



Mayor
Mark Jamieson

Mayor's message

This year, Council's \$847 million budget will deliver a stronger, better and sustainable region. We are balancing investment in our community, our environment and our economy, and responding to climate change for today's residents and future generations.

This budget will invest \$273 million in job-creating infrastructure projects. From libraries to road upgrades, improved waste facilities and sports grounds, revitalised town centres and refreshed walking trails and playgrounds, our Council projects will support our local economy and our growing communities.

We will continue implementing the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy, focusing on homelessness, domestic violence and improving accessibility and support programs to build healthy connected communities. Opportunities for arts and our cultural heritage will be fostered.

Small business remains front-of-mind. We are strengthening our support by attracting tourism and major events and encouraging people to buy local and study here. We are developing the high-value industries and leveraging the International Broadband Network to attract new businesses to the region.

Our commitment to our environment continues, with \$52 million invested in projects to keep our conservation lands, beaches and waterways healthy. The valuable work undertaken by our environment volunteers will be supported and we will continue to deliver our wildlife conservation programs such as TurtleCare.

Together we are building Australia's most sustainable region: Healthy. Smart. Creative.

Pensioner rate concession

All eligible pensioners will benefit from a 3.5 per cent increase in their pensioner rate concession.

Sole homeowners on full pensions will now receive a \$271 concession, an increase of \$9.

Those on part pensions will also benefit, with their concession increasing to between \$77 and \$212, depending on whether they own the property solely or jointly.

This is in addition to the 14 per cent increase they received last financial year.

Win up to \$1000 off your next rate notice

Switch to receiving your future rate notice by email and you'll go in the draw to win up to \$1000 off your next rate notice. To change your rate notice delivery method, register now for a MyCouncil account or login to an existing account on Council's website.

You can also view your pet registration details, make requests to Council and make payments online, all through MyCouncil.

Payment arrangements

Contact Council before your rates are due to set-up a payment arrangement to pay, by fortnightly or monthly instalments over the six-month rating period.

Find MyCouncil on Council's website.

