

YOUR CAIRNS

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY



Creating Cairns' next iconic place

or simply spend a Sunday afternoon with family and friends.

Behind those walls sits 26 hectares of public land. Public land that belongs to every one of us. Opportunities like this come along once in a generation.

This isn't about redeveloping the Showgrounds. It's about creating Cairns' next iconic place.

Great cities are remembered for their iconic places. This is our opportunity to create Cairns' next one.

Public spaces are the backdrop to our lives. They're where toddlers take their first steps, wedding photos are taken, birthdays are celebrated, and communities come together.

The very best public places quietly become part of our shared story.

When I look beyond those walls, I see shady tropical parklands, walking and cycling paths, cafés opening onto green spaces, children riding their bikes, grandparents watching from the shade, and families enjoying time together. I see a place that feels unmistakably Cairns.

Perhaps we'll call it Central Parklands. Perhaps our community will come up with something even better. Whatever it's called, I hope it becomes a place people simply can't imagine our city without.

As we celebrate 150 years of Cairns, it's only fitting we think about the next 150. One of the greatest privileges of serving as Mayor is helping shape the city our children, and one day their children, will inherit.

Community consultation is open and runs until 9 August 2026.

Your ideas will help shape one of the most significant public places our city will ever create. Because years from now, people won't remember the planning process. They'll remember the moments they shared there. That's what great public places do. They quietly become part of our shared story.

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Over the past 150 years, it's the people of Cairns who have made this city the incredible place it is today.

Now it's our turn to shape one of the places that will define the next 150.

Every time I drive past the Cairns Showgrounds, I find myself looking beyond the high brick walls, barbed wire and steel gates. Whether intended or not, they seem to send one message: Keep out.

But what if they said something completely different?

What if they invited you in? To meet friends for coffee. To let the kids run barefoot across the grass. To wander through tropical gardens. To celebrate the Cairns Show. To enjoy a concert under the stars,



Help shape Cairns' future major events precinct.

Council is seeking community feedback on the Major Events Precinct Masterplan, with consultation open until 9 August.

Have your say online and help guide the next stage of planning.

This project received funding from the Australian Government.



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For more information visit cairns.qld.gov.au

DIVISION 1

BRAMSTON BEACH | MIRRIWINNI | BABINDA | ALOOMBA | GORDONVALE | EDMONTON



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- Replacement of the shade sail over skatepark and minor skatepark renewal works at Bill Wakeham Park, Babinda, underway
- Asphalting on Cannon St, Gordonvale, completed
- New footpath along Fisher Rd, Gordonvale, from Dempsey St to Murphy St, completed (above)
- Road pavement rehabilitation on Woopen Creek Rd, Woopen Creek, underway
- Replacement of the shade sail over the playground at Babinda Boulders, underway

- New Fisheries Creek Bridge, Goldsborough, completed
- Road pavement rehabilitation works on Knust Rd, Deeral, underway
- Road stabilisation works on Cottone Rd, East Russell, underway
- Pavement rehabilitation on Crossland Rd, Gordonvale, between Warner Rd and Russell Rd, underway
- Road sealing on Claim Cl, Windlass St, Drift Cl, Prospector Cl, and Licence St, Goldsborough, completed
- Asphalt works at the Hoare Lane and Gordon St intersection, Gordonvale, completed
- Kerb and channel works on Sheppards St, Gordonvale, between Clarke St and Healy St, underway
- Road widening works along Hill Rd, Wrights Creek, from Porta Access to Cane railway line, underway
- Guardrail renewal on Bramston Beach Rd, Eubenangee, completed
- Embankment stabilisation works on Woopen Creek Rd, Woopen Creek, completed

DIVISION 2

EDMONTON | BENTLEY PARK | MOUNT SHERIDAN



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- Asphalting of the St Therese's School carpark, Bentley Park, completed
- Asphalt works on Robert Rd, Bentley Park, between Hardy Rd and Cintra St, completed
- Sinkhole repairs on Robert Rd, Bentley Park, completed
- Minor asphaltting works on Dorunda St, Mount Sheridan, completed
- Post and rail installation at PCYC Edmonton park, completed
- Shade installation over the existing playground at Fuller Park, Edmonton, completed (below)

- Minor asphaltting works on Supply Rd, Bentley Park, completed
- Installation of player shelters for Southside Comets FC at Walker Rd, Edmonton, completed (below).



