



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

22 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 9:00AM

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Cr B Moller
Cr M O'Halloran
Cr B Olds
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Cr K Vallely
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There were no conflicts of interest declared.

MAYORAL BUDGET ADDRESS

In delivering Cairns Regional Council's Budget for the 2022/23 financial year, I do so in the knowledge that our city and the community has endured two of the most testing years of its history.

This is Council's first post-COVID Budget.

A conservative Budget, it sets the foundation for shaping the future of the region with a focus on fiscal sustainability, growth and a real emphasis on looking after community and natural assets – and that is a big ask.



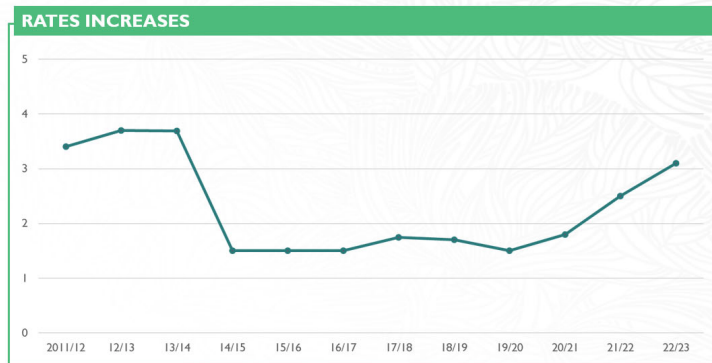
Globally, we have been in the midst of a pandemic and our tourism and hospitality industries have been bruised and battered from COVID-related health restrictions and constant border closures, and the skies devoid of planes.

Today, the borders are open again, most of the health restrictions have been removed, and the sound and sight of passenger planes is most welcoming.

However, we face new, increasingly difficult challenges.

This Budget is framed against a backdrop of inflationary pressures, a tight labour market and an under-pressure construction industry, and the fear of longer-term recessionary impacts.

12-YEAR AVERAGE RATE INCREASE 2.3%



This Council has a longstanding commitment to keeping rate rises as low as possible, while being realistic about the funds needed to maintain service delivery standards and the maintenance of assets.

The city and environment

I think you would be hard pressed to find someone who would not agree that our city is looking better than ever before.

This is testament to the fact that during COVID we worked hard to position Cairns for the inevitable recovery, however this recovery may not be even, and it will bring with it some downsides.

EMBEDDED IN OUR LONG-TERM VISION



In formulating this year's Budget, we also drew on the principles and core values outlined in the Corporate Plan 2021-2026, which was adopted just one year ago.

This five-year plan provides a blueprint for Council to achieve a sustainable future for our region, and guides the strategies, plans and policies to achieve that goal.

Three key values – Trust, Responsibility and Cairns-ness – play a role in everything Council does, including Budget deliberations.

NET ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2030



Cairns is a particularly green city with the largest urban canopy of any city in Australia, and we are the gateway to two of the world's natural wonders – the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest.

Protecting our natural assets was one of the reasons this Council endorsed the *Cairns Climate Change Strategy 2030* last March, which outlines our climate actions to the end of the decade.

These include bold commitments to net zero emissions for Council operations and Council electricity supplied from 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Geographically, we are also well placed to become leaders of the smart green economy, another commitment this Council has made in the past few years.

The city's natural character is part of our charm and attraction – and ultimately our success.

This year's Budget has also been influenced by the release earlier this year of new land valuations, the first since 2019.

It was not surprising to see there were increases in valuations, that was to be expected, but the average increase of almost 15%, was something that Council needed to carefully consider in its Budget deliberations.

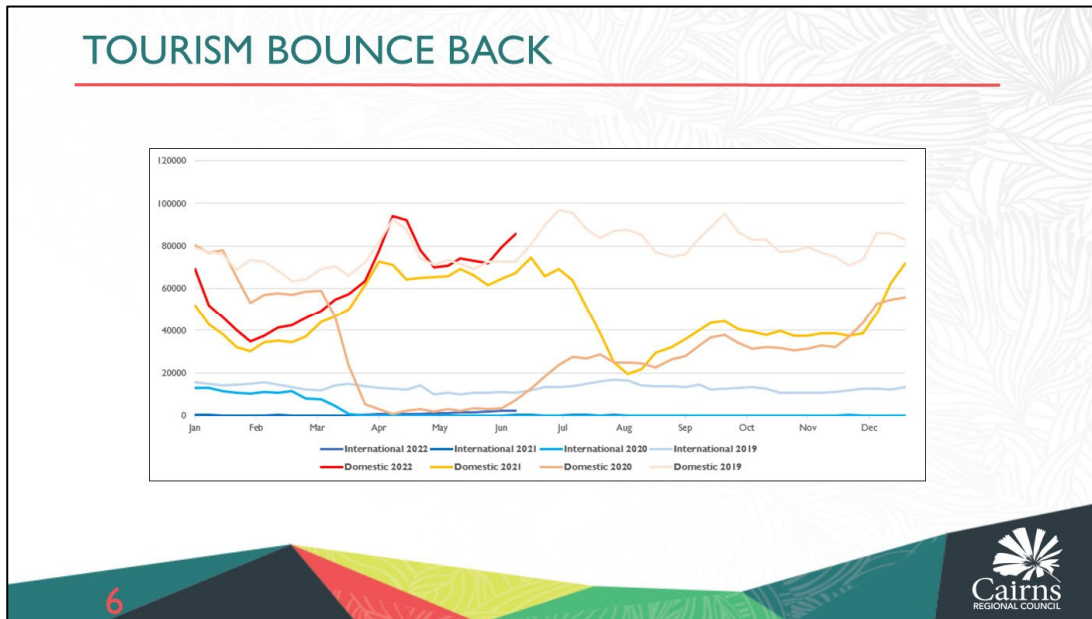
Impacts of the pandemic

Our city is moving to a post-pandemic, stronger economic position, benefiting from a resurgence in the tourism sector and growth in our other key industries including health, education, marine, aviation, agriculture and construction.

It has become clear that while tourism remains pivotal to our prosperity, these other sectors now play a key role in expanding the economy.

Over the past two years we have seen significant increases in property development, with large housing development underway and across the CBD we once again see construction cranes visible on the Cairns skyline following the starburst of Crystalbrook hotel development from 2017 to 2020.

This financial year has seen Council's biggest intake of development applications in the past decade, if not longer, indicating that investors are positioning their businesses to capitalise on future opportunities presented by a strengthening local economy.



I mentioned the welcoming sight of planes in the sky, so it is heartening to see the latest figures from the Cairns Airport, which indicate domestic passenger numbers have reached pre-COVID levels.

There were over 2,500 international passengers through the airport in the week beginning 13 June, the most since March 2020.

These figures suggest there is a lot to be optimistic about the city as we move forward.

COVID STIMULUS



\$750M invested in the community
(2020/21 & 2021/22 budgets)

Fast tracked infrastructure works including \$27M Esplanade Dining Precinct

Incentives to stimulate building and construction sectors



It would be remiss not to mention the unexpected disruption that COVID-19 brought upon us and some of the actions Council undertook to safeguard our city, residents and economy.

Over the past two Budget cycles, Council injected over \$750 million into the community on materials and services associated with it delivering its budgeted \$300 million of capital works, as well as for maintenance, renewals and other services.

Responding to the impacts of COVID-19, Council implemented initiatives that were considered to put our city firmly on the front foot once the pandemic receded, such as:

- Fast-tracking infrastructure works, including the \$27 million Esplanade Dining Project redevelopment – a readiness and confidence action;
- The development of a COVID Hardship Policy to provide extended times for our residents and businesses to pay rates and introduced long-term payment plans without the impost of interest charges. This measure is expected to be retired by June 2023.
- Incentives were introduced to encourage activity in the building and construction sectors.

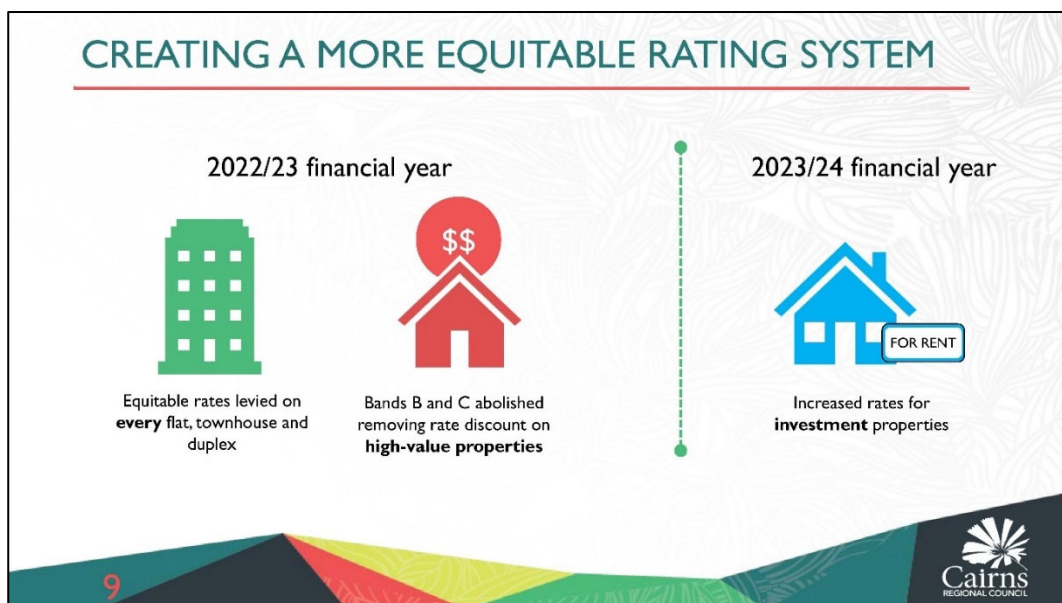


In addition to the above initiatives, Council has continued to invest strongly in the local economy to “keep things moving”.

Over just the past year, as part of Council’s \$124.5 million budgeted capital works program, we delivered a number of key projects, including:

- More than \$25 million to improve, upgrade and maintain the city’s water infrastructure
- \$22.5 million on wastewater infrastructure, including \$15.1 million on upgrades and improvements to sewer pump stations and networks throughout the city
- A new \$7 million animal management facility at Links Drive, Woree, which has more than double the capacity of the former facility.
- \$6.6 million for the creation of footpaths, pathways and to promote active travel

New and emerging challenges



In considering this year's Budget, we are also mindful of rising costs associated with inflation.

This is a more imminent factor that is emerging as we speak, and it will influence our annual budget considerations.

The full impact of this at this moment is far from clear, but it will be real.

The maintenance of service standards is a high priority, but this might have to be balanced based on externality adjustments, necessitating a nimble and watchful management style.

We have a robust long-term financial plan which demonstrates this commitment.

Over the medium term we may look to leverage debt in a responsible way to ease cost impacts to our residents and ratepayers.

We have also made some changes to our rating system to make it fairer and more equitable – to ensure that everyone is paying their fair share.

As part of this year's Budget process, Council has taken steps to remove discrepancies between rates applied to properties under a strata title system, and multiple dwellings on a single land title.

