



2026-2027

BACK TO BASICS BUDGET

delivering essential services responsibly in a time of rising costs

4.5%

general rate increase, with **84%** of **5,195** residential ratepayers seeing increases of **\$1.70 per week or less**

- Multi unit properties higher increase applied to better reflect service costs
- Rates aligned more closely with strata-titled equivalents

5.21%

overall rates, waste, water, and sewerage charges increase which is

\$4.01 per week

\$67.2M

overall budget including:

\$53.1M

operational budget and

\$14.1M

capital works budget for 49 projects



major project highlights

\$5.11M

Extension of reticulated sewerage along Townsville Road and Sir Arthur Fadden Parade, Ingham

\$1.3M

Works for Queensland projects upgrading parks, recreational spaces and community facilities

~\$1M

Bridge replacement at Macknade Creek along Old Wharf Road

This budget will help us maintain our operations...

32km footpaths and cycleways	726km roads
6,591 rateable properties	24,000 tonnes of waste processed
184 employees	10,923 consumers delivered drinking water
9,908 customer service requests	278km water mains
80 parks and playgrounds	429 development and building applications
21 tenders awarded	2,847 sewage connections
11 community facilities	16,197 patrons to TYTO Regional Art Gallery
2,835 permits for travellers to stay at 3 RV parks	2 landfills

The above figures are based from the 2024-2025 Hinchinbrook Shire Council Annual Report

Other budget highlights

30% capping for sugar cane, forestry and rural land
\$110K rates discounts for not-for-profit organisations
\$130K for local community grants and art development support
20% rebate for eligible pensioners in addition to state concession