



SPECIAL (BUDGET) MEETING

MINUTES

1 JULY 2020

COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM

PRESENT: Cr B Manning (Chairperson)
Cr R Coghlan
Cr A Eden
Cr T James
Cr B Moller
Cr M O'Halloran
Cr B Olds
Cr R Pyne
Cr K Vallely
Cr C Zeiger

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MAYORS BUDGET ADDRESS

Today, I present the Cairns Regional Council's Budget for 2020/2021 – the first Budget for this term of Council, and one that reflects the challenges that we face in these unprecedented times.

This \$312 million Budget looks not only to this financial year, or to the next couple of years, but to the long-term future of our city – It is a fiscally appropriate response to the coronavirus crisis.

Times are tough.

People are hurting. Some people are hurting a lot and families are being shattered.

Businesses in the tourism sector are struggling to survive and are desperately waiting for the State's borders to open to hopefully shed some light from this tunnel.

There is no escaping the reality that because of our huge dependence on tourism and our distancing from the heavily populated metropolitan zones. We are one of the most severely impacted cities in the country, with our economy expected to take a \$1 billion hit this year, and nine out of 10 businesses meaningfully impacted as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Throughout the city's history, there have been years that seemingly rolled into the next without a glitch.

We moved forward, confident that with good management and by showing the right amount of aptitude, we would continue to prosper. However, this year has seen more than its fair share of glitches and has been anything but usual or regular.

There are huge challenges which our city and region are up to facing. We are remarkably equipped with the assets of nature to rebuild and restructure our future.

As a new Council, when we sat down to consider this Budget, our focus was very much on the present challenges facing our region, and how we could stimulate our local economy whilst keeping any burden on ratepayers to a minimum.

It is our civic duty to make the right investments and deliver the right infrastructure at the right time. This is not only to protect what we love about where we live, but at a time like this, it is to safeguard our city, our residents and our economy.

At the heart of that objective is strong financial management, which I can proudly say on your behalf has been a hallmark of the Council I have had the honour of leading for the past eight years. But this Budget has been the most difficult to date and I have no doubt, the process was an eye-opening exercise for our new Councillors.

For the first time in seven years, we will not have a balanced budget.

This is a deliberate departure from what we have done over the past two terms of office but we do this consciously because the situation confronting us calls for it.

Our financial modelling has been reviewed, and taking into account all relevant information and based on robust forecasting, Council has formulated a three-year plan to recovery, allowing for a deficit this financial year and the next, and targeting a return to a balanced Budget in 2022/23.

It also recognises that many of our residents have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing financial crisis.

In response, Council extended the time to pay rates and has established the Financial Hardship Policy to enable them to enter into long-term payment plans without the impost of interest charges.

This will result in a short-term cash impact for Council, which will require the organisation to take on the burden of additional short-term debt.

However, by adhering to our fiscal principles and implementing the three-year plan to recovery, Council's long-term debt position will not be impacted.

From the outset of this coronavirus-sparked crisis, Council has done what it could to assist businesses and our industries by accelerating funding for the tourism and international education sectors and other sectors, as well as waiving a number of basic fees and charges for local businesses.

Council has also resolved to defer the planned 20 cents/hour increase for city parking for 12 months, waive outdoor dining fees until July next year, and waive rental payments for lessees of Council owned and/or managed facilities negatively impacted by the coronavirus until the end of this calendar year.

And as part of a suite of initiatives approved in March, we brought forward \$2.5 million of maintenance works as well as announcing in May that the much-needed refurbishment for the Esplanade Dining Precinct will start immediately.

We have also been steadfast in our commitment to collaborate with other levels of government to ensure Cairns is supported through the current situation and into the future.

We have put forward to our much larger State and Federal Government sectors stimulus and recovery proposals designed to achieve a more resilient economic foundation for long-term growth and prosperity.

Cairns and the Tropical North Queensland region has the attributes to be able to do this. We are, with our fellow Northern Australians, a damn good investment.

This was recognised in the "Our North, Our Future" White Paper on developing Northern Australia – a significant Government Statement which, so far, has been devoid of any real substance.

Council, as the closest level of government to the community, must do its bit to carry the burden of these times. That does not mean we need to be reckless and careless – quite the opposite, this is a time for us to show fiscal responsibility and remain attentive to the challenge at hand.

Council needs to be at the centre of a steady path to recovery, and part of that course is to create economic conditions that will reboot our city.

A major component of that is to stimulate the local economy through the expenditure of more than \$396 million in the next 12 months on materials and services associated with delivering our Capital Works program, and for maintenance, renewals and other services delivered to the community.

And noteworthy here is that approximately 90 per cent of Council's total expenditure is invested locally.

Another key part in re-booting our local economy is to ensure that our tourism industry is supported through this crisis and has the ability to market and promote our city globally to generate visitation.

For our industry to cast the net to reel in potential visitors from within our state and from around the country, Council has committed \$2.9 million to fund marketing and promotion.

But the time has also come for Council, in association with the tourism industry and other Local Government areas, to address the issue of sustainable funding through a visitor levy.

Tropical North Queensland has long been established as one of Australia's, and indeed, the world's leading holiday destinations. But, in a globally competitive market, a strong track record is no guarantee of future success.

The industry today faces a number of significant challenges including diminishing market share. A clear strategy for destination promotion is needed and that requires a steep change in the level of investment to ensure successful delivery.

A visitor levy is the most effective and efficient mechanism to generate sustainable funding for tourism. At the proposed 2.5% rate, a visitor staying at an accommodation house charging \$150 per night would pay a levy of just \$3.75 per night – less than the cost of a cup of coffee.

