

# 19/20 BUDGET

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

## 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 PROGRAM

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%