



Outcome 4. Connected, Resilient Communities

Community Connection

Community connections are relationships between people and also organisations, which build trust, bonds and shared values. People with many and diverse connections generally feel less isolated, have better mental health, and are more trusting and empathetic.

Priority Areas:

- Local community events, programs and services support and strengthen connections between people and their communities.

Trends:

- Our community is generally well connected and trusting of others.

Examples of Existing Council Initiatives:

- Community Partnership Funding program
- Festive and Commemorative Events Grants
- Community development work, programs and partnerships
- At Home in My Neighbourhood resources online

Community Resilience

Resilient communities are made up of people who can join together to form strong groups with diverse resources, skills and knowledge to respond to challenges and opportunities. Community resilience is most often valued for disaster events but also helps with harnessing community strength and spirit in many other situations.

Priority Areas:

- Our community is connected and has the capacity to identify and respond to community challenges.
- Our community is resilient to disaster and emergency events.

Trends:

- The region has experienced recent extreme weather events and more frequent events are likely due to climate change.
- Issues with inclusion impact the ability of people to make diverse connections.
- Disaster management is a shared responsibility between local communities and government agencies.

Examples of Existing Council Initiatives:

- Disaster Resilience Plan implementation
- Emergency grants for recovery
- Ongoing involvement in disaster management networks (local and regional groups)
- Ongoing community development work in community resilience and recovery.

Community Support

Community support includes funding provided by governments to community organisations to deliver important and valuable projects, programs and initiatives that enhance wellbeing and respond to community needs.

Priority Areas:

- Grants support our community to respond to local needs.

Trends:

- Council invests significantly in community grants each year.

Examples of Existing Council Initiatives:

- Community Grants Program

Safety

Personal safety includes both being safe (a low rate of violent crime) and feeling safe.

Domestic and family violence is also included in this topic area. It requires very different approaches to other types of offences, as well as different preventative measures and support.

Priority Areas:

- The Sunshine Coast is a safe place to live and visit.

Trends:

- Residents generally feel safe living on the Sunshine Coast. But there are areas that have higher rates of violent crime, and areas where perceptions of crime are higher than they should be.
- Domestic and family violence has a significant impact on the safety, health and wellbeing of our community.

Examples of Existing Council Initiatives:

- Ongoing community development work regarding neighbourhood and public safety
- Closed-Circuit TV (CCTV) Policy
- Support for Candlelight Vigil, DFV Prevention Month
- Ongoing community development work regarding prevention of domestic and family violence.

Connectivity and Active Transport

Physical connectivity includes efficient and effective transport infrastructure and systems for walking, cycling, public transport and driving, and mobility services such as taxis. All levels of government, and increasingly businesses, are contributing to physical connectivity.

Priority Areas:

- Efficient and effective transport solutions are delivered with others to increase travel choice.

Trends:

- Residents consider access to public transport and connectivity to employment, education and health care to be poor.
- Residents consider traffic congestion a significant issue that is impacting liveability.

Examples of Existing Council Initiatives:

- Active Transport Plan
- TravelSmart – RideScore, Ride to School program
- Active transport maps
- Council Link
- Active Transport Advisory Committee



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