

19/20 BUDGET

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



\$3M

to commence work on the Esplanade Dining Precinct and Stage 3 of the Shields Street project, with \$13.5M committed next year

\$164.7M CAPITAL WORKS

The program for 2019-2020 includes:

\$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

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%

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 CATEGORY OF YOUR PROPERTY IS LISTED ON THE FRONT OF YOUR RATE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH YOUR LAND USE CODE (The first two numbers (primary numbers) of your land use code appear in the categories listed herein).

IMPORTANT

By virtue of the provisions of section 88 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 you are hereby notified as follows:

- If you consider that as at the date of the issue of the Notice, your Land should, having regard to the description adopted by the Council, have been included in another of the Categories listed in this brochure, you may object against the categorisation of your land by posting to or lodging with the Cairns Regional Council, PO Box 359, Cairns, 4870, a Notice of Objection in the prescribed form within thirty (30) days of the date of issue of the Rates Notice (copies of the Form are available at Council's Office at Spence Street Cairns or on Council's website).
- The only ground on which you may so object is that your land should, having regard to the description adopted by the Council, have been included in some other Category.
- The posting to or lodging of a Notice of Objection with the Council shall not in the meantime interfere with or affect the levy and recovery of the Rates referred to in this Rate Notice.
- If, because of your Notice of Objection, the land is included in another Category, an adjustment of the amount of Rates levied or, as the case may be, the amount of Rates paid shall be made.
- The Category in which your land is included was identified by Cairns Regional Council.

The following are the various Categories which have been adopted by the Council:

RESIDENTIAL

CATEGORIES A TO C (see below for valuation (VAL) bands)

Properties used, or capable of being used for residential purposes. Ordinarily properties with following land use codes would fall within these categories:

01 Vacant urban land (excluding those included in commercial categories D & E) 02 Residential single unit dwelling - urban and rural 04 Large homesite - vacant urban & rural (excluding those in category J) and those in commercial categories D & E) 05 Large homesite - dwelling - urban & rural (excluding those in category J) 06 Outbuildings (excluding those in category J) and those in commercial categories D & E) 09 Group Titles and 94 vacant rural land.

Category A	Properties with a VAL from	\$1 to \$500,000
Category B	Properties with a VAL from	\$500,001 to \$1,000,000
Category C	Properties with a VAL greater than	\$1,000,000

CATEGORY J

Properties (excluding those in categories A to C) where that land's zone is included in CairnsPlan2016 as Rural residential with a total land area over 10 Hectares or Low density residential with a total land area over 0.5 Hectares or Low-medium density residential with a total land area over 3.5 Hectares or Medium density residential with a total land area over 0.5 Hectares or Tourist accommodation with a total land area over 0.5 Hectares or Community facilities with a total land area over 1 Hectare. Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

04 Large Homesite - Vacant Urban & Rural (excluding those in commercial categories D & E);
06 Outbuildings (excluding those in commercial categories D & E); and

Properties (excluding those in categories A to C) where that land's zone is included in Cairns Plan2016 as Low density residential with a total land area over 5 Hectares or Low-medium density residential with a total land area over 3.5 Hectares or Medium density residential with a total land area over 1.5 Hectares or Tourist accommodation with a total land area over 0.5 Hectares or Community facilities with a total land area over 1 Hectare. Ordinarily properties with the following land use code would fall within this category:

05 Large Homesite - Dwelling-Urban & Rural; and

Properties used as residential institutions (non-medical care). Ordinarily properties with the following land use code would fall within this category:

21 Residential Institutions (non-medical care).

CATEGORY K

Properties that are used for residential purposes and the lot is part of a Community Titles Scheme. Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

08 Building Units.

CATEGORY L

Properties that are used for multi residential (flats) purposes. Ordinarily properties with following land use code would fall within this category:

03 Dual/Multi Occupancy (Flats & Dwellings).

CATEGORY M

Properties that comply with Section 50 of the Land Valuation Act 2010. Ordinarily properties with the following land use code would fall within this category:

72 Residential land which is subject to section 50 of the Land Valuation Act 2010.

COMMERCIAL

CATEGORY B

Properties that comprise Drive In Shopping Centres and in which the anchor tenants are a variety of department store(s) and/or discount department store(s) and large grocery supermarket(s) with major on-site parking facilities & having a gross lettable area retail (GLAR) over 34,999m². Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

12 Shopping group (more than 6 shops) 13 Shopping group (2 to 6 shops) 14 Shops Main Retail 15 Shops secondary retail & 16 Drive in shopping centres.

CATEGORY D

Properties that are used, or capable of being used for commercial/ industrial purposes & are contained within the shaded area on the map shown as Commercial Inner City. Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

07 Guest house/private hotel 08 Building units 09 Group titles 10 Combined multiple dwelling and shop 11 Shop (single) 12 Shops - shopping group (more than 6 shops, excluding those in category B & G) 13 Shopping group (2 to 6 shops, excluding those in category B & G) 14 Shops-main retail (excluding those in category B & G) 15 Shops-secondary retail (excluding those in category B & G) 16 Drive in shopping centres (excluding those in category B & G) 17 Restaurant 18 Special tourist attraction 19 Walkway 20 Marina 22 Car park 23 Retail warehouse 24 Sales area outdoor 25 Offices 26 Funeral parlours 27 Hospitals, convalescent homes (medical care) (private) 28 Warehouses and bulk stores 29 Transport Terminals 30 Service stations 31 Oil depot and refinery 32 Wharves 33 Builders yard/contractors yard 34 Cold stores/ice works 35 General industry 36 Light industry 37 Noxious/offensive industry 38 Advertising/hoarding 39 Harbour industries 40 Extractive 41 Child care 42 Hotel/tavern 43 Motel 44 Nurseries 45 Theatres/cinemas 46 Drive-in theatre 47 Licensed clubs 48 Sports clubs/facilities 49 Caravan parks 50 Other clubs (non-business) 51 Religious 52 Cemeteries including Crematoria 55 Libraries 56 Showgrounds/ racecourses/airfields 57 Parks and gardens 58 Educational-including kindergartens 91 Transformers 92 Defence force establishments 95 Reservoir, dam, bores 96 Public hospital 97 Welfare homes/institutions & 99 Community protection centre.

Also including the following properties where that land is included as Principle centre, Major centre, District centre, Local centre, Neighbourhood centre, Mixed-use precinct 1, Mixed-use precinct 2, Low-impact industry, Medium-impact industry, High-impact industry, Waterfront and marine industry, Specialised centre, Strategic Port Land zones within CairnsPlan2016. Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

01 Vacant urban land 04 Large vacant urban land 06 Outbuildings, 09 Group Titles and 72 Refer to section 50 of Land Valuation Act 2010.

CATEGORY E

Properties that are used or capable of being used for commercial/ industrial purposes (excluding those in Commercial Categories B, D and G) & are not contained within the shaded area on the map shown as Commercial Inner City. Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

07 Guest house/private hotel 08 Building units 09 Group titles 10 Combined multiple dwelling and shop 11 Shop (single) 12 Shops-shopping group (more than 6 shops) 13 Shopping group (2 to 6 shops) 14 Shops-main retail 15 Shops - secondary retail 16 Drive in shopping centres 17 Restaurant 18 Special tourist attraction 19 Walkway 20 Marina 22 Car park 23 Retail warehouse 24 Sales area outdoor 25 Offices 26 Funeral parlours 27 Hospitals, convalescent homes (medical care) (private) 28 Warehouses and bulk stores 29 Transport terminals 30 Service stations 31 Oil depots and refinery 32 Wharves 33 Builders yard/contractors yard 34 Cold stores/ice works 35 General industry 36 Light industry 37 Noxious/offensive industry 38 Advertising/hoarding 39 Harbour industries 40 Extractive 41 Child care 42 Hotel/tavern 43 Motel 44 Nurseries 45 Theatres/cinemas 46 Drive-in theatres 47 Licensed clubs 48 Sports clubs/facilities 49 Caravan parks 50 Other clubs (non business) 51 Religious 52 Cemeteries (including Crematoria) 55 Libraries 56 Showgrounds/racecourses/airfields 57 Parks and gardens 58 Educational-including kindergartens 91 Transformers 92 Defence force establishments 95 Reservoir, dam, bores 96 Public hospital 97 Welfare homes/institutions and 99-Community protection centre. Also including the following properties where that land is included as Principle centre, Major centre, District centre, Local centre, Neighbourhood centre, Mixed-use precinct 1, Mixed-use precinct 2, Low-impact industry, Medium-impact industry, High-impact industry, Waterfront and marine industry, Specialised centre zones within CairnsPlan2016 Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

01 Vacant urban land 04 Large vacant Urban Land 06 Outbuildings 09- Group Titles & 72-Refer to section 50 of the Land Valuation Act 2010.

