

Additional Information

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 26 March 2026

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	26 March 2026
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor T Landsberg and Councillor T Burns		
Item:	8.1 Thriving Futures - Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31		
Circulation	23 March 2026		
Officer :	Social Planner	Approving Director:	Director Community Strengthening

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

Question:

What are young people volunteering in?

Response:

- Council has no additional data on the types of roles or activities that young people are involved in when volunteering.
- The data presented in the Youth Plan is from the ABS Census 2021, and no additional questions are asked about roles or activities.
- Volunteering Queensland's *State of Volunteering in Queensland Youth Report 2024* provides data on volunteers aged 15-24 years, however, the data is not specific to the Sunshine Coast. The report provides an indication of roles, preferences and barriers experienced by young people. The report is available here: <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/State-of-Volunteering-in-Qld-2024-YouthVol-Report.pdf>
- Involving residents in volunteering, and ensuring a volunteering legacy, are important elements of planning for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Council will support this, noting however that the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee is required to provide coordination and oversight of the volunteer program to ensure consistency across all areas.

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

Question:

We have 50,000 young people living on the Sunshine Coast, what % of the community is that? How does that change in 2041?

Response:

- There were an estimated 50,770 residents of the Sunshine Coast region aged 12-24 years in 2021 (14.8% of the total population)¹.
- The number of young people aged 12-24 years is expected to reach 71,310 in 2041 (14.0% of the total population). This population projection is based on five-year age group projections from the Queensland Government² (10-24 years), with additional calculations made by Council officers to align age ranges.
- While the proportion of young people is relatively small and declining slightly to 2041, it represents a significant number of residents.

¹ .id (Informed Decision) (2026) *Sunshine Coast Council Community Profile*, <https://profile.id.com.au/sunshine-coast/service-age-groups> [using 2021 ABS Census data].

² Queensland Government (2024) *Queensland Government population projections, 2023 edition, medium series*. <https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/statistics/theme/population/population-projections>

Related Report / Additional Information

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	26 March 2026
Requesting Councillor:	Mayor R Natoli and Councillor J Broderick		
Item:	8.2 - Establishing a proposed Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve		
Circulation	23 March 2026		
Officer:	Senior Policy and Research Officer	Approving Director:	Director Sustainable Growth and Planning

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

Questions: What is the cost difference between dark sky compliant and conventional lighting, including sports lighting? What are the budget implications for required lighting upgrades as part of the proposed Dark Sky Reserve?

Response:

- Costs to upgrade lighting will vary because of existing infrastructure, site specific requirements and the associated role and function of the lighting.
- New lighting technologies provide many benefits, including better energy efficiency, lower maintenance needs and reduced emissions. Even though such upgrades may come with slightly higher upfront costs, they are more cost-effective over the life of the asset.
- As part of our existing strategic approach to organisational lighting upgrades, dark sky principles are already being applied through the application of the [Sunshine Coast Council Electrical and Lighting Infrastructure Manual 2024](#) and are influencing procurement processes and our partnership with Energex.
- In relation to sports lighting at Maleny, the tenant is responsible, under the terms of their tenure agreement with Council, for sports lighting maintenance, upgrades, and associated costs.
- Any costs associated with scheduled upgrades of outdoor Council lighting in the proposed Dark Sky Reserve would be considered as part of asset management planning and subject to annual budget development process.

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

Question: Provide a timeline on required lighting upgrades in the proposed Dark Sky Reserve.

Response:

- There are currently no Council lighting upgrades required in the proposed Dark Sky Reserve.
- Under the International Dark Sky Places Program, 10% of public outdoor lighting fixtures must be retrofitted or brought into compliance prior to submitting a Dark Sky Reserve application.
- This requirement has already been met through the LED Street Light Replacement Program and the demonstration projects at Kenilworth and the Maleny Community Precinct.
- Once designated, continual lighting improvements across the Reserve is required annually to demonstrate progress.
- In response, lighting upgrades would be progressed within the Reserve by Council and other stakeholders including:
 - **Council** - scheduled upgrades of outdoor lighting as part of asset management planning and subject to annual budget development process.
 - **Energex** - progressing the strategic rollout of replacement LED luminaires to all remaining conventional streetlights across its network by 2030.
 - **State Government** - replacing outdoor lighting on state-owned buildings in Maleny through a funding allocation of \$250,000.

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	26 March 2026
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor T Bunnag		
Item:	8.3 February 2026 Financial Performance Report		
Circulation	23 March 2026		
Officer:	Co-ordinator Financial Services	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:

In relation to Grant Project for Alexandra Bluff Foreshore SEQ Liveability Fund. what are parameters of the grant?

Response:

The SEQ Liveability Fund is an initiative of the SEQ City Deal, designed to enhance community infrastructure and public spaces across the region. It supports projects such as parks, sports facilities and urban renewal initiatives.

The Fund's objectives are to:

1. Improve access to quality public open spaces and the natural environment.
2. Improve access to Community Infrastructure that promotes health and wellbeing, belonging or cultural diversity.
3. Deliver Community Infrastructure that complements new housing supply or urban renewal.
4. Meet the wider SEQ City Deal vision and outcomes including to support local businesses and job creation and maximising opportunities for First Nations people.

Key project evaluation criteria include:

Liveability & Health: Enhancing active transport networks (walking/cycling), improving public open spaces, and boosting participation in community sports.

Environmental Sustainability: Supporting green initiatives and regional environmental infrastructure.

Economic Impact: Job creation and promoting tourism.

Project Delivery: Demonstrated capacity to complete projects within the set timeframe - 30 June 2027.

This project is one of two projects delivered as part of the SEQ Liveability Coastal Pathway Project.

The project works include a 107m long x 3.6m wide accessible boardwalk and a 543m long x 3.5m wide on-grade concrete pathway, incorporating seating, viewing areas, lighting, tree planting and landscaped areas.

The project is currently underway and is scheduled for completion by the end of July.

The total cost of the Coastal Pathway projects is \$6,250,000, comprising \$4,166,666 in SEQ City Deals funding and \$2,083,334 as Council's co-contribution.

The Alexandra Bluff component represents approximately \$5,000,000 of the overall project budget.