This levy would provide our region with approximately \$16 million for marketing which could be used to fuel a resurgence of our key economic driver.

It would mean we would no longer have to go cap in hand to State and Federal Governments, begging for funding.

I was once told that with tourism, if you can't develop the big picture then you will develop no picture at all. The tourism levy – used globally in various manifestations – is a case in point.

Aviation connectivity is also critical to our survival; our distance from metropolitan centres means we need planes to be flying into our airport regularly and we need those aircraft to be achieving good loadings.

It was with great concern last week to hear Qantas chief Alan Joyce state that international travel could be as much as a year away.

That puts a lot of pressure on attracting domestic tourists for the next 12 months because we – Tropical North Queensland – will be in the battle of our lives to lure visitors to our region when every other region, city and town in Australia will be doing their utmost to do the same.

Planes will point their noses to where people want to go, to where the market dictates, which is why marketing has never been more critical.

We have to entice people to want to come here to create demand and, in turn, airlines will respond.

While the outlook may look somewhat daunting, this is a time that we need to look not only at short-term survival, but also at opportunities to strengthen our economy and community, so that we not only recover from this crisis, but build for greater future prosperity.

As I stated earlier, this Council is committed to do everything in its power to stimulate the local economy while not placing undue burden on our ratepayers, understanding the big picture and taking the bold steps.

Two critical components of the Budget reflect our commitment to this – a modest rise in general rates of 1.8 per cent and a record Capital Works Program of \$181 million.

While we were able to keep the rate rise around CPI this year – the 7th consecutive year of rate rises at or around CPI – the three-year recovery plan indicates we will require rate rises of 2.8 per cent in the next two financial cycles. Of course, the organisation will endeavour to find more operating efficiencies with a view to reducing these proposed rate rises.

In other words, the 2.8% is not a given and we will strive to keep the increase as low as we can.

Sewerage, cleansing and water access charges will also increase by just 1.8 per cent this year, while residential water usage charges will rise by just two cents to \$1.23 per kilolitre.

As a significant contributor to the city's economy, Council's Capital Works program is pivotal in helping our city through this current predicament.

The record \$181 million program for this year will be delivered across the length and breadth of our local government area, with an emphasis on upgrading core infrastructure to ensure the ongoing delivery of services, while also providing economic stimulus.

The program includes \$60 million for water and waste infrastructure, \$43.5 million for improvements to our transport and drainage network and \$28 million for the Esplanade Dining Precinct project.

With very few visitors in town, Council made the decision recently to bring forward the project to ensure the works can be done with minimal impact on traders and that once restrictions are lifted and tourists return to our city – and we know they will – the area will provide an attractive, contemporary, clean and tidy experience.

The project includes the final stage of the Shields Street Heart project, and the Lagoon Plaza makeover.

Pleasingly, the refurbishment of the Cairns Court House – the first stage of the Cairns Gallery Precinct – will be completed, with \$1.5 million allocated to finish the building works and \$380,000 set aside to activate the facility early next year.

There is still no firm commitment from the State or Federal Governments for funding to complete this project. I am completely amazed by this.

Our roads will be the subject of \$32 million of improvements in the next 12 months, including major projects such as \$4.9 million for McGregor Road, Smithfield; \$4.9 million for Fisher Road, Gordonvale; \$2.6 million to complete the Florence Street upgrade; and \$3.6 million for Jungara Road, Redlynch.

The much anticipated Northern Beaches Leisure Trail will progress significantly this year, with \$11 million allocated to connect Machans Beach to Holloways Beach including the new Barr Creek Bridge, the Dunne Road connections near Yorkeys Knob, and Clifton Beach to Kewarra Beach.

The budget also reflects Council's commitment to responsible and balanced management of our natural resources, including the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics.

To that end, we have remained steadfast in our pursuit of diverting waste from landfill, and have committed nearly \$11 million in this year's Budget to completing the Cairns Materials Recovery facility.

Once complete, this facility has the capacity to increase diversion from landfill from 50% to 85%.

The Budget also allows for \$400,000 for other environmental initiatives, generated from last year's inaugural Cairns Youth Climate Summit.

This summit empowered young people and gave them the chance to have an input into the future of our city, the actions taken to tackle climate change and importantly it allowed them to stake a claim in their future.

Their input will be acknowledged as Council moves to implement new emissions targets and meet the challenges of climate change.

Other highlights of the capital works program include:

- \$7.6 million for the construction of the new Lily St pump station
- \$4.3 million on the Suburban Enhancement program.
- \$3.9 million on constructing groynes at Holloways Beach, Yorkeys Knob and Bluewater
- \$3.5 million on footpaths and cycleways
- \$4 million sporting facilities renewal including the new Griffiths Park precinct

- \$810,000 on improvements in local parks to playgrounds and other facilities
- \$800,000 on expanding the CCTV network and upgrading the monitor room
- \$750,000 to complete the upgrade of facilities at Crystal Cascades
- \$570,000 to develop the Gordonvale Heritage Trail, and
- \$385,000 for White Rock public open space and connectivity project.

Another major component of the budget is the \$42 million we spend on maintaining Council's 577 parks and nature areas; 500 kilometres of sealed footpaths; more than 100 connecting footbridges; 800 litter bins; and 65 toilet blocks.

To help boost visitation to our city, Council has also allocated \$645,000 to support major events such as the Cairns Airport Adventure Festival and Ironman, and will continue its support of Cairns Regional Gallery and the Cairns Museum with \$1.5 million for operations.

Council also provides \$1.4 million to provide lifesavers at the Esplanade lagoon and at our beaches, and \$2 million to provide security services to boost safety in the CBD.