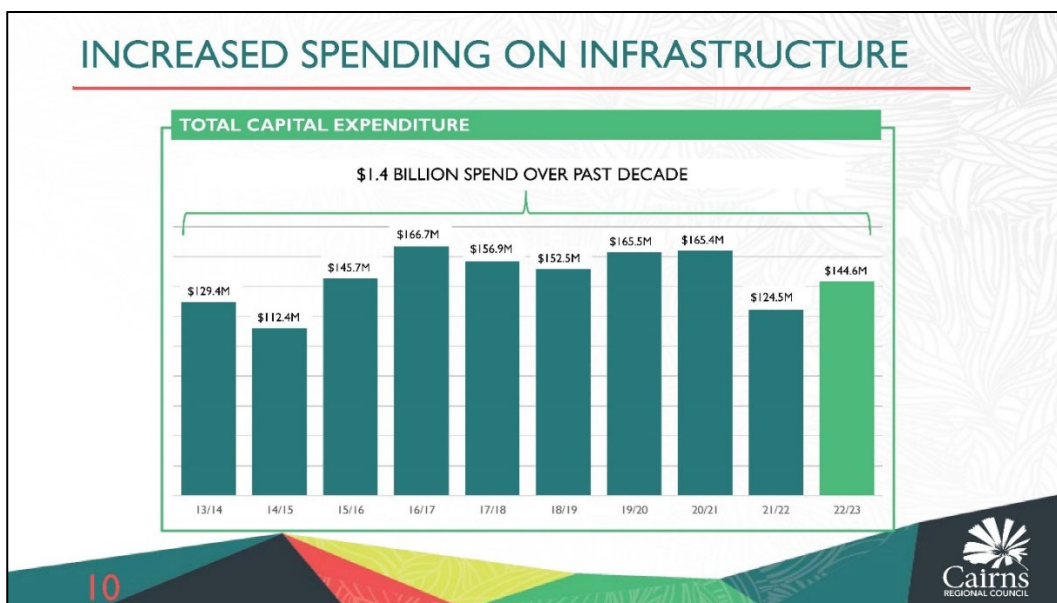
Flats, townhouses and duplexes which are on one property title, will now be charged per residence, bringing them in line with strata titles.

I know this will be difficult for those property owners, but it's about creating a level playing field where everyone contributes fairly.

Council has also removed residential bands B and C, which means high value properties no longer receive a discount.

In another change, Council will seek to introduce a new rating category from 2023/24 to cover non-principal place of residence, or put more simply, investment properties.

Many Councils in Queensland already have this differential rating system in place, including Townsville, Noosa, Moreton Bay and the Sunshine Coast.



The over-arching ethos of Council's 2022/23 Budget is to stimulate the local economy and provide for the community.

While delivering a significant capital works program, we will also continue to maintain vital assets to a sustainable standard, ie. roads, bridges and footpaths to buildings, public amenities, bins and recreational areas etc.

Capital works

This year, \$393 million will be injected into the economy through a \$144.6 million Capital Works program and the delivery of other services.

This will mean that our Capital Works program has, over the past decade, delivered nearly \$1.4 billion of community infrastructure to improve the lives of our residents, which has provided much-needed sports, recreational, cultural, road, water and waste facilities across the Cairns local government area.

We have delivered key projects, including the Cairns Performing Arts Centre, Munro Martin Parklands and Cairns Esplanade Dining Precinct, which all add to the liveability of our city and drive economic growth by attracting visitors to our city.

We should be particularly proud of this result as we have achieved this without the same level of government support that has been afforded other regions.

This year's capital works program includes \$35.5 million for improvements to our transport and drainage network; \$57.3 million for water, wastewater and resource recovery infrastructure, and \$27.8 million for community, sport and cultural projects.

Significantly, it includes a \$5.8 million partial commitment to progress the Cairns Water Security – Stage 1 project.

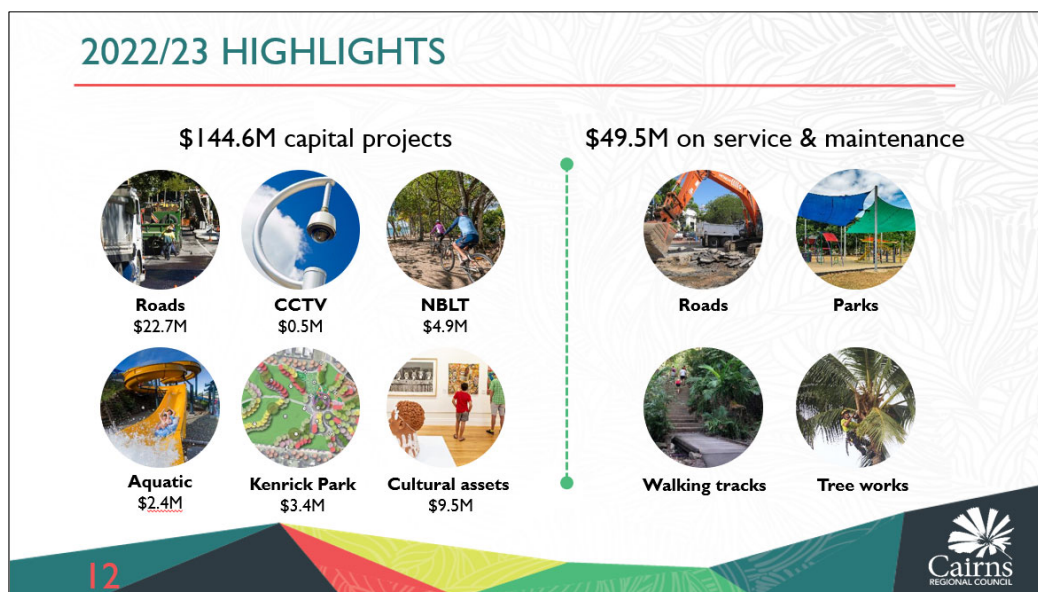
In welcome news, the State Budget yesterday committed \$107.5 million towards the project.

The commitment matches the Federal Government's allocation, taking significant financial pressure off Cairns water users.

I thank the Queensland Government, and in particular Minister Glenn Butcher, for their commitment which recognises how critical water security is to the future prosperity of our community.

I would like to recognise local State Government representatives Michael Healy, Member for Cairns, Curtis Pitt, Member for Mulgrave and Craig Crawford, Member for Barron River, for their support and advocacy.

And finally, I'd also like to thank the Cairns community and businesses for getting behind this project and working with Council to achieve this outcome.



Some other highlights of this year's Capital Works program are:

- \$22.7 million on improvements to the road network including \$9.4 million on pavement rehabilitation, asphalt overlays and reseals
- \$28.1 million for improvements to the wastewater network and treatment plants
- \$4.5 million for drainage improvements
- \$2.5 million to replace old and damaged kerb and channel as part of the Suburban Enhancement Program
- \$850,000 for street lighting upgrades and a further \$500,000 to expand and improve our comprehensive CCTV network
- \$4.9 million to progress the Northern Beaches Leisure Trail, specifically the linking of Clifton Beach to Kewarra Beach via a bridge over Deep Creek
- \$4.8 million to resume the rollout of smart water meters
- \$5.5 million for the construction of a new water reservoir and associated infrastructure at Mount Peter, to cater to our growing population and development in the southern corridor
- \$9.5 million for cultural facilities, including \$8 million to progress the Cairns Gallery Precinct, including the refurbishment of the Old Mulgrave Shire building and additional upgrades to The Court House
- \$2.9 million on upgrade and renewals to our sporting facilities, including a \$1.3 million expansion of the Earlville Tennis Club and \$500,000 to upgrade the Redlynch Community Sports facilities
- \$3.4 million to develop Kenrick Park in Gordonvale into a vibrant recreational hub
- \$1.6 million for upgrades to aquatic facilities, including \$1 million to improve safety and usability of Sugarworld Adventure Park

- \$724,000 allocated to improvements and upkeep of the Esplanade Lagoon, including replacement of the timber deck
- \$575,000 to improve our parks and playgrounds
- \$1 million for the Emergency Water Supply Plan to safeguard Cairns' water supply in the event of an extreme drought.

We thank the Federal and State Governments for providing funding for some of these capital works projects.

In addition to the works program, the annual maintenance operating budget will consume \$49.5 million this year on 630 parks and nature areas; 1,270km of roads; 1,985km of kerb and channelling; 625 kilometres of sealed footpaths; 830 litter bins; and 70 public toilet blocks.

Tourism and visitation

A key factor in re-booting the local economy is to ensure that the tourism industry has the ability to market and promote the region to generate visitation.

According to the latest Tourism Sentiment Index report, Tropical North Queensland was ranked the 28th “most loved” destination in the world. This was above many other iconic places, including the Gold Coast, the Cayman Islands, Dubai and Jamaica.

Cairns was also ranked third in the world for diving and snorkelling, only behind Aqaba and Fiji, and above such places Mauritius, the Maldives, and Bali.

As the world reconstructs the global tourism market, there will be some re-divvying up of markets for various reason.

Times could be more risk adverse, network patterns will change, and relationships and alliances will be re-evaluated.



I have always said that what the city needs is more legs on the street – sports and events tourism can help deliver that very result.

This is one of the fastest growing areas of today's tourism industry and there are significant economic and social benefits to be gained by tapping into this sector.

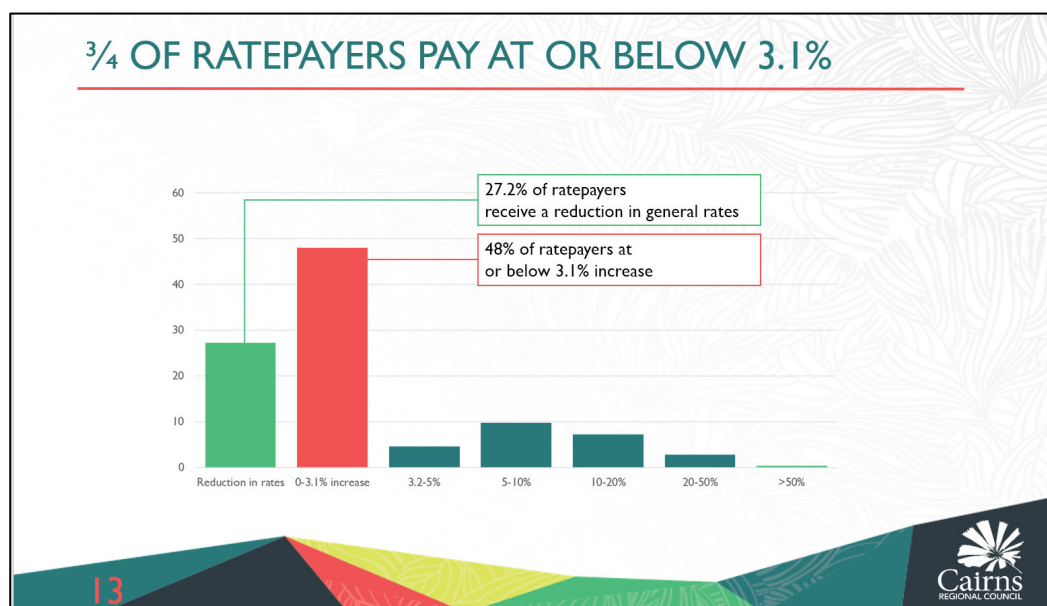
Council has allocated \$9.7 million for grants, contributions, and event support, which includes:

- Tourism Tropical North Queensland funding of \$3.4 million to promote the region,
- Funding for events such as Ironman Cairns, Crankworx and Red Hot Summer, which bring increased visitation and significant economic benefits to our city
- \$1.9 million to support Cairns Art Gallery and Cairns Historical Society operations
- \$1.2 million to help community, sporting and cultural organisations through a variety of grant streams

Council also provides \$1.5 million to retain lifesavers at the Esplanade Lagoon and at our beaches, and \$3 million for security services to boost safety in the CBD.

