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Thursday, 26 March 2026

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Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31

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Snapshot

**50,000 young people,
growing to 70,000 in 2041**



**Future leaders,
and leaders now!**



**Values:
Friends; Nature**



**Challenges:
Liveability; Connections**



Community Engagement

Phase 1: Youth priorities

2 June - 15 July 2025 (6 weeks)

Pop-up events
12 locations
450 young people



Youth Forum
85 young people
14 schools



Online Survey
582 young people

Up to **1,200**
young people

Phase 2: Feedback on Draft Youth Plan

27 October - 24 November 2025 (4 weeks)

Workshops
5 locations
54 young people



Online Survey
54 respondents
34 young people



Young Leaders Academy Involvement

Contribution of Youth Leaders 2025:

- Ensured the voices of young people were heard
- Provided engagement advice
- Co-created and co-facilitated the Youth Forum
- Engaged with young people at pop-up events

Thank you!



Youth Plan



Theme 1

We belong here

Things to do; Space to hang out;
Connections; Mental health

6 actions



Theme 2

We are valued

Representation; Recognition;
Having a say

7 actions



Theme 3

We have opportunities

Careers; Transport;
Environment; Advocacy

5 actions

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

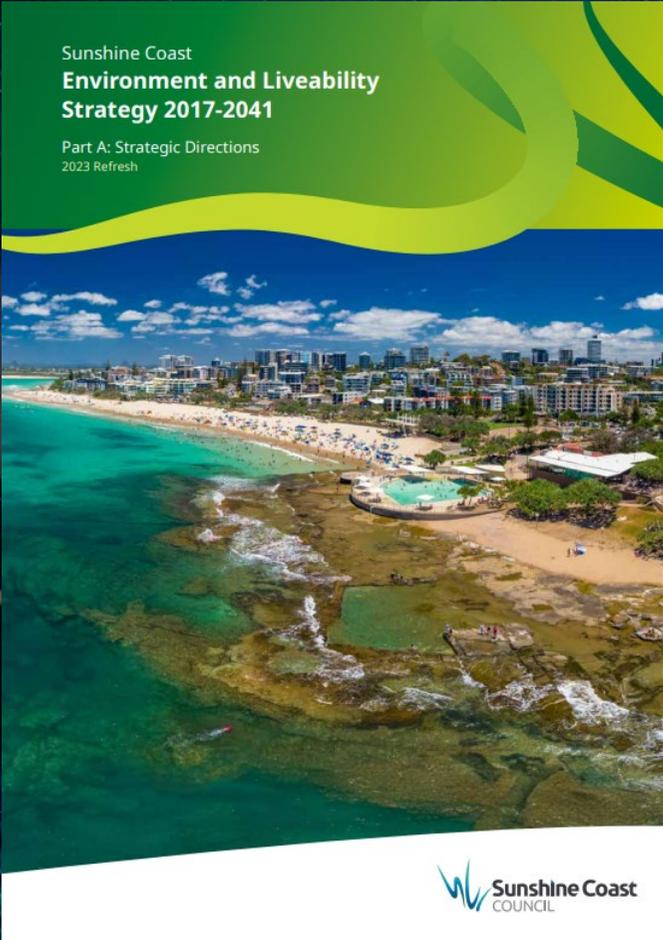
- a) receive and note the report titled "Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31" and
- b) endorse the Thriving Futures: Sunshine Coast Youth Plan 2026-31 (Appendix A).



Establishing a proposed Dark Sky Reserve

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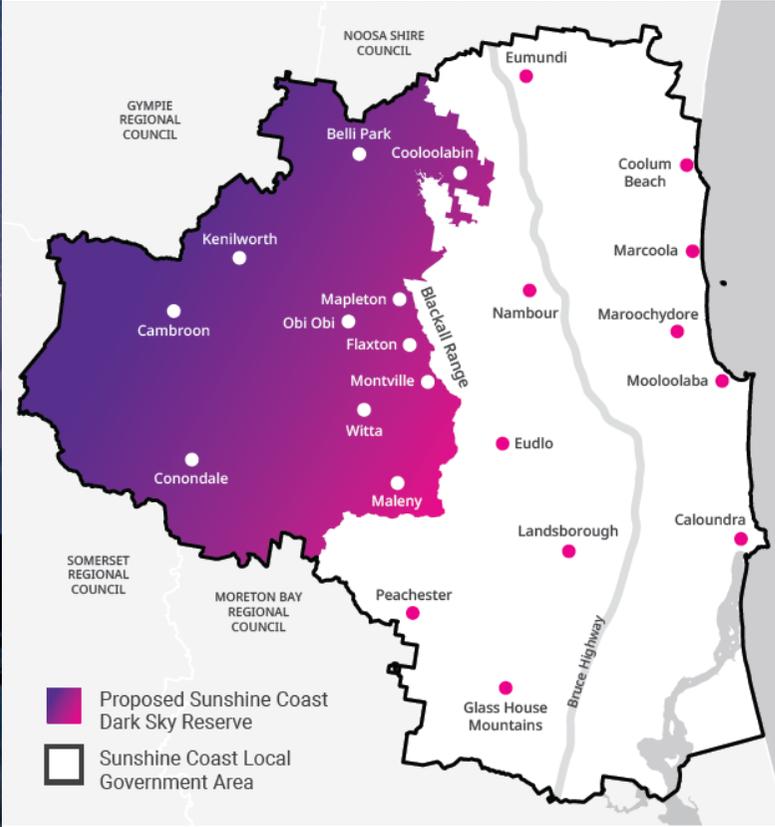




