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# Stronger Together Forum



Findings Report



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# 1. Acknowledgements

## 1.1 First Nations Peoples of the Sunshine Coast

Sunshine Coast Council (Council) acknowledges the **Sunshine Coast Country**, home of the **Kabi Kabi peoples and the Jinibara peoples**, the Traditional Custodians, whose lands, and waters we all now share.

It is acknowledged that Sunshine Coast First Nations peoples have strong, unbroken, and ongoing connections to their Country, cultures, heritage, and history.

Council wishes to pay respect to their Elders – past, present, and emerging, and acknowledge the important role First Nations people continue to play within the Sunshine Coast community.

Council wishes to thank Gubbi Gubbi / Kabi Kabi Traditional Custodian, Lyndon Davis, for warmly welcoming all participants to the Stronger Together Forum (Figure 1).

## 1.2 Stronger Together Participants

Council wishes to acknowledge everyone who attended the Stronger Together Forum and thank them for their valuable contributions.

## 1.3 Forum Facilitator

Council also wishes to thank Penny Hamilton, for independently facilitating the Stronger Together Forum, noting the considerable amount of work undertaken to plan and develop the forum activities in partnership with council and the Community Strategy Leadership Group.



Figure 1: Lyndon Davis performing Welcome to Country

# 2. Background

## 2.1 Project Background

The Sunshine Coast has three regional strategies:

1. **The Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017**
2. **The Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033; and**
3. **The Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041.**

Council's commitment to strengthening the region's economy, environmental and liveability attributes, and communities, are outlined in these regional strategies.

After extensive community and stakeholder engagement in 2019, Council adopted the [Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041](#) and supporting [Community Strategy Action Plan 2019-2024](#). The Community Strategy and Action Plan ensures the whole community is working towards our shared goal of a **'strong community'**.

Expiring in 2024, the Community Strategy Action Plan is due for a **review and refresh**, so it accurately **reflects current community priorities**. Following extensive community engagement, a renewed **Community Strategy Action plan for 2024-2029** will be developed.

While prepared and adopted by council, it is an Action Plan for our community. Council plays a major role, but **many others are involved in delivering on the priorities in the Action Plan** such as other government agencies, community groups and organisations, residents, and our local businesses.

For council, a renewed action plan is **essential for good local decision making and positive community outcomes**. It ensures council is strongly positioned to meet community needs, by using its resources effectively, and building upon our programs, services, partnerships, and infrastructure.

Between 30 March and 30 May 2023, council delivered the **first stage** of community engagement to inform the Action Plan review. There were multiple ways for people to have their say, including:

- Attending the **Stronger Together Community Forum** on 16 May 2023

Visiting the [Stronger Together project page](#) on the Have your Say Sunshine Coast website and:

- **Completing the online survey**
- **Using the Community Conversation Toolkit to host a conversation**



Internal and targeted engagement with key community groups and stakeholders was also undertaken in the first stage of engagement.

## 2.2 The Community Strategy Leadership Group

The delivery of the Community Strategy is guided by a group of community representatives (external to council) called the [Community Strategy Leadership Group](#) (CSLG). Members include representatives from government agencies, community groups, service providers and residents who have a focus on providing local, social and community services and outcomes.

The CSLG are a **key partner** in the Community Strategy Action Plan review helped to **plan** and **co-host** the Stronger Together Forum. The CSLG were instrumental in socialising the Stronger Together Forum and extending invitations to community members from right across the region, to **people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds**, to ensure the forum represented the **different and diverse voices** of our community members.

# 3. The Stronger Together Forum

## 3.1 Forum aims

On 16 May 2023, Council, **in partnership** with the Community Strategy Leadership Group, hosted the **Stronger Together Community Forum**, at the Meridan Community Centre. The forum was **open to all** Sunshine Coast community members to attend.

The overarching calling question for the forum was: **What actions can we take together to build strong Sunshine Coast communities where people thrive?**

This full day event brought different and diverse members of the Sunshine Coast community together to:

- Reflect on what makes a strong community
- Learn about the [local micro trends](#) impacting the Sunshine Coast region
- Discuss local priorities, challenges, and opportunities; and
- Explore the outcome areas, priority areas, and topics of the current Community Strategy Action Plan 2019-2024.

### 3.2 Forum summary information

## STRONGER TOGETHER FORUM

### SUMMARY

#### 112 REGISTRATIONS

Council received 112 registrations from community members wishing to attend the forum.



#### 86 ATTENDEES

On the day, 86 community members attended with a diverse mix of people from different cultural backgrounds, ages, abilities, and geographical locations participating in the forum discussions.



#### 23 HOSTS

23 hosts supported the delivery of the Stronger Together Forum. Hosts included staff from council's Community Planning and Development Branch and members of the Community Strategy Leadership Group.



#### 40 COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

40 local community groups were represented at the forum.



#### 23 EVALUATION PARTICIPANTS

23 forum participants completed the forum evaluation to provide feedback on the forum, the engagement approach, and activities.



### 3.3 Consultation methodology

The forum used a variety of participatory methods such as storytelling and group activities, specifically designed so that:

- Participants were in a **safe space** to speak and **share openly** on topics that mattered to them
- **Hear** from other community members
- **Identify priorities and actions** by sharing in conversation.



Figure 2: Penny Hamilton, forum facilitator

Community members worked in small groups and participated in a range of group activities, including:

- **Storytelling activity:** To listen and learn from people’s stories about what makes a strong community
- **Priority café:** To explore topics of interest, rating of the current action plan priority areas, identify new or revised priority areas
- **Market place activity:** To consider and discuss the proposed priority areas and possible transformational actions for the renewed Community Strategy Action Plan.

**A copy of the forum agenda is included in Appendix 7.1.**

The activities explored the following topics:

Community Strategy Outcome Areas	Community Strategy Topics
<b>Outcome 1: Healthy, Active Communities</b>	1. Health and Wellbeing 2. Volunteering
<b>Outcome 2: Vibrant Communities</b>	3. Community Facilities and Public Realm
<b>Outcome 3: Inclusive Communities</b>	4. Inclusion 5. Housing and Homelessness 6. Participation in Decision Making
<b>Outcome 4: Connected, Resilient Communities</b>	7. Community Connection 8. Community Resilience 9. Community Support 10. Safety 11. Connectivity and Active Transport
<b>Outcome 5: Creative, Innovative Communities</b>	12. Arts and Cultural Development 13. Social Enterprise / Impact Sector.