As well as providing a high standard of service delivery to our residents, it is incumbent of this Council to advocate on behalf of its community to State and Federal Governments to support the delivery of major projects.

Never has this been more important.

Council's advocacy plans have already been clearly laid out and include the need to extend the JobKeeper program into early next year to support businesses heavily reliant upon the tourism sector to survive, and to back identified projects which have the capacity to reinvigorate and evolve the city's economy.

Projects like the new city campus for CQUniversity, the major upgrade for HMAS Cairns, and a commitment to the Cairns Gallery Precinct.

With a State Election looming later this year, Council will be advocating for our region and ensure that our voice is heard by those in the South-East corner.

For far too long, our region has not been afforded a fair share.

Compared to other Queensland regions, over the past eight years the Cairns area has received a significantly lower share of State Government budgeted capital expenditure.

All we are asking for is our fair share.

There are many challenges facing our city. But this is not the time to get defensive and think small. This is the time to reach out, be bold, remain focussed on what needs to be done to lift economic growth and be resolute in how we go about pursuing these goals.

In closing, this Budget balances Council's short-term and long-term financial position with careful consideration of the impost on ratepayers, while continuing to provide the delivery of services expected by the community.

I would like to thank and commend 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. Pulling this all together has been a great effort. Well done to you Ms Whitton, your management team, and your staff.

I commend the 2020-2021 Cairns Regional Council Budget to you for its adoption.

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

Division 1 – Cr Moller

Thank you Mr Mayor you have asked us to outline our goals and objectives for the city and for our division which we have had delivered through the budget process. That process allows us to look at the current financial year, the three year recovery phase of this term of Council and our ten year modelling. I am pleased to support the budget that will be presented in the Chambers today.

We have shown how we are a responsible Council, being flexible and adaptive to addressing the challenges that COVID-19 and the impact that it is and has had on our community, business, sporting and community organisations and where we as a Council can provide some relief ease some of the burden and do what we can and show our residents that we stand with them together, to ride through this difficult and uncertain time.

But with challenges comes opportunity and the opportunity to be proactive in positioning ourselves not just for recovery but to think outside the square and traditional approaches to strengthening and diversifying our economy to reset our self as a city, as a region, and to position ourselves as leading a new direction in investment attraction and job creation.

Cairns being surrounded by the world heritage tropical rainforest and Great Barrier Reef and residents who greatly value our natural environment, we are perfectly positioned to be the capital of a smart green economy of Australia and to attract investment in the green economy, the circular economy, and in renewables. Green doesn't mean extreme, transitioning doesn't mean tomorrow, but given the trillion of dollars being invested around the world in green economy initiatives, our Council's sustainable practices, our water and waste management capabilities and where we are, and who we are leads me to believe that in this next term of Council, through careful financial management it allows us to be aspiration and we can shake a new direction, and a reset that will set us on a path to prosperity, steady growth and future jobs by adding a green economy to our additional pillars of tourism, agriculture, mining and construction.

Mr Mayor for a cane farmer, a lawyer, middle aged and a moderate thinker talking about the green economy and opportunities you know the world has changed.

At a local level on my patch in Division 1, I look forward through the budget process over this term to continuing the Gordonvale and Babinda economic development plans. In Gordonvale delivering the Mill Gardens and Heritage walking trails and a big chunk of the Kenrick Park Development talking it from an overwhelming district park to a destination park and finding a new home for the Mulgrave Central Museum an unknown at this time in the budget and this is why it is very careful to show financial constraint and consideration because there will be unknown projects and services that will come forward in the term of this Council that we will need to be flexible and shape and address at the time.

If Babinda is to improve its tourism offerings the community rolling out its heritage street trail and hanging basket projects and in building an interpretative museum. Lobbying State Government to develop new walking trails through national parks is also a focus down there which we as a Council are supporting through local organisations.

Edmonton Division 1 is about footpaths, cycle paths and the connectivity to McKillop College and the Mt Peter road corridor and certainly a number of residents are more and more raising those issues with me. Park improvements to the east and west and our kerb and channelling and continued services to all of my Division 1 will be the focus of me going forward for this term. I look forward to working with my fellow Councillors to deliver improved liveability of our city and our suburbs in this term of Council. Thank you.

Division 2 – Cr Pyne

First I would like to congratulate my fellow councillors for the inclusive and consultative way in which the budget has been developed. Well done much appreciated.

I guess I have not got the sort of projects I would like in my division and that is the nature of budgets. Individually we don't get everything we want, but collectively we come together for the best outcome for the city and that's of course is ambivalent of this typical time by the understanding that many in the community have to come forward. Some of the things we would like to do, because of the economic downturn that is affecting so many.

In terms of the vision and strategic outlook I would like to congratulate the Mayor on undertaking that vision that includes an important place for the arts and also his acknowledging the reality of climate change and the interaction. It might not be enough for some but it is enough to win an award.

At this point in time and I would like to also thank Council Officers for their role in the budget process. They did everything and it is great to have the opportunity to provide input throughout the process so thank you all very much.

Division 3 – Cr Zeiger

From March until now we have experienced unprecedented unforetold economic and human hardship. Trusting that with knowledge, by observing new rules, we can keep Cairns COVID safe. Though acknowledging the pain, it is how we move forward now that is important.

Council has been there through the initial trauma and will continue to serve the community with strong leadership and compassion.

I was encouraged last week as I sat with a group of seniors from Woree High getting their take on life at the moment as well as getting some advice on drafting questions for the upcoming Our Cairns Survey and Youth Survey. Our next generation leaders need to be heard.

I cannot impress how important it is for every Cairns resident to respond to this survey. It tells us what you want, and considering what we are going through now, I can't think of a better time to ensure we get it right. /time are not just changing, they have changed.

