



## Information sheet #1 – Overview

**This information sheet provides an overview of the proposed amendment to the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* and Planning Scheme Policies, relating to Historic Cultural Heritage.**

### What is a planning scheme?

In Queensland, a planning scheme is an important regulatory document that guides growth, land use and development in a local government area.

On 14 April 2014, Council adopted the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* (planning scheme).



The planning scheme integrates and balances the economic, social and environmental needs and aspirations of the community to provide an orderly and sustainable approach to land use and change.

### What is a planning scheme amendment?

The planning scheme is a living document and is amended from time to time in response to feedback, changing community needs and legislative changes to ensure it is up to date and operating effectively.

The process for amending a planning scheme is outlined in the *Planning Act 2016* and the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*.

Further information on the planning scheme amendment process can be found on the Department of State Development,

Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning's website –

<https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/planning/our-planning-system>

### What planning scheme amendment is being proposed?

Council is proposing a planning scheme amendment entitled 'Historic Cultural Heritage'.

The purpose and general effect of this proposed amendment is to revise and update the planning scheme provisions relating to cultural heritage. The amendment proposes the formal identification of new or modified local heritage places, character areas, character buildings and local plan elements, as well as the removal of some existing local heritage places from the planning scheme.

The proposed amendment also includes revised assessment provisions in the Heritage and character areas overlay code that broaden requirements for specific works as well as improve the clarity and efficiency of the planning scheme.

### What about specific aspects of the proposed amendment?

Further details on specific aspects of the proposed amendment can be found in other information sheets, including:

- Local heritage places (#2)
- Land in proximity to a local heritage place (#3)
- Character areas and character buildings (#4)
- Moffat Beach character area (#5)
- Maleny Maple Street character area (#6)

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<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/historic-cultural-heritage>



## Why is Council proposing the planning scheme amendment?

The proposed amendment seeks to ensure a consistent approach to heritage protection across the Sunshine Coast Council local government area. The current heritage protections are based on a range of historic studies undertaken previously by the former Caloundra City and Maroochy Shire Councils.

## How was the proposed amendment prepared?

An expert team of historians was engaged to review and update Council's identified local heritage places and character areas, which are currently identified in the planning scheme.

A review of all relevant heritage information available to Council was undertaken. This vast amount of information included the existing and previous planning schemes, previous heritage studies and other key sources.

This review produced a 'Thematic History of the Sunshine Coast'. This document provides an overview of the key themes in the post-contact history of the Sunshine Coast (i.e. after first contact between Aboriginal people and Europeans) and provides a broad framework for the further identification of local heritage places. It is available from Council's website at <https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/historic-cultural-heritage>.

Sites of actual or potential historic significance, including sites where no physical heritage fabric remains, were then identified. Extensive further field work and follow-up investigations allowed Council to determine the local heritage places and character areas in the proposed amendment.

## Has the identification of significant historic cultural heritage and character changed?

A best practice approach to heritage protection across the Sunshine Coast Council local government area has been applied.

A key aspect of the proposed amendment is inclusion of a greater number of places which represent post-World War II heritage, coastal urban settings and leading contemporary architecture of outstanding quality. In this way, the proposed amendment is intended to reflect a broader range of themes relevant to the

settlement and development of the Sunshine Coast in the historic or post-contact era.

## What were the key outcomes for local heritage places?

A total of 233 local heritage places are identified in the proposed amendment, with 57 of these being newly proposed local heritage places. Most local heritage places achieve the threshold for heritage significance across more than one of the heritage significance criteria (refer to 'Information Sheet #2 - Local heritage places' for details of the criteria). The amendment also provides details of the 34 State heritage places within the Sunshine Coast region for information purposes only (noting that these places are protected under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*).

For each of the local heritage places identified in the proposed amendment (existing and proposed), a draft statement of significance has been prepared and included in the proposed Planning Scheme Policy for the Heritage and Character Areas Overlay Code.



Wirreanda Park, Buderim (existing local heritage place)

## Are any existing local heritage places proposed to be removed from the planning scheme?

A number of existing local heritage places are identified for removal from the planning scheme under the proposed amendment, based on an assessment of these places against the heritage significance criteria (refer to 'Information Sheet #2 - Local heritage places' for details of the criteria).

Specifically, 21 local heritage places are proposed to be removed. Six of these places have no remaining structures.



