

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING	21
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ADOPTION OF 2018/19 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BLUEWATER CANAL

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the 2018/19 Annual Implementation Plan for Bluewater Canal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the actions required in regard to adopting the 2018/19 special charges for Bluewater Canal.

Council must have an overall plan for each special rate or charge. An overall plan is a document that sets out the estimated costs, timeframe and nature of the special service or facility to be provided. It also identifies the rateable land to which the special charges are to be applied. On 23 June 2014 Council adopted the overall plan for the special charges for Bluewater Canal.

Each financial year, Council is required to adopt an annual implementation plan for the special rate or charge. An annual implementation plan is a document that sets out the actions and processes that are to be carried out in the current financial year in relation executing to the overall plan.

There are no changes to the annual implementation plan from the prior year which consists of:

- dredging of the Bluewater Canal, Half Moon Creek and Offshore Channel, including spoil disposal;
- maintenance of channel markers and lights;
- hydrographic surveys

It is therefore recommended that Council adopt the 2018/19 Annual Implementation Plan for Bluewater Canal.

BACKGROUND:

Council is required to adopt an annual implementation plan for each special charge each financial year. The annual implementation plan describes how the overall plan for the special rate or charge will executed in the current financial year.

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (recommended):

That Council adopt the 2018/19 Annual Implementation Plan for Bluewater Canal.

Option 2:

That Council suggest changes be made to the 2018/19 Annual Implementation Plan for Bluewater Canal.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:

The requirements and processes for levying special rates and charges are contained in Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CONSULTATION:

Preston Law were consulted regarding the documentation and processes required for adopting special rates and charges.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2018/19 Annual Implementation Plan – Bluewater Canal (Doc # 5767761)



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Annual Implementation Plan

Bluewater Canal – Special Charge

May 2018

1. Overall Plan

Cairns Regional Council adopted an overall plan for the levying of special charges for Bluewater Canal on 23 June 2014.

The overall plan comprises:

- a. The rateable land to which the plan applies is the land specified in Attachment 1;
- 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 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.

2. Annual Implementation Plan 2018/19

2.1. Action

The annual implementation plan for the 2018/19 financial year, ending on 30 June 2019, is to undertake the following actions and processes:

- a. the dredging of Zone A, Zone B and Zone C as shown in Attachment 2, including soil disposal;
- b. the maintenance of channel markers and lights;
- c. the undertaking of hydrographic surveys; and
- d. apply for and maintain required permits.

2.2. Processes

Council will recover the costs by levying a special charge per berth to the parcels of rateable land to which the special charges applies with respect to zones A, B and C.

A model was developed in 2007 to apportion dredging and maintenance costs based on the number of water frontage properties and marina berths on the canals and offshore channel. It

has been used to determine the special charges since 2007/08. It has also been used to calculate the amount of Council's contribution to the overall cost on behalf of users of the Bluewater and Yorkeys Knob public boat ramps.

The model finalised the number of berths (units of contribution) as follows:

Zone A

Residents on the canals in Bluewater Estate (water frontage) 116 berths

Residents in Riverside Parade (water frontage) 22 berths

Berths in the Bluewater Marina 108 berths

Sub-total - 246 berths

Council contribution for Bluewater boat ramp therefore equivalent to 28 berths –10% of the total

Total Zone A, 274 berths

Zone B

Mouth of Half Moon Creek out to the entrance to the Yorkeys Knob Marina

As for Zone A

Total Zone B, 274 berths

Zone C

Bluewater Estate Residents (water frontage) 116 berths

Riverside Parade Residents (water frontage) 22 berths

Berths in the Bluewater Marina 108 berths

Berths in the Yorkeys Knob Marina 197 berths

Sub-total – 443 berths

Council contribution for Bluewater and Yorkeys Knob boat ramps is equivalent to 56 berths each – 112 berths equivalent to 20% of total

Total Zone C, 555 berths

Attachment 1:

Property Description
Lots 1 to 37 on SP165903
Lots 1 to 2 on SP279525
Lots 39 to 41 on SP165903
Lots 42 on SP241494
Lots 44 to 65 on SP165903
Lots 79 to 116 on SP165903
Lot 117 on SP261231
Lots 119 to 130 on SP165903
Lots 22 to 23 on SP224676
Lots 24 to 31 on RP737271
Lots 32 to 43 on RP737260
Lot 1860 on SP264300 (the "Bluewater Marina")
Lot 26 on SP122863 (the "Yorkeys Knob Marina")

Attachment 2:

