

Rate Incentives and Economic Growth Opportunities take focus in Council Budget

Total Expenditure \$47.1 Million

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

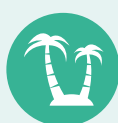
The decisions that underpin the 2019-2020 Budget revolved around the following aspects, the long term sustainability of the Shire; the liveability of our community; the recent environmental impacts that have affected our community; and the general betterment for our community through diversification of industry and facilitation of alternate economic products.

- > **General Rate Revenue** will NOT increase during 2019-2020.
- > **Sewerage or Water Collection Utility Charges** will NOT increase during 2019-2020.
- > Council will implement two new rate payment initiatives:
 1. Residents who pay their rates in full prior to the due date will go in the draw to win \$2,000.
 2. New residential dwellings approved from 1 July 2019 will have General Rates waived for two years subject to lodging an application and satisfying relevant requirements.
- > Council has reduced the cost to hire various facilities such as the showgrounds by up to 50%.
- > Council will continue to remain **debt free**.
- > Council remains committed to fostering business growth and diversification.
- > Council has budgeted a Capital Works Program of \$19.5 million and remains committed to using local businesses and contractors where possible to undertake such works. Council is determined to continue to assist stimulating the local economy.
- > Council will continue to implement marketing to assist to create an enviable lifestyle and contribute to the whole of life liveability of our Shire.

Key Capital Allocations from the 2019-2020 Budget



\$5.6 million in Roads, Bridge Replacement and Drainage Projects



\$320,000 in Marine Enhancements and Protection



\$3.3 million Water Security Project



\$720,000 in Water Projects



\$1.25 million for capping and remedial works at Warrens Hill Waste Facility



\$932,000 Development Initiatives



\$2 million for improvements to Lucinda, Forrest Beach, Taylors Beach and Rotary Park over two years

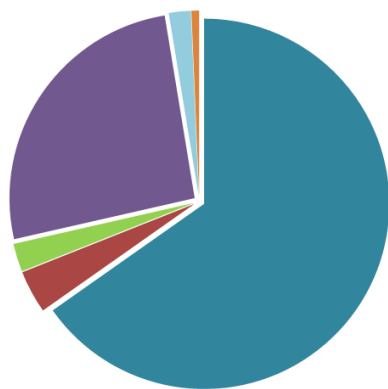


\$691,000 in Footpath Enhancement



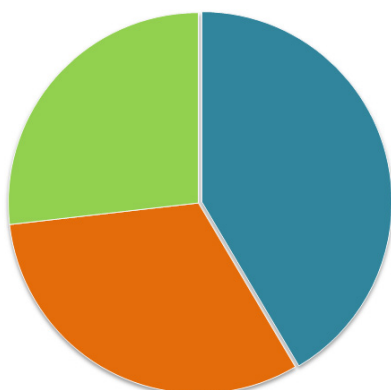
\$830,000 in Sewerage Projects

Where the Money Comes From



65%	Net Rates, Levies and Charges
4%	Fees and Charges
2%	Sales Revenue
26%	Subsidies and Grants
2%	Interest Received
1%	Other

Where the Money Goes



41%	Capital Expenditure
32%	Staffing Costs
27%	Materials and Services

NO INCREASE

General Rate and Utility Charges

There will be no increases to the following:

General Rate	NIL
Water utility base charge	NIL
Average domestic water consumption charge	NIL
Sewerage utility charge	NIL
Cleansing charge	NIL
Waste Management Levy	NIL

Understanding Rates and Charges

For every \$100 Council delivers a range of services

\$35.91	Roads
\$15.25	Waste
\$13.36	Water and Sewerage
\$9.17	Community Services
\$6.79	Environmental Health and Natural Resource Management
\$6.15	Economic Development
\$6.02	Parks, Gardens and Open Spaces
\$4.04	Sport, Recreation and Marine Facilities
\$2.11	Town Planning and Regulatory Services
\$0.69	Emergency and Risk Management
\$0.51	Donations and Sponsorships
\$100.00	TOTAL

Virtual Vouchers

The Virtual Waste Vouchers Program will continue in 2019-2020 with vouchers to be used at both the Warrens Hill Waste Facility or Halifax Transfer Station.

Each residential property within the Shire has four free virtual waste vouchers available to them. These can be accessed by presenting proof of address when visiting a Waste Facility or Transfer Station in the Shire.

Vouchers can be used for domestic waste (general or green waste). For more information please visit Council's website, www.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au.

Pensioner Discount

The Queensland Government offers a Pensioner Subsidy of 20% to an annual maximum of \$200 on your General Rates. If the eligibility requirements are met for this Subsidy, Council will automatically grant a Pensioner Concession of 20% on your General Rates also to an annual maximum of \$200 which means a total of 40% up to an annual maximum of \$400 off your General Rates.