



Sunshine Coast
COUNCIL

BUDGET

2019-20

Our communities are our future

The Sunshine Coast is renowned for many things – our lifestyle, our vibrant and distinct communities and our environmental assets. And it is our vision for the future that really sets us apart.

Healthy. Smart. Creative.





Mayor
Mark Jamieson



Mayor's message

Our communities are our future – and this is the focus of Sunshine Coast Council's \$848 million budget for 2019-2020.

Our council has delivered a budget which invests in our greatest assets – our communities, our environment and natural assets, and our economy.

From library services and local venues to sporting fields, parks and gardens, coastal restoration and rehabilitation, and continuing to expand our conservation estate, our budget focuses on delivering for communities right across our region.

Council is also making major investments in improving our local roads and pathways to enable our residents to move around the region and to keep these assets in great shape. We are delivering region-making projects such as the Sunshine Coast Airport expansion project, the new Maroochydore City Centre and the International Broadband Submarine Cable, all of which are delivering jobs now and will continue to generate more enduring employment.

This is the eighth consecutive budget from our council which delivers a surplus and one that has our community and your needs front and centre – today, next year and well into the future.

After all, that is what a healthy, smart, creative region does.





\$848 million
TOTAL COUNCIL BUDGET



Where do your rates go?



Community

- Community venues
- Disaster management
- Libraries
- Cemeteries
- Public Health services



Parks and gardens

- Recreation parks, trails and facilities
- Sporting facilities



Environment

- Beaches, foreshore, coastal infrastructure and canals
- Bushland conservation and habitat
- Rivers, streams, estuaries and water bodies



Roads and transportation

- Roads, cycleways and pathways
- Stormwater assets
- Public lighting



Economic initiatives

- Major regional projects and events
- Local business support and industry development services
- Attracting new investment to the Sunshine Coast



\$1243.20 Minimum general rates

\$194.10

\$279.80

\$132.60

\$506.10

\$130.60



Budget summary

A rates and charges increase of **2.97%** which is **93c** per week for the majority of homeowners.

This includes



\$8.60 increase to waste management charges for a 240L wheelie bin

and a combined



\$3.50 increase for the Environment, Heritage & Transport Levies

community

Capital works program

Council's budget includes a \$320 million capital works program, to help our residents get around, connect with each other and enjoy our lifestyle.

\$320 million includes:



\$97 million
on transport and stormwater projects



\$26 million
on community, sporting and other public facilities



\$17 million
on parks, gardens and public amenities



\$21 million
on waste management



\$5 million
on holiday parks and the Caloundra Aerodrome



\$105 million
on the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion



\$16.6 million
on the Maroochydore City Centre



\$14.4 million
on the Sunshine Coast International Broadband Submarine Cable Network



Investing in our future

The Heritage, Transport and Environment levies contributed by all ratepayers enables us to build on our investment in our environment, plan for our region's future transport needs and preserve and celebrate our cultural heritage.

Heritage Levy raises \$1.8 million

The Heritage Levy will increase by 50 cents to \$13, and will continue to:

- support research into regional stories and explore options for our community to better interact with our heritage through digital solutions
- conserve the region's heritage assets, including State Heritage-listed Bankfoot House and its collection
- support the region's community museums and historical societies through grants, professional development, workshops, community programs, collaborative marketing and events
- support cultural heritage projects developed in collaboration with Kabi Kabi, Jinibara and Descendants of Australian South Sea Islander peoples.



Transport Levy raises \$6.2 million

The Transport Levy will increase by \$1 to \$44, to support:

- the detailed business case for the Light Rail project and other strategic transport planning outcomes
- the continuation of local transport services for our community such as Council Link, the Flexilink trials and the Kenilworth Community Transport Service
- the continuation of bus stop upgrades to comply with the *Disability Discrimination Act* requirements
- travel behaviour change programs.

Environment Levy raises \$10.9 million

The Environment Levy will increase by \$2 to \$76, and will continue to:

- support the implementation of the Environment and Liveability Strategy
- protect and enhance our valued natural environment, including our native plants and animals, waterways and wetlands and coastal environments
- support the purchase and management of conservation lands, catchment and coastal rehabilitation projects, and partner with private landholders and environment and community groups.



Future

Something for you:

Love getting out and about?