## What about character areas?

All existing and some potential new character areas have been assessed. A revised statement of significance has been prepared for each existing character area, which includes a reference map of its spatial extent as well as providing a commentary on its significance. Some existing character areas are proposed to be expanded or contracted in their spatial extent.

As part of this process, two proposed new character areas have been identified, one at Maple Street, Maleny and the other at Moffat Beach. Refer to 'Information Sheet #4 – Character areas and character buildings' for general information on character areas and information sheets #5 and #6 for specific information on the proposed Moffat Beach and Maple Street, Maleny character areas respectively.

## How is Aboriginal cultural heritage considered?

The local heritage places and character areas that are addressed in the proposed amendment reflect the historic, post-contact era of local history. This aspect of history is only a part of the story of our region.

The Kabi Kabi First Nation and Jinibara People are the original inhabitants of the Sunshine Coast region. Their history in the region dates from ancient times right through to the present day, reflecting a profound connection to country.

It is noted that the heritage places identified in the proposed amendment may also have Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. Aboriginal cultural heritage is protected under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. This Act establishes separate protocols and processes for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage, outside of planning legislation.

A separate document has been published in parallel with the 'Thematic History of the Sunshine Coast', detailing the story of the Jinibara People in the post-contact period available at <https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/historic-cultural-heritage>.

It is anticipated that an equivalent document will be published by Kabi Kabi First Nation detailing their story of the post-contact period at a later date.

## How have local historians been involved?

In the initial stages of research, contact was made with a range of local historical groups across the Sunshine Coast. The purpose of this engagement was to gather information on the local context to add to the local history information that was already available.

Throughout the process to date, progress on the project has been reported to the Sunshine Coast Heritage Reference Group (SCHRAG), a group comprised of representatives of local historical groups and experts in local history.



Yandina Historic House, Yandina (existing local heritage place)

## What parts of the planning scheme are proposed to change?

The amendment proposes numerous changes across the planning scheme, reflecting the outcomes of the review of heritage protection matters undertaken. Key changes that are proposed include:

- Major revisions to the identification of local heritage places, including –
  - the addition of new places
  - the extension or alteration of place boundaries for existing local heritage places
  - the removal or partial removal of a number of existing local heritage places.
- Major revisions to the identification of character areas and character buildings, including –
  - boundary changes for existing character areas (extensions and reductions)

- the identification of two new character areas at Maple Street, Maleny and Moffat Beach
- the identification of character buildings, which are depicted in the proposed overlay mapping
- the effective de-listing of a small number of existing character buildings.
- The introduction of a new overlay element – ‘Land in proximity to a local heritage place’, nominated on certain sites in proximity to local heritage places to help ensure that development near a local heritage place does not impact on its values or context (refer to ‘Information Sheet #3 – Land in proximity to a heritage place’).
- Other changes to the:
  - Strategic framework
  - Tables of assessment
  - Local plan codes and elements maps (including changes relating to the Caloundra Lighthouse View Protection Area in the Caloundra local plan)
  - Heritage and character areas overlay code and mapping
  - Definitions
  - Mapping
- Revised heritage place and character area statements of significance that are more comprehensive (refer to the proposed changes to the SC6.10 Planning Scheme Policy for the Heritage and Character Areas Overlay Code).



Witta School (former) (existing local heritage place)

## Summary statistics

The following information provides a summary of the property-related changes contained within the proposed amendment:

- Total existing and proposed local heritage places: **233**
- Total existing local heritage places: **200**
- Total proposed new local heritage places: **57**
- Total existing local heritage places proposed to be removed: **21**

It is also noted that 6 existing local heritage places are proposed to be combined together into 3 local heritage places.

For information purposes, there are **34** existing State heritage places in the Sunshine Coast Council local government area.

In relation to character areas:

- All existing **12** character areas are proposed to be retained (including with modifications)
- A total of **2** new character areas are included in the proposed amendment (Moffat Beach and Maple Street, Maleny)

## How can I find out more or make a submission?

Further details on the proposed amendment (including online/mobile interactive mapping) can be accessed from Council’s website:

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/historic-cultural-heritage>

The website also provides details on how to make a written submission about the proposed amendment. Submissions must be received by Council no later than **4:30pm on Monday 16 September 2019**.

**For further information, please contact Council’s Strategic Planning Branch on (07) 5420 8953 or email**

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