Sunshine Coast
Environment and Liveability
Strategy 2017-2041
Part A: Strategic Directions
2023 Refresh



Strategic context



Legend:
■ Proposed Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve
□ Sunshine Coast Local Government Area

Towns shown on map: Eumundi, Cooloolabin, Kenilworth, Belli Park, Cooloolabin, Cambroon, Obi Obi, Flaxton, Mapleton, Maroochydore, Maroola, Nambour, Mooloolaba, Conondale, Witta, Maleny, Eudlo, Landsborough, Caloundra, Peachester, Glass House Mountains.

Regional Councils: GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL, NOOSA SHIRE COUNCIL, SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL, MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

Blackall Range, Bruce Highway

Recognising, protecting and celebrating our dark skies.

Credit: Dr Ken Wishaw

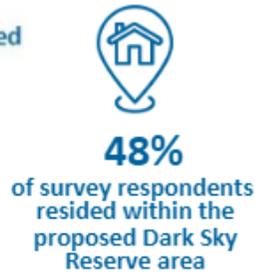
Project status



Engagement outcomes

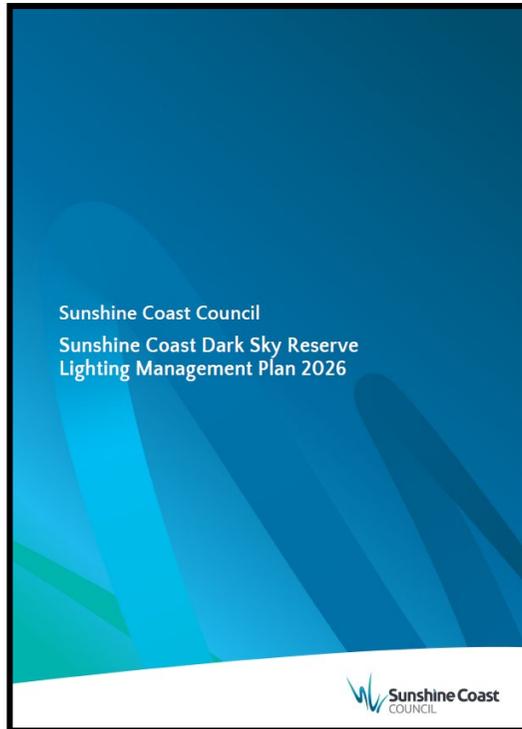
2024

2025



Established a collaborative approach to preserving our dark skies.

Lighting Management Plan



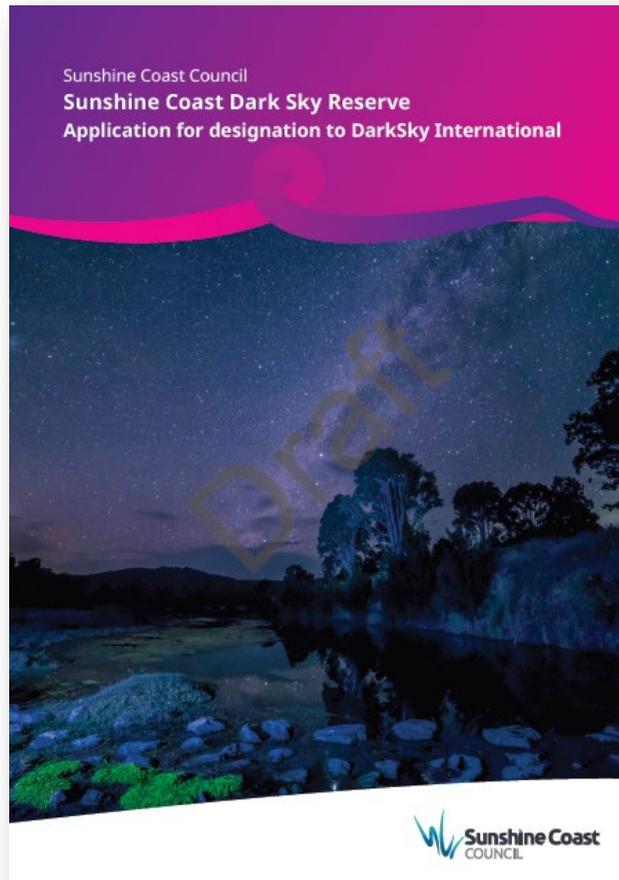
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Old



New



To provide direction and shape the selection, placement, installation, and operation of outdoor lighting.