DIVISION 3

WHITE ROCK | MOUNT SHERIDAN | WOREE | BAYVIEW HEIGHTS | FOREST GARDENS



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- Ivan Evans walking track repairs and upgrade works, Bayview Heights, completed (right)
- Water main upgrade in Sydney St, Bayview Heights, completed
- Construction of a new footpath along Agate and Amethyst streets, completed
- Construction of a new sewage pump station on Links Dr, Woree, underway
- Redevelopment of Jeff Pezutti Park, Windarra St, Woree, underway (below)



DIVISION 4

EARLVILLE | KANIMBLA | MANOORA | MOOROOBOL | MANUNDA



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- Upgrade to Lions Park public toilet on Henley St, Earlvile, underway (above)
- Minor asphalt works on Downing St, Earlvile, between Balacclava Rd and Henley St, completed (above right)
- Landslip repairs along Lake Morris Rd, Kanimbla, underway
- Kerb and channel renewal on Cochrane St, Mooroolbool, between Swallow and McCoombe streets, completed (right).



DIVISION 5

CAIRNS CITY/NORTH | PORTSMITH | AEROGLEN | WESTCOURT | BUNGALOW | PARRAMATTA PARK



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- Culvert renewal at the Buchan St and Mulgrave Rd intersection, Westcourt, completed
- Culvert renewal at Draper St and Scoot St intersection, Parramatta Park, completed
- Construction of a U-turn and right-hand turn facility at Abbott St and Aplin St intersection, Cairns, completed
- Extending the existing rock wall as part of foreshore erosion protection works on the Esplanade, Cairns North, underway
- Water main upgrade along Little Spence St, Bungalow, between Aumuller St and Buchan St, completed
- Water main upgrade along Kenny St, Portsmith, between Fearnley St and Draper St, underway
- Asphalting of the road shoulder on Comport St, Portsmith, from Fearnley to Draper St, underway
- Tree trimming on Shields St, Cairns CBD, between McLeod St and Grafton St, completed



- Minor asphalt works on Allan St, Bungalow, completed
- Drainage and footpath upgrades on Abbott St, Cairns City, underway
- New bus stop construction along Gatton St, Westcourt, completed (above)
- Intersection improvement works at Kenny St and Dutton St, Portsmith, completed
- New footpath constructed along Minnie St, Cairns, from Water St to McLeod St, completed

DIVISION 7

EDGE HILL | MANOORA | MANUNDA | WHITFIELD | BRINSMEAD



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- Post and rail installation at Pumeri Park, Manunda, completed (below)
- Sewage pump station upgrade on Boden St, Edge Hill, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Newton St, Manunda, completed
- Pavement rehabilitation works on Jensen St, Whitfield, completed
- New footpath construction at Newton St and Fallon St, Manunda, completed
- Kerb and channel works on Greenslopes St, Edge Hill, between Forest Ave and Clemson Ave, completed
- New bus stop construction on Gatton St, Manunda, near Bosanko St, underway
- Sewer pump station maintenance works at Harald Falge Park, Manunda, underway
- Roundabout modification at the English St and Birch St intersection, Manunda, underway
- Water main upgrade, drainage works, kerb and channel renewal, pavement rehab, and new footpath construction on Mona St, Whitfield, completed (below).