We are resilient, we are moving ahead, and we will see recovery. Working through the budget has been an intense process, we have had many heavily debated budget meetings. To balance up job stimulation, beautifying Cairns CBD, providing improvements to the suburbs, maintaining current standards across the field in the current times is quite a feat.

With this said, Council has not increased any fees, are still offering pension discounts up to 40% of their general rates, payment plans for those struggling, and have only a 1.8% rate increase in line with CPI.

The next year for Division 3 will see further serious detailed planning works commence for the White Rock Community Recreation Fields and Hall as well as the Woree Jeff Pezzutti Park Masterplan to enable shovels to hit the ground over the next 2-3 years. Works will finish on the 2.9km of footpaths through White Rock this year and there will be more trees planted throughout Bayview Heights, Forest Gardens, White Rock and Woree. The pound will commence in Links Drive. The fishing platform is still in our 5 year plan, but sadly COVID has delayed this and other projects.

I wish to congratulate our Finance and Management team, who through missing a crystal ball have done their best to manage in the current climate and have proposed a recovery plan to bring us back into a balanced budget in the 2022/2023 year.

Division 4 – Cr James

We all understand particularly in this COVID-19 environment there is no money tree. Council finances will be impacted significantly like everyone else's. Our credit card will cop a hiding however we have to support our community in these uncertain times.

I believe we are doing this with this budget in a very responsible way.

- The largest capital works program that Cairns Regional Council has ever adopted, \$180 million to create ongoing programs for small, medium and large business.
- A financial hardship program to support those adversely impacted through extended repayment terms and interest waivers.
- We all wish we could do better with our rate rise but critical infrastructure and services have to be maintained. This does come at a cost ... as I said before there is no money tree. An average household rate rise of \$52 a year including water usage or less than \$1 per week is very responsible considering the huge challenges that we face.

Hopefully as circumstances change and improve we will be able to react and flex as and where we can.

Division 5 – Cr Eden

Our words shape our story and this story becomes our framework for our behaviours; and our behaviours determine the way we lead our life and the way we run our organizations. - James Kerr.

Many of you know my story; a social worker by profession, a people person... a human centric approach to improving people's lives at a grass roots level. This is why, I am proud to endorse this community minded 20/21 budget.

This budget tells the story of our council, a council who put YOU first. Evidenced by high-level delivery of essential services plus niceties that weave the threads of our social fabric together.

This budget and the strategy behind it tell a story of the competence of our finance and senior management teams. Hardly surprising that our mayor, CEO, CFO and EPO are all accountants!

This budget tells a story of this council's consistent fiscal management over the previous years and how we've leveraged that financially healthy position to respond to the impacts of the coronavirus. This story is one of balance and holistic in nature.

This budget tells a story of our councils' response to the virus and our road map to recovery. The strategic relief to reduce the financial pain suffered by residents and business owners reflected in the introduction of the rates financial hardship program, outdoor dining fees waived, the freezing of fees and charges, council leased property rents waived for 6 months and so on.

This budget tells a story of councillors who are committed and connected to their community and who advocate these interests. With compassionate and robust conversations, investment in community and cultural programs plus services to the suburbs will continue, albeit at reduced rates from previous years.

This is a budget of RECORDS!

This budget tells the story of council doing our bit to stimulate the economy, boost confidence and keep it in Cairns with a RECORD capital works budget of \$180.9M with an average of 90% to be invested locally.

A RECORD number of budget workshops to get to this point. Not as fun as it sounds, however the calm confidence of Lisa Whitton our CFO kept us on track and believing.

A RECORD loss to our budget... circa \$37M permanent cash impact over 4 years.

And consistent with the Manning council's RECORD of low rate rises, this budget tells the story of our commitment to keep as much of your money as possible in your household. An admirable achievement in times such as these.

But what this budget story doesn't tell, is the pride and appreciation I have in the team we have here at council who make us councillors look good. The high-level delivery of essential services and support is to be applauded but it's the liveability that Council delivers that places Cairns in the upper echelons as one of the most desirable places to live!

I know... I've only been here all of five minutes, however the competence of this team plus our Manning lead council has me confident that we will get through this 'tough term' and tell a story of courage, hope, innovation and inspiration.

Thank you.

Division 6 – Cr Vallely

I just want to take a moment to reflect on where we've been. What an incredibly interesting time in all of our lives.

COVID-19 brought about so much change and so rapidly it really has left an indelible impact on us all.

The world was quite literally been turned on its head. It felt surreal and at times quite dark. But, what I did notice was how resilient our community was.

We saw people pull together we witnessed some wonderful moments of neighbours helping neighbours. People coming together and supporting one another. It really was wonderful to see.

And more closer to home we saw our organisation step up, respond and lead our community through this tough time.

And I think we achieved the best outcome we could.

I'm very happy to see a few important projects funded for Division 6 including:

- \$3.6 million to complete the traffic signalisation works at Jungara Road, Redlynch;
- \$1 million to complete the Magazine Street / Arnold Street intersection upgrade;
- \$1 million to replace a water main along Redlynch Intake Road;
- \$2 million to complete the major upgrade to the intake at the Freshwater Water Treatment Plant;
- \$750,000 to complete the upgrade of Crystal Cascades which includes improved parking area, new pathways, CCTV, new shelters, seating, picnic tables, barbecues, bins and bubblers, and a new viewing deck; and
- \$250,000 for the Brinsmead to Freshwater Cycleway;

Even those small jobs like the \$49,000 allocated to renew the community halls at Bella Vista, Stratford and Trinity Beach and the \$50,000 set aside for the basketball court upgrade at Loridan Drive Park.

I want to thank our CFO Lisa Whitton and her team who worked incredibly hard. Our CEO who continued to sail the ship through uncharted waters, his commitment to this organisation is second to none. Also want to take a moment to thank our Mayor for his calm and inspirational leadership, he always manages to see what can go right rather than what can go wrong – which was much needed during these times.

All in all, great job by everyone and I am very proud we have been able to keep our Capital Works program high so we can stimulate our local economy. Great job by everyone.

Division 7 – Cr O'Halloran

A year of unprecedented challenges that the world has experienced impacts not seen since World War 2. I would like to acknowledge the magnificent efforts of Council in maintaining essential services morale and contributing to assisting the community and the city through these times. In trying times we need leadership and we have been lucky to have the stability of the Mayor being re-elected in those times and the re-employment of our CEO and the efforts of our Executive Team who have worked in uncharted waters and have gone over and above in truly outstanding fashion. Like any great team there has to be a captain who inspires, guides, challenges and often makes the hard calls in Council and we have one of the best ones. I would like to thank John and acknowledge on behalf of Council and Cairns his exceptional efforts during this time. It would also be

remiss of me not to thank all Council officers for their contribution in the past year. They have faced many adversities and they all rock up every day, day after day, with outstanding service that enables Council to be a leader in local government.

There is a couple of people who I think go over and above in these difficult times and our community has faced a lot of financial and personal hardship and Council has been at the forefront of providing assistance and I believe that Brett Spencer deserves a special mention for his role in the community support hub – the role he played in that area. From a cold start he actively facilitated many activities ensuring the MPF health organisations, safety equipment, coordinating donation, volunteering programs, a very difficult emotional challenging role he carried out in a very professional and humble manner.

Lisa to your team, I know your team does all the work, and you get all the pats on the back, to a job well done in these tough times and I think it was as I said we go back to stability which was sensible, well thought out and we thought about community first and foremost very much.

To Bruce and your team to the people you forget about, like Gary Everson and his team, to Marty and Ray over there the city has never looked better. In tough times we have gone our yard we kept the idea of looking after what we have got we have not dropped our guard on any of that stuff. It is a credit to you and then there is people behind the scenes because Brett and those blokes got pulled out other had to really step up, like Tim Dendle and one who sneaks around this joint a lot in the background Steve Cosatto turning rubbish in to money for us. He has always got his hands out for a new palace down the road, he is doing a wonderful job and to go from 50 to around 80% to turn our rubbish into. We do concentrate on our green stuff and just in closing to Simon Page I think as John always says he is relieved to wake up in the morning to hear that Simon Page did not annoy him, you turn the tap on water comes out, you push the button and water goes out – to Simon Page and his crew especially a huge thank you because it works that way.

In closing I believe we are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world and have such dedicated officers committed to excellence on a daily basis, thanks and congratulations to all – well done.

Division 8 – Cr Coghlan

What a whirlwind 3 months, the overwhelming feeling I have is that I feel very grateful to the previous council for the financial position we were in at the end of the last term.

Cairns Regional Council was in great financial shape, recognised as one of the best in the state.

Much like our family budget it's great to be in a positive position, to weather any approaching storm. Well we were hit with a FINANCIAL CYCLONE with the name of COVID 19.

It's been an interesting time putting together this budget, taking into account stimulus for our city and also maintaining the services and works our residents have come to expect.

There has been many many many hours and many days of workshopping and negotiations. I acknowledge and thank Miss Lisa Whitton for your patience.

Great outcomes for division 8 with some major infrastructure, in particular the continuation of the Northern beaches Leisure trail and the Holloways Beach rock groynes.

I believe this budget provides the stimulus, support and services required at this time. This council has been diligent in all aspects of the 20/21 Budget.

Great outcomes for division 8 with some major infrastructure, in particular the continuation of the Northern beaches Leisure trail and the Holloways Beach rock groynes.

Thankyou

Division 9 – Cr Olds

We have just come out of an election of course sometimes you get what you order and they ordered a stable and sensible Council and I think that is exactly what they got with the budget we are delivering.

Like everyone said all 1200 staff, not just the elected people obviously the two great leaders the Mayor and John, Lisa your team and everyone and as everyone has done fantastic work.

I don't think that a lot of the residents kind of understand exactly what goes on with all these workshops, this is the 5th one I have been through I guess for a budget but it was like living in a vortex. It was totally different to all the rest. We were having two and three days a week back to back workshops getting information.

You cannot make good decisions without good information which you guys were delivering as well as the other GM's. You missed out on all your emails and phone calls, you are always playing catch up and that is what I meant by living in a vortex, you just did not know which way was up or down sometimes but it was interesting times and I think everyone would be happy to go through that and I think you guys being calm at the top thanks so much Lisa and everyone else.

I know that there is plenty of stuff like Cr Pyne said, you don't always get what you want in your area in Division 9 we have had to push a couple of things back and that's fine. It is about the whole region we are a team and like I said at the start the stable and sensible approach that you Mayor Manning have lead now this is the start of your 3rd term I think people just really appreciate that whether they say publically all the time I think your re-election and increase of everyone running against you I think that speaks volumes so well done I am very happy here as Cr Vallely is.

I know it is not in the budget but one thing I am looking forward to hopefully to push for a diversified economy in local defence. Get jobs to Cairns. That is something I will be talking you guys through in the next couple of weeks. I read an article today in the ABC about looking at TAFE and the maritime section with the Pacific Islands trying to train up here in Cairns and Tasmania straight away down there are kicking their heels up as they are not happy It is a very competitive market but I think Cairns we have to start getting ourselves in some of those fights with Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia everyone even Queensland and Townsville too I think that is an area that is exciting to look at. Well done with the budget everyone.

Let's get through the rest of the year and I can get back to some of those emails.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To consider the matters listed on the agenda.

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2020-30 5**
B Gardiner | 81/1/13 | #6384894

PYNE / O'HALLORAN

That Council endorses the Asset Management Strategy 2020-30.

carried unanimously

- 2. CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/21 41**
N Masasso | 93/1/2 | #6400924

VALLELY / MOLLER

That Council adopts the Cairns Regional Council Operational Plan 2020/21.

carried unanimously

- 3. NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR..... 69**
K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6291814

MOLLER / EDEN

That Council:

1. Notes that the following are all business activities that are to be conducted by Council during the 2020/21 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. Caravan Parks
2. Notes that for the 2020/21 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. Notes that the competitive neutrality principle will be applied to all of the identified significant business activities for the 2020/21 financial year. The level of reform applied to the significant business activities is:
 - a. Cairns Water – commercialisation
 - b. Cairns Resource Recovery – commercialisation
 4. Notes 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 2020/21 financial year.
 5. Notes that for that 2020/21 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. Caravan Parks
 6. Notes 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 2020/21 financial year.
 7. Notes 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 2020/21 financial year.
 8. Decides by resolution, for the 2020/21 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. Decides by resolution, for the 2020/21 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
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
Caravan Parks	Primarily undertaken as a community facility, with little or no competition

carried unanimously

4. DEBT POLICY..... 75
K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6291880

JAMES / PYNE

That Council adopts the 2020/21 Debt Policy.

carried unanimously

5. RATES BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY..... 79
M Wise 63/2/7 | #6327706

O'HALLORAN / ZEIGER

That Council adopts the Rates Based Financial Assistance Policy.

carried unanimously

6. CONCEALED WATER LEAK POLICY..... 83
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6327786

OLDS / EDEN

That Council adopts the Concealed Water Leak Policy.

carried unanimously

7. PROCUREMENT POLICY..... 88
Julia Deleyev | 63/14/4-01 | #6346057

VALLELY / JAMES

That Council adopts the proposed amendments to the Procurement Policy.

carried unanimously

**8. ADOPTION OF DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES FOR THE
 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR..... 103**
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6391052

MOLLER / ZEIGER

That Council:

1. Resolves, pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories in to which rateable land is categorised, the description 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 with a valuation from \$1 to \$500,000.
Residential B	Residential properties with a valuation from \$500,001 to \$1,000,000.
Residential C	Residential properties with a valuation of \$1,000,001 or over.
Residential J	Residential properties not subject to banding.
Residential K	Residential properties that are building units.
Residential L	Multi Unit Dwellings (Flats).
Residential M	Residential land which is subject to section 50 of the <i>Land Valuation Act 2010</i> .
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 with a valuation up to \$500,000.

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 category J and those in commercial categories D and E);
- 05 Large homesite - dwelling - urban and rural; (excluding those in category J);
- 06 Outbuildings (excluding those in category J and those in commercial categories D and E);
- 09 Group Titles;
- 94 Vacant rural land.

Residential B

Properties used, or capable of being used for residential purposes with a valuation from \$500,001 to \$1,000,000.

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 category J and those in commercial categories D and E);

- 05 Large homesite - dwelling - urban and rural; (excluding those in category J);
- 06 Outbuildings (excluding those in category J and those in commercial categories D and E);
- 09 Group Titles;
- 94 Vacant rural land.

Residential C

Properties used, or capable of being used for residential purposes with a valuation of \$1,000,001 or over.

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 category J and those in commercial categories D and E);
- 05 Large homesite - dwelling - urban and rural; (excluding those in category J);
- 06 Outbuildings (excluding those in category J and those in commercial categories D and E);
- 09 Group Titles;
- 94 Vacant rural land.

Residential J

Properties (excluding those in categories A to C) where that land's zone is included in CairnsPlan 2016 as Rural residential with a total land area over 10 hectares or Low density residential with a total land area over 0.5 hectares or Low-medium density residential with a total land area over 3.5 hectares or Medium density residential with a total land area over 0.5 hectares or Tourist accommodation with a total land area over 0.5 hectares or Community facilities with a total land area over 1 hectare.

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

- 04 Large Homesite - Vacant Urban and Rural (excluding those in commercial categories D and E);
- 06 Outbuildings (excluding those in commercial categories D and E); and

Properties (excluding those in categories A to C) where that land's Planning Area is included in CairnsPlan 2016 as Low density residential with a total land area over 5 hectares or Low-medium density residential with a total land area over 3.5 hectares or Medium density residential with a total land area over 1.5 Hectares or Tourist accommodation with a total land area over 0.5 Hectares or Community facilities with a total land area over 1 hectare.

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

- 05 Large Homesite – Dwelling - Urban and Rural; and

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);

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 L

Properties that are used for multi residential (flats) purposes.

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

03 Multi Unit Dwelling (Flats)

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*.

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

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| 60 Sheep Grazing - Dry; | 73 Grains; |
| 61 Sheep Breeding; | 74 Turf Farms; |
| 64 Cattle Grazing - Breeding; | 75 Sugar Cane; |
| 65 Cattle Breeding and Fattening; | 76 Tobacco; |
| 66 Cattle Fattening; | 77 Cotton; |
| 67 Goats; | 78 Rice; |
| 68 Milk - Quota; | 79 Orchards; |
| 69 Milk - No Quota; | 80 Tropical Fruits; |
| 70 Cream; | 81 Pineapples; |
| 71 Oil Seeds; | 82 Vineyards; |

83	Small Crops and Fodder Irrigated;	86	Horses;
84	Small Crops Fodder Non-irrigated;	87	Poultry;
85	Pigs;	88	Forestry and Logs;
		89	Animals Special;
		93	Peanuts.

OTHER LAND

Land not included in any of the above categories.

- Resolves 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.
- Resolves, 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	0.592758	916.20
Residential B	0.533482	2,963.78
Residential C	0.474206	5,334.82
Residential J	0.592758	916.20
Residential K	1.109522	916.20
Residential L	0.863550	1,476.10
Residential M	0.592758	Nil
Commercial B	4.603218	1,180,489.60
Commercial D	1.688176	944.20
Commercial E	0.899492	944.20
Commercial F	0.592758	916.20
Commercial G	3.334716	496,973.76
Rural Productive	1.127510	944.20
Other	0.899492	944.20

carried unanimously

9. ADOPTION OF 2020/21 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 1 114
K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6291893

COGHLAN / OLDS

That Council adopts the 2020/21 Annual Implementation Plan for Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 1.

carried unanimously

10. HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 1 – SPECIAL CHARGE 120
K Roberson | 63/8/32-01 | #6288605

COGHLAN / OLDS

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 2020/21 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 2021.
 - 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

**11. ADOPTION OF 2020/21 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR
HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2A 126**
K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6291945

COGHLAN / OLDS

That Council adopts the 2020/21 Annual Implementation Plan for Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2A.

carried unanimously

**12. HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2A – SPECIAL CHARGE
..... 132**
K Roberson | 63/8/32-01 | #6291799

COGHLAN / OLDS

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 2020/21 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
8	742713	\$947.40

- 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 2021.
 - 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

**13. ADOPTION OF 2020/21 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR
HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2B 138**
K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6291951

COGHLAN / OLDS

That Council adopts the 2020/21 Annual Implementation Plan for Holloways Beach Rock Wall Stage 2B.

carried unanimously

**14. HOLLOWAYS BEACH ROCK WALL STAGE 2B – SPECIAL CHARGE
..... 144**
K Robertson | 63/8/32-01 | #6291803

COGHLAN / OLDS

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 2020/21 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 2021.
 - 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

15. ADOPTION OF 2020/21 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BLUEWATER CANAL SPECIAL CHARGE..... 150
D Machan | 63/2/8-01| #6366196

COGHLAN / OLDS

That Council resolves to adopt the 2020/21 Annual Implementation Plan for Bluewater Canal.

carried unanimously

16. BLUEWATER CANAL – SPECIAL CHARGE 157
D Machan | 63/2/8-01| #6366261

COGHLAN / OLDS

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 23 June 2014, Council adopted the overall plan for the carrying out of the works identified as follows:
 - a. The rateable land to which the plan applies is the land specified in this resolution;
 - b. The service facility or activity for which the plan is made is the dredging and maintenance of Bluewater Canal, Half Moon Creek and Offshore Channel specified in Attachment 3 and providing for as the major elements:
 - dredging of the Bluewater Canal, Half Moon Creek and Offshore Channel, including spoil disposal;
 - maintenance of channel markers and lights;
 - hydrographic surveys;
 - c. The time for implementing the overall plan is seven (7) years, beginning on 1 July 2014 and ending on 30 June 2021; and
 - d. The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is \$5,250,000 across the seven (7) year period. The special charge is intended to raise approximately 83% of the funds, with the remaining 17% to be funded by Council from other sources in recognition of the fact that the canal, creek and channel are also accessed by other users via the public boat ramps at Bluewater and Yorkeys Knob.

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.

However, as more fully detailed in Attachment 3, Council also considers it appropriate that the amount of the special charge vary between the different rateable land identified below having regard to all matters relevant to the objective of achieving an equitable spread of the rating burden between all of the rateable land to be rated and fairness between the different classes of rateable land, including the extent to which, in Council's opinion, different rateable land will specially benefit or contribute to the need for the works. For example, Council acknowledges that the burden of the special charge should vary in recognition of: -

- a. Yorkeys Knob Marina's downstream location; and
 - b. the fact that dredging does not take place within 29 metres of the water frontage of the rateable land located on Riverside Parade under this charge, but that this particular rateable land will nevertheless get the benefit of the dredging and maintenance works further downstream.
4. The special charges for the 2020/21 financial year apply to the rateable land identified below:

Property Description	Amount of special charge
Lots 1 to 37 on SP165903	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lots 1 to 2 on SP279525	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lots 39 to 41 on SP165903	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lots 42 on SP241494	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lots 44 to 65 on SP165903	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lots 79 to 116 on SP165903	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lot 117 on SP261231	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lots 119 to 130 on SP165903	\$2,124.80 per lot
Lots 22 to 23 on SP224676	\$1,062.40 per lot
Lots 1 to 3 on SP301538	\$1,062.40 per lot
Lots 26 to 31 on RP737271	\$1,062.40 per lot
Lots 32 to 43 on RP737260	\$1,062.40 per lot
Lot 1860 on SP264300 (the "Bluewater Marina")	\$229,478.40
Lot 26 on SP122863 (the "Yorkeys Knob Marina")	\$146,682.26

5. The special charge is to be levied by two half yearly levies.

6. **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:**
 - 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 2021.**
 - b. **If more than one rateable lot is created by the reconfiguration, the gross amount must be apportioned to all of the rateable lots created:**
 - i. **on a pro rata land area basis, if the rateable lots are created by standard format plan; or**
 - ii. **on a pro rata gross floor area basis, if the rateable lots are created by building format plan.**
 - 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 before the levy of the special charge, sub paragraphs (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.**
7. **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 (6) to calculate the amount on which the calculation for the period after reconfiguration is based.**

carried unanimously

17. ADOPTION OF 2020/21 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR RIVERSIDE PARADE SPECIAL CHARGE 167
D Machan | 63/2/8-01| #6367639

