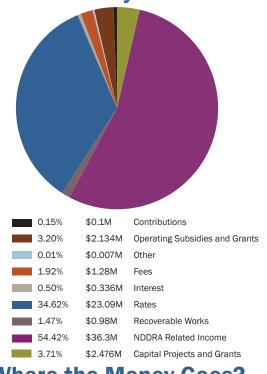
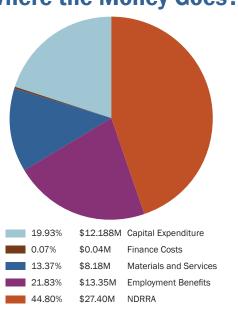
Where the Money Comes From?



Where the Money Goes?



Where Your Rates Go

For every \$100 of your rates, Council delivers a range of services

\$30.30	Roads
\$14.49	Water
\$9.81	Sewerage
\$9.18	Waste
\$7.69	Customer and Administrative Services
\$7.37	Parks, Gardens and Open Spaces
\$5.19	Community Services
\$4.51	Environmental Health and Natural Resource Management
\$4.44	Sport, Recreation and Marine Facilities
\$4.35	Economic Development
\$2.13	Donations and Sponsorships
\$0.54	Emergency and Risk Management
TOTAL \$100	

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

2014-2015 Budget Summary

At a glance...

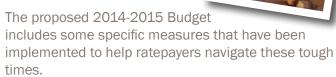
- Overall the general rate and utility charges will increase by 5%
- The 15% discount that was previously available and taken by the majority of ratepayers, has now been automatically applied to all ratepayers. This means that the discount will not be lost on rates paid after the due date.
- Rate notices will now be sent out twice a year. The rate notices will both be for around half of the full years rate charges and will be sent out in July/ August 2014 and January/February 2015.
- A Pensioner concession of up to \$200 will apply to eligible ratepayers



BUDGET SUMMARY

Mayor's Message

The challenges Council faces during the next 12 months are not dissimilar to those faced during the last 12 months. These challenges include having a static population base and a local economy that is under a fair degree of stress.



With regards to rates income, the proposed 2014-2015 Budget incorporates key changes from the 2013-2014 Budget. Firstly, the 15% discount that was previously available to ratepayers who paid by certain 'due dates' will, in 2014-2015, be automatically given to all ratepayers. This means that the discount will not be lost by individual ratepayers who pay their rates after the due date has passed.

Secondly, instead of sending out rate notices once a year for a full year's rates, the rates notices will now be halved and sent out twice a year. It is planned to send the first notice in late July, early August, with a due date of 30 September 2014. The second rates notice will be sent in late January, early February, with a due date of 31 March 2015.

The following is a budget snapshot of the Hinchinbrook Shire Council's 2014-2015 Budget. Not all figures and projects are listed. For Council's financial position and projects view the 2014-2015 Budget at Council's website www.hinchinbrook.gld.gov.au, Hinchinbrook Shire Council office or Hinchinbrook Library.

Mayor Rodger Bow

\$450K for road resurfacing

\$420K for drainage works

\$240K for Hawkins Creek **Road Upgrade**

\$315K

and economic

development

\$600K

for Lannercost

Extension Road

Bridge

\$1.3M

for reticulated water for events, tourism to Forrest Beach (Phase One)

\$250K for new Rotary Park and Ingham CBD toilets

\$330K for Ingham CBD **Main Street Strategy Refresh and Actions**

\$100K for Access **Management at Taylors Beach Boat** Ramp

\$10K

for Christmas decorations in **Ingham CBD**

\$100K

for Halifax **Macrossan Street Kerb and Channel**

\$200K

for extending parking at Dungeness **Boat Ramp and** reinstatement of fishing platform

Rate Notice Example



- A Cleansing Charge This charge is for your mobile wheelie bins and their collection each week for domestic waste and each fortnight for recyclable waste.
- B Waste Management Levy This charge is to manage and operate refuse tips including remediation costs, refuse transfer stations, green waste processing and the environmental activities implemented to meet environmental licencing and control standards. This charge is not related to wheelie bin services.
- C Pensioner Concessions For those who have applied and deemed eligible, the 20% concession from Council and 20% subsidy from the State Government (maximum \$200 from each) will be applied to your rate notice. A 20% subsidy on the State Emergency Management Levy will also apply.
- **D Amount -** This column shows the amount levied/payable for the 6 month rate notice. This has been calculated by dividing the annual rate/charge by 2.

Community members highlighted the need for an economic development officer at the roundtable sessions, along with the need to further develop our tourism product and market.

The new Senior Economic Development and Tourism Officer will liaise with businesses to assist with developing strategies, facilitate opportunities for growth and deliver activities for development.

The officer will work with existing tourism operators and encourage the development of new tourism initiatives. The Shire has significant tourism assets and business opportunities that would leverage on these assets and contribute to economic prosperity.

For all the facts and figures go to www.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au