In addition, the operating budget allows for:

- developing and finalising the Towards 2050 Growth Strategy, which will form a foundation of the new Planning Scheme
- producing a Resource Recovery 2040 Roadmap, to consider Council's future plans for landfill diversion and kerbside waste and recycling



The Budget

The proposed Budget provides for:

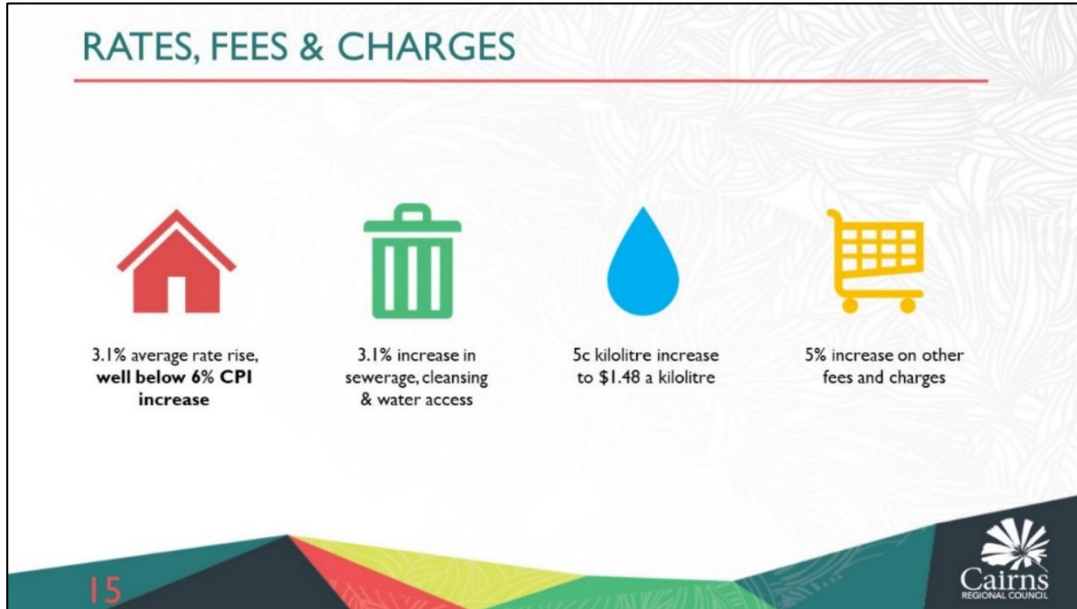
- Operating revenue of \$352 million
- Operating expenditure of \$351.6 million
- Capital works of \$144.6 million

With an average general rate increase of 3.1%.

Council has also considered and responded to the latest valuations by reducing the rate in the dollar by up to 10.3% for some residential properties.

This will assist to smooth out the impact of the higher values and results in three-quarters of ratepayers receiving an increase of 3.1% or less in their general rates.

It also means that just over a quarter of ratepayers can expect to pay less in their general rates this year, when compared to the last financial year.



Sewerage, cleansing and water access charges will also increase by 3.1%, while residential water usage charges will rise by five cents to \$1.48 per kilolitre. Commercial water usage charges will also rise by five cents to \$1.55 per kilolitre.

It is important to note that our water usage charges remain extremely low considering residents in south-east Queensland pay in excess of \$4 per kilolitre.

Commentary and conclusions



The macroeconomic picture is likely to move about a bit and Council could well find itself at some point in the future engaging in some budget re-build.

This could be caused by factors external of Cairns Regional Council.

It is important that Council does not wander from its presented Budget because of this lack of predictability.

Just as State Governments are currently positioning to acquire more funding from the Federal Government, so too must we seek justified assistance when it is fair and deserved from the State Government.

Notably, this calendar year the Convention Centre should come on line – this will provide a huge boost. However, the completion of the Wangetti Trail is not so clear.

The impact of Ironman this year was absolutely outstanding and the economic benefit, I think, unequalled.

Maybe Council should be looking at how it could claim a second (but different) event which can have a similar scale impact, and which would have a long-term future.

Assisting in the sustainable reactivation of some significant commercial areas in the city remains key – a feature evident in other regional cities too.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow Councillors for their time and input in preparing the Budget, and especially acknowledge the efforts of Chief Financial Officer Lisa Whitton and her team.

I commend the 2022-2023 Cairns Regional Council Budget to you for its adoption.

Before dealing with the respective resolutions, I would like to offer Councillors – commencing with Division 9 and progressing through to Division 1 – an opportunity to speak to the Budget. I would appreciate it if Councillors could limit their comments to 3 minutes or less each.

DIVISION 9 - CR OLDS

Thanks Mayor Manning I will try and do 3 minutes but don't get the clock out if I go a bit over. Obviously, it is an important day, it is the most important day we have every year actually, its how we invest other people's money into this beautiful region of ours.

I do want to thank you also Lisa Whitton, Jason and all their team the financial team but all the Directors from Mica all the way down it is a real team effort. We have been meeting for the last 4 months and you know we don't get the gloves out and box on, but we do have heated debate sometimes, you know you win something you fight for, you get a win, something you fight for you don't, projects get pushed out, some get pulled in, some just come out of nowhere. It can be an emotional time but what I love is everyone's passion because it shows that we all care about what we are doing and we do understand that. What we are doing is spending someone else's money we are reinvesting it for them. I loved your words Mayor Manning there, about being fair and equitable and sometimes when you do that, again there is going to be some people out there cheering, there will some people out there throwing rocks I imagine, but rates unfortunately it is a user pays system for Councils local governments. If they made money we would not have to charge rates but it is user pay and we have to try to keep them as low as we possibly can, especially in these tough times so the only 3 levers

that we really have, after talking with Lisa a few years I am starting to learn, but no we only have 3 levers that we can play with.

One of them is we can reduce levels of service which in your speech as you just said you would be hard pressed to find someone out there that does not love our foreshores, doesn't love our roads. We get people coming here from all over the country and the world and they always brag on just how great our roads and everything are. All our parks are mowed up to 6 to 8 times a year most of them and I don't think reducing levels of service is what the community wants, so that's really you do not want to go there, and I think the General Manager - Directors as you are now called sorry, do a great job with your teams every year trying to make sure we are squeezing out every cent and getting the best value for dollar.

The other one is we can increase the debt level and we do have debt, it is a serviceable amount of debt and we do have a plan to get out of that, so I don't think there is an appetite to take on anymore, even back when money was cheap. You have still got to pay it back, so and the only option we have to work with is rates and that's what we are here today to do and 3.1% for $\frac{3}{4}$'s of the residents I think when we have got a CPI increase of 6%, it a credit to you Mayor and for the last 10 years that you have kept rates at or below CPI almost every year and some people say that it is not sustainable you know, and they have a good point there, but we really try not to rate the residents any more than we need to, but I do want to say also thanks to the State Government for coming to the party with the Water Security Strategy. Now we are only about \$1.1 billion short of where Townsville has been for the last 10 years and you know I think is it about \$2.3 billion short of what Toowoomba got and \$3.8 billion short compared to central Queensland over the last 10 years.

I saw Bill Cummins in here today and I always look forward to his reports every year because it shows what we get as region compared to all the other regions in Queensland and I not just mention those numbers to be cheeky, it is true we need ratepayers out there to understand that our State Government we have got the least amount of money back in our own taxes by aggregate and per capita over the last 10 years than every other region in Queensland and with the great job I think that this Council has been doing trying to keep those rates low it's a slap in the face when we have received \$107M which is great, but like I said they still have a long way to go.

It is a slap in the face when the State Government come to our Council and tell us you guys should be rating residents more, they say we don't rate enough, you could rate them more and pay for a lot more yourself. It is not a slap in our face, it is slap in our residents face, because our residents and ratepayers are also tax payers too and when it comes to being fair and the equity we talk about that we have to do I think the State Government can take a leaf out of our book.

The Northern Beach Leisure Trail you have already mentioned it, you stole my thunder there, I will finish on a real positive it has been the best part of $6\frac{1}{2}$ 6 years or so that we have been trying that is the most important link over Deep Creek to link Kewarra Beach and Clifton Beach and it was actually in the budget I think 3 years ago to get done and life got in the way, some things happened and that project got put on hold so I really am overwhelmed and overjoyed that that project is going to happen at the start of this year. I can tell you the population out there in Clifton Beach, Kewarra Beach, actually from Trinity Beach all the way to Palm Cove, they are looking forward to that so much so I

am proud to be a member of this team guys and I know like I said sometimes we have a wins and losses but at the end of the day we come to an agreement as a team and as a collective so thank you working hard on this budget.

DIVISION 8 - CR COGHLAN

Firstly, thank you Miss Whitton and your team. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and countless hours your staff have put into preparing the information in the lead up to this year's budget. Your guidance and patience through the many workshops we have had has been nothing short of amazing.

I'd like to also pass on my thanks to the teams on the ground, the infrastructure and maintenance teams that do the work to make our city look as beautiful as it does, and to all directors and their staff who continually strive to do more with less, to be more efficient and more productive. We salute you. We can make all the plans in the world; you are the people that make them happen.

This, my third budget has certainly been the most challenging. The perfect storm of high inflation, high CPI and steadily increasing to the cash rate, the likes of which we haven't seen in more than a decade, some would say several decades, which means caution is my new favourite word. The challenge of maintaining our high service standard and infrastructure maintenance and renewal program which the community expects and deserves, whilst keeping rate increases at a minimum.

This year we have all worked exceptionally hard at keeping any increase to rates moderate and below CPI. We understand what families are going through, with massive increases in the cost of basics such as food, fuel and energy in particular. Council also has large increases to the cost of building and infrastructure most notable, which means this has been no easy task. This council's strong history in fiscal management does hold us in a strong position.

In this year's budget there is no opulence, there is no big centrepiece, we are just getting on with the job. This is a responsible budget in this very challenging environment. Thankyou.

DIVISION 7 - CR O'HALLORAN

May I start by acknowledging the resilience of our Community and Council during an extremely difficult 2 years, and how well we have handled this from a financial and social perspective, leading from the front.

The ongoing infrastructure improvements (Esplanade, roads, bridges, drains, water, and wastewater) and the future proofing of our City with the Water Security and the great work of Nick Masasso and his team securing the funding.

But most of all we need to keep our eye on the basic by concentrating on the beautification of our city. We take pride in being Councillors that represent the Community. We take greater pride and satisfaction from our association with the passionately committed officers and staff that serve their community. We have some

real Super Stars in this workforce. In fighting words, they fight well above their weight. The equality of Council's work force.

Smashing of the proverbial glass ceiling with outstanding females in the Executive Team, Mica Martin, Lisa Whitton, Christine Posgate and Sarah Stephens.

Also, the developing of future Executives and current Stars:

Toni Veronese

Kelly Barnes

Amy Patterson

Mandy Wise

Catherine Horne

Claire Kellam-Stock

Claire Simmons

Ann Combe

Before closing, it would be remis of me not to thank Raymond Rosendale and Gemma Boucher for the huge body of work in the Community Life, reconciliation area, it is an important step, and we need to make this as a nation.

We are incredibly lucky to have two such passionate and capable officers lead the change here at Council.

Let's be brave, make change.

DIVISION 6 - CR VALLELY

As Councillors, we are responsible for many things: one of which is ensuring that we spend money wisely, and this is the utmost priority our minds whilst building the budget. It's also a privilege that is not lost on any of us.

This Council must provide and maintain those everyday things that are often taken for granted. Tomorrow morning when we wake up, our taps will turn on, our toilets will flush. There will be parks for us to take our kids to. There will be maintained roads for us to drive on. Our bins will get emptied.

And of course, there's the so-called "big shiny things" that make our city sparkle. The much-anticipated return of tourists in their droves in recent months, and the positive commentary we are getting about our beautiful CBD is something that I know brings pride to all of us.

