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Sunshine Coast Council’s Corporate Plan 2019 – 2023

Our council’s Corporate Plan sets the pathways that council will pursue on behalf of the community for the next five years to reinforce council’s vision for the region.

The SC Corporate Plan is supported by a suite of endorsed regional strategies on critical matters such as, the environment, economic development, social, financial and asset management. The SC Corporate Plan will be reviewed every year to track our priorities and responsiveness to issues.

The SC Corporate Plan:
• Council’s core strategic direction for the next five years.
• Guides council’s decision-making.
• Identifies key operational actions for the financial year.
• The organisation’s primary business planning and performance tool.
• Steers budget operations and resource allocations.

Purpose
To serve the community with excellence and position the region for the future.

Values
Respect for each other, Being our best, Working as one team, High standards, Service excellence.
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**Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014**

The *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme* provides policy direction relating to land use, settlement patterns and housing, employment and industry and open space into the future.

The planning scheme is a legal document regulating land use and development. ‘Development’ is defined under the *Planning Act 2016* as:

- material change of use (MCU) (e.g. establishing a new house, shop or office building).
- reconfiguring a lot (e.g. subdivision).
- operational work (e.g. landscaping works, engineering works, placing an advertising device on premises, vegetation clearing).
- building work.
- plumbing and drainage work.
The plan aims to enable people to:

- engage in society
- move about the region with dignity and independence.

The plan has been developed around five focus areas:

- pedestrians, parking and transport – getting around.
- community facilities, amenities and open space – places and spaces.
- planning and services – diverse and broad services.
- training, employment and participation – sharing in and contributing to society.
- communication and community engagement – Accessible and relevant communication.

The plan identifies a range of priorities that guide council’s work:

- social cohesion – equity and opportunities for all.
- accessibility and correctedness – a community that recognises the importance of universal access and equity.
- great governance – ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making; an informed and engaged community.

The strategy outlines council’s role in community events. It is a way for council to assist the Coast in becoming a more event-friendly region.

Council wanted the heritage and character of the region’s communities to be celebrated and protected by:

- preserving the cultural heritage and history of the region.
- acknowledging the traditional owners of this land.
- encouraging responsible event management to protect the natural environment.
- respecting the local amenity of public open spaces.
- providing access to a variety of cultural venues.
- providing access to a large number of sport and recreation facilities.
- offering market and street performance sites for the community.
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**Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2014 – 2020**

Council has developed the strategy to:

- promote and enhance responsible pet ownership across the region.
- inform the community about council’s role and future priorities in animal management.

The strategy assists by outlining:

- the requirements and considerations that exist for keeping a cat or dog.
- what council does and needs to do to support responsible pet ownership over the next six years.

**Sunshine Coast Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017**

The strategy provides an integrated framework and sets strategic directions to guide the actions of council and its partners to ensure a healthy environment and liveable Sunshine Coast to 2041.

In this rapidly changing world there will be many challenges and opportunities for our much loved Sunshine Coast way of life – increasing population, changing climate, economic growth and emerging technologies.

By identifying the key challenges and harnessing the opportunities that will present over the next 25 years, the strategy sets a course for proactive action through the setting of policy positions, targets and identification of transformational actions that aim to:

- maintain and nurture our natural environment.
- respond to the challenge of population growth.
- build resilience against the potential impacts of climate change.
- create liveable spaces and places to live, work and play.
- drive renewable energy, efficiency and technical know-how.
- live up to the expectations of future generations.

The strategy consists of three parts:

- Part A: Strategic directions (vision, guiding principles, policy positions)
- Part B: Five-year implementation plan (transformational actions)
- Part C: Network plan (technical detail and desired standards of service).

The Environment and Liveability Strategy supersedes the following council strategies adopted in 2010-2011:

- Affordable Living Strategy 2010-2020
- Biodiversity Strategy 2010-2020
- Climate Change and Peak Oil Strategy 2010-2020
- Open Space Strategy 2011
- Social Infrastructure Strategy 2011
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Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2015 – 2020

The plan aims to ensure the region’s traditions, memories, places and objects are identified, conserved, supported and celebrated into the future.

Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018 – 2027

The Strategy seeks to ensure the region realises its full potential, ensuring that major events contribute fully to the vision for the Sunshine Coast region to be Australia’s most sustainable region – healthy, smart and creative.

The Sunshine Coast Major Events Strategy 2018-2027 provides a ten-year framework which seeks to maximise the value of major events to the economy and to the region.

The Strategy has been developed by Council in close consultation with the Sunshine Coast Events Board and informed through valuable contributions from the tourism and event industry and key regional partners. The document outlines pathways and actions for the first three-year period of the Strategy, prior to a formal review in 2021.


Council has developed the strategy to address the changing needs of older people on the Sunshine Coast.

Council recognises the important and positive contributions older people make to Sunshine Coast communities.

The strategy focuses on council’s commitment to older people over the next five years. It promotes collaboration between council and other agencies to:
• meet the needs of older people.
• maximise the benefits of an ageing population.

The Positive Ageing Strategy is supported by a set of principles developed from this research. The principles are:
• equitable access for all.
• dignity and respect.
• diversity.
• safety.
• participation and connectedness.
• opportunities for all to an independent lifestyle.
• collaborative partnerships.
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**Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Action Plan 2017 – 2019**

The aim of the plan is to promote understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and other Australians living on the Sunshine Coast.

By endorsing the plan, council makes a commitment to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples. Council hopes to create an inclusive community that respects the culture, history and heritage of its people.

**Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan**

The draft plan aims to provide more detailed open space network planning and level of service direction for council controlled recreation parks. It will also assist in the development of management plans.

The plan will have an activity based approach and further develop the Open Space Strategy directions for recreation parks.

**Sunshine Coast Recreation Trail Plan 2012**

The plan provides a vision for recreation trails on the Sunshine Coast, includes a network blueprint prioritising upgrades to existing trails, and proposes new trails and areas for further investigation. Council adopted the plan to guide the future development of a recreational trail network across the Sunshine Coast.

The Recreation Trail Plan is council’s principal document to:

- guide decision-making with respect to trail development for the next ten years.
- evaluate the existing trail network.
- inform council’s planning including the planning scheme, strategic documents, funding allocations and operational activity.

The plan also focusses on the council-managed recreation trails, but proposes partnerships with other network managers such as National Parks.
The plan has been formed to guide the planning, development and management of the Skate and BMX network across the Sunshine Coast area.

Skate and BMX facilities play a major role in the region’s community infrastructure. It is also key in building the social capital of children and young people. It is important that council understands this role and develops a framework that responds to population growth and the changing needs of skate and BMX facility users. This will ensure future facilities:

- are suitably located.
- properly outfitted.
- cater for a range of different users.

The plan:

- offers a 10 year maintenance plan for facilities.
- provides detailed guidance for expansion of existing facilities.
- recommends sites for development.
- ensures future facilities are suitably located, developed and managed.
- confirms sites will offer differing recreational experiences.

The strategy provides the long term social direction for the Sunshine Coast region. It is an overarching strategy that includes the following:

- a social vision
- aims
- key initiatives
- council’s existing social commitments.

The document builds on the region’s existing social attributes and outlines further actions to improve community outcomes and strengths.

The strategy aims to achieve four targets:

- Sunshine Coast maintains a healthiest region in Queensland ranking.
- increase in the number of people that benefit from council’s funding program.
- increase in the frequency the population attending council’s venues, aquatic facilities, libraries, gallery and events.
- one in four of the population contributing to volunteering.

It is important that council plans to meet current and future sport and recreation needs. Council must also ensure these resources are well managed and protected for future generations.

The plan focuses on activities that need formal venues and services, and where council has a role to play.
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**Sunshine Coast Integrated Transport Strategy**

The Integrated Transport Strategy outlines the policy direction for transport in the region and replaces the Sustainable Transport Strategy. It responds to the challenges and opportunities facing our region and outlines our vision to address the Sunshine Coast’s transport needs.

The strategy focuses on achieving a connected, smart, integrated, safe and efficient transport system that services and supports a rapidly growing Sunshine Coast.

The strategy was developed with input from the community, key stakeholder feedback and expert analysis, as well as a review of trends and changes occurring across the transport sector.

**Sunshine Coast Waste Strategy 2015 – 2025**

The Sunshine Coast Waste Strategy 2015-2025 has been developed to shape council’s future waste management infrastructure needs and develop strong resource recovery markets.

This strategy aims to also ensure that this essential community service remains both cost effective and customer focused whilst protecting the health of the public and the natural environment.

Taking a balanced approach to waste management across the Sunshine Coast Council region, the strategy provides integrated waste and resource recovery solutions and will assist in delivery of council’s vision to become Australia’s most sustainable region – vibrant, green, diverse. The strategy intends on delivering this vision by establishing goals and directing resources to the highest value initiatives through the setting of achievable targets over a reasonable time frame.