DarkSky
INTERNATIONAL



An evidence-based application.

Officer recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled "Establishing a proposed Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve"
- b) adopt the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve Lighting Management Plan 2026 (Appendix A)
- c) endorse the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve Application (Appendix B) for submission to DarkSky International
- d) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make minor changes to the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve Application to address any feedback received during the DarkSky International assessment process.

Thanks for your time



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2025-26 BUDGET

February
Financial Performance Report

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March 2026



February 2026 Operating Result

- Council's operating result at the end of February 2026 is an operating surplus of \$168.3 million, which is \$5.2 million (3.2%) above year-to-date budget.
- The variance consists of:
 - Total Operating Revenue higher than budget ▲\$1.1 million (0.2%)
 - Total Operating Expenses lower than budget ▼\$4.1 million (0.9%)

February 2026 Operating Result

Major Revenue Variances

- Fees and Charges above year to date budget ▲ \$1.1 million
 - Holiday Parks \$544,000
 - Sports Venues \$249,000
 - Venue 114 \$265,000

February 2026 Operating Result

Major Expenditure Variances

- Employee costs below year to date budget ▼ \$768,000
- Core material and services below year to date budget ▼ \$3.2 million
 - Transport Assets & Operations Maintenance \$664,000
 - Digital & Information Services \$591,000
 - Electricity \$280,000
 - Balance \$1.7 million minor underspends across multiple business areas
- Levy Programs below budget ▼ \$1.3 million
 - Transport Levy \$619,000
 - Environment Levy \$423,000
- Loss on Disposal ▲ \$7.2 million variance relates to additional land parcels reclassified as road reserve and written off as assets.

February 2026 Capital Program Result

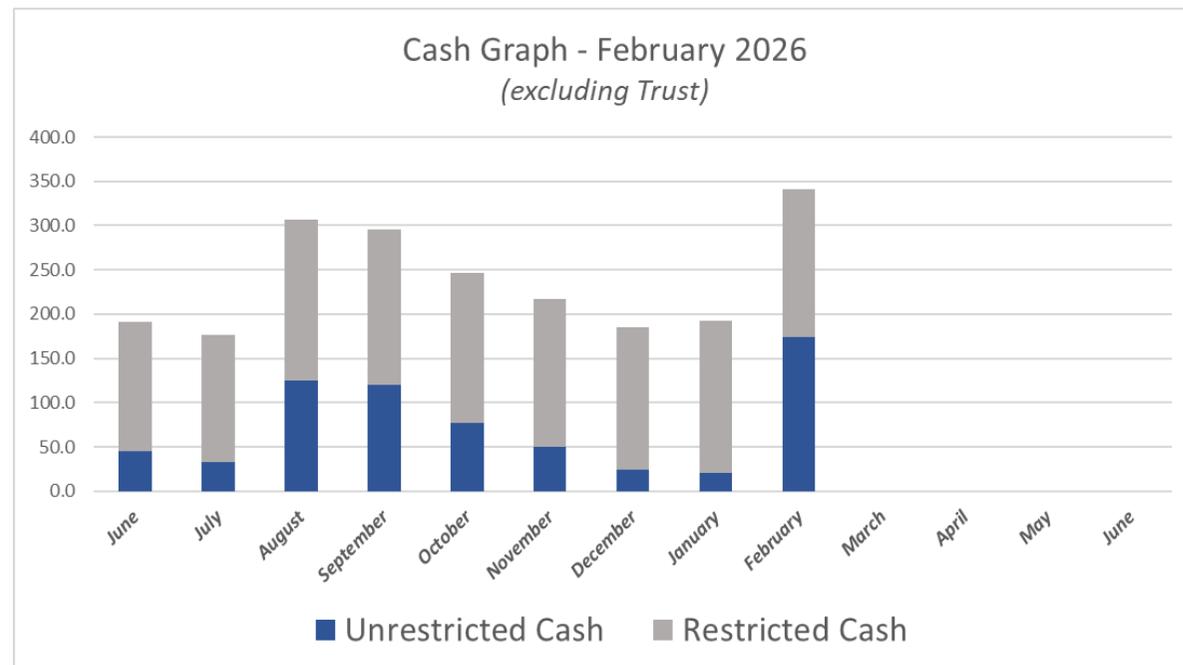
Capital Works Program has progressed 47.9%