But for me, the real unsung heroes are the elements of Council, in its programs and its people, that truly makes Cairns, Cairns.

On any given weekend in Cairns, Council is playing a role in markets, live music performances, art exhibitions, community events or festivals.

This Council supports so many clubs and associations throughout our community across sport (including junior sport), arts and culture and more.

Our everyday work in the community. Our librarians offering home delivery services to the elderly. Our dog adoption days. Our volunteer programs like Green Space, Our Place. The hundreds of thousands of seedlings that are propagated and planted. Our

youth urban art programs. Our Active Living Programs. Our free waste drop offs, our recycling education that we deliver to schools.
I could literally go on and on.

These elements, while not big and shiny, are the things that connect people to where they live, and that allow them to connect with each other. This is a budget that sets out that Council will continue to invest wisely in initiatives like these: the things that make Cairns such a special place, the things that make people love living here.

DIVISION 5 - CR EDEN

This is the “morning-after” budget, the one where you wake up with your mouth dry, your pockets all but empty and the slow dawning of understanding that you are still alive.

Yes, it is that harsh. This is the no frills budget. A back to basics budget. A budget suited to the times. There will be no sexy shiny new toys, there will be no giveaways...

As the aspirin kicks in, you resolve... to do better, be modest, prudent... you'll keep your head above water. There will be lots of talk of responsibility, of fiscal sensibility, of firm footings and forward thinking to avoid the financial Armageddon that knocks on our bottom line.

The risks are real and outside Council's control. Their impacts will hurt. CPI and inflation hikes. Labour shortages. Soaring material and service costs will continue to challenge us. We must strap in for this no frills and certainly no thrills budget ride with the likelihood of projects deferred due to budget deficiencies.

These are trying times.

While we've secured the click-bait commitments for the water security project the funding is yet to be realised and not yet reflected in this budget. It's worth noting, that with the rising costs of goods and services the difference in funding committed and cost to build is at the very real risk of significantly widening... a gap that will be felt in the pockets of the rate payers. In the meantime, what we are doing, is business as usual; investing circa \$54M into our water network. This is good news, when you turn on tap water will flow and even better news the toilet will flush.

This budget is not sexy, but it is sensible.

3R's of council are reflected in this no-frills budget. We've kept rates as low as we can at 3.1%, well below CPI. Roads will drive local investment into our city with \$22.7 million on improvements to the road network including \$9.4 million on pavement rehabilitation, asphalt overlays and reseals. Road tripping... we've set aside \$400,000 to develop a resource recovery roadmap that will see us well place to cash in on the State Governments landfill diversion targets of 70% by 2030 and 90% by 2040. There are financial and environmental opportunities in the waste space and we are positioning ourselves to take advantage of both. No rubbish about it!

Cairns is not unfamiliar with tough times. We've had our fair share of financial hardship and we've proven ourselves as tough, resilient and determined to put our best foot forward.

No one wins at chess by only moving forward; sometimes you have to move backward or sideways to put yourself in a position to win. And that's a good metaphor for this no frills budget, too. This sensible budget is our tool to get our city through this tough time on a firm financial footing. All while we maintain and understand that our decisions today must serve us for tomorrow.

I'd like to thank Ms Martin, Ms Whitten, Mr Richie and my fellow Councillors for their contribution and guidance with delivering this budget.

DIVISION 4 - CR JAMES

One of our overarching responsibilities is to ensure the financial sustainability of your Council.

Over the last two year's our budgets were greatly influenced by Covid-19. This year, post Covid-19 lockdowns, the risk profile has changed again. We are still in very uncertain times with a new set of challenges. Your Council, our community, businesses large and small are now faced with rising costs associated with inflation, interest rate pressures, increased fuel costs, construction costs out of control, all guaranteeing price escalations substantially more than the **3.1% Council budgeted rate rise**.

Our Capital works spend of \$145M budgeted for 2022-2023 fin year is up another notch and will again continue to stimulate and sustain the economy; Jobs for our local contractors and suppliers, and work for our exceptional team of people ... "Cairns Regional Council Workers", they continue to stand us proud. The feedback from our locals and tourists about how good our city looks is incredible. Again, all made possible by our remarkable staff who deliver day-in day-out for your community.

We will continue to do this with the best value rates in Queensland for local governments with a population greater than 100,000.

The minimum residential rates increase is **\$76.08 per annum**, or equivalent to **\$1.46 per week**. **75% of ratepayers will receive a 3.1% or less General rate rise. 25% will receive a rate cut.**

This small increase means continuing to deliver what you 'need and expect' of us, long into the future and doing so as efficiently as possible and to keep doing what we do best. Taking care of your City!

This is business as usual;

We will continue to maintain our asset base, and our facilities & programs at exceptional levels.

i.e. The current level of service to our community, the quality of service that our community is used to will remain. This is a safe and sustainable budget especially as we head towards the single biggest capital works project that this Council has ever delivered – Stage 1 of the \$215M plus water Security Strategy that will be implemented over the next few years.

This project is now made financially possible for our ratepayers with support from the Federal Government (bipartisan agreement) during the recent federal Election - initially led by our Federal member for Leichhardt, Warren Entch and as recently as yesterday we thank the Queensland Government, in particular Minister Glen Butcher, for their commitment which recognises how critical water security is to the future prosperity of our community. I would particularly like to thank our local State Government representatives Michael Healy, Member for Cairns, Curtis Pitt, Member for Mulgrave and Craig Crawford, Member for Barron River, for their support and advocacy.

We have been very clear from day one that the Cairns community should not be expected to fund this project alone. Having \$215 million of committed funding certainly alleviates the burden on the residents of Cairns.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their input and support with our budget deliberations, as well as acknowledging the efforts of our CEO Mica Martin, with special thanks to Lisa Whitton, our CFO and her team for guiding us through the process.

DIVISION 3 - CR ZEIGER

The year that has been has seen many great testimonies to the resilience of the Cairns community. As we move into the post Covid period of recovery, we have navigated through mandates, inconsistent border closures and openings, supply chain disruptions, extreme economic hardship, housing and rental shortages and yet with more global challenges still happening and still to come I am sure, our community is bouncing back albeit in very different ways as we move forward.

Since May 2020 Council has and continues to provide support to residents through extended payment plans and interest waivers through the Financial Hardship Policy. This budget also offers continued support for Not for Profit organisations, with added concessions available for general rates, sewer & water charges, along with further assistance in hiring Council venues.

Rate rises have also been kept to a minimum and this current budget again reflects this focus, especially at this time as we see the general costs of living rising at an alarming rate.

Balancing the needs of our community and ensuring essential maintenance and necessary capital expenditure are also met, we must ensure fiscal responsibility – a challenge to all business as we experience soaring costs of goods and services.

Highlights for Division 3 this coming year will see:

- The new build of a much needed toilet block at the popular Forest Gardens Duck Pond.
- Commencement of works & further design for the White Rock Community Centre on Tiffany Street. Carpark and design currently in progress, following in 24/25 financial year of the centre build.
- Improvements following on from the Jeff Pezzutti Masterplan which are in progress include:

* Completion of the signalisation of Rigg Street & Windarra Street will happen in September, providing safer access for students and families to school.

*Though the build is in Earlville, part of the Jeff Pezzutti Masterplan is to re-locate the Woree Tennis Club Courts. This will commence later in this financial year. Further improvements to the site will then proceed in the 23/24 year.

Whilst I have covered a selection of the features of this year's budget, I must note that I am not supportive of Agenda Item 21 – which recommends a change in concessions offered by Council for general rates for Pensioners. I appreciate the grandfather clause, protecting all those who are currently receiving concessions – these will remain the same. But I must protest to the inequity of introducing a set concession fee of \$300 for those applying for pensioner discounts from July 1st, 2022. I also do appreciate that Cairns Regional Council provides generous rate discounts, and the proposed \$300 set concession is also seen as generous in comparison to other Councils, but I challenge the timing, especially in the current economic climate. Living costs are escalating and those in marginalised or disadvantaged groups need all the help they can get.

Imagine two neighbours – both pensioners. One gets his grandfathered concession amount and the other; new to the scheme but in the same financial boat discovers he is \$174 per year worse off than his neighbour. I'm sure he won't feel he is part of an equitable rate system.

The majority of pensioner ratepayers would fall in the 'minimum' class and experience a difference of around \$87 per year, the 'median' class – a difference of around \$174 per year and at the maximum end of the scale, a difference of up to \$1,050 per year. So I believe whether its \$87 or \$1,050 – every dollar counts.

Having said this, and knowing it is small part of the 2022/23 Budget as a whole, I will be voting in support of the Budget as a whole, with the commitment to work with my fellow Councillors and Council Officers for the re-introduction of the 40% rebate of general rates for all State Government eligible pensioners which includes Dept Veteran Affairs Gold Card holders, or in the very least an increase to this proposed concession amount. **Surely we can look at alternative ways to share the load to assist our pensioners.**

DIVISION 2 - CR PYNE

Mr Mayor thank you very much for this opportunity to speak at what will be my last ever Council budget adoption.

It is interesting to look back today I remember when I first ran for Council in 2008 trust me this is going somewhere I had resigned from Val Schier's Cairns First team and I was looking for some policies that I could put out on promotional material to reflect the values that I had and I met with a Councillor from some years previously Mr Graham Brash and he said to me that it frustrated him that your principal place of residence was rated the same as an investment property and the point he made which wasn't lost on me was that we all need somewhere to live, but to have an investment property is a

choice, it's a choice among a myriad of other investment options one can choose, so I was quite supportive of that and I sort of promoted that as a concept going forward to the election, but unfortunately after I got elected the rates clerk at the time a man held in quite high esteem and respect didn't share my view and he said it would be administratively too hard to do and as Councillors know when you have got a senior departmental figure not supporting it, it is pretty hard to get something across the line. I revisited it again in 2012 and as recently as 2020 with the CEO at the time Andrejic so frustration all along the way, so imagine my delight when I came to a budget workshop this year to hear from Ms Whitton that there was going to be a plus 15% on non-first principal place of residence owners, so if it is not your principal place of residence you pay an increment and I think that is really fair.

I know there has been changes in the wider economy over that time such as the explosion of Air B&B and what not, and that as a result of that there are other stakeholders who are also supporting this initiative for their own reasons. I don't know it is a long time since 2008 but I am certainly glad that this Council is now recognizing that your principal place of residence, you need to have a home and it should not be rated the same as an investment property so I appreciate that and also the much needed reform of bringing flats in line with strata units as someone who has been on Council for some time I must say it is a sad reflection that it has taken this long but that it happens today is a good thing so thank you very much, and well done.

DIVISION 1 - CR MOLLER

Thank you Mayor. I guess the hallmark of good governance where everything that has been said is riveting I will try, I don't want to be like some in the public domain that will try to be a little bit more outlandish for a media grab. I hope what I say is logical and sensible commentary respected but I believe everything that needs to be said has been said particularly in the Mayor's address which I will direct and by my fellow Councillors and I thank you for your comments.

In respect to the Mayor's address I think most importantly residents and the various organisations need to take particular notice of 2 important graphs referred to there and that's the minimal rate increases and the significant capital spend over the last 10 years of the Manning led Council and just have a look at our city and what's been provided its outstanding. The minimal rate and charge increases we have been able to give our ratepayers and residents we have done again this year being significantly below the state and national CPI increases. This has been beneficial to our community and I believe it is appreciated and it needs to be recognized In addition to the various roads rates and drains and all the other work we do this is particularly so when you benchmark this criteria against other Councils to see how favorable our performances are.