The forum discussions helped to identify:

- What priorities in the current action plan are still **relevant**
- What actions needs to be **elevated** in terms of **priorities**
- Any **gaps** in the current priorities
- What **new actions and partnerships** may be needed to respond to emerging challenges **and opportunities**.

**Photos of the forum participants engaging in the forum activities are included in Appendix 7.2.**

## 4. Forum findings

### Storytelling Activity

#### What emerged from the stories about what makes strong communities

Mutuality	-people coming together from across sectors/tiers (government, community, business)
Sharing	
Reciprocity	-providing opportunity for people to come to the table
Organic process	-shared purpose
Connection with people with lived experience and listening to their stories	-joining the dots
Advocacy to address the issue	Little things make a big difference
Partnerships with other local people and agencies	Connection - people coming together = stronger together
Focus on what's strong not what's wrong	Education
Tapping into community creativity, resource, resilience	Cultural crossover/experiences
Taking action to access resources (sometimes not know at the beginning)	Possible for community to take action:
Emergent - the outcomes emerge	-Volunteers
Taking private concerns/ideas to shared responses to action	-Council grants
Community spirit	-Passionate people
Strength in identity	-Facilities
good hearts	-Low cost/free
listening	-Accessibility to all abilities
Strategic approach - shared goals	Partnership - facilitation of partnerships - community, organisations, private enterprise
Willingness to share	Communication and awareness
Feel like you belong	Connection and empowerment
Common Unity - community	Implicit and explicit
Embracing difference	Support/services
Feeling of belonging	Momentum
People choosing to be involved/active in community	Ideas
Welcoming	Community needed leadership
Feeling safe	Acknowledgement of issues
Community programs creating specific needs, building resilience	In need of leadership
Community events that are inclusive to diverse parts of the community	Vulnerability
Connectedness	A voice
The power is with the people	Collaboration to achieve a positive outcome
Outcomes don't come from people working in isolation. It requires:	Accountability
	Trust
	Love of the community
	Teamwork
	Communication
	Intent
	Motivation for further development

Increased multicultural awareness and engagement

connection ideas with actions

community strong = leadership and vision

Making yourself vulnerable to state a need

Generosity from people offering resources

Embracing and recognising diverse communities.

Fear of losing/culture (vulnerability)

Understanding

You don't know what you don't know

Access to information/transport/facilities

Connection to purpose

Bold, courageous ideas together.

People are valued

Nurture interest and passion

Connection to place

Space to connect

Incubation - nurturing growth process

Arts as a wide network across the community. Power

"Bigger than yourself"

Arts as a connector (regardless e.g., pain/trauma)-Arts strengthen community

Grassroots value - important

Power of corporate/businesses to support arts through investment. Sue Joseph and Martin Duncan.

Opportunities-health workshop but depends on people participating willingness to connect

Group inclusiveness-togetherness, diversity. Common thread through all humanity, heart connection (feeling)

Street level-sustainable

Sharing-stories, food

Contribution to good mental health

Reduce social isolation

People coming together sharing a meal or activities

Takes an element of courage to get it started and get involved

Need someone or groups of people to organise it (often volunteers) and also needs access to base level resources e.g., time,

finances, community programs (library), school support

The communities were strong or became stronger because they built trust with each other

The communities have increased their access to resources to build resilience - awareness of services, rely on each other, new perspectives and understanding, increased organisational capacity.

Healthy, active communities

Awareness of community needs

Desire to grow as a community

Good at taking action (willing)

Accessibility and inclusivity

Diversity in terms of people moving here

Volunteering and the strength of our community coming together

Relationships

Trust

Connections

Safe spaces to come together

Grassroots value - asking community what they want/need and not do to

Acceptance and understanding

Willingness to communicate

Sustainable - continue to grow - not one-off events

Listening

Letting go of assumptions

Community within communities

Significant examples of community involvement. Tangible actions.

Actively connecting with community

Proactive engagement/videos/online deliveries, art and singing - led to more creativity/innovation with use of different platforms for engagement.

Different mindset to change "embracing change".

Being connected to other people

Common feel vibe, common thread

Place based e.g., park, meeting place, room, cemetery - geographical local, accessible places

Comradeship

Welcoming feeling  
 Friendly  
 Opportunity for social connection  
 Effort-deliberate intention  
 What made the communities strong  
 Connections - reconnecting (after pandemic)  
 Common thread-acceptance  
 Reciprocity  
 Genuine opportunities  
 Not events, activities that are ongoing and regular  
 We are lucky to be on the Coast  
 Bringing people together  
 Nature and place - inspiration source-calm.  
 Beach, rainforest  
 Volunteer  
 Clear focus  
 Free, innovative thinking

Community partnerships  
 Resilience - not giving up. Community attitude  
 Community made strong and made it possible  
 Collaboration-local, state, federal, NFP, philanthropic, business, including social enterprise  
 Healthy, active communities  
 Volunteering, having beautiful safe places to build social connections. Parks  
 Inclusive community-council being supportive of organisations and groups with time, finances and participation  
 Creative, innovative communities-community events and groups that support each other and lean on each other in times of need.  
 Love council's participation, hold huge meaning in inclusive community.



## Marketplace and Priority Café activities

In this report, the findings from the marketplace and priority café activities are presented by topic. The findings shown are based on an analysis of the raw data recorded on activity templates and butchers' paper used in the forum activities.

For the purposes of analysis and theming, some ideas raised during the activities, may have been allocated to the most appropriate topic area.

