

# DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS REPORT

## 2020/21

### Overview

The Development Indicators Report 2020/21 presents a selection of development statistics for the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and comparisons to previous years. The report provides a health check on the local development industry, covering value of building construction and key stages throughout the development activity process.

2020/21 has been a significant year for the industry, including continued social and economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, Federal Government HomeBuilder Grant Scheme, increased interstate migration and growth in the region.

While development and building application numbers have remained largely consistent, plumbing and drainage works applications increased by 38% and the value of construction associated with building approvals increased by 20% to hit a record \$1.91 billion.

The expansion of the Caloundra South suburbs of Baringa and Nirimba continue to top as the highest growth areas, followed by Maroochydore, Palmview and Bokarina.

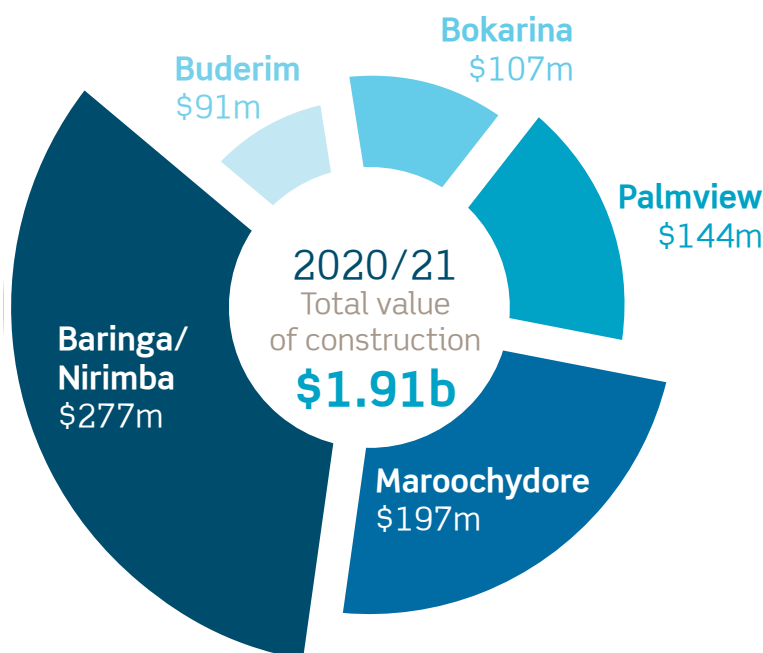
Council saw a 12% increase in development advice services, a 41% increase in Development sessions and 57% increase in Site Reports, likely attributed to

changed customer expectations and approaches to our services, particularly due to the COVID-19 pandemic event.

A total of 7601 applications were lodged to council for assessment, featuring 371 Material Change of Use, 684 Operational Works, 122 Reconfiguring a Lot, 623 Change applications, 4482 Plumbing and Drainage work applications, and 1319 Building Works and Concurrence Agency Referrals.

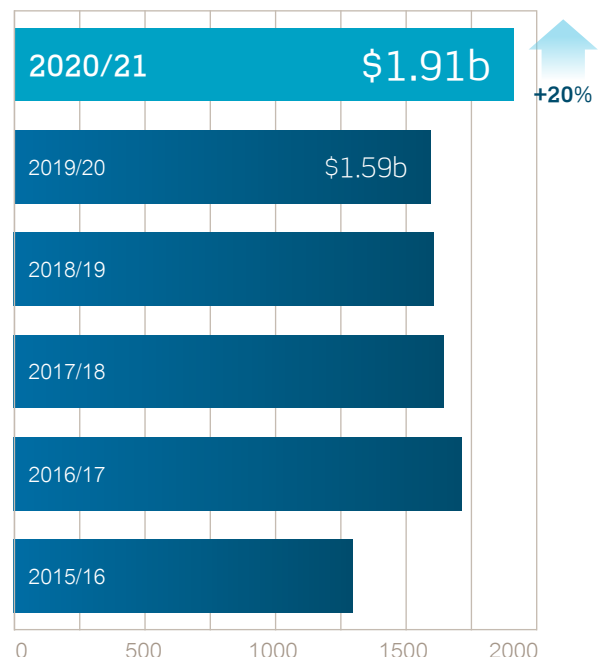
A total of 4386 lots were approved and 2463 new lots were created and made available to the market, through Council and State Government approval processes.