In our benchmarking we have also seen what other Councils are doing in terms of revenue raising and to be responsible to our community in delivering the infrastructure and service levels expected by our residents we need to be innovative in adopting some of those practices at a fair and reasonable cost.

In attempting to find equity across all of our residents we do that on the back of economic conservative approach to our budget delivery and financial management of our operations. As the Mayor often quotes if we take care of the finances everything

else will take care of itself. This economic conservatism and sensible center approach to decision making which has been discipline traits in Manning led Council's is even more important in the uncertain and challenging times that we now find ourselves going forward into the future. We need to be a focused Council in line with our strategic objectives.

Whilst acknowledging both the State and Federal Governments financial support for Stage 1 of our Cairns Water Security Strategy I say to my fellow Councillors this does not mean we open the floodgates to spending on more new, big bright and shiny things. We do need to focus more on our suburban communities and towns and find that balance after major spends in the Cairns CBD to ensure that equity for all of our residents. As always by nature of our duty to our residents as Councillors a precautionary approach to financial management is required.

Two projects I would like to highlight from the budget are the Kenrick Park Gordonvale Development Stage 1 and our Cairns Regional Council 2040 Resource Recovery Road Map. The Kenrick Park development of \$3.4M is keenly anticipated by Gordonvale and the southern corridor communities as it takes an underwhelming district park to a visionary destination park that bookends the southern boundary Mr Peter growth area with the attractions to the north. They being for example Sugarworld at Edmonton, Goombera Park at Brinsmead, Crystal Cascades and the developing northern beaches leisure trail. Works will include our city's first park arboretum playground toilet and BBQ facilities carpark dog off leash area with a very high standard pump track and more to come in subsequent stages.

As Council's representative on the FNQROC Waste Management Advisory Committee in planning for our resource recovery regional plan and local advisory management action committee LORMAC I am pleased to see \$410K allocated to stage 1 and 2 of our 2040 Resource Recovery Roadmap. With State and Federal government policy initiatives targets and levies in this space this shows very much our guiding principles of providing for today and planning for tomorrow. These 2 planning processes for our Council at the regional level will assist us to lobby State and Federal governments for non-infrastructure solutions around marketing and education, behavioral change product stewardship with problematic waste like batteries and tyres and more importantly funding for the regional transport assistance program which I was able to speak to Ms Meaghan Scanlon only last week at LORMAC forum.

If I could make a comment in terms of some constructive criticism for our community just touching on what Cr Olds made one thing I think we can do better at is inter-government relations I am not sure if this is COVID pressure or the water advocacy where we had to take a strong stance but I also make that comment to our State and Federal representatives and we now have the opportunity to work with a Federal labour government. We are all elected to represent our community and we can do that a lot better by local governments State and Federal governments coming together working together finding those benefits and outcomes and particularly in the competitive funding and investment regime that we face in regional Queensland and regional Australia.

In conclusion I wish to say to my fellow Councillors that the challenges that we face going forward as a champion team will always be the team champion Councillor O'Halloran will agree with that collegial decision making is extremely important to providing good outcomes and what is expected by our residents whilst respecting the

individual councillors various opinions we don't make our candle burn brighter by blowing out the other candles in the room and a sensible majority of votes must prevail. I would like to acknowledge the collaborative and good work done by our Councillors and officers in delivering this budget and to all of our employees for what you do for our community. It is very much appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To consider the matters listed on the agenda.

1. NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6961993

JAMES / PYNE

That Council:

1. Note that the following are all business activities that are to be conducted by Council during the 2022/23 financial year:
 - a. Cairns Water
 - b. Cairns Resource Recovery
 - c. TicketLiNK
 - d. Car Parking
 - e. Cemeteries
 - f. Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre
 - g. Munro Martin Parklands
 - h. Tanks Arts Centre
 - i. Cairns Performing Arts Centre (CPAC)
 - j. Barlow Park
 - k. Swimming Pools
 - l. Sugarworld Water Park
 - m. Libraries
 - n. The Court House
 - o. Caravan Parks
2. Note that for the 2022/23 financial year, the identified significant business activities of Council which are subject to the National Competition Policy (NCP) under Section 43 of the *Local Government Act 2009* are:
 - a. Cairns Water
 - b. Cairns Resource Recovery
3. Note that the competitive neutrality principle will be applied to all of the identified significant business activities for the 2022/23 financial year. The level of reform applied to the significant business activities is:
 - a. Cairns Water – commercialisation
 - b. Cairns Resource Recovery – commercialisation
4. Note that it will not conduct any significant business activities that were not conducted in the preceding financial year, that is, there are no new significant business activities to be conducted in the 2022/23 financial year.

5. Note that for that 2022/23 financial year, the following are prescribed business activities under Section 39 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:
- a. Cairns Water
 - b. Cairns Resource Recovery
 - c. TicketLiNK
 - d. Car Parking
 - e. Cemeteries
 - f. Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre
 - g. Munro Martin Parklands
 - h. Tanks Arts Centre
 - i. Cairns Performing Arts Centre (CPAC)
 - j. Barlow Park
 - k. Swimming Pools
 - l. Sugarworld Water Park
 - m. Libraries
 - n. The Court House
6. Note that the code of competitive conduct will mandatorily apply to a ‘building certifying activity’ within the meaning of Section 47(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Council note that it will not conduct a business activity within the meaning of a ‘building certifying activity’ in the 2022/23 financial year.
7. Note that the code of competitive conduct will mandatorily apply to a ‘roads activity’ within the meaning of Section 47(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Council note that it will not conduct a business activity within the meaning of a ‘roads activity’ in the 2022/23 financial year.
8. Decide by resolution, for the 2022/23 financial year, that the following prescribed business activities apply the code of competitive conduct under Section 47(7) of the *Local Government Act 2009*:
- a. Cairns Water
 - b. Cairns Resource Recovery
9. Decide by resolution, for the 2022/23 financial year, that the following prescribed business activities do not apply the code of competitive conduct under Section 47(7) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, for the reasons provided:

Business Activity	Reason
TicketLiNK	Principle purpose to ticket Council events and shows
Car Parking	Principle purpose to increase availability of parking in the Cairns CBD
Cemeteries	Primarily undertaken as a community service, with little or no competition
Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition
Munro Martin Parklands	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition
Tanks Art Centre	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition
Cairns Performing Arts Centre	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition
Barlow Park	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition

Business Activity	Reason
Swimming Pools	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition
Sugarworld Water Park	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition
Libraries	Primarily undertaken as a community service, with little or no competition
The Court House	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition

carried unanimously

2. DEBT POLICY

K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6962011

MOLLER / ZEIGER

That Council adopts the Debt Policy for 2022/23.

carried unanimously

3. DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

M WISE | 63/2/10-01 | #6970483

OLDS / O'HALLORAN

That Council adopts the Debt Recovery Policy.

carried unanimously

4. RATES BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906372

MOLLER / PYNE

That Council adopts the Rates Based Financial Assistance Policy.

carried unanimously

5. CONCEALED WATER LEAK POLICY

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906383

EDEN / JAMES

That Council adopts the Concealed Water Leak Policy.

carried unanimously

6. PROCUREMENT POLICY 2022/23

Julia Deleyev | 63/14/4* | #6967819

ZEIGER / PYNE

That Council Adopts the proposed amendments to the Procurement Policy for 2022/23.

carried unanimously

7. ADOPTION OF DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906397

VALLELY / O'HALLORAN

That Council:

1. Resolve, pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the

categories in to which rateable land is categorised, the description of each of those categories and, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as follows:

Summary of Land Use Categories

The following categories and descriptions are to be used for rating purposes for all rateable properties:

Category	Description
Residential A	Residential properties
Residential K	Residential properties that are building units.
Residential L2	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 2
Residential L3	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 3
Residential L4	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 4
Residential L5	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 5
Residential L6	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 6
Residential L7	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 7
Residential L8	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 8
Residential L9	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 9
Residential L10	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 10
Residential L11	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 11
Residential L12	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 12
Residential L13	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 13
Residential L14	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 14
Residential L15	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 15
Residential L16	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 16
Residential L17	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 17
Residential L18	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 18
Residential L19	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 19
Residential L20	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 20
Residential L21	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 21
Residential L22	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 22
Residential L23	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 23
Residential L24	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 24
Residential L25	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 25
Residential L26	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 26
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Residential L28	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 28
Residential L29	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 29
Residential L30	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 30
Residential L31	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 31
Residential L32	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 32

Category	Description
Residential L33	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 33
Residential L34	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 34
Residential L35	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 35
Residential L36	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 36
Residential L37	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 37
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Residential L39	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 39
Residential L40	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 40
Residential L41	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 41
Residential L42	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 42
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Residential L46	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 46
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Residential L56	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 56
Residential L57	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 57
Residential L58	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 58
Residential L59	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 59
Residential L60+	Where the number of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) on the property is equal to 60+
Residential M	Residential land which is subject to section 50 of the <i>Land Valuation Act 2010</i> .
Residential R	Retirement Villages/ Lifestyle Resorts
Commercial B	Major Shopping Centres over 34,999m ² Gross Lettable Area – Retail (GLAR).
Commercial D	Commercial properties located within the Inner City.
Commercial E	Commercial properties not included in Commercial Categories B, D, F & G.
Commercial F	Properties used by Not for Profit Recreation, Sporting and Community Groups that are eligible for Rates Based Financial Assistance.
Commercial G	Major Shopping Centres over 20,000m ² and less than 35,000m ² GLAR.
Rural Productive	All properties which are used predominantly for Primary Production.
Other Land	Land not included in any of the above categories.

Description of Land Use Categories

The following is a description of the land use categories:

Note: The zones in CairnsPlan 2016 may be a factor in determining the rating categories for Land Use Codes 01, 04, 06, 09, and 72.

RESIDENTIAL

Residential A

Properties used, or capable of being used for residential purposes.

Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

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

Residential K

Properties that are used for residential purposes and the lot is part of a Community Title Scheme.

Ordinarily properties with the following land use code would fall within this category:

- 08** Building Units

Residential L2 to Residential L60+

Properties that are used for Multi Unit Dwellings (MUDs) purposes.

Multi Unit Dwelling means a property which contains more than one self-contained dwelling house/unit/flat either detached, semi-detached or integrated.

Ordinarily properties with the following land use code would fall within this category:

- 03** Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs)

Residential 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*.

Residential R

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);

COMMERCIAL

Commercial 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 and 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);

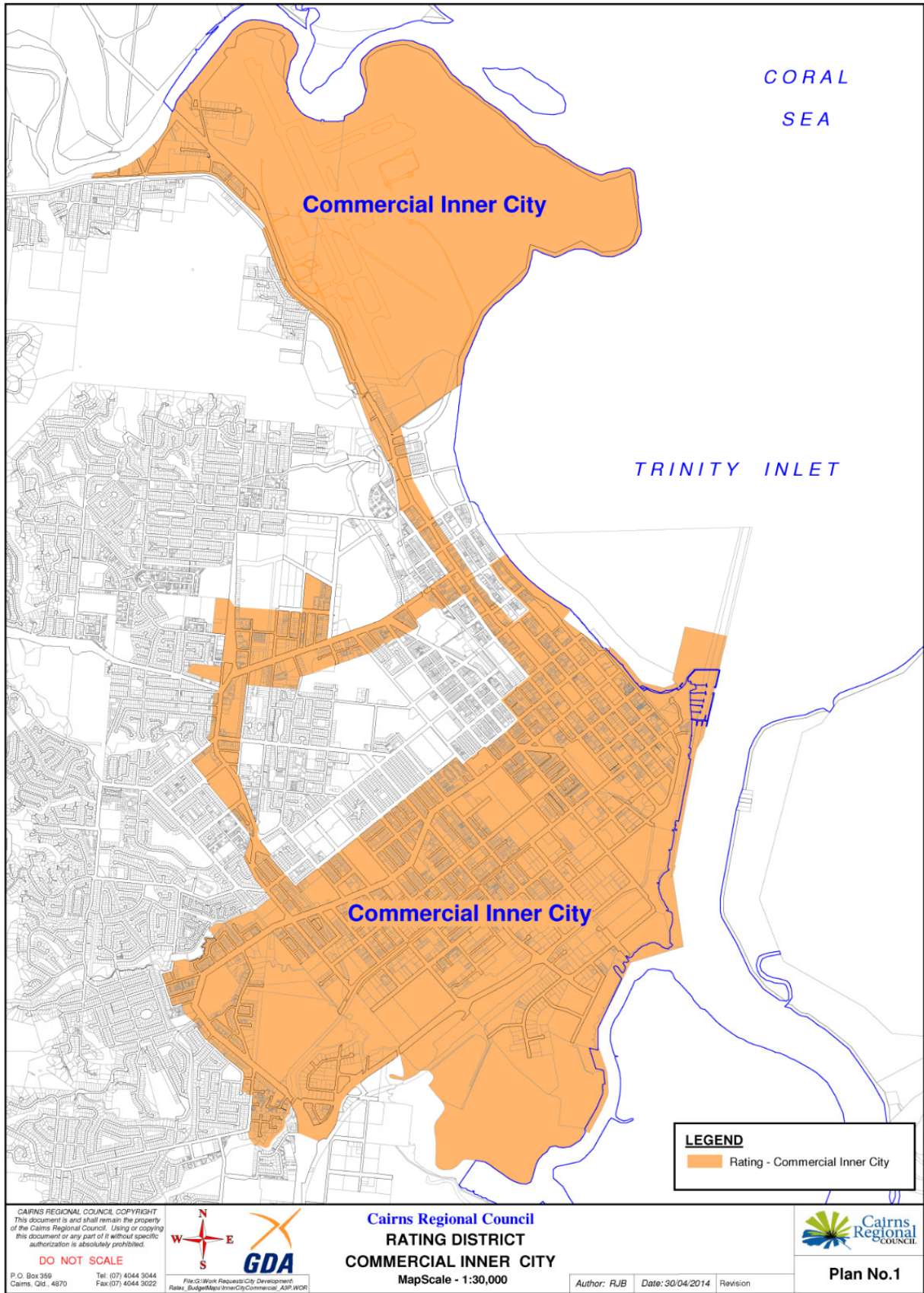
14 Shops Main Retail;

15 Shops Secondary Retail;

16 Drive-In Shopping Centres.

Commercial D

Properties that are used or capable of being used for commercial/industrial purposes and are contained within the shaded area of the below map shown as Commercial Inner City:



Ordinarily properties with the following land use codes would fall within this category:

07	Guest House/Private Hotel;	32	Wharves;
08	Building Units;	33	Builders Yard/Contractors Yard;
09	Group Titles;	34	Cold Stores - Iceworks;
10	Combined Multi Dwelling and Shop;	35	General Industry;
11	Shop - Single;	36	Light Industry;
12	Shops - Shopping group (more than 6 shops, excluding those in Categories B, E and G);	37	Noxious/Offensive Industry;
13	Shopping group (2 to 6 shops, excluding those in Categories B, E and G);	38	Advertising - Hoarding;
14	Shops - Main Retail (excluding those in Categories B, E and G);	39	Harbour Industries;
15	Shops - Secondary Retail (excluding those in Categories B, E and G);	40	Extractive;
16	Drive In Shopping Centres (excluding those in Categories B, E and G);	41	Child Care;
17	Restaurant;	42	Hotel/Tavern;
18	Special Tourist Attraction;	43	Motel;
19	Walkway;	44	Nurseries;
20	Marina;	45	Theatres and Cinemas;
22	Car Park;	46	Drive-In Theatre;
23	Retail Warehouse;	47	Licensed Clubs;
24	Sales Area Outdoor;	48	Sports Clubs/Facilities;
25	Offices;	49	Caravan Parks;
26	Funeral Parlours;	50	Other Clubs; Non-Business;
27	Hospitals; Convalescent Homes (Medical Care) (Private);	51	Religious;
28	Warehouses and Bulk Stores;	52	Cemeteries (including Crematoria);
29	Transport Terminal;	55	Library;
30	Service Station;	56	Showgrounds/Racecourses /Airfields;
31	Oil Depot and Refinery;	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 CairnsPlan 2016.

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*.

Commercial E

Properties that are used or capable of being used for commercial/industrial purposes (excluding those in Commercial Categories B, D and G) and 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:

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| 07 Guest House/Private Hotel; | 36 Light Industry; |
| 08 Building Units; | 37 Noxious/Offensive Industry; |
| 09 Group Titles; | 38 Advertising - Hoarding; |
| 10 Combined Multi Dwelling and Shop; | 39 Harbour Industries; |
| 11 Shop - Single; | 40 Extractive; |
| 12 Shops - Shopping group (more than 6 shops); | 41 Child Care; |
| 13 Shopping group (2 to 6 shops); | 42 Hotel/Tavern; |
| 14 Shops - Main Retail; | 43 Motel; |
| 15 Shops - Secondary Retail; | 44 Nurseries; |
| 16 Drive In Shopping Centres; | 45 Theatres and Cinemas; |
| 17 Restaurant; | 46 Drive-In Theatres; |
| 18 Special Tourist Attraction; | 47 Licensed Clubs; |
| 19 Walkway; | 48 Sports Clubs/Facilities; |
| 20 Marina; | 49 Caravan Parks; |
| 22 Car Park; | 50 Other Clubs; Non-Business; |
| 23 Retail Warehouse; | 51 Religious; |
| 24 Sales Area Outdoor; | 52 Cemeteries (including Crematoria); |
| 25 Offices; | 55 Library; |
| 26 Funeral Parlours; | 56 Showgrounds/Racecourses /Airfields; |
| 27 Hospitals; Convalescent Homes (Medical Care) (Private); | 57 Parks and Gardens; |
| 28 Warehouses and Bulk Stores; | 58 Educational - including Kindergartens; |
| 29 Transport Terminal; | 91 Transformers; |
| 30 Service Station; | 92 Defence Force establishments; |
| 31 Oil Depots and Refinery; | 95 Reservoir, Dam, Bores; |
| 32 Wharves; | 96 Public Hospital; |
| 33 Builders Yard/Contractors Yard; | 97 Welfare Homes/Institutions; |
| 34 Cold Stores - Iceworks; | 99 Community Protection Centre. |
| 35 General Industry; | |

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 CairnsPlan 2016.

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*.

Commercial F

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

Commercial G

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 and 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;
- 16 Drive-In Shopping Centres.

RURAL PRODUCTIVE

Properties which are used predominately for Primary Production.

Ordinarily properties with the following land use 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 Fodder Non-irrigated;
- 85 Pigs;
- 86 Horses;
- 87 Poultry;
- 88 Forestry and Logs;
- 89 Animals Special;
- 93 Peanuts.

OTHER LAND

Land not included in any of the above categories.

2. Resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.
3. Resolve, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category and, pursuant to section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, as follows:

Differential General Rate and Minimum Rate for each Category

Category	Cents in the dollar	Minimum
Residential A	0.54524000	968.20
Residential K	0.97008400	968.20
Residential L2	0.77272600	1,936.40
Residential L3	0.77272600	2,904.60
Residential L4	0.77272600	3,872.80

Category	Cents in the dollar	Minimum
Residential L5	0.77272600	4,841.00
Residential L6	0.77272600	5,809.20
Residential L7	0.77272600	6,777.40
Residential L8	0.77272600	7,745.60
Residential L9	0.77272600	8,713.80
Residential L10	0.77272600	9,682.00
Residential L11	0.77272600	10,650.20
Residential L12	0.77272600	11,618.40
Residential L13	0.77272600	12,586.60
Residential L14	0.77272600	13,554.80
Residential L15	0.77272600	14,523.00
Residential L16	0.77272600	15,491.20
Residential L17	0.77272600	16,459.40
Residential L18	0.77272600	17,427.60
Residential L19	0.77272600	18,395.80
Residential L20	0.77272600	19,364.00
Residential L21	0.77272600	20,332.20
Residential L22	0.77272600	21,300.40
Residential L23	0.77272600	22,268.60
Residential L24	0.77272600	23,236.80
Residential L25	0.77272600	24,205.00
Residential L26	0.77272600	25,173.20
Residential L27	0.77272600	26,141.40
Residential L28	0.77272600	27,109.60
Residential L29	0.77272600	28,077.80
Residential L30	0.77272600	29,046.00
Residential L31	0.77272600	30,014.20
Residential L32	0.77272600	30,982.40
Residential L33	0.77272600	31,950.60
Residential L34	0.77272600	32,918.80
Residential L35	0.77272600	33,887.00
Residential L36	0.77272600	34,855.20
Residential L37	0.77272600	35,823.40
Residential L38	0.77272600	36,791.60
Residential L39	0.77272600	37,759.80
Residential L40	0.77272600	38,728.00
Residential L41	0.77272600	39,696.20
Residential L42	0.77272600	40,664.40
Residential L43	0.77272600	41,632.60
Residential L44	0.77272600	42,600.80
Residential L45	0.77272600	43,569.00
Residential L46	0.77272600	44,537.20
Residential L47	0.77272600	45,505.40
Residential L48	0.77272600	46,473.60
Residential L49	0.77272600	47,441.80

Category	Cents in the dollar	Minimum
Residential L50	0.77272600	48,410.00
Residential L51	0.77272600	49,378.20
Residential L52	0.77272600	50,346.40
Residential L53	0.77272600	51,314.60
Residential L54	0.77272600	52,282.80
Residential L55	0.77272600	53,251.00
Residential L56	0.77272600	54,219.20
Residential L57	0.77272600	55,187.40
Residential L58	0.77272600	56,155.60
Residential L59	0.77272600	57,123.80
Residential L60+	0.77272600	58,092.00
Residential M	0.54524000	Nil
Residential R	0.54524000	968.20
Commercial B	4.86456600	1,247,511.90
Commercial D	1.71705600	997.80
Commercial E	0.77012800	997.80
Commercial F	0.54524000	968.20
Commercial G	3.49328200	525,189.44
Rural Productive	0.81627000	997.80
Other Land	0.77012800	997.80

carried unanimously

8. ADOPTION OF 2022/23 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 1

K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6952312

COGHLAN / OLDS

That Council adopt the 2022/23 Annual Implementation Plan for Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 1.

carried unanimously

9. HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 1 – SPECIAL CHARGE

K Roberson | 63/2/10-01 | #6970864

COGHLAN / O'HALLORAN

That Council adopts the following in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

Pursuant to section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy a Special Charge on all rateable land within the area defined on the map marked Holloways Beach Rock

Wall – Stage 1 (Attachment No. 1) in accordance with the Overall Plan adopted by Council on 19 June 2003.