### Topic 1: Health and Wellbeing

#### What does this topic mean?

- Physical activity
- Mental health
- Access to healthy food
- Affordable access to health services, including GPs
- Health hubs
- Home care and mobile doctors
- Accessible health services
- Information about services
- Health education and information
- Mentoring
- Community events and programs
- Partnerships with state and federal government

#### Where would we like to be in 2029 in relation to this topic?

- Connection to Country
- Community growing food
- Affordable healthy food
- Opportunities for spiritual health
- Engaging in environment for mental health
- More informed about trauma
- Inclusive intergenerational programs

#### Quotes

**“ Health is interconnected across many pillars ”**

**“ Access to community events (free/low cost) (Healthy Sunshine Coast) ”**

**“ Mental health is linked to connection ”**

**“ Recovering from COVID isolation (supporting mental health) ”**

### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
1.1 Everyone has access to information and programs to get physically active and improve their health and wellbeing.	7
1.2 Research and partnerships support opportunities to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the community.	10

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

No suggested changes.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Themes
Availability and affordability of health services (GP, mental health, mobile doctor, etc.)
Food security and nutrition
Mental health
Information and education about health and wellbeing
Physical activity
Collaboration and partnerships
Programs and events

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Information</b>
<b>Health services</b>
Promote existing networks and health service providers.
Develop a health services directory to assist the sector in directing community members.
<b>Programs and activities</b>
Workshops and training for people to improve mental health and personal resilience.
Outreach / referral service for young people to access health services – mental health, drugs, alcohol, sexual health.
<b>Affordable healthy food</b>
Deliver information, programs, and education on affordable healthy eating.
Deliver additional community gardens to improve food security.
Deliver a program to collect and distribute excess food from supermarkets/restaurants.
<b>Research</b>
Research and share information about community need across health sector participants.

# Topic 2: Volunteering

## What does this topic mean?

- Volunteering contributes to health benefits – social connection and friendship
- There are benefits for volunteers and community
- Provides opportunities into employment
- Volunteering can provide purpose
- Volunteering contributes to social justice outcomes – fairer and more equitable
- People with passion to help others
- Once off, episodic volunteering versus regular

## Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Volunteering is responsive to community needs
- Decrease volunteering barriers - cost of living and time pressure
- More collaboration amongst volunteers and volunteer organisations
- Larger volunteer organisations to help support smaller organisations
- Volunteer opportunities for people in retirement using their lifetime of experience
- More diversity in volunteer opportunities for young people
- Reduce legislative red tape
- Contributes to workforce challenges
- Grow workforce volunteering

## Quotes



## Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
2.1 Volunteers participate and make a vital contribution to community life.	10

## Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Add: Youth and family volunteering adds to the vibrancy of the community
Add: Skills and knowledge shared through intergenerational volunteering
Add: Opportunities exist for retiring workforce to mentor/support current workforce

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

<b>Themes</b>
Diverse, ad-hoc, episodic, online volunteering opportunities.
Capacity of volunteer organisations.
Collaboration between volunteer organisations.
Intergenerational, family and youth volunteering opportunities.
Opportunities exist for retired residents to contribute their skills.
Volunteering opportunities contribute to employment skills.
Workforce volunteering.

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

<b>Action</b>
<b>Involvement in volunteering</b>
Promote volunteering in secondary and tertiary education.
Communicate volunteering opportunities in a variety of ways.
<b>Information about opportunities</b>
Deliver forums/expo/seminars to promote volunteering opportunities (to target young people).
Promote volunteering opportunities at community events (to target families).
Partner with community groups to target specific demographics (to target older people).
<b>Capacity of volunteer organisations</b>
<b>Capacity of volunteers</b>
Increase capacity of volunteers so they have required skills and training.
Create a database of retired population with specific skills.
<b>Recognition</b>
Recognise volunteers publicly to promote volunteering.
Promote positive volunteering stories.
Celebrate volunteering.

## Topic 3: Community Facilities and Public Spaces

### What does this topic mean?

- Free, quiet and safe places for connection
- Green, natural public space
- Nature reserves with pathways
- Walking and bike riding tracks
- Public yarning circles
- Activating Country
- Open door reading space at libraries
- Story seats
- Collaborative incubator space
- Interpretive signage.

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Improved awareness about what is available at community facilities
- Venues available for free, low-cost hire
- Community facilities are well located in centres so easily accessed by active transport
- Community venues are available for young people, so they have spaces beyond stake parks and Sunshine Plaza
- Community facilities and public spaces are accessible for people with disability
- Welcoming libraries for multicultural, young people, homeless etc.
- Multi-purpose venue use
- Better utilisation of government and community facilities, for example, school facilities
- Improved access to community facilities (ease of access, red tape)
- Improvements to insurance and permits process and cost for community event
- Good relationships between council and venue managers
- Family friendly venues
- Community facilities contribute to local character
- Well-lit pedestrian and cycling paths
- More walking and bike riding tracks in the hinterland – including Petrie Tree Creek trail to the coast
- Great parks with planting, lighting, walkways, shelters, toilets, playgrounds.
- Sporting facilities that meet community needs, including participation of women
- Community outcomes are measured to determine value
- Integration of music and art into community facilities and public spaces
- Dedicated performance spaces available without permit
- Public cemeteries respect diverse cultural practices.

### Quotes

“

**Connecting community facilities with active transport, so not reliant on car transport. Active and public transport facilitates connection**

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“

**How do we harness innovation in accessing indoor venue space? - \$ for hall maintenance means \$ for hire and means lack of availability because regular bookings are preferred**

”

“  
**Places for connection  
 without having to spend  
 money**  
 ”

“  
**Improving accessibility  
 to community centres  
 and other indoor spaces,  
 particularly for youth so  
 they don't have to go to  
 Sunshine Plaza**  
 ”

**Rating of Existing Priority Areas:**

<b>Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas</b>	<b>Forum Rating</b>
3.1 Community infrastructure is safe, welcoming, inclusive, adaptable, well used and activated.	10
3.2 The planning, delivery and management of community infrastructure is driven by evidenced need.	5.5
3.3 Public spaces are activated, vibrant, green, accessible, inclusive and reflect local character.	9

**Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:**

Comment: 3.2 Planning needs to go beyond evidenced need. Consider population, diversity, accessible, interesting, destination hubs
Edit 3.3: Public spaces are activated, maintained, vibrant, green, accessible, inclusive and reflect local character
Add creative and cultural spaces to 3.3

**Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:**

<b>Themes</b>
Delivery models support affordable (free) and easy access (no permit, less paperwork).
Facilities and public spaces integrate/reflect First Nations culture.
Existing facilities are well maintained.
Accessibility for people with disability.
Suitable and welcoming for everyone.
Increase utilisation and efficiency of existing facilities (including multi-purpose and sharing with state government).
Safe.
Creative spaces and providing public art, music and creative lighting in public space.
Well located and accessible by active transport.

## Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Planned and delivered to meet community need</b>
Utilise public-private partnerships and grants to provide community facilities.
Deliver a youth space within Maroochydore City Centre and Caloundra South.
Deliver a community centre in Mooloolah.
Additional facilities / spaces for young people (drop-in centre with music, pool tables, creative activities).
Ensure target groups and people with lived experience are engaged in the planning, co-design and delivery of new and upgraded facilities and public spaces.
<b>Safe, inclusive, welcoming</b>
Undertake an audit of existing community facilities and public spaces to ensure they are accessible (compliant to AS14.28).
<b>Integrate First Nations culture</b>
Connection to Country.
<b>Community facilities – Well-utilised</b>
Ensure community facilities and public spaces are accessible and affordable for community to use.
Promote the range of facilities that are available including appropriate accessibility and inclusion features.
Activate community facilities with a range of events, activities, and programs to bring community together.
Allow broader community use of schools, sporting facilities, etc.
<b>Public spaces – Vibrant with activity</b>
Activate public spaces with creative events (music and art); health and wellbeing programs / activities; competitions at skate parks; themed events to raise awareness; family friendly activities and events; dog parks; 'friends of the parks'; 'friends of the cemeteries'; community gardens - sustainability space.

## Topic 4: Inclusion

### What does this topic mean?

- All-abilities inclusion in activities
- Accessible spaces and programs
- Learning about and embracing new cultures
- Inclusion across age groups
- Awareness / visibility
- Employment
- Welcoming businesses
- Access to information and greater awareness of services and programs
- Support services
- Respect
- Valuing everyone
- Welcoming

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Better access to information so community can be involved
- More activities
- Positive stories in the media that contributes to acceptance
- Reconciliation with First Nations People – Voice to Parliament
- Sunshine Coast Council Reconciliation Action Plan to include Sorry Business and honest conversation about wants and needs
- Valuing everyone
- Celebrating differences
- Everyone feeling like their voice is heard
- Older generations applying knowledge and skills
- A welcoming community for refugees

### Quotes



### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
4.1 The value all people bring to our community is recognised, respected, and embraced.	10
4.2 Opportunities are available for everyone in our community to participate, socially, economically and in decisions that impact them.	10

**Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:**

Edit: 4.1 All people in community are recognised, respected, embraced and engaged.

Edit: 4.2 Opportunities are available for everyone to participate socially, economically, environmentally, and culturally in decisions that impact them.

Add: Empowering education, facilitating knowledge - sharing an open dialogue through diverse platforms, fostering an informed and empathetic community.

Add: Policies to ensure co-design principles are embedded throughout all projects, programs etc.

**Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:**

**Themes**

Activities, events and programs are inclusive.

Raise awareness and visibility of different population groups.

Difference / diversity is celebrated.

Reconciliation is progressed with First Nations people.

Support services are available.

Businesses are inclusive – offer inclusive employment and for customers.

Information is available and accessible.

Everyone is respected, valued and feels welcomed.

**Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:**

**Action**

**Valued, respected, welcomed**

Deliver collaborative conversations / forums.

Promote positive stories.

Celebrate inclusion through events and awards.

Gain recognition as a Welcoming Region.

**Education and awareness**

Improve information accessibility, such as low-tech methods, bus signs, tech-based, simplify access.

Establish platforms / events, such as forums / celebrations, which contribute to representation and connection.

**Everyone can participate in community**

Strengthen advisory groups and community leaders – empower and responsibility; remuneration; be careful about valuing participants and their time; increase diversity of representation.

Deliver inclusive sporting events and programs.

Deliver education and awareness training for community and council staff - to ensure that

everything delivered is inclusive.

Involve community in design and implementation of local initiatives to foster ownership and inclusivity.

## Topic 5: Housing and Homelessness

### What does this topic mean?

#### Housing:

- Affordability and affordable living (cost of commute, etc.)
- Availability
- Higher density but not too many
- The ability to stay in local area, not pushed out
- Sustainable population growth
- Transitional housing
- Diversity of housing
- Need to think about access to jobs
- Ways to generate income

#### Homelessness:

- Community stress
- Homelessness is different for different communities / cultures
- Growing inequality
- Homelessness is ongoing personal trauma – ongoing health, emotional and mental health impacts
- Lack of housing for workers

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

#### Housing:

- Housing is affordable
- People can have animals
- Educated public about housing and homelessness
- More housing – increased availability
- More supported housing
- More transitional housing
- Smarter structural typologies

#### Homelessness:

- Another hub for the homeless and rough sleepers
- Use of public spaces for housing such as churches, showgrounds, and campgrounds
- Increased empathy for people experiencing housing issues
- Changed perceptions of homelessness
- Less homelessness – reduced pressure on community, systems, services, volunteers
- Feeling safe on the street as a person experiencing homelessness
- People feel safer around a person experiencing homelessness – less stigma
- Council should be more collaborative and less risk averse
- Mental health support for people experiencing homelessness
- More housing – transitional, emergency, youth accommodation, social housing
- Support services – safety net, wrap around services
- Fund outreach workers and community development roles
- One stop shop model for support, rather than multiple supports
- Homelessness hub space like in Toowoomba
- Public amenities / facilities open and accessible
- More voices of people with lived experience on all matters
- Would like to see no homelessness
- Council being a leader and facilitator of innovative ideas – stretch beyond normal roles

## Quotes

**“ LGAs need to be proactive in provision of housing stock as well as policy solutions ”**

**“ Housing density is problematic -> Need to raise understanding and education -> Hard decisions ”**

### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
5.1 People experiencing homelessness and/or domestic and family violence have access to support services.	6
5.2 Collaborative action is undertaken to address housing affordability and availability.	10

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Edit: 5.2 Collaborative action is needed to address housing affordability and availability.
Add: Collaborate and advocate for the homeless sector (stigma).
Add: Stress test options for accommodation and amenities for the homeless across public and private infrastructure (safe camping areas).
Add: Communicate the diversity of issues creating homelessness to the wider community.
Add: Review council's by-laws and planning laws, which have an impact on homelessness and housing.
Add: Engage with community to develop diverse housing options, with support options to move homeless people into housing.
Add: Change the town plan to open up opportunities for new housing.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Themes
Availability, affordability and diversity of dwellings.
Alternative funding options.
Temporary use of land – churches, showgrounds.
Partnerships and collaboration to fund new dwellings.
Education and conversations around homelessness, social housing, density.
Transitional housing, supported housing and residential aged care.
Improve protections and rights for renters.
Density of built form supporting affordable living and sustainability.

## Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Accommodation – Dwelling mix meets needs</b>
<b>Accommodation – Renters</b>
Advocate to state government to strengthen protections for renters.
Help new migrants without rental history to access rental dwellings.
<b>Accommodation – Social housing</b>
Advocate to state government to mandate percentage of social housing in certain new residential developments.
Advocate to state government to increase funding for social housing.
Expand social housing options by supporting community housing providers.
Provide alternative social housing options by working collaboratively between council, private enterprise and NGOs.
Advocate to state government to simplify funding and process to establish community housing development.
Engage community to facilitate partnerships to deliver housing for people experiencing homelessness.
<b>People experiencing homelessness – Facilities, services, support</b>
Deliver safe parking places for people sleeping in cars, tents and caravans with appropriate facilities – fencing, toilets.
Provide public amenities that are available and safe 24hrs a day and 7 days a week.
Deliver another homelessness hub.
Deliver additional shelters / emergency accommodation.
Deliver additional support services such as food bank, medical services.
Council assisting by creating shelter services.
<b>People experiencing homelessness – Policies and laws</b>
Charge higher council rates for vacant dwellings.
Utilise public spaces for temporary housing.
Review and create by-laws to encourage landowners to improve residential availability.
<b>People experiencing homelessness - Awareness and education</b>
Advocate to all levels of government to change legislation around homelessness (stigma).
Deliver awareness / education programs around homelessness to reduce stigma.

## Topic 6: Participation in Decision Making

### What does this topic mean?

- Access to Councillors
- Inclusive participation is needed – all ages, seniors, women, young women
- Community participation groups / advisory groups
- Technology can be a barrier

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Opportunities for participation in decision making
- Local skills are developed rather than using external consultants
- People are involved early in projects / co-design in early stages
- People on the fringes are involved
- Young people are represented and involved
- People with lived experience are involved
- Local communities are involved
- Forum theatre could be used
- Use of technology to instantly convey thoughts
- Decision making in all aspects of the community
- Leave decisions to elected Councillors
- All voices and opinions on small and large matters
- Proactive engagement – not waiting for an organised event
- Proactive design making and participation
- Advisory groups represent communities
- Safe from judgement
- Fun and interesting

### Quotes

“ **Participation in advocacy is one thing – in decision making is another** ”

“ **Need measurable indicators of how people are participating - how are people being heard** ”

### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
6.1 Opportunities are available for everyone in our community to participate socially, economically and in decisions that impact them	10

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Edit: 6.1 Equitable opportunities are available for everyone in our community to participate socially, economically, culturally and in decisions that impact them.

Add: Empowering community to be involved through multiple opportunities and methods.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

<b>Themes</b>
Involve people early and proactively.
Involve people with lived experience.
Balance of methods used to suit audience – including technology and non-technology.
Increase transparency around council processes and engagement findings.
Continue to offer opportunities for participation in decision making.
Ensure inclusive participation – including older people, younger people, women, residents of small towns, people on fringes.
Consider more use of representative groups / citizen panels.
Local focus – engage locally, develop local people to participate, and develop local engagement professionals.

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

<b>Action</b>
<b>Opportunities for input</b>
Community organisations can play a part in engaging with broader community on council projects / issues.
Utilise rates notices to engage with community (to highlight trade-offs with rates).
<b>Information</b>
Improve council's responsiveness to community queries or agendas.
<b>Transparent</b>
Continue to minimise the number of closed council sessions and continue live streaming to build trust/transparency.
Improve transparency using RADL register (Risk, Actions, Decisions and Lessons Learnt Register).

## Topic 7: Community Connection

### What does this topic mean?

- Connected communities are more accepting of diversity
- Sense of belonging where you live
- Celebrations, community events, supportive events etc.
- Intergenerational connections
- Connection with neighbours
- School connections
- Social capital
- Blending people and interests together
- Venues are open and inclusive
- Sport

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Better promotion of events
- Don't want to see separate events for different people / different interests – community events which attract diverse groups
- Easily accessible information about groups, where to find them and get in touch
- Great community connection is celebrated
- Respect, understanding, inclusive, empathetic
- People align to expected community norms
- Diverse groups meet – integration of different groups
- Face-to-face connections are encouraged
- Everyone needs to belong.
- Diversity is embraced and inclusion is promoted.

### Quotes

**“You feel safer and happier - because you know people, because you have friends, in case of emergency”**

**“Connected communities are more accepting. In touch with other cultures, connect with migrant communities that tend to keep to themselves”**

**“Joining together like-minded people being more social, all contributes to better mental health”**

**“Knowing the people in your community and looking out for one another”**

### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
7.1 Local community events, programs and services support and strengthen connections between people and their communities.	10

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Add: Shared spaces and opportunities generate intergenerational connections.
Add: Build capacity to engage and connect.
Add: Strengthen and promote existing networks and community organisations.
Add: Strengthen communication and effectiveness.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Themes
Number of personal connections and diversity of connections to increase personal resilience.
Sense of belonging.
Shared values – respect, empathy, community minded, etc.
Community events, activities and programs, including locally to get to know neighbours.

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Many, diverse connections</b>
Improve the exchange of skills across generations.
Provide mentoring opportunities across generations (mutual mentoring, reciprocal mentoring).
Develop skills-based cross-generational programs.
<b>Community events, programs, and services</b>
Encourage community-based events such as markets, multicultural events, etc.
Develop tools, strategies, and resources to encourage connections – for example street parties, book club, Neighbour Day events, movie nights, etc.
Partner with schools to offer more school-based community events.
Undertake community mapping of existing organisations and groups and then share this information as a resource for new residents.
Virtual communication portal. Community centre drop-in.
Advocate for increased funding for neighbourhood and community centres.
Celebrate examples of great community connection.
Improve communication access.

# Topic 8: Community Resilience

## What does this topic mean?

- Opportunities for private and collective grieving after a stress/event
- Debrief review after stress/event to understand what happened, what worked well, planning for future
- Strong connections to pass information from top and drip down through businesses and community groups to community
- Tap into local community organisations
- Preparation and planning
- Connections

## Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Every suburb / local community has a community focal point / community centre to get information and go for support
- Community services in a local area are coordinated
- People know what to do – where do you go, who do you call for information?
- Information is easily accessible on disaster events
- Improved services and outcomes for mental health
- Services are easier to navigate / streamlined (health, legal, government)

## Quotes



## Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
8.1 Our community is connected and has the capacity to identify and respond to community challenges.	10
8.2 Our community is resilient to disaster and emergency events.	10

## Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Edit: 8.1 Our community has the capacity to identify and respond to community challenges.
Edit: 8.2 Our community is resilient to challenges.
Add: Our community is engaged and responsive to issues and events happening elsewhere and can show support.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

<b>Themes</b>
Strong networks of agencies, community organisations and business.
Information and communication.
Improved services and coordination of services.
Mental health, emotional wellbeing and private and collective grieving.
Evaluation after events to improve.