### Top 5 Growth Suburbs for Building Activity

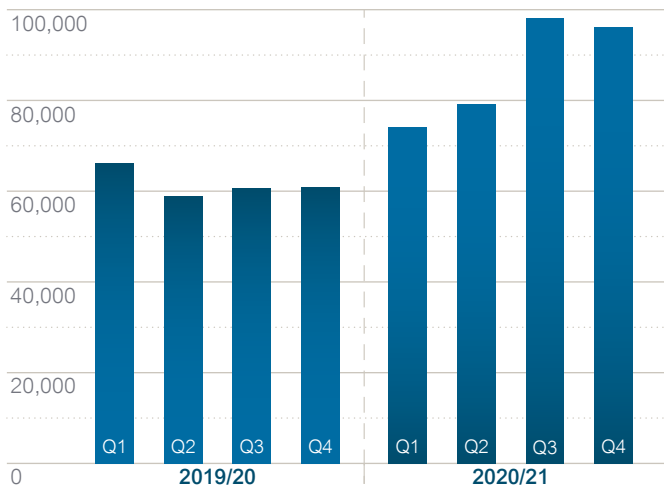


### Building Approvals

\$ Values of construction

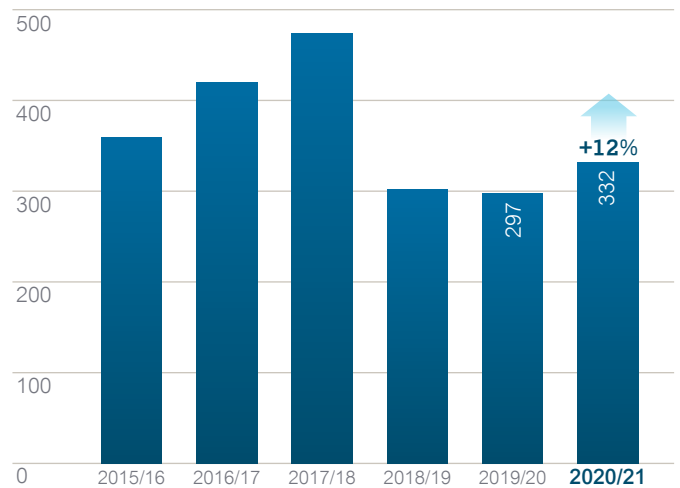


## Development.i Sessions



## Development Advice Services

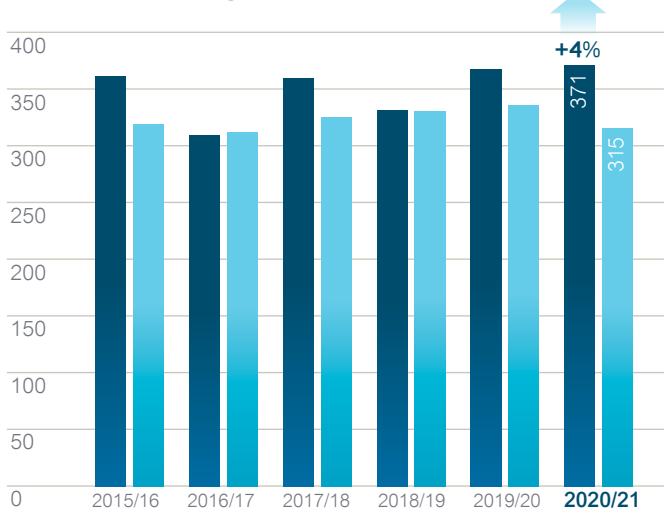
Prelodgement meetings, email and phone



• New Service Levels introduced 1 July 2018.

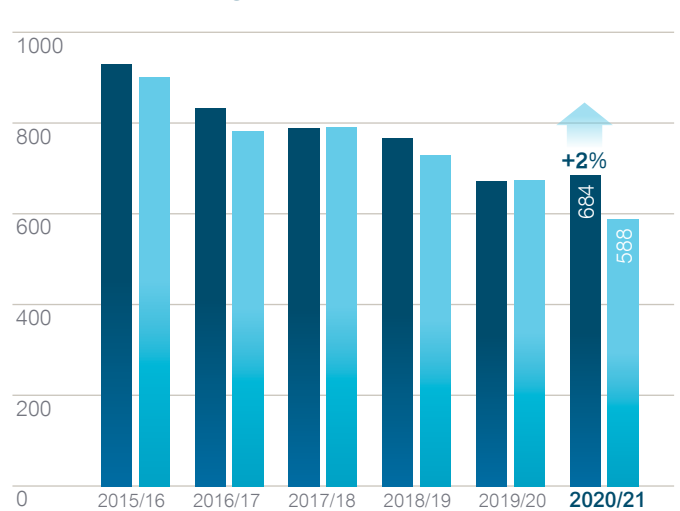
## Material Change of Use

Lodged and Decided



## Operational Work Applications

Lodged and Decided



## DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY PROCESS



**57k**  
INQUIRIES



**360k**  
FREE SITE  
REPORTS  
ACCESSED



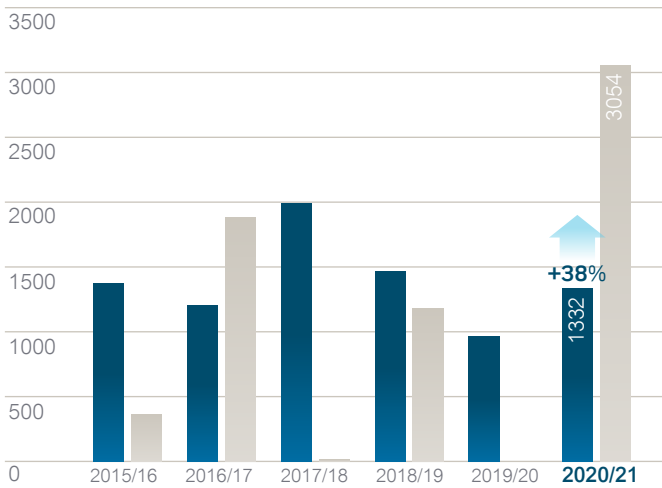
**332**  
ADVICE  
SERVICES



**1.8k**  
DEVELOPMENT  
APPLICATIONS  
LODGED#

## Lots Approved

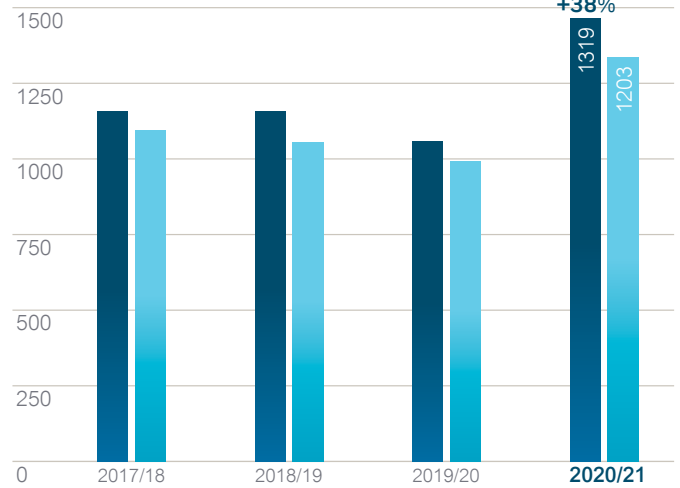
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## Assessable Building Work