Special Charge

- a. Each parcel of rateable land identified on the map marked Holloways Beach Rock Wall - Stage 1 will specially benefit from the constructed rock wall and each parcel will receive a special benefit by way of an improved level of protection from the sea for the length of wall constructed on the seaward side of that individual parcel.
- b. Council makes a special charge of \$253.81 per lineal metre for the 2022/23 financial year to be levied on each parcel to the extent specified below:

Lot	Plan	Lineal Metres
Lot 1	RP711882	15.98
Lot 2	RP711882	18.87
Lot 301	SP218293	10.12
Lot 302	SP218293	10.12
Lot 4	RP709285	10.12
Lot 8	RP742713	10.57

- c. That the Special Charge – Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 1 be levied over a period of 20 years from 2003.
- d. That the Special Charge – Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 1 be repaid at market value where the amount owed is paid prior to the 20 year expiry.
- e. If, after the date of this resolution, and before the levy of the special charge, a reconfiguration of any of the parcels of rateable land into one or more rateable lots is registered:
 - i. The gross amount to be levied on the rateable lot or lots created by the reconfiguration, from the date of registration, is the amount specified in the table above for the rateable lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration, adjusted on a pro rata time basis to produce an amount for the period from the date of registration of the reconfiguration to 30 June 2023.
 - ii. If more than one rateable lot is created by the reconfiguration, the gross amount must be apportioned to all of the rateable lots created:
 - on a pro rata land area basis, if the rateable lots are created by standard format plan; or
 - on a pro rata gross floor area basis, if the rateable lots are created by building format plan.

- f. In making an apportionment under paragraph (e), land which is dedicated as a road or dedicated or transferred to a public authority for other public purposes, or which becomes common property (whether under a standard format or building format plan) must be disregarded, and must have no apportionment applied to it, so that the total amount apportioned to the new rateable lot or lots equals the amount specified in the table above as the special charge for the lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration.
- g. If a rateable lot to which a special charge amount has been apportioned in accordance with this paragraph is itself reconfigured into one or more rateable lots before the levy of the special charge, sub paragraphs (e) and (f), and this subparagraph, must be applied, with necessary adaptations, to apportion the special charge amount for that rateable lot to the new rateable lots, and so on for any subsequent reconfiguration.
- h. If any adjustment of a special charge which has already been levied is required under Chapter 4, Part 9 Division 2 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as a result of reconfiguration of any of the parcels of rateable land into one or more rateable lots, the adjustment must be made on a pro rata time basis, applying paragraph (e) to calculate the amount on which the calculation for the period after reconfiguration is based.

carried unanimously

10. ADOPTION OF 2022/23 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2A

K Robertson | 63/2/10-01 | #6971076

COGHLAN / VALLELY

That Council adopt the 2022/23 Annual Implementation Plan for Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2A.

carried unanimously

11. HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2A – SPECIAL CHARGE

K Robertson | 63/2/10-01 | #6971111

COGHLAN / EDEN

That Council adopts the following in accordance with sections 92 and 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

Pursuant to section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy a Special Charge on all rateable land within the area defined on the map marked Holloways Beach Rock

Wall – Stage 2A (Attachment No. 1) in accordance with the Overall Plan adopted by Council on 30 June 2004.

Special Charge

- a. Each parcel of rateable land identified on the map marked Holloways Beach Rock Wall - Stage 2A will specially benefit from the constructed rock wall and each parcel will receive a special benefit by way of an improved level of protection from the sea for the length of wall constructed on the seaward side of that individual parcel.
- b. Council makes a special charge for the 2022/23 financial year to be levied on each parcel to the extent specified below:

Lot No.	Registered Plan	Amount
14	709285	\$2,480.12
48	709285	\$2,480.12

- c. That the Special Charge – Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2A be levied over a period of 20 years from 2004.
- d. That the Special Charge – Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2A be repaid at market value where the amount owed is paid prior to the 20 year expiry.
- e. If, after the date of this resolution, and before the levy of the special charge, a reconfiguration of any of the parcels of rateable land into one or more rateable lots is registered:
 - i. The gross amount to be levied on the rateable lot or lots created by the reconfiguration, from the date of registration, is the amount specified in the table above for the rateable lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration, adjusted on a pro rata time basis to produce an amount for the period from the date of registration of the reconfiguration to 30 June 2023.
 - ii. If more than one rateable lot is created by the reconfiguration, the gross amount must be apportioned to all of the rateable lots created:
 - on a pro rata land area basis, if the rateable lots are created by standard format plan; or
 - on a pro rata gross floor area basis, if the rateable lots are created by building format plan.
- f. In making an apportionment under paragraph (e), land which is dedicated as a road or dedicated or transferred to a public authority for other public purposes, or which becomes common property (whether under a standard format or building format plan) must be disregarded, and must have no apportionment applied to it, so that the total amount apportioned to the new rateable lot or lots equals the amount specified in the table above as the special charge for the lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration.

- g. If a rateable lot to which a special charge amount has been apportioned in accordance with this paragraph is itself reconfigured into one or more rateable lots before the levy of the special charge, sub paragraphs (e) and (f), and this subparagraph, must be applied, with necessary adaptations, to apportion the special charge amount for that rateable lot to the new rateable lots, and so on for any subsequent reconfiguration.
- h. If any adjustment of a special charge which has already been levied is required under Chapter 4, Part 9, Division 2 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as a result of reconfiguration of any of the parcels of rateable land into one or more rateable lots, the adjustment must be made on a pro rata time basis, applying paragraph (e) to calculate the amount on which the calculation for the period after reconfiguration is based.

carried unanimously

12. ADOPTION OF 2022/23 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2B

K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6958292

COGHLAN / PYNE

That Council adopt the 2022/23 Annual Implementation Plan for Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2B.

carried unanimously

13. HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2B – SPECIAL CHARGE

K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6958260

COGHLAN / O'HALLORAN

That Council adopts the following in accordance with sections 92 and 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

Pursuant to section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy a Special Charge on all rateable land within the area defined on the map marked Holloways Beach Rock Wall – Stage 2B (Attachment No. 1) in accordance with the Overall Plan adopted by Council on 30 June 2004.

Special Charge

- a. Each parcel of rateable land identified on the map marked Holloways Beach Rock Wall - Stage 2B will specially benefit from the constructed rock wall and each parcel will receive a special benefit by way of an improved level of protection from the sea for the length of wall constructed on the sea ward side of that individual parcel.

- b. Council makes a special charge for the 2022/23 financial year to be levied on each parcel to the extent specified below:

Lot No.	Plan	Amount
9	745145	\$ 1,534.12
15	709285	\$ 1,534.12
16	709285	\$ 2,020.22
17	709285	\$ 3,068.24
18	709285	\$ 1,534.12
19	709285	\$ 4,041.70
20	709285	\$ 4,041.70
1	738098	\$ 5,510.66
2	738098	\$ 5,510.82

- c. That the Special Charge – Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2B be levied over a period of 19 years from 2005.
- d. That the Special Charge – Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2B be repaid at market value where the amount owed is paid prior to the 19 year expiry.
- e. If, after the date of this resolution, and before the levy of the special charge, a reconfiguration of any of the parcels of rateable land into one or more rateable lots is registered:
- i. The gross amount to be levied on the rateable lot or lots created by the reconfiguration, from the date of registration, is the amount specified in the table above for the rateable lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration, adjusted on a pro rata time basis to produce an amount for the period from the date of registration of the reconfiguration to 30 June 2023.
 - ii. If more than one rateable lot is created by the reconfiguration, the gross amount must be apportioned to all of the rateable lots created:
 - on a pro rata land area basis, if the rateable lots are created by standard format plan; or
 - on a pro rata gross floor area basis, if the rateable lots are created by building format plan
- f. In making an apportionment under paragraph (e), land which is dedicated as a road or dedicated or transferred to a public authority for other public purposes, or which becomes common property (whether under a standard format or building format plan) must be disregarded, and must have no apportionment applied to it, so that the total amount apportioned to the new rateable lot or lots equals the amount specified in the table above as the special charge for the lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration.

- g. If a rateable lot to which a special charge amount has been apportioned in accordance with this paragraph is itself reconfigured into one or more rateable lots before the levy of the special charge, sub paragraphs (e) and (f), and this subparagraph, must be applied, with necessary adaptations, to apportion the special charge amount for that rateable lot to the new rateable lots, and so on for any subsequent reconfiguration.
- h. If any adjustment of a special charge which has already been levied is required under Chapter 4, Part 9, Division 2 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as a result of reconfiguration of any of the parcels of rateable land into one or more rateable lots, the adjustment must be made on a pro rata time basis, applying paragraph (e) to calculate the amount on which the calculation for the period after reconfiguration is based.

carried unanimously

14. ADOPTION OF THE BLUEWATER SPECIAL CHARGE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2022/23

D Machan | 63/2/10-01 | #6934212

OLDS / COGHLAN

That Council adopts the Bluewater Canal Special Charge Annual Implementation Plan 2022/23.

carried unanimously

15. BLUEWATER CANAL – SPECIAL CHARGE

D Machan | 63/2/10-01 | #6933867

OLDS / COGHLAN

That Council levies a special charge in accordance with sections 92 and 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* known as the Bluewater Canal Special Charge, as follows:

1. That Council makes and levies a special charge on the rateable land identified in this resolution for the purpose of funding works for the dredging and maintenance of the Bluewater Canal, Half Moon Creek and Offshore Channel.
2. At its meeting held on 30 June 2021, Council adopted the overall plan for the carrying out of the works identified therein. The rateable land to which the overall plan applies is the land specified in the Council adoption resolution.

The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is \$8.2M across the ten (10) year period after allowing for contributions of \$0.3M from the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

3. The rateable land to which the special charge applies will specially benefit from the works, as compared to other areas of the Cairns region generally, for the reason that such rateable land has the benefit of direct access to the canal, creek and offshore channel, the subject of the works. In addition, the rateable land forms part of the canal estate which by its nature specifically contributes to the requirement that the canal, creek and offshore channel be dredged on a regular basis to allow access to the rateable land and marine berths.
4. The special charges for the 2022/23 financial year apply to the rateable land identified below:

Property Description	Amount of special charge
Lots 1 to 37 on SP165903	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 1 to 2 on SP279525	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 39 to 41 on SP165903	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 42 on SP241494	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 44 to 65 on SP165903	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 79 to 116 on SP165903	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lot 117 on SP261231	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 119 to 130 on SP165903	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 22 to 23 on SP224676	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 1 to 3 on SP301538	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 26 to 31 on RP737271	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lots 32 to 43 on RP737260	\$2,243.28 per lot
Lot 1860 on SP264300 (the "Bluewater Marina")	\$242,274.24
Lot 26 on SP122863 (the "Yorkeys Knob Marina")	\$98,929.46

5. The special charge is to be levied by two half yearly levies.
6. If, after the date of this resolution, a reconfiguration of any of the parcels of rateable land into one or more rateable lots is registered in accordance with Chapter 4, Part 9, Division 2 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:
 - a. The gross amount to be levied on the rateable lot or lots created by the reconfiguration, from the date of registration, is the amount specified in the table above for the rateable lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration, adjusted on a pro rata time basis to produce an amount for the period from the date of registration of the reconfiguration to 30 June 2023.
 - b. If more than one rateable lot is created by the reconfiguration, the gross amount must be apportioned equally to all of the rateable lots created with waterfrontages.

- c. In making an apportionment under paragraph (b), land which is dedicated as a road, or dedicated or transferred to a public authority for other public purposes, or which becomes common property (whether under a standard format or building format plan) must be disregarded, and must have no apportionment applied to it, so that the total amount apportioned to the new rateable lot or lots equals the amount specified in the table above as the special charge for the lot which existed immediately prior to the reconfiguration.
- d. If a rateable lot to which a special charge amount has been apportioned in accordance with this paragraph is itself reconfigured into one or more rateable lots, subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) and this subparagraph must be applied, with necessary adaptations, to apportion the special charge amount for that rateable lot to the new rateable lots, and so on for any subsequent reconfiguration.

carried unanimously

16. ADOPTION OF SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906407

JAMES / MOLLER

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as follows:

Sewerage

Sewerage charges shall be made for the cost of supplying a service for the removal of sewage for the 2022/23 financial year in accordance with the following:

(a) Residential

- (i) A standard charge of **\$856.26** to be applied in accordance with the following:
 - i. For each residence, each flat and each strata title unit.
 - ii. For each residence and/or each flat erected over two allotments of land with a total land area of less than 1190m² where Council is prepared to accept sewage.
- (ii) A charge of **\$681.70** to be applied to each vacant allotment.
- (iii) A standard commercial charge per Water Closet (WC) will apply to properties where strata title units have pedestals/urinals servicing common property.

