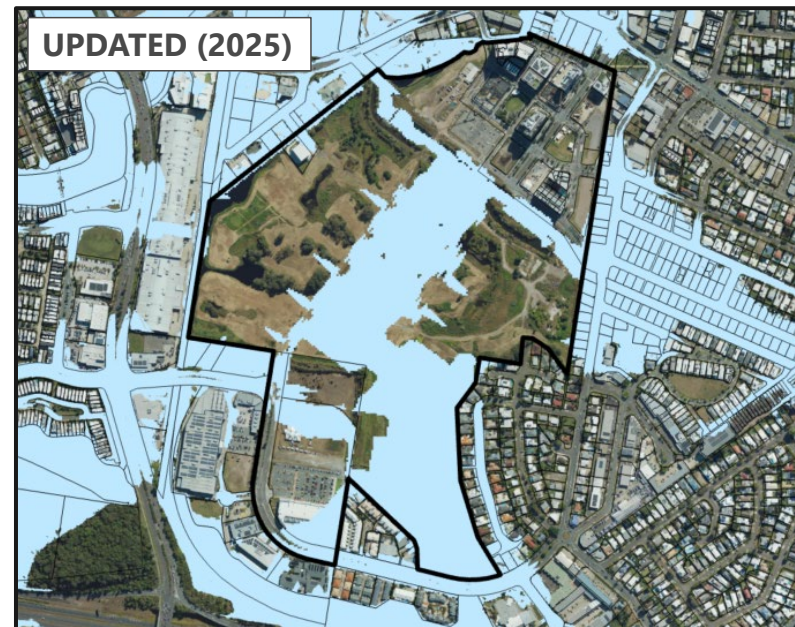
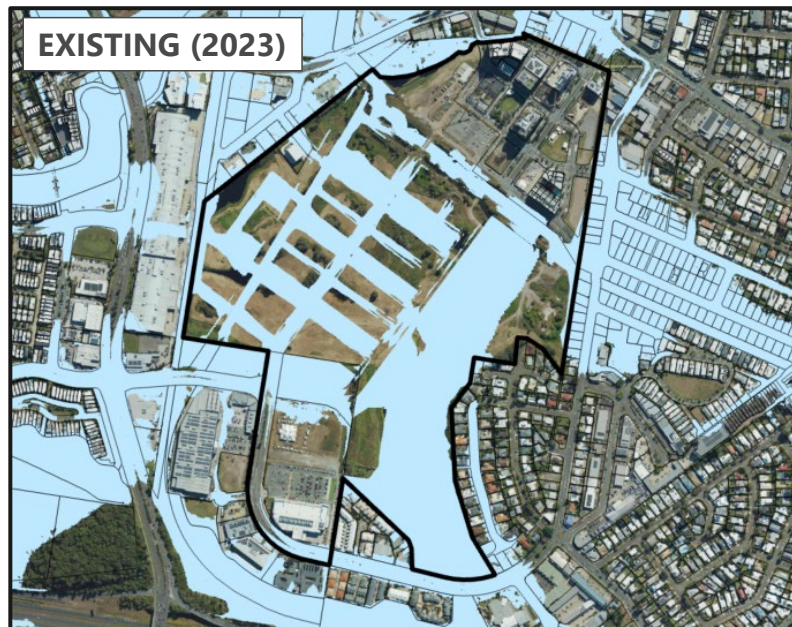
Caloundra South Priority Development Area Flood Mapping

- Flood mapping representing development earthworks changes up to April 2025, supplied by Stockland.
- Regular updates minimise insurance affordability issues.
- Updates to be made available to Insurance Council of Australia for revision of National Flood Insurance Database.