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

<b>Action</b>
<b>Identify and respond to local challenges</b>
Investigate community resilience strengths and vulnerabilities.
Engage with additional community organisers to engage and organise community members.
Collaborate with schools to build partnerships / networks as a focal point of community.
Champion a storytelling platform where vulnerable communities share their resilience stories.
<b>Prepare and recover from events</b>
Identify existing infrastructure and how to utilise in a disaster event.
Identify adaptable and accessible facilities in each local area – for evacuation, central point to access information, and other uses.
<b>Information</b>
Provide information in languages other than English.

## Topic 9: Community Support

### What does this topic mean?

- Access to grants
- Sharing support and services

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Know where to find community support
- Financial support for community services
- Grants for music and art material
- Operational funded hubs

### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
9.1 Grants support our community to respond to local needs.	10

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

None

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Themes
Grants continue to support facilities, groups and services – for young people, recently arrived migrants.
Grants continue to support music and creativity.
Grants continue to support inclusion – including people with disability.
Grants information is available and easy to understand.

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Grants support community</b>
Continue to increase grants funding.
Increase funding for program delivery.
<b>Grants process is simple and supported</b>
Continue to provide information about available grants and promote available grants widely.
Continue to offer workshops to build capacity in grant writing and support resourcing.
Continue to simplify grant application and acquittal process as much as possible.
Community organisations consider employing a person to apply for grants funded by multiple organisations

## Topic 10: Safety

### What does this topic mean?

#### Safety:

- Feeling safe
- Online safety
- Laws

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

#### Safety:

- Pathways that have lighting
- Safe public spaces
- LGBTIQ+ Psychosocial

#### Family and Domestic Violence:

- Safe houses / emergency accommodation available for families / young people

#### Family and Domestic Violence:

- Feeling safe in our own home
- Education on what safe houses / emergency accommodation / services are available
- Prevention through school education
- Love Bites program in schools (healthy relationships)
- Community as active bystanders
- Financial support as financial pressure can contribute to family and domestic violence

## Quotes



### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
10.1 The Sunshine Coast is a safe place to live and visit.	10

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Comment: Separate personal safety and domestic and family violence.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Themes
<b>Safety</b>
<b>Safety in public spaces</b> – parks, walking tracks, lighting, emergency phones, and public transport.
<b>Information and education</b> about techniques to maximise safety.
<b>Online safety.</b>
<b>Family and domestic violence</b>
<b>Information and education</b> – active bystander, Love Bites program, services/facilities available.
<b>Facilities</b> – safehouses / emergency accommodation.

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Safety – Improve safety</b>
Education and awareness - How to use your mobile phone to keep you safe, safety messaging - council collaboration, online safety, safety devices-personal duress alarms.
Improvements to safety on public transport – Education in community and schools about staying safe on public transport and pilot a bus supervisor program at high-risk bus stops.
Use of technology such as personal alarms and monitored surveillance.
<b>Safety – Perceptions of safety</b>
Improve perceptions of safety by working to reduce negative stereotypes / misconceptions and build positive profiles of places.
<b>Family and domestic violence – Services</b>
Advocate for more safe spaces and emergency accommodation for people escaping violence (must accommodate pets).
Advocate for expanded programs for perpetrators of violence – counselling, help groups, support groups, rehabilitation.
<b>Family and domestic violence – Aware of services</b>
Education and awareness for people at risk of violence of services available.
<b>Family and domestic violence – Aware and work to reduce</b>
Education and awareness programs, including early education for children, active bystander training, etc.

## Topic 11: Connectivity and Active Transport

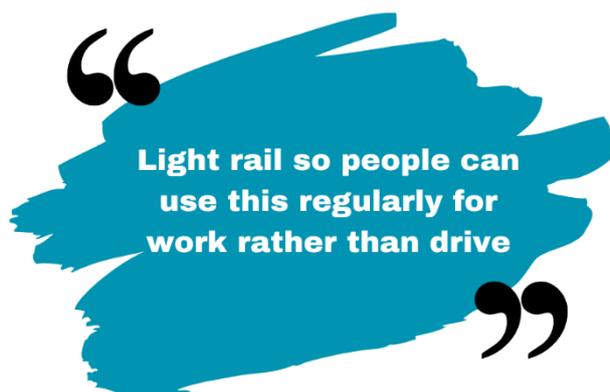
### What does this topic mean?

- Accessible for people with disability
- Active transport options
- Connectivity between coast and hinterland
- Footpaths
- Connectivity between Sunshine Coast and other places
- Road rules
- Safety
- Affordability of transport
- Transport means social connections and accessing services
- Transport means freedom and independence and staying active
- Public transport means choice
- Transport supports tourism

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Expand active transport and improve frequency
- Invest in links between bus and train stations
- More focus on connecting east to west
- Buses that run to schedule
- Improve congestion
- Transport infrastructure delivered early in new developments / suburbs
- Better planning so upgrades occur before congestion
- Improve safety of bus shelters
- Camera surveillance on active transport modes
- Improve availability and reliability of taxis
- Majority of trips are made by active transport by 2029
- Mass transit project is delivered
- Rail connection to Brisbane delivered (CAMCOS)
- Safe, separate bike lanes
- Free public transport
- Increased uptake of active transport and better accessibility
- Safe public transport
- Public transport has priority – for example, buses have priority lanes
- Public transport is efficient and aligned with active times
- Improve routes from hinterland to coast
- Public transport routes and schedule is easy to understand
- Facilities for bikes/scooters parking and end-of-trip facilities
- Better train connection to Brisbane
- Fewer cars means that car parks can be used for housing, gardens and community facilities
- Not necessary for households to have their own cars.
- More electric recharging points.

### Quotes



### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
11.1 Efficient and effective transport solutions are delivered with others to increase travel choice.	9.5

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Edit: Efficient, effective, sustainable, safe, and accessible transport solutions to increase travel choice.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Themes
Transport system supports efficient travel throughout our region and to neighbouring regions.
Transport system services new suburbs / developments early to provide travel choice.
Transport system supports safe and accessible travel.
Incentives and disincentives encourage mode shift to active transport.

### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Transport network connects, supports growth, serve economy</b>
Continue to prioritise and advocate for mass transit project along the coastal corridor to deliver more frequent and efficient movement.
Continue to prioritise and advocate for heavy rail connection between Maroochydore and Caboolture.
Continue to upgrade bike paths as separated lanes to improve safety and increase usage.
Continue to expand bus network and frequency, including introducing express options.
Improve public transport access in new suburbs / areas, for example, Caloundra South.
Invest in end of trip facilities and undercover secure bike/scooter storage.
Continue to use creeks and environmental reserves as opportunities for pedestrian and bike linkages.
<b>Integrated, safe, inclusive</b>
Lower speed limits on neighbourhood/local roads to improve safety.
Ensure transport is available for "at-risk" groups such as people experiencing homelessness, people with disability, during disasters, etc.
<b>Prioritises active transport, vehicle sharing, and encourage shift</b>
Increase cost of paid street parking.
Reduce cost of public transport (or make it free).

Trial a rebate scheme on bikes, e-bikes and scooters or a hire scheme to lower barriers to entry.

Investigate opportunities to improve ride share safety.

Promote and attract vehicle share / hire schemes.

Deliver a behaviour change campaign to encourage active transport use, for example, transport to and from school to be active transport.

## Topic 12: Creative, Arts and Cultural Development

### What does this topic mean?

- Freedom of expression
- Innovative songs/music – blending of music and culture
- Sharing arts and culture

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Collaboration
- Art, culture, and food
- Display of the arts in public spaces
- Use of libraries to exhibit art

### Quotes



### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
12.1 Arts and culture builds community connection and creates diverse experiences for residents and visitors.	9
12.2 The shared cultural histories of the region are preserved, protected and celebrated.	9
12.3 The region’s key elements of unique identity are enhanced and protected.	??
12.4 The development of cultural and leisure experiences are promoted and expanded.	7

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Comment: Prioritise are confusing and need to be clearer and more direct.
Comment: 12.3 The region’s key elements of unique identity are enhanced and protected. Is ‘protected’ the right term?
Comment: 12.4 The development of cultural and leisure experiences are promoted and expanded. Is reference to ‘leisure’ needed?

**Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:**

<b>Themes</b>
Resilience of arts sector.
Funding for arts organisations.
Council to collaborate / support – ultimately hand over events to community.
Access to art / artistic elements in everyday activities - in public spaces and libraries
Prioritise First Nations culture / story (ongoing - not 'protect'/'preserve').

**Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:**

<b>Action</b>
<b>First Nations culture</b>
Prioritise First Nations story / culture.
<b>Shared heritage</b>
<b>Arts</b>
Develop a resilience strategy that engages artists and arts development (libraries etc., partnerships); support resilience recovery, mental health - cross over with health and wellbeing topic.
Use of libraries and public spaces to exhibit art.

## Topic 13: Social Enterprise

### What does this topic mean?

- Employment for those not well served by labour market
- Contribution to community through participation or opportunities
- Alternative, sustainable revenue sources for not-for-profit organisations
- Partnerships
- Non-traditional business
- All businesses are social enterprises
- Businesses are not charities
- All businesses care about ESG outcomes

### Where would we like to be in 2029?

- Training / education about successful social enterprise
- Council incentives to businesses to act socially
- Information / education about how to establish a social enterprise
- Information / education about how to find private investors
- Information / education about what resources are needed to create a social enterprise
- Information / education learning from expertise of people who work in social enterprise
- Social enterprise education in schools
- How to distinguish between actual social enterprise and 'green washing' – certification
- Define what social enterprise is
- Map social enterprise network
- Measures of social impact across social enterprise

### Quotes

“

**Social enterprise often provides opportunities to people who may be otherwise excluded**

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“

**Allows community organisations to explore alternative income generation in creating a business that engages and connects often disconnected individuals- with profits fed back into the business/ organisation**

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### Rating of Existing Priority Areas:

Existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas	Forum Rating
13.1 Local businesses and social enterprise increase local employment and social impact in our region.	10

### Suggested changes to existing Community Strategy Action Plan Priority Areas:

Edit: 13.1 Local businesses and social enterprise increase local employment and social, environmental and cultural impact in our region.

Add: Build an eco-system that supports social enterprise growth.

### Suggested Priorities Areas for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Themes
Education and training – what is social enterprise, how to establish, how to find private investors, how to incorporate social enterprise into NFP/community centre etc.
Programs to support growth.
Space to support collaboration.
Businesses already contribute to positive impacts, so this topic not needed in Community Strategy.

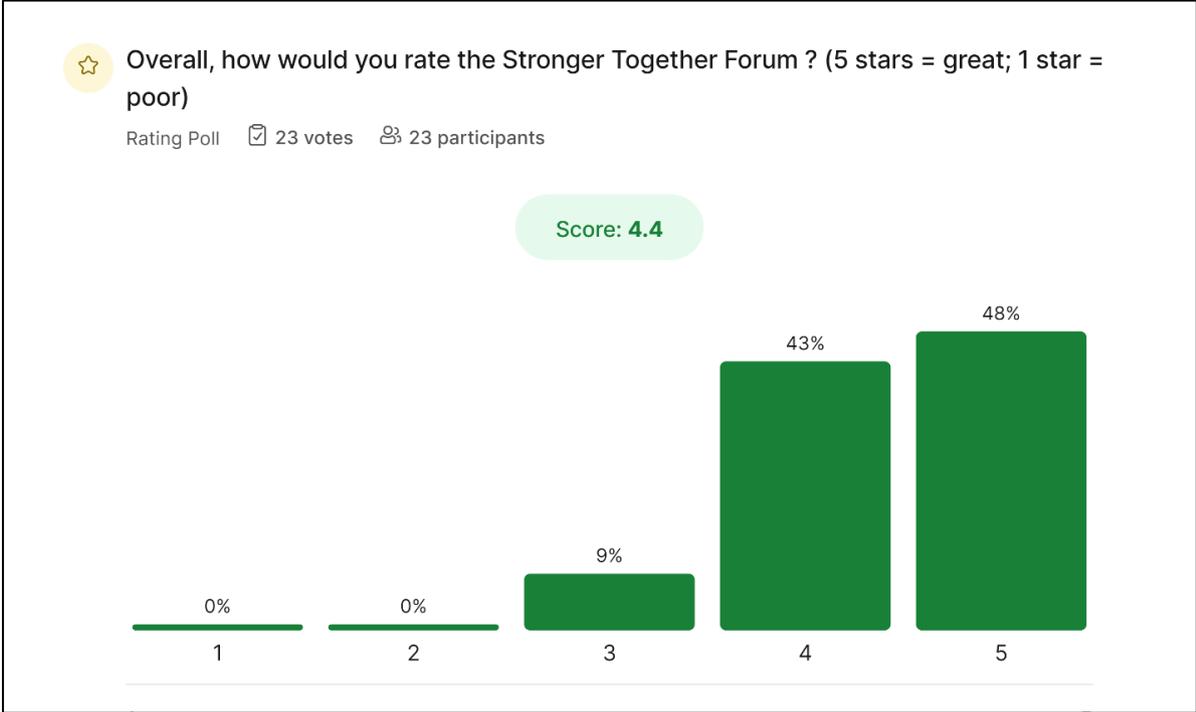
### Suggested Transformational Actions for the refreshed Community Strategy Action Plan:

Action
<b>Impact sector informed, connected, resilient</b>
Deliver information and education program around a range of topics that can raise awareness and knowledge.
Deliver an accelerator / incubator program to support impact businesses to grow.
Deliver an accelerator / incubator space to encourage connection and learning between impact businesses.
Mentoring program for new social enterprise start-ups.
Awareness campaign around successful / impactful social impact businesses.
Develop one-stop shop for information / connection with social enterprise.
Map network of social enterprises on the Sunshine Coast.
Build connections between social enterprise, government, education providers, etc.
<b>Influence local impact</b>
Investigate incentives that council could provide to encourage impact businesses to contribute to social and cultural impacts
Provide seed funding for social enterprise start-ups and invest in co-ops.
<b>Social procurement</b>
Council procurement supports social enterprise.
Advocate for businesses to support social enterprise through supply chains.

# 5. Evaluation

23 people have completed the forum evaluation survey. The evaluation findings showed that:

- 48% rated the forum as “great” (5 out of 5 stars); 43% rated the forum 4 out of 5 stars
- 39% strongly agreed and 48% agreed the process suited their needs
- 43% strongly agreed and 39% agreed they had the necessary context to contribute meaningfully
- 61% strongly agreed and 26% agreed that their contribution was valued.





### I had the necessary context to contribute meaningfully (to what extent do you agree)

Multiple Choice Poll  23 votes 23 participants

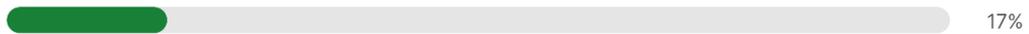
Strongly Agree - 10 votes



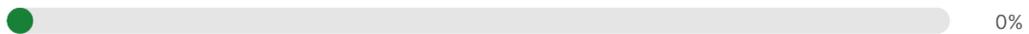
Agree - 9 votes



Neither agree or disagree - 4 votes



Disagree - 0 votes



Strongly Disagree - 0 votes



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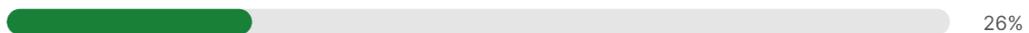
### I feel that my contribution was valued (to what extent do you agree)

Multiple Choice Poll  23 votes 23 participants

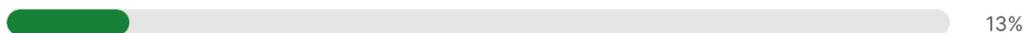
Strongly Agree - 14 votes



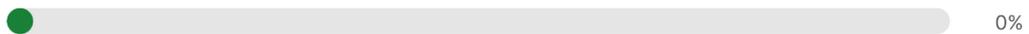
Agree - 6 votes



Neither agree or disagree - 3 votes



Disagree - 0 votes



Strongly Disagree - 0 votes



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In addition to the evaluation, **5** forum participants reached out to council after the forum to:

- Say thank you
- Congratulate the organising team
- Provide feedback such as:
  - *“The forum was so well run and I had a great time.”*
  - *“Got to meet new people and create new networks.”*
  - *“Very sobering to hear what great things people are doing.”*

## 6. Next Steps

The Stronger Together Forum was undertaken as part of the **process of reviewing and refreshing** the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy Action Plan.

The forum and other activities delivered during stage one of community engagement, has **gathered invaluable contributions** from people who live, work, and recreate on the Sunshine Coast.

All the information gathered through the first stage of community engagement will be used to inform the **development of a Sunshine Coast Community Strategy Action Plan 2024-2029** and ensure the plan reflects the priorities and aspirations of our community.

**Targeted engagement** will be undertaken in the latter half of 2023. This engagement will be focused on the stage 1 community engagement findings, what transformational actions have emerged, what actions are a priority for council and our community, and what **new or continuing partnerships** are needed.

A **second stage of comprehensive community engagement** will be delivered in 2024 when council **presents the draft action plan priorities and actions** back to the community to review and provide feedback.

Project updates will be included on the [Stronger Together project page](#) on Have your Say Sunshine Coast and council will report back what we've heard through the consultation via this page and direct email to participants.

## 7. Appendices

### 7.1 Agenda



**What actions can we take together to build strong  
Sunshine Coast communities where people thrive?**

*You are invited*

## **Stronger Together Forum**

**16 May 2023**

In partnership with Sunshine Coast Council, the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy Leadership Group invites you to the Stronger Together Forum to help shape our next five years of community action.

We will explore what actions we can take together to build strong Sunshine Coast communities where people thrive.

Community voices of all ages and backgrounds are invited to participate to ensure future actions reflect our collective aspirations for the Sunshine Coast. We believe connecting with each other, sharing our ideas, and working together is the first vital step in building strong and thriving communities.

We will use what we learn from these conversations to inform the next [Community Strategy Action Plan](#) 2024-2029.

Please join us in this important community gathering.

### **Event Details**

**Date:** Tuesday 16 May, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Venue:** Meridan Community Centre, 70 Springs Drive, Meridan Plains

**RSVP:** By Thursday 20 April, 2023

**Places are limited. Register today!** Visit council's [Have your Say](#) website.



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## 7.2 Forum photos