DIVISION 6

BRINSMEAD | KAMERUNGA | REDLYNCH | FRESHWATER | STRATFORD



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- New footpath on Kamerunga Rd, Stratford, between Primo St and Passchendaele St, completed (right)
- Repair of road washouts on Barron Gorge Rd, Barron Gorge, underway
- Park and swimming hole maintenance at Ryan Weare Park, Freshwater, underway (below left)
- Playground, edging and turf installation at Redlynch Village Green, completed (below right)
- Creek bank stabilisation at Goomboora Park, Brinsmead, underway
- Asphalt works on Loridan Dr, Brinsmead, at the Meander Cl roundabout, completed



DIVISION 8

CARAVONICA | HOLLOWAYS BEACH | MACHANS BEACH | TRINITY PARK | SMITHFIELD | YORKEYS KNOB



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- New bike park constructed at Rainy Mountain Park, Smithfield, completed (above)
- Construction of a new bridge on Casuarina St, Holloways Beach, underway
- Minor asphalt works on Hibiscus Lane, Holloways Beach, completed
- Dredging of Bluewater canals at Riverside Parade, Trinity Park, underway
- Repair of road washouts on Barron Gorge Rd, Caravonica, underway
- Public toilet upgrade at Cinderella St, Machans Beach, underway
- Public toilet upgrade at Tom Dooley Park, Lesley St, Smithfield, underway
- Carpark restoration works at Kennedy Park, Danbunan St, Smithfield, completed
- Water main upgrades on Derby St, Johnson St and Morgan St, Yorkeys Knob, underway
- Guardrail renewal on Valmadre St, Caravonica, completed
- Asphalt on Dunne Rd and Yorkeys Knob Rd, Yorkeys Knob, completed
- Sewage pump station upgrade at Fig Tree Park, Caravonica, underway.



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- Traffic island reinstated at Arlington Esplanade, Clifton Beach, following breakwater works, completed (above)
- Minor pavement rehabilitation at Wonga Cl, Kewarra Beach, completed
- Vegetation and beach rectification works at Clifton Beach, completed
- Repairs to Arlington Esplanade, Clifton Beach (top right)
- Carpark upgrade, and construction of pedestrian bridge and footpath at Ellis Beach, underway (bottom right)
- Spoon drain installation at Alexandra St, Clifton beach, completed
- Asphalt works on Yule Ave, Clifton beach, completed



- New footpath construction at Oliva St and Harpa St, Palm Cove, underway
- Replacement of lifeguard huts at Trinity Beach and Kewarra Beach, underway
- Kerb and channel works on Bramble St, Clifton Beach, near Yule Ave, completed

KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW

Every day, we make decisions about what goes in the bin. It might seem like a small action, but choosing the right bin makes a big difference.

Your yellow lid bin is for recyclable items such as paper and cardboard, glass bottles and jars, aluminium and steel cans, and hard plastic bottles and containers.

Your red lid bin is for general waste that cannot be recycled, including food scraps, soft plastics and broken household items.

Remember, batteries and items containing batteries never belong in your bins. They can cause fires in waste trucks and at recycling facilities.



Putting the wrong items in either bin can have an impact. Recyclable materials can be lost, more waste can go to landfill, and it can create additional costs that impact our whole community.

Taking a moment to know before you throw helps keep valuable resources out of landfill, keeps recycling working and helps protect our environment for the future.

Not sure where something belongs? A quick search can help you make the right choice and keep your recycling on track. Know what belongs in yellow. Know what belongs in red. Know before you throw.

Visit [knowyourwaste.cairns.qld.gov.au](https://www.knowyourwaste.cairns.qld.gov.au) for tips, guides and information to help you know what goes where.

Dog registration renewals due 31 July

Dog registration helps Council reunite lost pets with their owners and supports important animal management services, including responding to roaming dogs, investigating dog attacks, caring for impounded animals, community education, and pet adoption programs.

How to reduce your dog registration fee:

- Is your dog desexed?
- Do you have a pension card?
- Has your dog completed obedience training?



Update your dog's registration details
save money, avoid fines, and help keep pets safe.

Registering or renewing is quick and easy online.
Scan the QR code or visit [cairns.qld.gov.au](https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au).

Wait for a full load.

Dishwashers and washing machines use less water when full.