Maroochydore City Centre Priority Development Area Flood Mapping

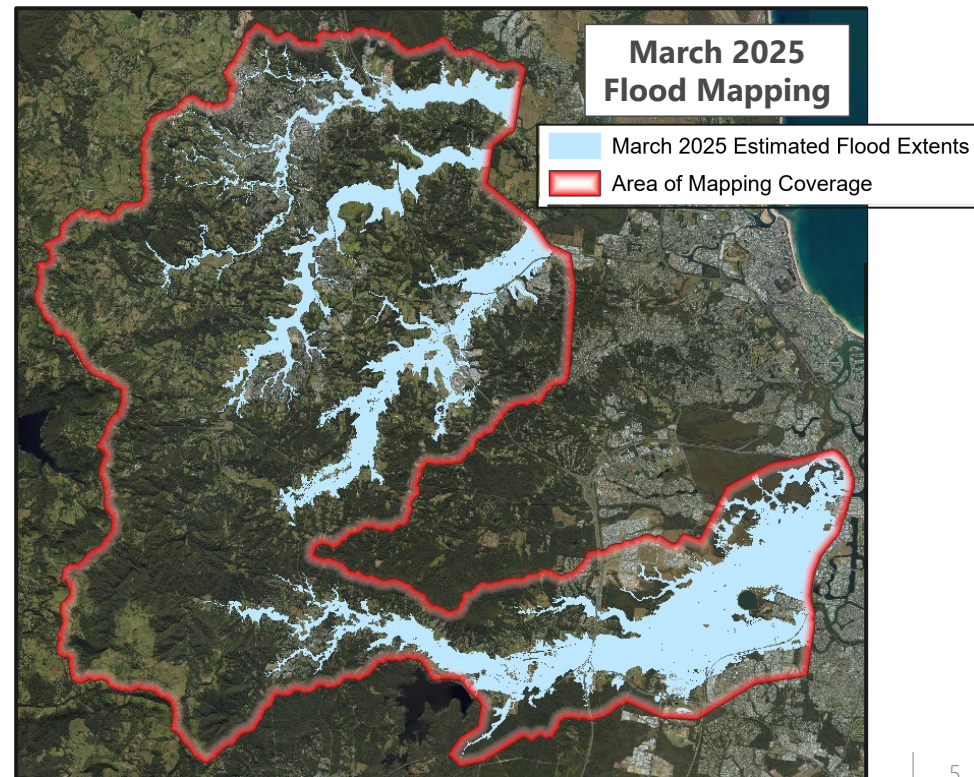
- Represents the revised development scheme layout (Amendment No. 3, March 2024).
 - Consolidates waterway and parkland areas into centralised lake and parkland.



March 2025 (Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred) Flood Mapping

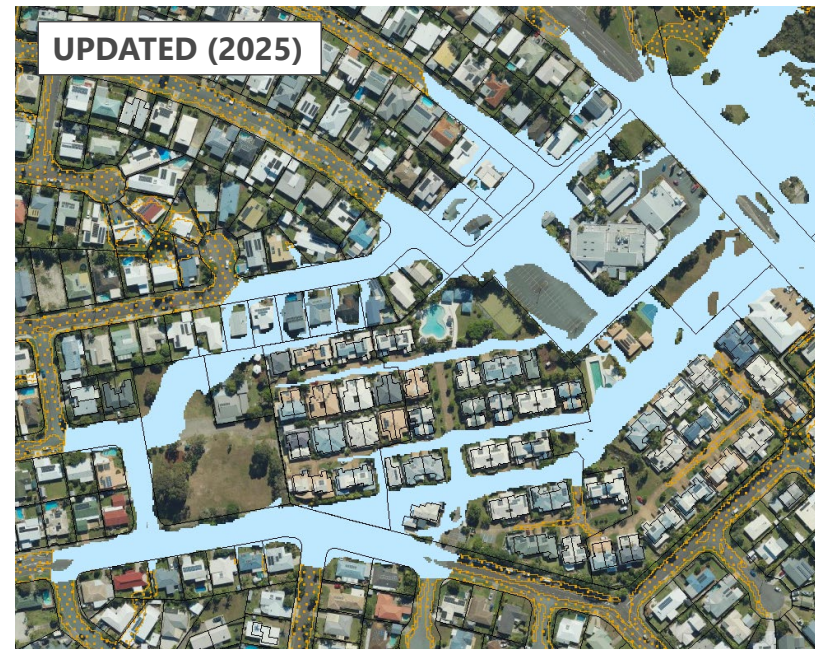
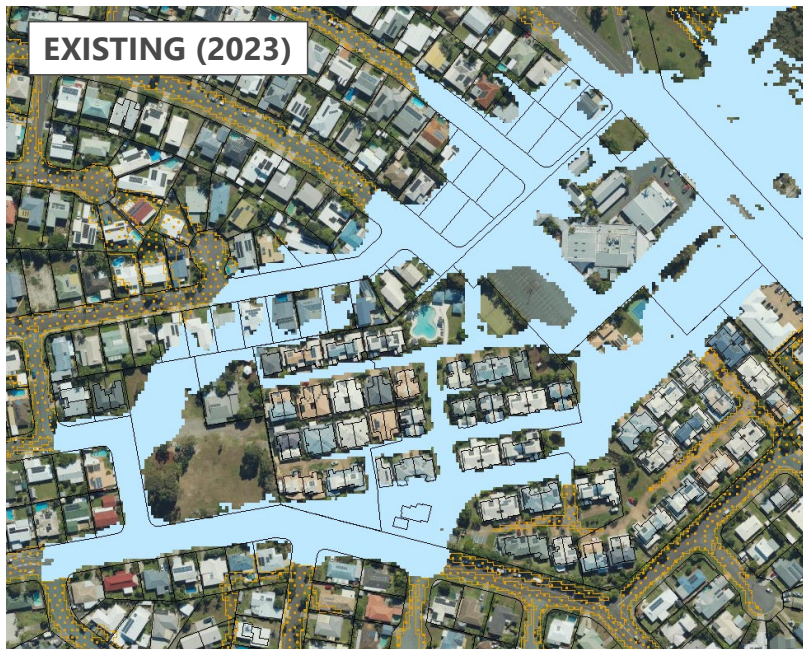
- Flood mapping within Petrie, Paynter and Eudlo Creeks, and Mooloolah River.
- Map has been derived using observed flood levels from Council flood gauges.
- This event affected the communities of Nambour, Palmwoods, Eudlo and Mooloolah.