COGHLAN / OLDS

That Council resolves to adopt the 2020/21 Annual Implementation Plan for the Riverside Parade Special Charge.

carried unanimously

18. RIVERSIDE PARADE – SPECIAL CHARGE 173
D Machan | 63/2/8-01| #6376763

COGHLAN / OLDS

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 Riverside Parade 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 channel within 29 metres of the water frontage of the land located on Riverside Parade.
2. At its meeting held on 3 July 2019, Council adopted the overall plan for the carrying out of the works identified as follows:
 - a. The rateable land to which the plan applies is the land identified in this resolution;
 - b. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is:
 - the dredging and maintenance of the channel within 29 metres of the water frontage of the rateable land located on Riverside Parade specified in Attachment 1 (“the Dredge Area”) and the removal of 5000m³ of spoil from the Dredge Area;
 - to obtain hydrographic surveys necessary to carry out the dredging and maintenance of the Dredge Area.
 - c. The time for implementing the Overall Plan is two (2) years, beginning on 3 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2021; and
 - d. The estimated cost of implementing the Overall Plan is \$46,000.
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 land has the benefit of direct deep water access to the water frontage of Riverside Parade.
4. The special charges for the 2020/21 financial year apply to the rateable land identified below:

Property Description	Amount of special charge
Lots 22 to 23 on SP224676	\$1,000 per lot
Lots 1 to 3 on SP301538	\$1,000 per lot
Lots 26 to 31 on RP737271	\$1,000 per lot
Lots 32 to 43 on RP737260	\$1,000 per lot

5. **The special charge is to be levied by two half yearly levies.**
6. **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:**
 - 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 2021.**
 - b. **If more than one rateable lot is created by the reconfiguration, the gross amount must be apportioned to all of the rateable lots created:**
 - i. **on a pro rata land area basis, if the rateable lots are created by standard format plan; or**
 - ii. **on a pro rata gross floor area basis, if the rateable lots are created by building format plan.**
 - 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 before the levy of the special charge, sub paragraphs (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.**
7. **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 (6) to calculate the amount on which the calculation for the period after reconfiguration is based.**

carried unanimously

19. ADOPTION OF SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR..... 177
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6363032

EDEN / PYNE

That Council resolves, 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 2020/21 financial year in accordance with the following:

(a) Residential

- (i) A standard charge of **\$810.24** 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 **\$645.08** 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 **\$693.22** per WC to be applied in accordance with the following:

- (i) In respect of seweraged 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 seweraged 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 seweraged 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 sub-clause (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 2020 the rate shall be apportioned.
- (c) **Rural Productive**
- A standard charge of **\$810.24** to be applied in accordance with the following:
- (i) In respect of all sewered 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 \$342.72 for each residence, each flat, each strata title unit, each shop etc shall apply.

carried unanimously

**20. ADOPTION OF WATER UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2020/21
FINANCIAL YEAR..... 181
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6363610**

MOLLER / ZEIGER

That Council resolves:

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 2020/21 financial year on the following basis:

Residential

- (i) An access charge of \$273.80 shall be applied in accordance with the following:
 - For each barrack, each residence, each flat, 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 \$1.23 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter within the water year.

Commercial

- (i) An Access Charge of \$270.64 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 flat, each strata title unit co-existing with commercial/industrial improvements.
- (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 **\$1.30** 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 \$1.80 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 **\$273.80** to be applied in accordance with the following:
- For each barrack, each residence, each flat, 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 **\$1.23** 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 \$66.36 shall be applied for each residence, each flat, 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 \$0.61 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 \$66.36 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 \$0.61 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. 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

21. ADOPTION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR..... 185
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6363628

ZEIGER / O'HALLORAN

That Council resolves, 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 2020/21 financial year be set at an amount of **\$388.12** per service and applied in accordance with the following schedule:

Type of Improvement	No. of Services
Residence	1
Flats (each domicile)	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 **\$194.06** 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

22. ADOPTION OF OVERDUE INTEREST ON RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR..... 187
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6363649

OLDS / JAMES

That Council resolves, pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest on daily rests at the prescribed rate of 8.53% per annum is to be applied on all overdue rates and charges for 2020/21 financial year.

carried unanimously

23. ADOPTION OF LEVY AND PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR..... 189
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6391013

PYNE / O'HALLORAN

That Council:

1. Resolves, 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 State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:
 - a. for the half year 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 – between July and December 2020; and
 - b. for the half year 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 – between January and June 2021
2. Resolves, pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid by a date which is at least 30 days after the date of the issue of the rate notice.

carried unanimously

24. ADOPTION OF RATES PENSIONER CONCESSIONS FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR..... 191
M Wise | 63/2/7 | #6363682

ZEIGER / COGHLAN

That Council resolves, 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

2020/21 financial year.

The upper limit of total remission will not to exceed 5% of Council's total net general rates at which point the 40% remission is to be reduced on a pro rata basis.

carried unanimously

25. STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION 193
M Gray | 63/2/7-01 | #6398786

EDEN / VALLELY

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

carried unanimously

26. ADOPTION OF BUDGET 198
J Rillstone | 63/2/7-01 | #6402031

JAMES / MOLLER

That Council, 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 2020/21 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 24 June 2020);
- 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.

carried unanimously

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:09 AM

CONFIRMED THIS 8th DAY OF JULY 2020



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MAYOR



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER