By virtue of the provisions of section 88 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the category of your property is listed on the front of your Rates Notice. The following information is for your guidance:

**Residential and Commercial Categories**

- **Residential Category A to C**
  - **Category A**
    - Properties with a Valuation (VAL) from $1 to $500,000
  - **Category B**
    - Properties with a VAL from $501,000 to $1,000,000
  - **Category C**
    - Properties with a VAL greater than $1,000,000

- **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 over 20,000m² (GLAR) & over 34,999m² (GLAR).

- **Commercial Category C**
  - Ordinary properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:
    - 13 Shopping group (more than 6 shops) 14 Shops Main Retail 15 Shops secondary retail & 16 Drive In shopping centres.

**Rural Productive Categories**

- Properties which are used predominantly for Primary Production. Ordinary properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:
  - 06 Outbuildings (excluding those in commercial categories D & E).
  - 07 Guest houses/private hotel 08 Building units 09 Group titles 10 Combined multiple dwelling and shop 11 Shop (single) 12 Single dwelling - rural 13 Shopping group (more than 6 shops, excluding those in category B & G) 14 15 Shops - main retail 15 Shops secondary retail & 16 Drive In shopping centres.

**Rural Land**

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

**Differential Rates**

- The Differential Rating General Rate and Minimum rate for each category is as follows:
  - **Residential A**
    - $916.20
  - **Residential B**
    - $5,334.82
  - **Residential C**
    - $5,334.82
  - **Residential D**
    - $916.20
  - **Residential E**
    - $2,880.76
  - **Commercial A**
    - $1,400.00
  - **Commercial B**
    - $4,944.20
  - **Commercial C**
    - $4,944.20
  - **Commercial D**
    - $4,944.20
  - **Commercial E**
    - $4,944.20
  - **Rural Productive**
    - $1,127,510.00

All details of general rates, special charges, utility charges, remissions and other important information can be obtained from Council's website: 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. The levy is charged on all vacant residential and rural properties where that land is included in any of the above categories.

**State Government Subsidy / Council Pensioner Remission**

- Approvals for the pensioner subsidy / council pensioner remission will only apply if each of the following conditions is met:
  - A Queensland 'Pensioner Concession Card' issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
  - A Queensland Rural Ratepayer Concession Card issued by Council.

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. NO: 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.

**Change of Postal Address**

Council must be notified of a change of postal address. The charge of $10 will be lodged directly with Council. Ratepayers that receive more than one assessment per year must advise Council of all properties that the change will affect.

**Interest**

In accordance with section 16 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, interest will be charged at the rate of 8.53% per annum on any rates outstanding for a period of 30 days, with late fees charged at the rate of 8.53% per annum. Any rates and charges which remain unpaid after the date of expiration for payment.
Council plots a path to recovery

A record $181 million capital works program headlines Cairns Regional Council’s 2020-21 Budget.

**RATES**
- General rate increase of 1.8%
- Utility access charges increase by 1.8%
- Water usage charges increase by 2c/kilolitre
- No revaluations or rating category changes means all ratepayers will receive the same 1.8% increase

**AT A GLANCE**
- Council has delivered a Budget with a total operating expenditure/revenue of $312 million

**CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**ESPLANADE DINING PRECINCT COMPLETION – $28.7M**
Redevelopment of the Esplanade Dining Precinct – including the renewal of the Lagoon Plaza and Shields Street between Abbott Street and the Esplanade

**MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY UPGRADE – $10.7M**
Council will invest $3.86 million to complete the upgrade to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). This $8.2 million upgrade will double the MRF’s processing capacity to about 30,000 tonnes a year, and will boost the amount of waste diverted from landfill from 50-60% to 85-90% from landfill.

**HOLLOWAYS BEACH GROYNES**
Council has put aside $1.9 million for the construction of two, 30-metre rock groynes at Holloways to rehabilitate the foreshore and beach.

**CRYSTAL CASCADES**
Council has allocated $750,000 to complete a major upgrade. Includes revised parking CCTV and new pathways.

**SPORT UPGRADES**
Allocated $4 million which includes $2.58 million for Griffiths Park, $500,000 for Aquatic facilities, $350,000 for Tom Murray Park, $85,000 for a lighting upgrade at Calanna Park and $25,000 for goal post replacement at Petersen Park and Alley Park, Gordonvale.

**PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS**
Areas earmarked for works include, ANZAC Memorial (Trinity Beach), Loridan Drive Park (Brinsmead), Barrier Reef Park (Westcourt), Homestead park (Mount Sheridan), Harlequin Street Park (White Rock), Jashar Park (Edmonton) McRobbs Close Park (Edmonton), Moody Creek Reserve (Manoora), Wilks Park (Woree), Goodwood Park (Yorkeys Knob), Johnson Park (Gordonvale), and Sugarworld Playground (Edmonton).

**NORTHERN BEACHES LEISURE TRAIL – $10.9 MILLION**
Council has committed $11 million to connect Machans Beach to Holloways Beach including the new Barr Creek Bridge, the Dunne Road connections near Yorkeys Knob, and Clifton Beach to Kewarra Beach.

**BROAD CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**
Total Capital Works Program worth $181 million
- $43.5 million on roads, bridges, drainage, kerb and channel, shoulder sealing, and bus stops
- $28.5 million on improving the wastewater network,
- $32.7 million on water and waste infrastructure, and
- $37 million on community, sport, cultural and recreation projects

**STIMULATING THE CAIRNS ECONOMY**
- $396m will be spent in the community on resources, materials and services
- $3.2m in grants, subsidies and contributions for events, arts and cultural initiatives activities, marketing and economic development activities
- $2.9m million for Tourism Tropical North Queensland
- $645,000 for major sporting events

Read all the details of Council’s 2020-21 Budget at www.cairns.qld.gov.au