

1. Key Activities

The Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade area covers properties in both Hinchinbrook Shire and neighbouring Townsville City Council rural areas. The Brigade's key activities/services include:

- To present "Fire Ed" (primary school package) to educate children at Mutarnee State Primary School;
- To evaluate fire hazards before the fire season for the implementation of effective hazard reduction schemes;
- Enhance liaison with/and local hazard reductions plans with the following agencies: Queensland National Parks and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland Rail, Department of Transport and Main Roads, Hinchinbrook Shire Council and Townsville City Council;
- Train all members in Level 1 firefighting on a yearly basis; and
- Have an annual community meeting to discuss the collection of public monies and their use for such items as: fuel, tyres, batteries, safety equipment and equipment maintenance etc.

2. The rateable land to which the Special Charge applies

The special rate will apply to all rateable land situated within the area identified on the map numbered 2021/4.

3. Cost of implementing this Overall Plan

The Brigade has advised Council that the cost of implementing the Overall Plan for 2023-2024 is approximately \$1,000 for operational costs. Unused funds will be set aside towards future building and maintenance repairs.

The Brigade has requested Council to levy each parcel of rateable land an amount of \$0 per annum for at least the next year. This charge will raise no income to be contributed to the Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade.

4. Estimated time for implementing this Overall Plan

This Overall Plan covers the 2023-2024 financial year. It is reviewed, and updated as required, on an annual basis.

5. Legal Parameters

- *Local Government Act 2009*;
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
- *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*

6. Associated Documents

- 2023-2024 Revenue Statement; and
- Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Area Map 2021/4

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Legend

- Place Name
- ▨ QFES Rural Fire Brigade Boundary
- Water
- ▤ Shire Boundary
- ▧ Cadastre



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