- Horizon Festival will once again bring the Sunshine Coast to life with a 10-day celebration of arts and culture
- \$9 million to keep our playgrounds and parks in good condition including \$300,000 for a new playground and much more at Turner Park, Beerwah; \$300,000 at Graeme Stewart Park, Currimundi; and \$655,000 for an adventure playground and more at Russell Family Park, Montville
- Caloundra Regional Gallery will continue to showcase local and national artists in professionally curated exhibitions and programs
- Libraries continue to be great community spaces to meet, learn and play. Check in for WiFi, books, workshops, talks, holiday activities, preservation stations, technology sessions and the online 24/7 eLibrary
- \$1.37 million to complete some missing links along the Coastal Pathway at Tay Avenue, Caloundra; Oceanic Drive, Bokarina and Wilson Avenue, Dicky Beach.

Travelling around our region

\$82.7 million will go towards improving our local road and transport network, including:

- \$6.9 million and \$6 million respectively for a four-lane upgrade to both Parklands Boulevard, Meridan Plains and Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- \$20 million on resurfacing more than 117 streets across our region
- more than \$4 million to improve facilities and infrastructure for walkers and cyclists including pathway renewals, new green cycle lanes and the start of a new link along Nambour Connection Road, between Erbacher Road and Magnolia Street, Nambour
- \$3.3 million on sealing gravel roads including Kiamba Road, Kiamba and McGilchrist Road, Eudlo and the planning and design work to seal Zgrajewski Road and sections of North Arm-Yandina Creek Road, Yandina Creek.

Enjoy being active

- Healthy Sunshine Coast will provide free and low cost exercise classes – from group fitness to outdoor yoga – across our region
- \$6.9 million is allocated to upgrade sporting facilities – supporting our community to get out, get active and form connections. This includes \$1.9 million for the Maroochy Multi-Sports Complex and \$2.1 million to finalise stage 2 of the Regional Tennis Centre at Caloundra
- \$70,000 to provide visitor access to Doonan Creek Environmental Reserve at Verrierdale
- \$705,000 for the first stage of a program to replace pathways across our region from Coolum to Burnside, Minyama to Little Mountain and widen them to 1.8 metres to cater for prams and mobility scooters.

Protecting our environment

- Over \$3 million for 26 projects to improve the quality of stormwater entering streams and water bodies
- \$1.34 million to rehabilitate coastal dunes, manage shoreline erosion and implement a coastal health monitoring system
- more than \$1 million to upgrade recreation trails across the region and progress the Adventure Sunshine Coast project; and \$300,000 for boardwalk upgrades at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve
- \$1.1 million for programs and services at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve, Maroochy Bushland Botanical Gardens and Maroochy Wetlands – our key centres for conservation, learning and community based partnerships
- \$4 million invested in our programs with community volunteers and private landholders to support environmental education, land restoration and wildlife care
- completion of the \$1 million Maroochydore Beach renourishment program to improve shoreline resilience, community access and enjoyment
- a new roaming education hub called the Coastal Discovery Centre will open.

Have a four-legged friend?

- A new mobile app will be developed to give dog owners quick and easy information about off-leash, on-leash and prohibited areas across our region
- \$48,000 for a new dog off-leash area at Elders Street, Nambour
- our littlest residents will continue to enjoy the responsible pet ownership education program in schools and childcare centres across our region.

Operating a business

- Businesses and their employees will be able to access 'B-Well and Prosper' – a wellbeing and mental health portal with workshops, factsheets, podcasts and initiatives
- \$14.4 million for the International Broadband Submarine Cable network, which is on track to be in service by mid-2020, and forecast to deliver up to 864 new jobs and stimulate \$927 million in new investment in Queensland
- \$105 million to continue the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project, which is on track for completion in 2020 and forecast to create 2230 new full-time direct and indirect jobs by 2040
- a Reduced Infrastructure Charge will remain in place until June 2022 to incentivise residential investment in defined central areas of Nambour and Caloundra.

Not-for-profit organisations

- Charities and not-for-profit organisations will receive a 50 percent fee reduction when lodging a development application
- \$3.4 million in community grants to support projects, events and activities of not-for-profit groups.



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Our natural environment assets

Pay your rates on-time

Take advantage of your on-time rate payment discount.

Pensioner rate concession

Eligible pensioners continue to receive a rate concession.

Set and forget your rates payment

Did you know you can set up a direct debit to have your rates paid in full on the due date? That way, you can set and forget your payment and guarantee receiving your on-time payment discount.

You can also receive your rates notice by email. You'll be helping the environment and if you are travelling or have moved house, you will know when your rates are due.

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