

2021/22 BUDGET SNAPSHOT



RATES & ACCESS CHARGES

- Rate rise: 2.5%
- Water and sewerage access rise: 2.5%
- Water usage charges: increases by 20c a kilolitre to \$1.43 a kilolitre. (compares with water usage in South-east Qld at more than \$4 a kilolitre)

Total rates bill increase for those on the minimum

\$1.15
a week

Total rates bill increase for those with median priced property

\$1.25
a week

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

The Capital Works program includes \$50.5 million for improvements to our transport and drainage network; \$49.3 million for water, wastewater and resource recovery infrastructure, and \$14 million for community, sport and cultural projects.

Some of the highlights of the Capital Works program are:

- **\$26.8 million** on improvements to the road network including \$10 million on pavement rehabilitation, asphalt overlays and reseals, \$4.9 million for a major upgrade to McGregor Road (Sidlaw to Faculty Close), and \$1.9 million for Fisher Road
- **\$21.3 million** for improvements to the wastewater network and treatment plants
- **\$6 million** has been allocated to establish the much-needed new animal management facility in Links Drive
- **\$4.6 million** for the creation of footpaths, pathways and to promote Active Travel including \$2.4 million to progress the Northern Beaches Leisure Trail, specifically the Dunne Road connection, Clifton to Kewarra Beach and for the completion of the Barr Creek bridge.
- **\$4.5 million** for parks and foreshores including \$2 million for the new Yorkeys Knob Boat Ramp carpark, and \$2.1 million for the construction of a 150-metre rock groyne at Half Moon creek, which will trap sand moving from north to south and reduce the need for ongoing dredging at the mouth of the creek.
- **\$4.4 million** for consultancy, design and early works for the Cairns Water Security – Stage 1 project
- **\$3.7 million** to continue the major upgrade of Griffiths Park Sporting Precinct
- **\$3 million** for the refurbishment of the Henley Hill No 5 Reservoir
- **\$3 million** for the water main refurbishment program
- **\$2.4 million** for new kerb and channel as part of the Suburban Enhancement Program
- **\$2.3 million** for the testing of bores at multiple sites as part of the Emergency Water Supply Plan to safeguard Cairns's water supply in the event of an extreme drought
- **\$2 million** to progress the Cairns Gallery Precinct, with a further \$8 million allocated in next year's Budget. The works – funded by the Federal Government – will involve the demolition of the L-shaped building and carpark on 51 Esplanade, refurbishment of the Old Mulgrave Shire building
- **\$1.9 million** for pedestrian and road bridge projects including \$1 million for the Behana Creek Road bridge, and \$550,000 for the Givens Street pedestrian bridge
- **\$1.7 million** for drainage improvements and \$1 million for street lighting upgrades
- **\$1.5 million** for upgrades to the Tanks Arts Centre
- **\$1.2 million** for upgrades to aquatic facilities including \$500,000 to upgrade the children's leisure pool infrastructure at Smithfield
- **\$670,000** for improvements to parks, playgrounds and the provision of public toilets including \$100,000 for a major upgrade of Harald Falge Park
- **\$500,000** to expand and improve our comprehensive CCTV network

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OPERATING BUDGET

\$44 million to ensure we service and maintain community assets including:

630
parks and nature areas

600km
of sealed footpaths

200
connecting footbridges

100
toilet blocks

OTHER OPERATING EXPENDITURE

- **\$3.4 million** to fund tourism marketing and promotion
- **\$2 million** to provide security services to boost safety in the CBD
- **\$1.7 million** to support the operation of Cairns Gallery and the Cairns Museum.
- **\$1.5 million** in cash and in-kind grants to community, sporting and cultural organisations
- **\$1.5 million** to provide lifesavers at the Esplanade lagoon and beaches
- **\$1 million** has been allocated to attract and support major events
- **\$400,000** for the development of the Palm Cove and CBD masterplans;
- **\$500,000** to boost the proactive management of animals;
- **\$158,000** for support of industry groups and economic initiatives
- **\$130,000** to develop a strategy to ensure the growth of the region to 2050 and beyond is being proactively and sustainably managed and,
- **\$95,000** to develop the Climate Change Strategy which will set out the next decade of climate action, including pathways to zero emissions.

