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2022/23 Budget

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Council adopted the \$847 million 2022/23 council budget at a special meeting on 23 June 2022.

The budget was developed in conjunction with:

- council's [Operational Plan 2022/23](#)
[4990KB]
- and in accordance with council's [Financial Sustainability Plan 2015-2025](#)[1945KB]

Budget snapshot

- A budget with a positive operating result of \$31.8 million.
- An \$847 million budget to deliver a strong, better and sustainable Sunshine Coast.
- A \$273 million dollar Capital Works Program that:
 - invests in job-creating local infrastructure projects
 - provides work for local trades and businesses
 - improves access to services and facilities for our communities across the Sunshine Coast.
- A 5 per cent or \$63.50 increase in the Minimum General Rate.
- No increases to the Environment Levy which will remain at \$80. The Arts and Heritage levy will increase by \$3 to \$16. Transport levy will increase by \$1 to \$45.
- The cost to collect a standard 240 litre domestic wheelie and recycling bin will increase by \$15.90 - from \$316.80 to \$332.70. However, residents who have already committed to doing their bit by using a garden organics green bin will \$27 on their collection service fee, which has been reduced from \$62 to \$35.
- When taking into account the general waste and recycling bin collection services and the environment, transport and heritage levies, the bottom-line increase for the majority of principal place of residence properties will be 4.84%.
- All pensioners will benefit from a 3.5% 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.

Budget news

There's something for you in the 2022-23 Budget.

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 in at Forest Park West, Sippy Downs
- \$600,000 to replace and renew four tennis courts at the Eumundi Tennis Centre**
- \$670,000 for stage nine of Buderim Village Park, Buderim*
- \$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 barbeque and shelter, Kenilworth
- \$70,000 to renew the Cedar Court Playground, Maleny.

Better community facilities

- \$5.3 million for the new district library and community meeting space, Caloundra
- \$4.2 million to begin phase one of the Kawana Waters Regional Aquatic Centre master plan, Bokarina
- \$2.2 million to upgrade sports field lighting at various Council venues including Maroochydore Junior Rugby League Club, Coolool Aquatic Centre, Landsborough Sports Centre, North Shore Football Club*, Maroochy Multi Sports Centre 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
- \$80,000 to upgrade the beach shower at beach access 124, Mudjimba
- \$250,000 to replace lighting at Coolool Aquatic Centre, Coolool Beach
- \$120,000 to upgrade to a commercial kitchen, the incoming road and street lighting at 60 Fellowship Drive, Doonan
- \$350,000 for a new amenities block planned for Jack Morgan Park, Coolool
- \$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*
- \$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 Kanes 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
- \$1.15 million for Stage 2 of the Cribb Street Streetscape project, Landsborough*
- \$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

- \$1.7 million to extend the Maroochy Groynes, Maroochydore
- \$4.64 million for environment levy land acquisition program
- \$2.09 million to engage and support our community in caring for our environment including the grants program, Land Wildlife, shorebird conservation and a cultural burn workshop
- \$3.96 million to support environment programs including erosion and sediment control, improving waterway health, managing invasive weeds
- \$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
- \$380,000 to develop designs for infrastructure to support riding and walking to school around Talara School Precinct*
- \$400,000 to renew tracks at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve, Maleny
- \$650,000 for cycle lanes on Karawatha Drive, Mountain Creek
- \$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 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 Submarine Cable 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 Tourist to the region to enjoy what the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

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Infrastructure highlights by division

Division 1

Banya, Baringa, Beerburrum, Beerwah, Bells Creek, Bribie Island North, Caloundra West, Coochin Creek, Corbould Park, (

Division 5

Bald Knob, Balmoral Ridge, Booroobin, Cambrook, Chevallum, Conondale, Crohamhurst, Curramore, Diamond Valley, Ela

Division 9

Bli Bli, Coolum Beach, Doonan, Marcoola, Maroochy River, Mount Coolum, Pacific Paradise, Peregian Beach, Peregian Sp

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 Australia 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.

2022-23 Budget schedules

The 2022/23 budget schedules were presented as attachments to the budget adoption report. The schedules include:

- [Statement of Income and Expenses](#)
- [Total Council](#)
- [Business Activity Statement](#)
- [Statement of Financial Position](#)
- [Statement of Changes in Equity](#)
- [Statement of Cash Flow](#)
- [Measures of Financial Sustainability](#)
- [Change in Rates and Utility Charges](#)
- [2023-32 Ten-Year Capital Works Program](#)
- [Maroochydore City Centre Project](#)
- [Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network Project](#)
- [Environment Levy Program](#)
- [Transport Levy Program](#)
- [Arts and Heritage Levy Program](#)
- [2023 Minor Works Program](#)

Policies

The following policies have been adopted as part of the 2022-23 Budget:

- [Debt Policy 2022/23](#)
- [Revenue Policy 2022/23](#)
- [Investment Policy 2022/23](#)
- [Environment Levy Policy](#)
- [Transport Levy Policy](#)
- [Arts and Heritage Levy Policy](#)

Along with the [Revenue Statement 2022/23](#)

Previous budgets

- [2021/22 Budget details](#)
- [2020/21 Budget details](#)
- [2019/20 Budget details](#)
- [2018/19 Budget details](#)
- [2017/18 Budget details](#)
- [2016/17 Budget details](#)
- [2015/16 Budget details](#)
- [2014/15 Budget details](#)
- [2013/14 Budget details](#)



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