Location	Historic Rank	Years of Record
Nambour	2nd (1983 = 1st)	46
Palmwoods	1st	20
Eudlo	2nd (2011 = 1st)	29
Mooloolah	1st	54



Battery Hill Flood Mapping

- New overland flow path constructed in late 2024



Bli Bli Flood Mapping

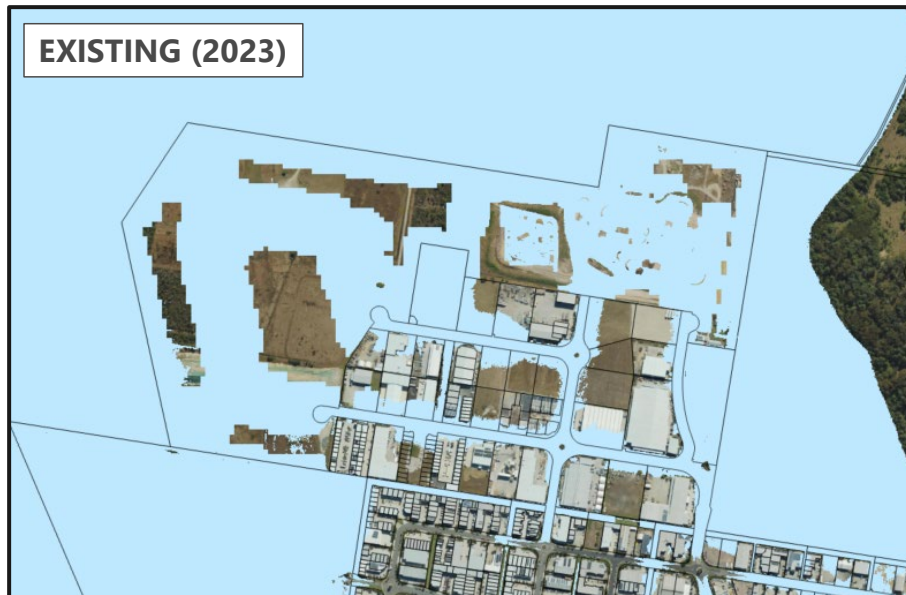
- Incorporation of development earthworks into Parklakes II flood mapping
- Land has been filled – no longer floods in defined flood event



Aerial image based on date of ground survey capture (2018)

Coolum Industrial Flood Mapping

- Mapping previously assumed estate had been fully developed (2012 approval).
- Earthworks have recently commenced, however mapping has been updated to reflect pre-developed state.
- Development layout will be incorporated into future mapping when earthworks are complete.



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Ground survey capture taken in 2022

Public Flood Mapping Update

	Update	New	No Change
Emergency Preparedness:			
• Minor Event	✓		
• Moderate Event	✓		
• Major Event	✓		
• Extreme Event	✓		
Land Use Planning:			
• Flood Risk	✓		
• Stormwater Risk			✓
• Defined Flood Event	✓		
• Flood Storage Preservation Area	✓		
General Information:			
• March 2025 (Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred)		✓	

Recommendations

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled “Public Flood Mapping Update 2025”; and
- b) endorse the revision to Council’s public flood mapping products.

Implementation

Should the recommendation be accepted by Council, it is noted that the Chief Executive Officer will:

1. update public flood mapping on MyMaps, Development.i and Disaster Hub,
2. make available current climate flood information in GIS format on Council's open data framework,
3. continue to promote insurance affordability through the provision of best and most current information to community and industry, and
4. undertake pro-active communication to alert residents and ratepayers to the updated flood mapping for the areas contained within this report.

Thanks for your time



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