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Budget Snapshot

2026/2027

\$786M

TOTAL
BUDGET

\$308M

CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE

3.95%

GENERAL
RATE RISE

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water and waste
utility charges
and
State Waste
Levy

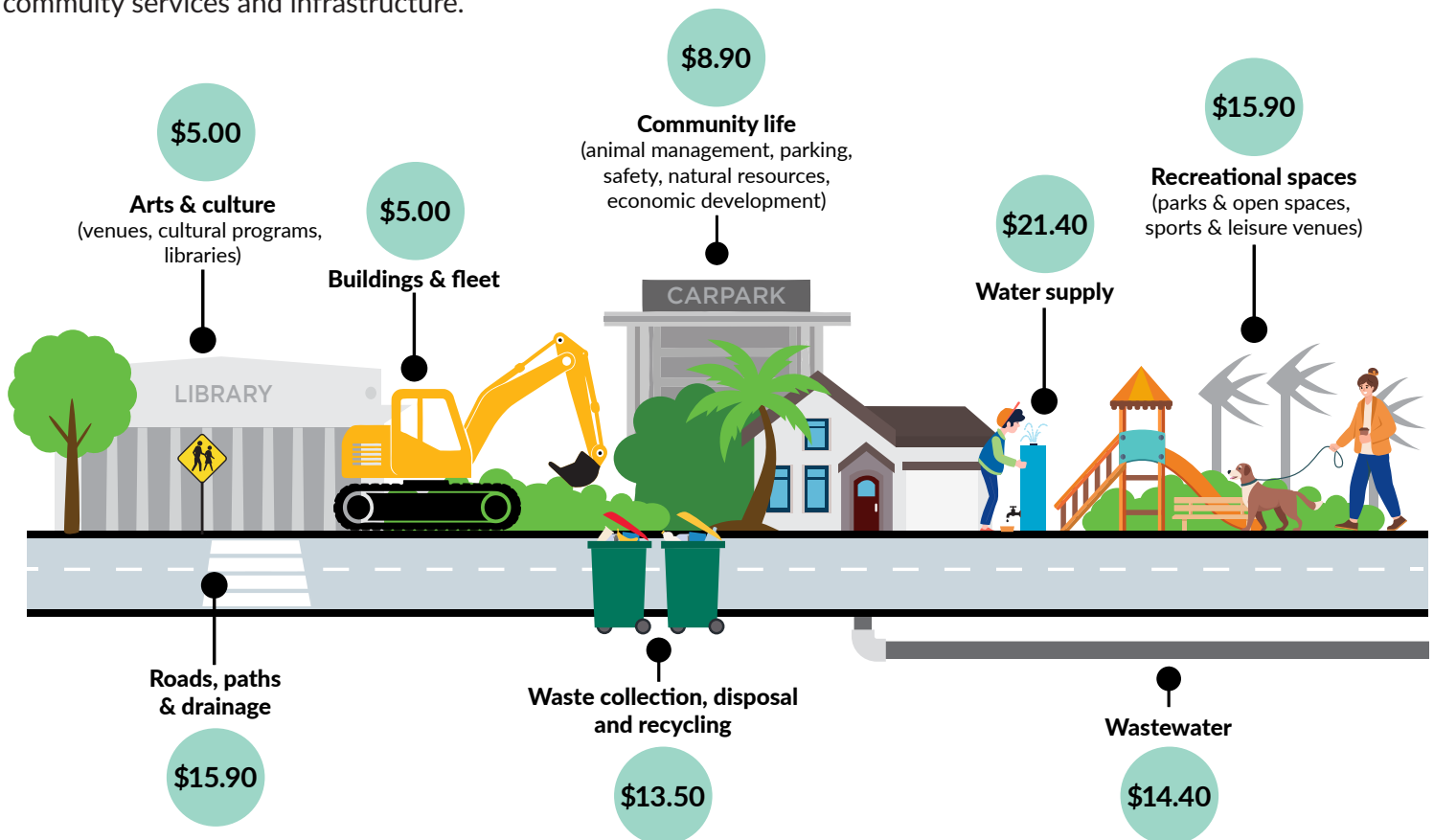
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7.5%

TOTAL
RATE RISE

What this Budget means for you:

Every \$100 of your rates is invested in important community services and infrastructure.



Receive rates and water notices via email

It's easy and convenient to opt-in to receive your Rates and Water Usage Notices direct to your email inbox. You can then download, save, print or just leave the notices in your inbox to access and pay on the go.

Scan the QR code or visit cairns.qld.gov.au