CATEGORY F

Properties in this category must qualify for rate assistance under Council's Rate Based Financial Assistance Policy. Properties in this category are recipients of rate assistance under Council's Rates Based Financial Assistance Policy.

CATEGORY G - Major Shopping Centres

Properties that comprise Drive In Shopping Centres and in which the anchor tenants are a variety of department store(s) and/or

discount department store(s) and large grocery supermarket(s) with major on-site parking facilities & having a gross lettable area retail (GLAR) 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 (2 to 6 shops) 14 Shops Main Retail 15 Shops Secondary Retail and 16-Drive-In Shopping Centres.

RURAL PRODUCTIVE

Properties which are used predominately for Primary Production. Ordinarily properties with the following land used codes would fall within this category:

60 Sheep grazing - dry 61 Sheep breeding 64 Cattle grazing/ breeding 65 Cattle breeding and fattening 66 Cattle fattening 67 Goats 68 Milk quota 69 Milk no quota 70 Cream 71 Oil seeds 73 Grains 74 Turf farms 75 Sugar Cane 76 Tobacco 77 Cotton 78 Rice 79 Orchards 80 Tropical fruits 81 Pineapples 82 Vineyards 83 Small crops and fodder irrigated 84 Small crops and fodder non-irrigated 85 Pigs 86 Horses 87 Poultry 88 Forestry and logs 89 Animals special and 93 Peanuts.

OTHER LAND

The description and identification for this category is land not included in any of the above categories.

DIFFERENTIAL RATE

The Differential General Rate and Minimum rate for each category is as follows:

Category	Rate	Minimum	Rate
Residential A	0.582276	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$900.00
Residential B	0.524048	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$2,911.38
Residential C	0.465820	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$5,240.48
Residential J	0.582276	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$900.00
Residential K	1.089904	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$900.00
Residential L	0.848280	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$1,450.00
Residential M	0.582276	cents in the dollar	Minimum Nil
Commercial B	4.521824	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$1,159,616.50
Commercial D	1.658326	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$927.50
Commercial E	0.883588	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$927.50
Commercial F	0.582276	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$900.00
Commercial G	3.275752	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$488,186.40
Rural Productive 1	1.107574	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$927.50
Other	0.883588	cents in the dollar	Minimum \$927.50

Full details of general rates, special charges, utility charges, remissions and other important information can be obtained from Council's web site www.cairns.qld.gov.au

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*. Charges are levied on each surveyed parcel of land. For more information go to www.fire.qld.gov.au

STATE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY / COUNCIL PENSIONER REMISSION

Approved pensioners who are owner occupiers or life tenant by way of a valid will and meet all other eligibility requirements, may be entitled to a 20% State Government Subsidy on rates and charges levied by Council up to a maximum of \$200 per annum. Pensioners deemed eligible for the State Government Subsidy may also be entitled 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 'Repatriation Health Card - For all Conditions' (Gold Card) issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

All applications for the pensioner subsidy / remission must be in writing on the prescribed form. The pensioner rate subsidy/ remission will commence from the date the application is submitted to Council and will not be applied retrospectively.

NOTE: Only new applicants or those whose circumstances have changed need apply. In cases of co-ownership, the Council Pensioner Remission will only apply if all owners meet the eligibility requirements. Full details of the State Government Subsidy can be found at www.qld.gov.au/community/cost-of-living-support/rates-subsidy and details of the Council Pensioner Remission can be found as part of the Revenue Statement on Council's website at www.cairns.qld.gov.au

CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS

Notification of change of postal address must be lodged directly with Council. Ratepayers that receive more than one assessment must advise Council of all properties that the change will affect.

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.