- \$128.0 million of Council's total Capital Works Program has been financially expended which is \$4.9 million (3.7%) ▼ below year to date budget
- \$88.4 million of the Core Capital Works Program has been spent which is \$345,000 (0.4%) ▲ above year to date budget

Cash Flows

Council Cash

- Council's cash at 28 February
\$341.1 million (*excluding Trust*)
- *Unrestricted cash \$173.9 million*
- *Restricted cash \$167.2 million*



Debt

Council Debt

- Council's current debt at 28 February is \$413 million
 - Principal Repayment made February 2026 \$14.1 million
 - Planned New borrowings for 2025-26 are \$66.8 million

Council's borrowing application has been submitted.

Investment Performance

Investments

- Council currently has 7 investments totalling \$80 million
- Term deposits mature between 90 and 364 days
- Weighted average interest rate return is 4.38%

Financial Performance Report

Savings Initiatives

The 2025-26 Savings Initiatives have been achieved, with the Executive continuing to identify further savings opportunities.

The targeted vacancy rate remains on track to be achieved by 30 June 2026

	Full Year Budget \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	Achieved YTD \$'000	On Target
Vacancy Rate	7,536	4,729	4,729	✓
Employee Costs Savings Initiative	1,100	1,100	1,636	✓
Materials and Services Savings Initiative	4,400	4,194	4,194	✓
<i>TOTAL Savings Initiative</i>	<i>13,036</i>	<i>10,023</i>	<i>10,559</i>	

Financial Performance Report

Risk

The following key elements of the 2025-26 budget are based on management estimates and assumptions:

- Rates and charges revenue includes population and property growth forecasts
- Interest revenue and Finance costs includes interest rate forecasts
- Depreciation includes asset valuation, useful life and asset condition estimates and,
- Recurrent capital expenditure includes capitalisation estimates.

Financial Performance Report

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report titled “February 2026 Financial Performance Report”

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Sale of Land in Nambour

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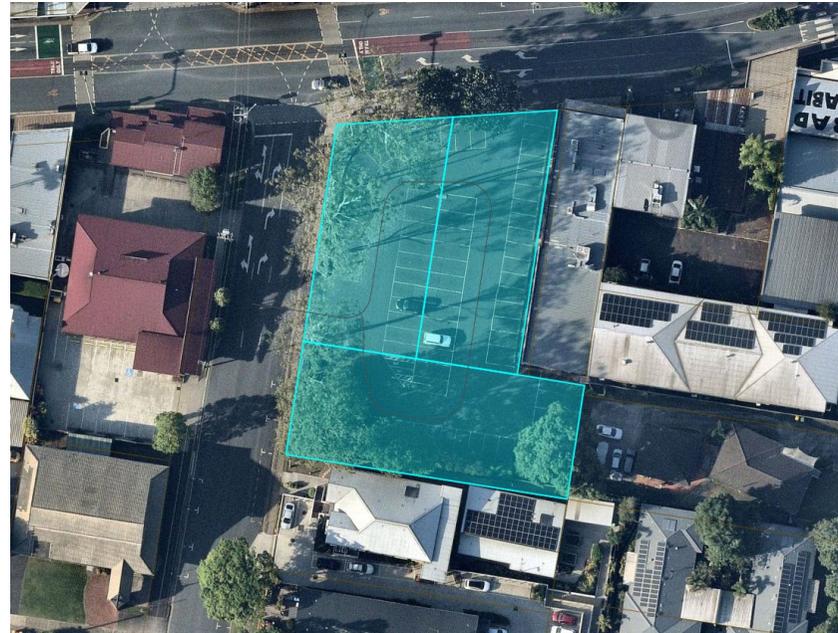
Overview



- Seek a Council Resolution for the sale of Council owned land located at Howard Street in Nambour to Coast2Bay Housing Group Limited
- Section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides for an exception if the disposal is to a community organisation
- The consideration for the sale will be equal to the market value of the land as determined by an independent registered valuer
- Project is proposed to deliver the supply of affordable housing for low-income households including key workers with an element of social housing

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46-62 Howard Street, Nambour



Lot Area	Zoning
2,627m ²	Major Centre

Officer Recommendation



That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled “Sale of Land in Nambour”;**
- (b) resolve pursuant to section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that an exception in accordance with section 236(1)(b)(ii) be applied to dispose of Lots 23 and 40 on RP27869 and Lot 2 on RP56489, other than by tender or auction, to a community organisation, being Coast2Bay Housing Group Limited; and**
- (c) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publicly release details relating to the contract price once the transfer of land ownership has registered with the Titles Queensland.**

Thank you



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