2017-18 BUDGET

$294 MILLION BALANCED BUDGET
DELIVERED FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

$1.6 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

$169 MILLION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

FOOTPATHS & STREET LIGHTING

- $3.7 million to complete the new Cairns Performing Arts Centre

- $2.6 million for new footpaths and footpath renewals
- $1.75 million for improved street lighting

ARTS & CULTURE

- $1.3 million to support the operations of Cairns Art Gallery
- $350,000 to develop a Japanese Garden
- $190,000 to refurbish the Courthouse to commence construction of new water laboratory
- $700,000 to commence construction of new water laboratory

WATER & WASTEWATER

- $600,000 on water leak detection and education programs
- $656,000 on installing smart water meters
- $700,000 to commence construction of new water laboratory

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

- $367 million spent in the community through materials and services associated with delivering our Capital Works program; and on maintenance, renewals and other services delivered to the community
- $3 million for TWINQ to promote Cairns as a premier tourist destination
- $1.4 million to support and develop major sporting and significant cultural events that will deliver economic benefits to the region
- $422,000 for economic development and to support business and industry development

ESPLANADE & CITY CENTRE

- $5.5 million for redevelopment of Lake Street car park
- $3.5 million to commence projects/works in new CBD Master Plan
- $2.4 million for new Esplanade promenade boardwalk
- $640,000 for renewal to Esplanade and lagoon
- $470,000 for upgrades to the Red and Blue Arrow tracks

RECREATION & LIFESTYLE

- $2.5 million in security services to boost safety
- $2 million this year to upgrade and expand CCTV technology and network
- $1.8 million for Yorkeys Knob foreshore improvements
- $500,000 for bus shelter improvements

SPORT & ACTIVE LIVING

- $1.5 million for Walker Road Sporting Complex
- $1.16 million for Petersen Park field expansion
- $1.1 million for general upgrades to sports facilities
- $650,000 for cycleway at Ryan Weare Park
- $640,000 for improvements to Barlow Park
- $530,000 to continue roll-out of Cycling & Walking Strategy
- $470,000 for renewals to aquatic facilities
- $396,000 for upgrades to the Red and Blue Arrow tracks
- $300,000 for upgrade to Ivan Evans Walking Trail
- $240,000 for upgrade to Cairns Basketball Facility
- $240,000 for rugby field at Wattle Street, Yorkeys Knob
- $90,000 for upgrade to Alley Park Amenities Facility
- $175,000 for upgrade to Aeroglen Trail Head
- $100,000 for Redlynch Community Sports Facility
- $90,000 for park exercise equipment
- $73,000 to complete the new Yellow Arrow Track

WATER & WASTEWATER

- $25 million on new and upgraded wastewater infrastructure
- $1.2 million on upgrade to Freshwater water treatment plant
- $700,000 to commence construction of new water laboratory
- $656,000 on installing smart water meters
- $600,000 on water leak detection and education programs

RATES & CHARGES

- 1.75% rise in general rates across all residential categories
- 1.75% rise in Utilities (water access, sewerage access)
- Residential water use – up by 2 cents a kilolitre to $1.17 per kl

FOOTPATHS & STREET LIGHTING

- $6.6 million to commence the Northern Beaches Leisure Trail

ROADS, BRIDGES & DRAINAGE

- $12 million for resels, overlays and pavement rehabilitation
- $5.7 million on various drainage and flood mitigation works
- $3.8 million for upgrades and replacement of bridges
- $3.6 million for Loganlea and Walker Roads intersection
- $3 million for Knob and Channel
- $1.16 million for Botanica Road and culvert

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RECREATION & LIFESTYLE

- $698,000 for significant upgrades of facilities at Babinda Boulders
- $320,000 for improvements to public toilet facilities
- $325,000 to progress the Lake Placid Masterplan
- $125,000 for improvements to Barlow Park

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- $640,000 for renewal to Esplanade and lagoon
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