(b) Commercial

A standard charge of \$732.58 per WC to be applied in accordance with the following:

- (i) In respect of sewerer premises designed or used as boarding houses, hostels, guest houses, hotels or motels or designed or used for commercial, manufacturing, repairing, servicing, building and like industries, erected on one allotment of land, a separate charge for each WC.
- (ii) In respect of sewerer premises designed or used as boarding houses, hostels, guest houses, hotels or motels or designed or used for commercial, manufacturing, repairing, servicing, building and like industries, erected over two or more allotments of land, a separate charge for each WC.
- (iii) In respect of sewerer premises designed or used as boarding houses, hostels, guest houses, hotels or motels or designed or used for commercial, manufacturing, repairing, servicing, building and like industries, which are not connected to a sewer main, but in respect of which the Council is prepared to accept sewage, a charge shall be made in accordance with the applicable basis set out in subclause (i & ii) hereof.
- (iv) In respect of any structure, building or improvement on land exempt from rating under section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 73 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* excluding however, places of worship, a charge in accordance with the applicable basis set out in subclause (i) to (iii) hereof shall be levied on the person or body, or Commonwealth or State Department at whose request the structure, building or improvement was provided with sewerage.
- (v) In respect of places of public worship and nursing homes listed under section 73 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a charge of 50% of the standard charge for each WC, with the total charge being rounded up to the next full charge.
- (vi) In respect of caravan parks connected to sewer mains, a charge of 25% of the standard charge for each caravan, each tent site and each cabin without facilities, and 50% of the standard charge for each fully self-contained cabin (FSC) shall apply with the total charge being rounded up to the next full charge.
- (vii) In respect of vacant land where Council is prepared to accept sewage, a standard charge equivalent to one WC per allotment shall apply.
- (viii) Each residence, each flat, each strata title unit that has for the purposes of differential rating been categorised as co-existing within a commercial category a standard residential charge equivalent to one WC per residential improvement shall apply.
- (ix) The rating on the basis set out above to be charged from the date on which sewer connections are completed to the premises concerned. In the case of vacant land, or in the case where an owner or occupier refuses or delays permission to enter their land to complete connections, the rating be charged from the date on which connections would have been made if there was a building or improvement on the land or if the

owner or occupier had not refused or delayed permission. In all those cases where the sewer connection is completed or would have been completed (as the case may be) after 1 July 2022 the rate shall be apportioned.

(c) **Rural Productive**

A standard charge of **\$856.26** to be applied in accordance with the following:

- (i) In respect of all seweraged premises designed or used for rural productive purposes, a standard charge per WC shall apply.
- (ii) In addition, where a residential improvement co-exists, the standard sewerage charge shall apply for each barrack, each residence, each flat, and each strata title unit and vacant allotment where Council is prepared to accept sewage.

(d) **All Categories**

In respect of sewerage for Residential, Commercial and Rural Productive properties the following shall apply:

- (i) Subject to sub-clause (ii), properties and/or improvements capable of being connected to the scheme will be charged in accordance with the charges set out above.
- (ii) Council reserves the right to exempt certain properties from sewerage charges if such properties as defined by Council are not, in Council's opinion, capable of being connected within the foreseeable future.
- (iii) A charge for treatment of effluent from effluent storage tanks of **\$362.20** for each residence, each flat, each strata title unit, each shop etc shall apply.

carried unanimously

17. ADOPTION OF WATER UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906418

ZEIGER / MOLLER

That Council resolve:

1. pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by the Council, as follows:

WATER CHARGES - POTABLE

Water Charges shall be made for the purpose of supplying water for the 2022/23 financial year on the following basis:

Residential

- (i) An access charge of **\$289.34** shall be applied in accordance with the following:
 - For each barrack, each residence, each multi-unit dwelling, each strata title unit and each vacant allotment categorised as residential.

- For each residence and/or each flat erected over two allotments of land with a total land area less than 1190m².
- (ii) In respect of all properties and/or premises at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water usage shall be charged at the rate of \$1.48 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter within the water year.

Commercial

- (i) An Access Charge of \$286.00 shall be applied in accordance with the following:
- For each vacant allotment, each shop, each office, each school, each hotel, each motel, each hostel, each boarding house, each club, each hospital and each other commercial/industrial improvement not otherwise specified.
 - In respect of hotels and motels, one additional access charge shall apply for every three rooms or part thereof, provided for accommodation.
 - In respect of caravan parks, one additional access charge shall apply for every three accommodation units and every six tent/van sites or part thereof.
 - For each residence, each multi-unit dwelling, each strata title unit that has for the purposes of differential rating been categorised as co-existing with commercial category a standard residential charge per residential improvement shall apply.
- (ii) Where water is supplied through a water meter, which is not a trial water meter, all water consumed will be charged at the rate of \$1.55 per kilolitre for all water passing through the meter within the water year. The only exception being:
- Water supplied to Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Ltd for shipping, which is to be charged at \$2.05 per kilolitre for each kilolitre passing through the meter. Lessees of Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Ltd will be charged at the commercial rate with no access charged levied against the shared properties.

Rural Productive

- (i) An access charge of \$289.34 to be applied in accordance with the following:
- For each barrack, each residence, each multi-unit dwelling, each strata title unit.
 - For each vacant allotment with a water meter connected.
 - For each rural productive improvement with a water meter connected.
- (ii) In respect of all properties and/or premises at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water usage shall be charged at the rate of \$1.48 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter within the water year.

All Categories

In respect of Residential, Commercial and Rural Productive properties, the following shall apply:

- (i) In respect of newly subdivided vacant land, water charges shall be levied proportionately for the unexpired part of the year from the date the plan of subdivision is registered at the Titles Office or from the date of connection of water to the subject land, whichever date shall be the earlier.
- (ii) In respect of improvements erected during the year, water charges shall be levied proportionately for the unexpired part of the year from the date the improvement is ready for occupation, or from the date of connection of water to the subject land, whichever date shall be the earlier.
- (iii) Where residential type improvements share a meter with commercial improvements and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines land use code for that assessment is commercial, water usage charges will be levied at the commercial rate.
- (iv) Where improvements are of a joint nature, water usage charges will be calculated using the water usage rate applicable to the category on which general rates are levied or would be levied if the property were rateable.
- (v) Meters shall be read on a rotational basis three times each year.
- (vi) Accounts for water usage will be issued three times during the year.

Water Charges - Recycled

Residential

- (i) An access charge of \$70.14 shall be applied for each residence, each multi-unit dwelling, each strata title unit and each vacant allotment categorised as residential, which is supplied recycled water through a water meter.
- (ii) In respect of all properties and/or premises at which a water meter is installed on the recycled water service connection to such property and/or premises, recycled water usage shall be charged at the rate of \$0.74 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter within the water year.
- (iii) Water charges shall be levied proportionately for the unexpired part of the year from the date of connection of the water meter to the subject land.
- (iv) Meters shall be read on a rotational basis three times each year.
- (v) Accounts for recycled water usage will be issued three times during the year.

Commercial

- (i) An access charge of \$70.14 shall be applied for each separate improvement, as per the commercial rate for potable, and each vacant allotment categorised as commercial, which is supplied recycled water through a water meter.
- (ii) In respect of all properties and/or premises at which a water meter is installed on the recycled water service connection to such property

and/or premises, recycled water usage shall be charged at the rate of \$0.74 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter within the water year.

- (iii) Water charges shall be levied proportionately for the unexpired part of the year from the date of connection of the water meter to the subject land.
 - (iv) Meters shall be read on a rotational basis three times each year.
 - (v) Accounts for recycled water usage will be issued three times during the year.
2. Resolve, pursuant to section 102(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts two weeks before, and ends two weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read.

carried unanimously

18. ADOPTION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906431

MOLLER / EDEN

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

Cleansing – Domestic

- (i) A Domestic Cleansing Charge, for the purpose of removal and disposal of refuse for the 2022/23 financial year be set at an amount of \$410.16 per service and applied in accordance with the following schedule:

Type of Improvement	No. of Services
Residence	1
Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDS)	1
Strata Title Units	1
Boarding House/Guest House/Hostel for each four persons able to be accommodated or part thereof	1

- (ii) A minimum charge of one service to apply on all improved properties for refuse removal and disposal and that a minimum of one annual charge of one service be made and levied on each separate occupancy (whether occupied or vacant) within the Council solid waste area of coverage and that such charge shall apply whether or not a service is rendered, save and except that where land is for the first time built on during the year the charge shall be made from the date the structure is ready for occupancy, calculated proportionately for the unexpired part of the year.

- (iii) A minimum charge of \$205.08 to apply to all properties of South Woolanmaroo Reserve and Russell Heads, Reserve East Russell, where those ratepayers have signed an agreement for Council to remove household refuse from an agreed location.

carried unanimously

19. ADOPTION OF OVERDUE INTEREST ON RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906438

O'HALLORAN / EDEN

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest on daily rests at the prescribed rate of 8.17% per annum is to be applied on all overdue rates and charges for 2022/23 financial year.

carried unanimously

20. ADOPTION OF LEVY AND PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906448

ZEIGER / VALLELY

That Council:

1. Resolve, pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 114 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Council's rates and charges, and the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) Emergency Management Levy be levied:
 - a. for the half year 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 – between July and December 2022; and
 - b. for the half year 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 – between January and June 2023
2. Resolve, pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's rates and charges, and the QFES Emergency Management Levy, be paid by a date which is at least 30 days after the date of the issue of the rate notice.

carried unanimously

21. ADOPTION OF RATES PENSIONER CONCESSIONS FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906456

PYNE / VALLELY

That Council resolve, for new approved applications, from 1 July 2022, pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the general rate of a set amount of \$300.00 per annum be applied to all eligible ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission for the 2022/23 financial year.

That Council resolve, for existing recipients, approved applications prior to 1 July 2022, pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the general rate of up to 40% be applied to all eligible ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission to a maximum of \$1,350 per annum for the 2022/23 financial year.

carried with Cr Zeiger voting against the motion

22. ADOPTION OF RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

M Wise | 63/2/10 | #6906468

VALLELY / ZEIGER

That Council resolves, pursuant to *section 121(b)* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to grant rates and charges concessions to those ratepayers experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 by way of extended payment plans and interest waivers through the Financial Hardship Policy.

carried unanimously

23. STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

J Piercy | 63/17/2-01 | #6938080

EDEN / JAMES

That Council note the Statement of Estimated Financial Position in accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

carried unanimously

24. ADOPTION OF BUDGET

J Rillstone | 63/2/10-01 | #6971345

JAMES / MOLLER

It is recommended that, pursuant to section 107A of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2022/23 financial year, incorporating:

- i. The statements of financial position;
- ii. The statements of cash flow;
- iii. The statements of income and expenditure;
- iv. The statements of changes in equity;
- v. The long-term financial forecast;
- vi. The revenue statement;
- vii. The revenue policy (adopted by Council resolution on 15 June 2022);
- viii. The relevant measures of financials sustainability; and
- ix. The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget,

as tabled, be adopted by Council.

carried unanimously

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:12 AM

CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2022

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MAYOR

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER