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*** Local Government Reforms

Key amendments currently under consideration

A recently released Information Paper by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs (DLGRMA) outlines a series of reforms designed to strengthen the transparency, accountability and integrity of local government in Queensland.

Local council election reforms

Election reforms for local councils which are being put forward for consultation include:

- Caps on campaign spending
- Public funding of candidates campaign expenditure (up to the applicable cap)
- Clarifying if candidates are running as individuals or as members of a group/team
- Full preferential voting for Mayors and single Councillor divisions
- Full preferential proportional representation for Councillors in undivided councils e.g. Toowoomba
- Clarifying that councils can have multi-member divisions

- Introducing criteria for councils wanting to have elections by postal ballot only

The Government’s reasons for introducing public funding to the local council election process include:

- Aligns State and local government electoral processes
- Encourages greater candidate participation in the electoral process by subsidising the cost of campaigning
- Reduce reliance on or need for donations and thereby reduce associated corruption risks

Other local council reforms

- Other local council reforms mentioned in the State Government’s discussion paper include:
- Changes to rules about managing conflicts of interest
- Tighter controls on funds which Councillors can allocate at their discretion
- Limiting the Mayor’s power of direction of officers – they will only be allowed to direct the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Council policies and directions.

- Requiring CEO's to ensure Councillors obtain information within 5 days of a request
- Widening the State Governments powers to intervene in the public interest

The [Information Paper](#) is structured in four sections; before, during, after an election and elected councils. Current and proposed amendments are outlined as well as the reasoning for proposed changes and we would **urge you to read it.**

Engagement opportunities

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring stakeholders are aware of these proposed changes and their impacts.

DLGRMA is available to answer questions on a dedicated phone hotline 07 3452 6747 and [email](#). Live webinars were held by the Department, for more information [click here](#). Note these webinars were recorded and can still be viewed if you were not able to see them live.

***** Our Resilient Coast. Our Future.**

The SCRC is commencing the journey to develop 'Our Resilient Coast. Our Future', a long-term strategy to help manage the impacts of coastal hazards. Coastal hazards include erosion of our beaches, and short or long-term seawater inundation of land along the coastline.

We aim to better understand coastal hazards, and reduce impacts on our coast and communities. We also hope to enhance the resilience of our coastline over time.

The process used to develop the 'Our Resilient Coast. Our Future.' strategy may take up to 24 months. This allows enough time to:

- undertake detailed studies
- hold a range of conversations with the community, and
- incorporate your values and ideas into the strategy.

The development of this strategy is a key action in our [Environment and Liveability Strategy](#).

How can you get involved?

If you are interested in our coast and its future, please be part of our community consultation. Your ideas and input will be a valuable part of our strategy development.

To get involved:

- Subscribe for project updates using the [Subscribe](#) button.
- Use the [interactive map](#) to share your photos, stories and historical events about specific locations along the coast.
- Complete the current [survey](#) to tell us about what you value about the coast, and your past experiences of coastal hazards.

The QCoast₂₁₀₀ Program

'Our Resilient Coast. Our Future.' is funded by the State Government QCoast₂₁₀₀ program. The strategy will follow the QCoast₂₁₀₀ [Minimum Standards and Guidelines](#). The SCRC is working with Alluvium, NCE, JBP and other local experts and project partners to deliver this work.

More than 40 coastal councils in Queensland are developing strategies to manage coastal hazards. Similar work is also ongoing across Australia and overseas.

***** Sunshine Coast Airport Airspace Changes Runway 13/31**

Consultation has commenced on the proposed airspace and flight path changes to support operation of Runway 13/31 at the Sunshine Coast Airport. In addition to supporting engagement activities conducted by the Sunshine Coast Council, Airservices will be hosting 'drop-in' sessions in the Sunshine Coast area between 8 - 13 April 2019.

A full list of engagement opportunities on the proposed airspace and flight path changes can be found [here](#).

Airservices proposes to implement flight path and airspace changes at the Sunshine Coast Airport to support operation of the new Runway (RWY 13/31).

When will the change occur?

The new runway is planned to be operational in 2020.

Why are the changes necessary?

Construction has commenced on a new Runway (Runway 13/31) at Sunshine Coast Airport. The new runway is aligned northwest (known as Runway 31) to southeast (known as Runway 13). As the new runway is a different location and

orientation to the current runway, airspace and flight path changes are required.

In 2014, Sunshine Coast Council consulted with the community on early design concepts, which were included in an Environmental Impact Statement approved by the State Government. To support operation of the Runway 13/31 in 2020, Airservices proposed design has been modelled on the flight path design concept in the Environmental Impact Statement.

What is going to change?

Aircraft currently track overland to the north, overflying the suburb of Marcoola and to the south overflying suburbs of Pacific Paradise and Twin Waters. Currently suburbs adjacent to the airport and to the south of the airport can see and hear aircraft arriving and departing.

When the new runway opens, suburbs to the south of the airport will see and hear fewer aircraft arriving and departing. Light aircraft and helicopters will still continue to operate in the vicinity of the airport and may still be seen and heard by residents.

Suburbs to the north-west of the airport and adjacent to the airport will see and hear increased numbers of aircraft arriving and departing.

***** Sunshine Coast biosphere**

Sunshine Coast Regional Council is considering a nomination for the region to receive UNESCO recognition as an international site of excellence known as a biosphere.

Mayor Mark Jamieson said a UNESCO biosphere credential would further enhance the national and international reputation of the Sunshine Coast and there were currently only nine biospheres across Australia.

“Biospheres are areas where active conservation sits alongside responsible development and people living sustainably – just like our region,” Mayor Jamieson said.

“Being recognised as a biosphere will reinforce our healthy, smart, creative objectives for the region, provide it with a particular value proposition and help preserve our outstanding natural assets for current and future generations.”

Mayor Jamieson said that achieving biosphere status could also potentially secure intergenerational prosperity to the Sunshine Coast.

“Council has no doubt that the residents of this region will continue to be sustainability-focussed,” Mayor Jamieson said.

“For a start, around 40% of our dwellings have solar power, compared to the 21% average across Australia.

“Residents can choose – and are choosing – to make even more sustainable choices.”

Mayor Jamieson said council also aimed to leverage the economic opportunities that came with international recognition through the UNESCO biosphere program.

“Biospheres create niche markets for products, services, facilities and practices – which will provide a significant point of difference for our agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism sectors,” he said.

“The analysis to date indicates that recognition of the region as a biosphere could help local business grow and access new export markets, which are objectives supported by the Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033 and ultimately, means more jobs for our residents.

“We have a clear vision of what we’re hoping to achieve for our region.

“Recognition as a biosphere would help to reinforce the realisation of that vision.”

Mayor Jamieson said that subject to Council approval at its 28 March Ordinary Meeting, community consultation on the potential biosphere nomination would begin on 29 March.

“I urge the community to learn more about this opportunity and get behind a biosphere nomination for the Sunshine Coast focussed on celebrating people and nature.

“We will be especially keen to hear from residents, along with leaders of the tourism, forestry, agricultural, construction and property development sectors as part of the community consultation process.

“Following the conclusion of the community consultation process, Council will consider the outcomes and the potential nomination submission which, if approved, will be lodged

with the Queensland Government before the end of this year (2019), followed by the Australian Government and then UNESCO.

“We’ll find out if we’re successful in June 2021. It’s a long process, but it’s worth it.”

To comment on the proposed biosphere nomination for the Sunshine Coast local government area, residents should go to Council’s [Have Your Say](#) portal.

*** Sunshine Coast Coalition of Community Boards – Upcoming events

Workshop: Developing Relationships that benefit your organisation – 15 April 2019

Sunshine Coast Coalition of Community Boards is offering a free workshop centering on developing beneficial partnerships between organisations. The workshop will include panel discussions with experienced committee members; Craig Jones, President of Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge and Jude Phippen, long term arts worker and multi committee member.



Workshop: Developing Relationships that benefit your organisation

Monday 15th April, 9:30am – 12:30pm



An invitation to committee members and aspiring committee members of small not for profit community organisations to connect and learn from one another.

- How to develop partnerships between organisations.
- How to maximise skill sharing within your organisation.
- Determining who you need to connect with.

Includes panel discussions with experienced committee members; Craig Jones, President of Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge & Jude Phippen, long term arts worker and multi committee member.

Venue: Venue 114, formerly Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina

Morning Tea provided

RSVP by Wednesday 10 April. Free of Charge.

Mark on 0414 519 047 or sunshinecoast@cocb.org.au

www.cocb.org.au



Forum: Developing a Constructive Culture within small community organisations – 16 May 2019

Sunshine Coast Coalition of Community Boards is offering a free forum focusing on ways to build a shared vision within your committee and provide leadership within small community organisations.

The forum will feature an experienced panel and plenty of space for discussions and questions.



Forum: Developing a constructive culture within small community organisations

Thursday 16th May, 9:30am – 12:30pm



An invitation to committee members and aspiring committee members of small not for profit community organisations to connect and learn from one another.

- Building a shared vision
- Team building within your committee
- Leading the organisation through the committee

Includes panel discussions with experienced committee members and plenty of space for Q&A sessions.

Venue: Venue 114, formerly Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina

Morning Tea provided

RSVP by Monday 13 May. Free of Charge.

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Free Secretaries' Meetup and Workshop – 22 May 2019

Noosa Council is offering secretaries the opportunity to catch up with, as well as learn from, presenter Leisa Donlan about their role. Includes refreshments. 4-7 pm, Wednesday 22 May at The J. RSVP and find out more [here](#).

Free Online Governance Training- Community Door

You can access free online governance training materials and resources through this [link](#).

Sunshine Coast Coalition of Community Boards

Web: <http://cocb.org.au>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/coalitionvoice

*** Upcoming events and key dates

15 April 2019

Noosa Council General Committee Meeting

10:00 am at Council Chambers in Tewantin – view [agenda](#).

18 April 2019

Noosa Council Ordinary Meeting

6:00 pm at Council Chambers in Tewantin – view [agenda](#).

24 April 2019

SCR Council Ordinary Meeting

9:00 am at Council Chambers in Nambour – view [agenda](#).

11 May 2019

Symphony by the sea

Coolum’s annual “Symphony by the Sea”, presented by the Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra, promises to delight the senses and evoke the emotions as never before.

Featuring young local musicians Keely LeGallez (clarinet) and Rhys Williams (violin) this concert is one not to be missed.

This concert is presented under the auspices of the Coolum Development Watch Committee with profits from the sale of tickets contributing to the committee’s tireless work in attempting to ensure appropriate development for Coolum that enhances the lifestyle we “coasters” are so fortunate to enjoy.

The Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra is a not-for-profit community orchestra whose members are all residents of the Sunshine Coast.

The Orchestra is very fortunate to have Adrian King as their Conductor and Director and Genevieve Bignell as concert-master. Both bring years of experience and expertise to their respective roles.

Support your local community and indulge your inner being.

**Symphony
by the
Sea**



“SIMPLY CLASSICAL”

CONCERT

performed by

The Sunshine Coast
Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 11 May 2019
2 – 4.30pm

Coolum Civic Centre
Park Street
Coolum Beach

Afternoon tea provided

For more information contact:

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Rosemary (Secretary) 0448 102 288
Secretary@developmentwatch.org.au

SATURDAY OF THE
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WEEKEND

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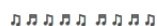
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• Annies Books on Peregian
Kingfisher Drive, Peregian
Beach, Ph 5448 2053



2 June 2019

WED Festival 2019

World Environment Day Festival is a celebration of our unique environment with live performances, wholesome food, sustainable stall holders, a fun kids program, live art, innovative displays, community and environment groups to meet and learn from, and more activities than you can poke a stick at!

Check out the official WED Fest website [here](#).

WHERE

Cotton Tree Park, Maroochydore

You can see a list of other events that have been posted on SCEC’s website [here](#).

***** Current “Have your Say” opportunities - SCRC**

Cemetery Plan 2012-2027

Sunshine Coast regional Council is currently reviewing its Cemetery Plan 2012 - 2027. The Cemetery Plan is a strategic document that conveys Council’s commitment in providing cemetery services to the community.

This review provides an opportunity to plan for the emerging needs of the community, future growth and increased diversity in the Sunshine Coast region.

To help inform the future plan and strategic direction of services, Council is seeking feedback from targeted individuals and groups identified as representing community viewpoints.

Council is proposing to commence meeting with key stakeholders in early March 2019 to offer an opportunity to inform the future plan. These meetings are intended to be hosted as short, face to face conversations.

Where meetings may not be feasible, there is the opportunity to provide feedback by completing this [feedback form](#) and returning it by [email](#).

Council remains committed to delivering cemetery services that are sustainable, inclusive, respectful of those past and responsive to the needs of current and future generations.

Council has invited OSCAR to meet with staff in relation to this matter; if anyone would like to be part of our delegation please let us know by [email](#).

Landsborough Draft Place Making Master Plan
[More information.](#)

Have your say on the Dicky Beach skate park design
[More information.](#)

*** **Current “Have your Say” opportunities - Noosa**

New Noosa Plan

The New Noosa Plan is the draft planning scheme that will replace the current Noosa Plan 2006. It strives to protect the look and feel of Noosa while providing a blueprint to shape the shire’s growth over the next 20 years.

The New Noosa Plan is the culmination of several years of engaging with the community. A discussion paper in October 2016 provided community feedback and that information has helped prepare the New Noosa Plan.

The New Noosa Plan will facilitate more housing and business choices, continue the place based approach of the existing planning scheme, future transport needs and opportunities for rural enterprises. It considers how we live, work and play in the future. It sets the rules for development including new or changing land uses, subdivision, building works, landscaping and clearing of vegetation and all forms of engineering works.

As required by the State Government, the New Noosa Plan differs from the current Noosa Plan with changes to the structure, zones and land use definitions in particular.

The New Noosa Plan has undergone a rigorous review by the State Government to ensure it complies with the Planning Act 2016, State Planning Policies, South East Queensland Regional Plan and other State interests.

Now is your chance to review the New Noosa Plan and have your say. The draft planning scheme can be accessed [online](#) using Council's ePlan.

Written submissions are welcome up to **Monday 20 May 2019**, 5 pm and may be submitted via the Your Say webpage, by email or post.

Council will consider submissions and make appropriate changes before sending it back to the State Government for a final review and sign-off from the Minister.

*** **New on the OSCAR website**

EDO Factsheet – Is a development code or impact assessable?

EDO Factsheet – Appealing, Enforcing Development Approvals and Seeking Declarations
[Factsheets](#)

Queensland Parliamentary Committees
[Committees](#)

Previous newsletter archive
[Newsletters](#)

State and Council transport policies
[Transport policies/strategy](#)

*** **Useful links/resources**

Have your say opportunities
Noosa

<https://yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au/>

SCRC

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/open-consultation>

Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland
[Code of conduct for Queensland councillors](#)

Current E-Petitions on the Queensland Parliament’s website
[Current E-Petitions](#)

Note: There are a number of local government related e-petitions that you may wish to support:

Petition 3067-19 - Commission of Inquiry into Local Government Procurements and Contracts (9 April 2019).

News about Bills and Legislation in the Queensland Parliament where there has been activity in the last seven days

[Current Bills and Legislation in the Queensland Parliament](#)

CCC publications

[Useful CCC publications](#)

Accessing government information from the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO)
[Accessing government information](#)

SCRC Disclosure Log – for material obtained following RTI applications.
[Disclosure Log](#)

***** Candidates for March 2020 LG elections**

OSCAR will attempt to provide the names of people who declare their candidacy for the 28 March 2020 council elections as we become aware of them.

If any OSCAR member becomes aware of someone declaring their candidacy please let us know.

It goes without saying that listing a candidate's name in this context is for information purposes only and DOES NOT imply support or endorsement from OSCAR.

Confirmed

SCRC

Division 2 – Brady Sullivan

Incumbent: Cr Tim Dwyer, Deputy Mayor

Division 5 – Richard Bruinsma

Note: Cr Jenny McKay has announced she will not be seeking re-election.

Potential

SCRC

Division 9 - Alex Watson

Note: Cr Stephen Robinson has not confirmed whether he will seek re-election at this stage.

Division 10

Note: Cr Greg Rogerson has announced he will not be seeking re-election.

Noosa Council

Note: Noosa is an undivided council so candidates stand for election for the whole LGA.

NB If you wish to unsubscribe at any time please reply with REMOVE in the subject line
