

2023/2024

# Budget Snapshot

**\$433.5M**  
BUDGET

**\$164.8M**  
CAPITAL WORKS  
PROGRAM

**\$82.5M**  
ON WATER & WASTEWATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
(part of Capital Works)

**5.99%**  
GENERAL  
RATE RISE

**\$51M**  
TO SERVICE  
& MAINTAIN  
COMMUNITY ASSETS

## Economic stimulus



**\$3.4M**

to promote Cairns as a premier tourism destination

**\$1.3M**

to support and develop major sporting and entertainment events

**\$6.1M**

in grants, subsidies and contributions for events, arts and cultural initiatives, activities, marketing and economic development activities



**\$780,000**

for Cairns Festival

**\$1.7M**

to progress the Towards 2050 Growth Strategy

## Rates and charges

**9 cents**  
per kilolitre rise  
for commercial  
and residential  
water charges

**5.99%**  
rise in sewerage,  
cleansing and  
water access  
charges

## Infrastructure

Roads, bridges, lighting, drainage and community assets

- \$4.5 million for pavement rehabilitation
- \$2.5 million for kerb and channel and shoulder sealing
- \$2 million for the road reseal program
- \$2.6 million on various drain and flood mitigation works
- \$770,000 to upgrade lighting along roads and footpaths
- \$445,000 for the upgrade and maintenance of bridges
- \$320,000 for bus stop improvements
- \$1.5 million on erosion control measures at Holloways Beach and Clifton Beach
- \$275,000 for cemetery improvements and upgrades
- \$475,000 for the renewal, upgrade and expansion of the CCTV network



## Water and Wastewater

- \$24 million to progress the Cairns Water Security – Stage 1 project
- \$5.7 million to continue the rollout of smart water meters
- \$664,000 to finalise works for the Emergency Water Supply Plan
- \$5.4 million to continue construction of a new water storage reservoir at Mount Peter, Edmonton
- \$4 million to replace water mains at various locations as part of the ongoing maintenance program
- \$15.3 million on upgrades and improvements to sewer pump stations and networks throughout the city
- \$8.8 million on improvements and upgrades to wastewater treatment plants
- \$2.5 million allocated to the annual sewer relining program



## In the community

Parks, playgrounds and aquatic facilities

- \$4.75 million for the redevelopment of Kenrick Park, Gordonvale
- \$700,000 for a refresh of Muddy's Playground
- \$750,000 for a renewal and upgrade of Redlynch Skate Park
- \$270,000 for an accessible change facility at the Esplanade Lagoon
- \$300,000 to improve the kids play area at Smithfield Pool
- \$150,000 for works at Tobruk Memorial Pool
- \$75,000 for upgrades to the adventure and play area at Sugarworld Parklands

Sporting facilities

- \$6.8 million for new lighting at Barlow Park
- \$1.4 million for an expansion of Earlville Tennis Club courts

Recreation and lifestyle

- \$1.5 million for footpaths, pathways and to promote active travel
- \$4.2 million to complete the Northern Beaches Leisure Trail link from Clifton Beach to Kewarra Beach
- \$1.8 million towards the new Trinity Beach Community Activity Space
- \$1.3 million for renewals and upgrades to libraries
- \$100,000 to start designs for the Cairns Community and Multicultural Centre in White Rock

## Arts and Culture

- \$7.7 million this financial year to progress the Cairns Gallery Precinct
- \$2 million for upgrades to the Tanks Arts Centre
- \$831,000 lighting upgrades to the Cairns Performing Arts Centre