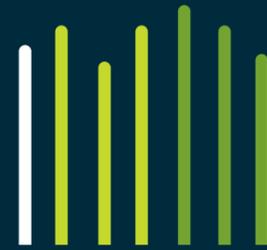


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2022-23 BUDGET

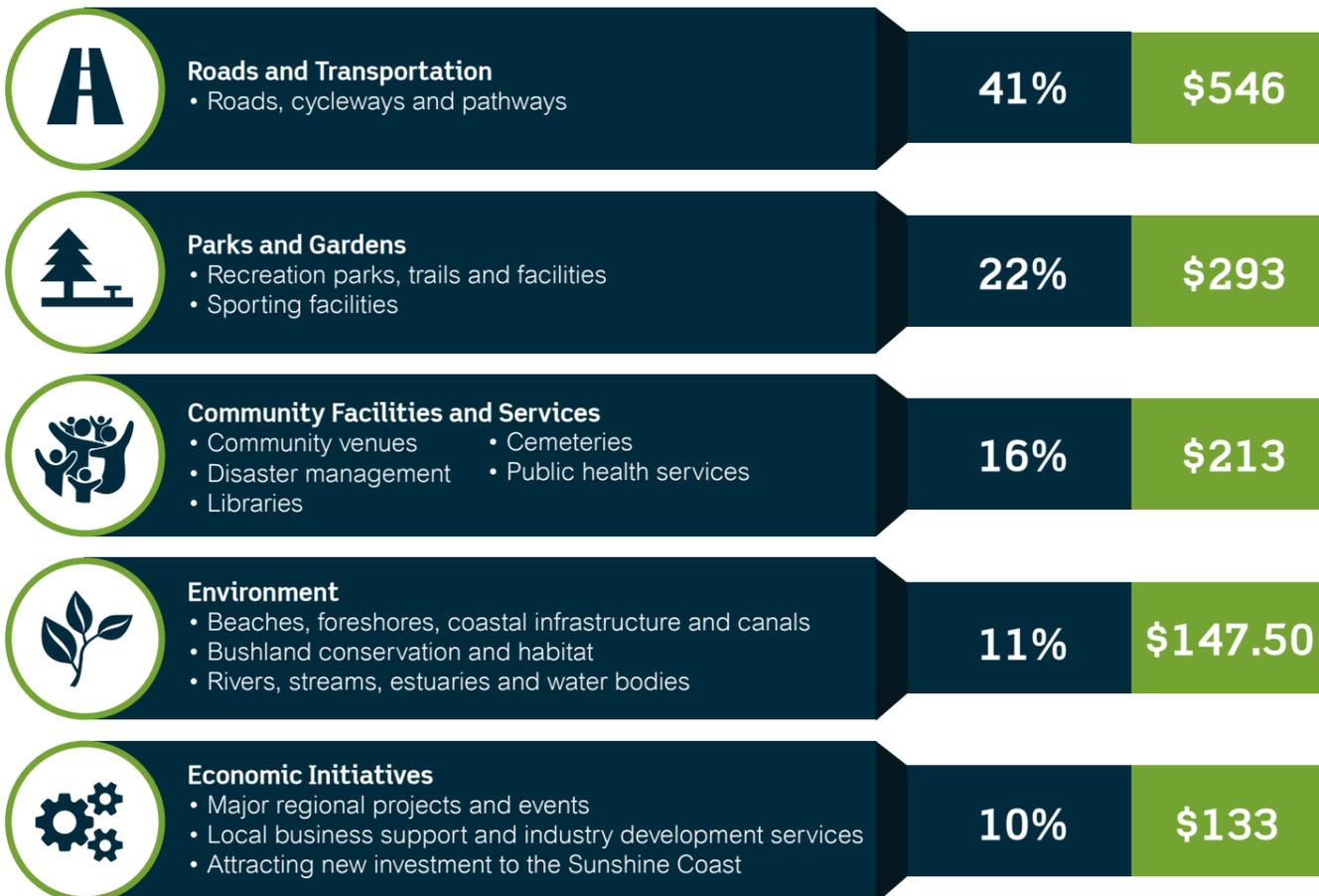


Stronger.
Better.
Sustainable.



\$847 million TOTAL COUNCIL BUDGET

Where do your rates go?



\$1332.50 minimum general rate*

*This calculation does not take into account the application of the pensioner concession, which will further reduce the rates payable by eligible ratepayers

Your rates at a glance

Thanks to Council's extensive review of the differential rating model, we will lessen the impact of the Queensland Government's increased land valuations. The majority of property owners living in their home will be on the minimum general rate category of \$1332.50 per annum, with an increase of \$63.50 or 5 per cent per annum.

There is no increase to the Environment Levy. The Transport Levy will increase by \$1 and the Arts and Heritage Levy by \$3. Waste management charges for a 240-litre wheelie bin will increase by \$15.90.

Responding to climate change

Here are some of the ways we are contributing at a local level to this global issue as we aim to be a zero net emissions organisation by 2041, and strive for a climate positive Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



- We were Australia's first local government to offset its entire electricity consumption across all its facilities and operations from renewable energy generated at the 15MW Sunshine Coast Solar Farm.
- In 2022-23, we will invest \$48 million to upgrade the Nambour Waste Precinct to sustainably manage our region's future waste and move towards a circular economy. This includes a new Materials Recovery Facility with improved high-tech capabilities to sort mixed recyclable waste collected from household and business yellow-lid bins.
- Street lighting will be converted to LED bulbs in a \$4 million collaborative project with Energex and \$300,000 of solar panels will be installed on Council-owned buildings to save even more electricity and ratepayer money.
- The garden organics service has been expanded to nearly 90,000 households to divert more waste from landfill and prevent dangerous greenhouse gases resulting from decomposing waste being released into the atmosphere.
- To strengthen Council's climate risk governance and decision-making processes, \$400,000 has been allocated to implement phase two of the Climate Risk Framework for a more resilient future.
- Development will continue on the Blue Heart Sunshine Coast, an innovative partnership-based project, committed to sustainable and adaptive floodplain management in the Maroochy River catchment.
- We will work to increase our region's resilience to the effects of climate change with \$150,000 allocated to deliver Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) projects and \$500,000 for Stormwater Management Strategy projects.
- We will continue to use innovative, sustainable, recycled and long-lasting materials in our construction projects, such as the Mooloolaba Boardwalk and beach access stairs and platforms.