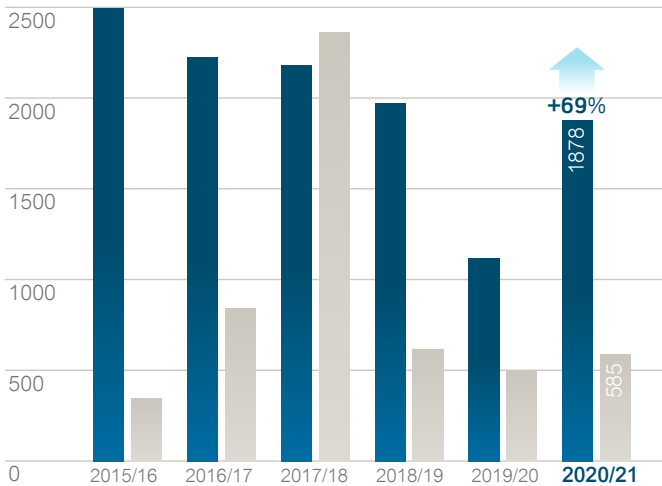
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- Inc. Building Work Assessable against Planning Scheme and Concurrence Agency Referrals.

## Lots Created

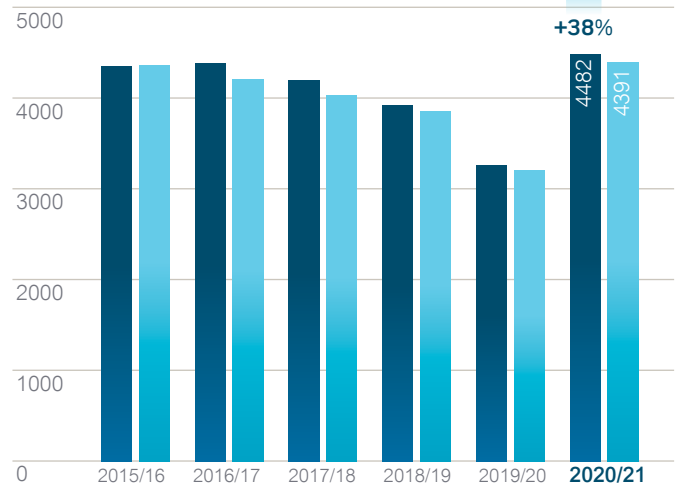
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## Plumbing Applications

Lodged ■ and Decided ■



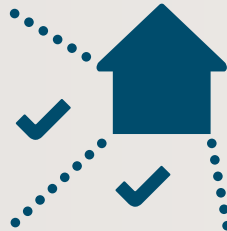
**12.2k**

BUILDING  
APPLICATIONS  
LODGED\*



**4.4k**

PLUMBING  
APPLICATIONS  
LODGED



**2.4k**

LOTS CREATED  
THROUGH PLAN  
SEALING PROCESS  
inc. Qld Govt DA



**\$1.91b**

BUILDING  
APPROVALS



**30k**

PLUMBING  
INSPECTIONS

## Our vision and commitment

Australia's most sustainable region –  
Healthy. Smart. Creative.



Council puts this vision into action every day, positioning our Sunshine Coast for the future.

The Corporate Plan 2021-2025 ensures Council:

- supports and connects our communities
- preserves and nurtures our natural assets,
- develops a more resilient economy delivering jobs, opportunities and services
- focuses on maintaining the lifestyle our residents highly value.

The services and functions provided by Development Services Branch align with Council's Our Service Excellence goal with a focus on ensuring our services are consistent and accessible and provide positive experiences for our customers and value to our community.

Our Branch Customer Charter further reinforces our Corporate Plan goals, identifying how we can work together to deliver the best development services in Queensland. The charter outlines what you can expect when dealing with us, as well as what you can do to help us meet these expectations.

To view council's Corporate Plan go to [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

To find out more about Development Services Customer Charter, go to [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Development](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Development)

## Streamline your assessment – well-made applications save you time and money



Council's well-made application and code checklists can help you prepare your development application and ensure a streamlined assessment. While your application may be 'properly made' under the applicable legislation, important details may still be missing.

The well-made checklist can help you get everything together in one package right from the start. In addition, code checklists outline all applicable performance and acceptable outcomes for the relevant planning scheme codes in a simplified and easy to use format for our customers.

Using these code checklists can:

- reduce the number of information requests
- assist assessment staff
- lead to quicker decision timeframes.

Including code checklists and well-made application checklist with your application will ensure the most efficient processing of your application.

For more information go to [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Development](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Development)

## DEVELOPMENT

Empowering you to be informed on what development is proposed or planned in your community.

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