Cairns Regional Council has delivered a balanced Budget with a total operating expenditure/revenue of $316 million.

LOW RATE RISE
1.5% or less rate rise for 70% of ratepayers (6th consecutive year for rises in line with CPI)

Utility access charges increase by 1.5%
Residential water usage charges increase by 2c/kilolitre to $1.21 a kilolitre

STIMULATING THE ECONOMY

$850,000 to support major events and cultural events and community events

$1M for grants for community, sporting and cultural activities and events

$380M will be spent on resources, materials and services (90% spent locally)

$3.4M to support tourism industry

$200,000 for economic industry development and diversification

CBD INITIATIVES

$3.6M to complete the Court House refurbishment as part of the broader Gallery Precinct

$10M to commence redevelopment of Florence Street, with $5M committed in the next budget to complete the project

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

$3.35M to create mini solar farms at five wastewater treatment plants

$3.4M for the continued roll-out of smart water meters, with $13M committed over the next two years

$6M for a major upgrade of the Material Recovery Facility, boosting the diversion from landfill from 50% to up to 90%

The program for 2019-2020 includes:

$164.7M CAPITAL WORKS

$50.6M on roads, drainage, and footpaths

$29M on community, sport and cultural projects

$28.2M on water and waste infrastructure, and

$24.2M on improving our wastewater network

Some of the highlights in this program are:

- $8M for road treatments throughout the city
- $7.3M to progress the much anticipated Northern Beaches Leisure Trail
- $5.8M on sporting facilities including $3.4 million to build roofs over the Cairns International Tennis Centre and the Martyn Street Netball centre; and $900,000 to upgrade amenities at Alley Park
- $5.4M on new kerb and channel
- $4.1M on improving the drainage network
- $3.2M to construct or renew footpaths
- $3.1M for Bicentennial / Roberts Road intersection upgrade
- $3M to repair Lake Morris Road
- $2.6M for creation of more parking spaces and other parking projects
- $2.5M for Kamerunga Rd / Redlynch Intake Rd intersection and Village project
- $2.4M to construct a new section of McGregor Road, Smithfield
- $1.8M to improve playgrounds, parks and toilet facilities
- $1.45M for upgrades to our aquatic facilities
- $1.4M to widen Mill Road at Edmonton

$19/20 BUDGET

Read all the details of Council’s 2019/20 Budget at www.cairns.qld.gov.au
## Cairns Regional Council General Rating Categories 2019-2020

**STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 88 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012**

The following categories are the rating categories in effect in Cairns Regional Council for the year 2019-2020. These categories have been published by Council as required under the Local Government Regulation 2012.

### Residential Categories A to C

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Properties or use of land</th>
<th>General Rate</th>
<th>Minimum Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Vacant urban land, 04 Large vacant urban land, 06 Outbuildings</td>
<td>0.582276 cents in the dollar</td>
<td>Minimum $900.00</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Vacant rural land or vacant rural land with a total area over 0.5 hectares or 0.5 hectares or Community facilities with a total area over 1 hectare</td>
<td>0.582276 cents in the dollar</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Vacant land within CairnsPlan 2016</td>
<td>0.848280 cents in the dollar</td>
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### Commercial Categories

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<th>Properties that comprise Drive In Shopping Centres and in which the anchor tenants are a variety of discount department store(s) and large grocery supermarketer(s) with major on-site parking facilities</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>with a gross lettable area over 20,000m² and less than 35,000m². Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category: 12 Shopping group (more than 6 shops) 13 Shopping group (8 shops to 6 shops) 14 Shops Main Retail 15 Shops Secondary Retail and 16 Drive In Shopping Centres.</td>
<td>4.521824 cents in the dollar</td>
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### Rural Productive

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<td>with a total area over 0.5 hectares or 0.5 hectares or Medium density residential with a total area over 0.5 hectares or Medium density residential with a total area over 0.5 hectares or Community facilities with a total area over 1 hectare</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>with the following land use codes would fall within this category: 04 Large vacant urban land 06 Outbuildings, 09 Group Titles and 72 Refer to section 50 of the Land Valuation Act 2010.</td>
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### Other Land

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### State Government Emergency Management Levy

The State Government Emergency Management Levy is a compulsory charge collected by council on behalf of the State Government under the Fire and Emergency Service Act 1990.

### State Government Subsidy / Council Pensioner Remission

Appointed pensioners who are owner occupiers or life tenant by way of a valid will and meet all other eligibility requirements, and who are receiving a pension of 20% or more of the annual charges levied by Council up to a maximum of $200 per annum. Pensioners deemed eligible for the State Government Subsidy may apply directly to the Council Pensioner Remission of 40% of the General Rate up to a maximum amount of $1,350 per annum. Pensioners must be the holder of a Queensland Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans Affairs, or a Queensland ‘Repayment Health Card’ for all Conditions (‘Gold Card’) issued by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

### Change of Postal Address

Notification of change of postal address must be lodged directly with Cairns Regional Council by way of a valid will and meet all other eligibility requirements. All applications for the pensioner subsidy / remission must be in writing on the prescribed form. The pensioner subsidy / remission is not automatic. The applicant's application is submitted to Council and will not be applied retrospectively. A copy of the application is sent to the applicant.

### Interest

In accordance with section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, interest will be charged at the rate of 9.83% per annum calculated at compound interest on the daily rests, on all rates & charges which remain unpaid after expiration of the due date for payment.