Council's \$847 million budget includes:

-  **\$162 million** to maintain, renew and replace roads, pathways and stormwater assets.
-  **\$118 million** on waste management services.
-  **\$94 million** for transport, stormwater and open spaces, servicing development applications, managing property and public health and planning for sustainable growth.
-  **\$93 million** to maintain, renew and replace Council's many parks, gardens and sporting facilities.
-  **\$60 million** for libraries, galleries, community facilities and community services.
-  **\$52 million** for our environment programs and services, including beaches and foreshores management and maintenance, bushland conservation and clean energy.
-  **\$39 million** for initiatives to support the resilience of our local economy and opportunities for local businesses, including major events and holiday parks.
-  **\$7 million** for community events and grants.

Investing in our future

The Arts and Heritage, Transport and Environment levies, paid by all ratepayers, enable us to preserve and celebrate our cultural heritage and arts, plan for our region's future transport needs and build on our investment in our natural assets.

Arts and Heritage Levy raises \$2.4 million

This year, the Heritage Levy has been expanded to include The Arts. It will be renamed the Arts and Heritage Levy and increase by \$3 to \$16.

The \$3 increase will go directly to achieving the vision and goals of the Sunshine Coast Arts Plan 2018–2038 which includes developing and delivering projects which:

- provide career pathways for the Sunshine Coast's local emerging artists
- continue developing a sustainable advocacy and philanthropic approach to support the sector
- enable job and employment growth in the arts and creative industries sector
- support content creation by our region's artists, and specifically First Nations artistic content, with an eye to touring nationally and internationally
- increase participation in the arts to support our region's cultural vibrancy.

The remainder of the levy, or the same \$13 per household, will continue to be spent on achieving the outcomes of the Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2021–2031 including:

- supporting new research into regional stories
- conserving our region's heritage assets, including State Heritage-listed Bankfoot House and its nationally significant collection
- supporting our region's community museums and heritage organisations through grants, practical workshops, professional development, community programs, collaborative marketing and events
- supporting cultural heritage projects developed in collaboration with Kabi Kabi, Jinibara and Descendants of Australian South Sea Islander peoples.

Transport Levy raises \$6.8 million

The Transport Levy will increase by \$1 to \$45, and will be allocated to:

- continuing initiatives to improve bus stops and access to them as well as the RideScore initiative, which was well received at its launch this year
- supporting the two Flexilink services as well as the Council Link service for eligible persons travelling to their nearest centre
- implementing the five-year travel change behaviour program 'ThinkChange'
- supporting the Department of Transport and Main Roads in the development of the Mass Transit Detailed Business Case
- supporting research to understand changes over time in how people travel.

Environment Levy raises \$12.2 million

There will be no increase to the Environment Levy. Remaining at \$80, it will be allocated to:

- supporting the implementation of the Environment and Liveability Strategy
- protecting and enhancing our valued natural environment, including our native plants and animals, waterways and wetlands and coastal environments
- funding the purchase and management of land for conservation, catchment and coastal rehabilitation projects
- supporting partnerships with private landholders, plus environment and community groups.

Garden organics service is now \$35 per year

That's a saving of \$27 for those properties with an existing garden organics bin. Thank you for being a disciple of change and supporting the environment for a cleaner, greener and sustainable future.



Something for you

Places to enjoy

- Libraries will continue to be great community spaces to meet, learn and play with WiFi, books, workshops, talks, holiday activities, technology sessions and the online 24/7 eLibrary
- \$2 million to construct a district level recreation park at Forest Park West, Sippy Downs
- \$670,000 for Stage 9 of Buderim Village Park, Buderim*
- \$600,000 to replace and renew four tennis courts at the Eumundi Tennis Centre**
- \$450,000 to replace the play structure at Quota Memorial Park, Nambour
- \$210,000 to refresh the two playgrounds at La Balsa Park Playground, Buddina
- \$100,000 to renew the playground at Warwick Daniels Lake View Park, Twin Waters
- \$80,000 to renew the Kenilworth Town Park barbecue and shelter, Kenilworth
- \$70,000 to renew the Cedar Court Playground, Maleny.



Better community facilities

- \$5.3 million to begin construction of the new district library and community meeting space, Caloundra
- \$4.2 million to begin phase one of the Kawana Regional Aquatic Centre master plan, Bokarina
- \$2.2 million to upgrade sports field lighting at various Council venues including Maroochydore Junior Rugby League Club, Coolum Aquatic Centre, Landsborough Sports Centre, North Shore Football Club,** Maroochy Multi Sports Complex and Cotton Tree Aquatic Centre
- \$1.3 million to repair the roof structure and sheeting at the Caloundra Indoor Sports Stadium*
- \$800,000 to upgrade the change rooms at the North Shore Multi-Sports Complex, Mudjimba*
- \$443,000 to install fixed power generators at Council's emergency evacuation centres
- \$350,000 for a new amenities block planned for Jack Morgan Park, Coolum
- \$250,000 to replace lighting at Coolum Aquatic Centre, Coolum Beach
- \$120,000 to upgrade a commercial kitchen, the incoming road and street lighting at 60 Fellowship Drive, Doonan
- \$80,000 to upgrade the beach shower at beach access 124, Mudjimba
- \$20,000 to replace the retaining wall and artwork at Eudlo Skate Park, Eudlo.



Getting out and about

- \$1.6 million for the Eumundi Town Centre Placemaking project, Eumundi*
- \$1.15 million for Stage 2 of the Cribb Street Streetscape project, Landsborough*
- \$972,163 for the Woombye Streetscape placemaking project, Woombye*
- \$650,000 to upgrade the Lake Weyba foreshore trail and build a footbridge, Weyba Downs**
- \$588,762 to seal two sections of Brandenburg Road, Bald Knob
- \$550,000 to seal Kaners Road, Bridges
- \$520,000 to design and construct an upgrade to Johnston Road, Glass House Mountains
- \$435,000 to build a carpark, walking trails yarning circle and signage at Doonan Creek Environmental Reserve, Verrierdale
- \$349,000 to seal Oyster Bank Road, Bli Bli
- \$300,000 to undertake works that improve wheelchair accessibility throughout the region
- \$250,000 to begin community consultation and design of Maple Street Streetscape, Maleny
- \$100,000 for Turner Park, Beerwah*
- \$30,000 for Mt Ngungun trail head carpark, Glass House Mountains
- \$30,000 for design of North Arm Road gravel road upgrade, North Arm
- \$30,000 for the design of Colemans Farm Road gravel road upgrade, Yandina
- \$25,000 for design of Ferntree Creek Road gravel road upgrade, Kulangoor.



Caring for our environment

- \$4.64 million for environment levy land acquisition program
- \$3.96 million to support environment programs including erosion and sediment control, improving waterway health, managing invasive weeds
- \$2.09 million to engage and support our community in caring for our environment including the grants program, Land for Wildlife, shorebird conservation and a cultural burn workshop
- \$1.7 million to extend the Maroochy Groynes, Maroochydore
- \$1.47 million for a range of projects including dune rehabilitation, shoreline erosion management, our first coastal health assessment, the Blue Heart, Lower Mooloolah River Greenspace, and implementing the Sunshine Coast Koala and Macropod Conservation plans
- \$250,000 to renew revetment walls in response to the Bribie Island Breakthrough Action Plan, Golden Beach.



Getting active

- \$4.25 million to progress construction of the Honey Farm Road Sport and Recreation Precinct, Meridan Plains
- \$650,000 for cycle lanes on Karawatha Drive, Mountain Creek
- \$400,000 to renew tracks at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve, Maleny
- \$380,000 to develop designs for infrastructure to support riding and walking to school around Talara School Precinct*
- \$320,000 to renew the Neurum Road bridge and boardwalk, Yaroomba
- \$100,000 to progress plans for a new pathway along Emu Mountain Road, between Old Emu Road and David Low Way
- \$40,000 to renew the Alex Forest walking trail, Alexandra Headland.



Business support

- Continue to deliver the Buy Local Sunshine Coast campaign
- Delivery of the Study Sunshine Coast initiative to leverage the significant benefits that education tourism, talent attraction and international education bring to the region
- Develop a talent attraction and retention campaign for the Sunshine Coast to address current workforce shortages in the region
- Promote and support circular economy initiatives including the ASPIRE online business-to-business tool
- Continue to engage with the international markets in the lead up to Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Continue to support the region through destination marketing and supporting Visit Sunshine Coast
- Leverage of the International Broadband Network project to attract new businesses and jobs to the Sunshine Coast
- Continue to promote and develop the High Value Industries and their associated Industry Groups and Chamber
- Attract major events and tourists to the region to enjoy what the Sunshine Coast has to offer.



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This is just a small sample of the many projects and programs to be delivered in 2022-23. Find out about more projects near you by scanning the QR code here.

