## **COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT**

This community financial report presents Council's financial performance and financial position in an informative and understandable way to enable easy evaluation by members of the community. Graphs are widely used for visual presentation of data and key financial statistics and ratios that can be useful indicators of Council's performance are included.

Council's annual budget comprises of two elements, the annual Operating Budget and the Capital Budget.

The annual operating budget takes into consideration the needs of the community and ensures that Council has adequate revenue to provide for those levels of service. Council maintains and manages infrastructure assets that are largely unique to the public sector, including the community's water, sewerage and waste infrastructure assets, a network of roads, bridges, drainage and marine assets, footpaths, parks, foreshores, camping grounds, sportsgrounds, showgrounds and community halls. It operates library and visitor information centers across the region, provides planning services and supports community, sport and cultural programs. Council provides for these extensive and diverse range of services primarily by utilising revenue from rates and grants. The 2021/2022 budget delivers a small operating surplus of \$12k.

The capital budget provides for investment in community infrastructure to service the region with a 10 year long term forecast designed to accommodate the needs of the community into the future. Community assets cover categories such as land, buildings, plant and equipment, road, water, sewerage and waste infrastructure. Continuing to invest in community assets, the 2021/2022 budget delivers a capital works program of \$35.4M.

In framing the budget, Council has focused on continuing to achieve efficiencies and reduce operating costs, whilst maintaining a level of service that meets community expectations. This has been achieved by including asset rationalisation targets, reviewing the way in which Council insures its assets and reducing the number of operational initiatives in the 2020/2021 financial year.

Taking these factors into consideration Council has determined a minimal increase to the level of rating with a general rate increase of 1.98% for the 2021/2022 financial year.

Annual Budget 2021/2022 At A Glance					
	\$'000s				
Operating Revenue	\$83,420				
Operating Expense	\$83,408				
Operating Position	\$12				
Capital Income	\$3,922				
Capital Expenses	(\$0)				
Net Result	\$3,934				
Total Assets	\$1,259,238				
Total Liabilities	\$27,942				
Net Community Assets	\$1,231,296				
Total Capital Works Expenditure	\$35,426				



#### BACKGROUND

This community financial report provides an analysis of the Council's financial performance and position for the 2021/2022 financial year. This report has been designed utilising graphs and tables to provide a general overview.

The Budget Financial Statements have five key elements:

- 1. Statement of Income and Expenditure (Profit and Loss): measures how Council performed in relation to income and expenditure from operations to give a net result. Included is a range of capital revenue (grants and contributions) and expenses that recognise the movement in the value of provisions and asset valuations disclosed in the statement of financial position.
- 2. Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet): is a snapshot of what we own (our assets) and what we owe (our liabilities) as at the end of the financial year, with the difference (our equity) reflecting our net worth.
- 3. Statement of Changes in Equity: summarises changes in our net worth during the year including showing the movements in our retained earnings, reserves and asset revaluation surplus.
- 4. **Statement of Cash Flows:** shows cash movements that have occurred during the financial year. The closing balance reflects how much cash Council had at the end of the financial year.
- 5. **Financial Sustainability Ratios:** provide an indication of our relative sustainability based on the current year's performance and best estimates around future operational activities. The three sustainability indicators have been set up by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to help monitor the long-term sustainability of all Councils across Queensland.

### **BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND PRINCIPLES**

Under the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012,* Council's budget must be prepared on an accrual basis and include financial statements for the year for which it was prepared and the next two financial years.

The results of this budget are linked to the Corporate Plan which provides the strategic direction for Council and the Operational Plan which outlines key objectives and deliverables for Council for the upcoming year. The budget forms the basis of Council's Long Term Financial Forecast and is aligned with Council's Asset Management Plans and Capital Works Program.

Council is committed to delivering balanced operating budgets and a capital works program that is deliverable and not only maintains existing assets but have a significant focus on renewals. Council aims to deliver on these long-term objectives with rate rises at or around CPI.

During 2021/2022, Council will continue to drive costs down by ensuring that the organisation is operating efficiently and effectively throughout the financial year.



#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The statement of comprehensive income is a summary of revenue (income) recognised during the year, offset against expenses from the cost of our operations. Council is budgeting a small operating surplus (recurrent revenue less recurrent expenses) of \$12k.



#### **OPERATING POSITION**

Council's operating position reflects the organisation's ability to meet its everyday running costs from operating revenue. The operating position is calculated by taking total operating expenses from total operating revenue and does not include revenue or expenditure amounts for capital projects. The result is either a surplus or a deficit.

Council has budgeted an operating surplus of \$12k for the 2021/2022 financial year and an operating surplus of \$74k and \$41k for the years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 respectively.

A strong focus on efficiency and financial diligence has enabled Council to continue to deliver existing services along with new initiatives whilst also keeping this year's net general rates increase at 1.98%.



Operating activities do not include income or costs associated with construction, rehabilitation or renewal of community infrastructure. These elements are reflects in the Statement of Financial Position as additional assets owned by the community.

Implicit in Council's revenue assumptions is a minimal population growth rate of 0.60% and an average general rate increase of 1.98% in 2021/22 and then close to CPI in future years. Average utility charges have increased by 2.13% in 2021/22. The majority of Fees and charges have increased on average by 2%. Expenditure assumptions align mainly to CPI in future years.

Council provides a range of services to the community. The total budgeted expenditure for 2021/2022 can be broken down into the following service types as displayed on the graph on the following page:







## **OPERATING REVENUE**



Rates and utility charges continue to be the major source of income for Council. Council endeavours to maximise revenue from sources other than rates by actively pursuing grants and subsidies from State and Federal Government, engaging in a range of external works projects and ensuring returns from assets and investment are adequate.

# **OPERATING EXPENSE**



Materials and services together with employee benefits comprise 65.9% of Council's forecast total operating expenditure. Council is one of the region's largest employers and engages in business with a range of local suppliers and contractors to spending in the local economy. To assist with delivering a budget with minimal rate increases Council has factored in insurance and employee related savings of \$550k.

Depreciation is another major component of Council's operating expense. It represents the estimated reduction in the value of an asset as it is used to provide a service to the community. It provides a guide as to what Council should spend on asset renewals and it is a component of the Asset Sustainability Ratio. As such, Council's ability to reduce this figure is limited, however Asset Management Plans are in place with asset rationalisation possibilities being considered further in 2021/2022. A savings target of \$400k has been factored into the budget relating to work already undertaken with the Community Consultative Group to rationalise Council's significant asset base. This has significantly assisted Council in adopting a balanced budget for 2021/2022.



# NET RESULT



Council's projected net result reflects total revenue less total expenses including capital revenue.



#### **CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**

Council manages a very diverse range of infrastructure assets with a gross value in excess of \$1.7B. These assets cover land, buildings, plant and equipment and a network of road, bridge, marine, drainage, waste, water and sewerage assets. Council is responsible for the construction, upgrade and renewal of these assets through its capital works program. This is achieved by utilising a combination of revenue and capital contributions and grants.

Council's capital works program for 2021/2022 totals \$35.4M. Council will use a combination of Council-sourced funding, loans and capital grants to fund this program. The following graph provides a breakdown of the proposed capital works for the 2021/2022 financial year by asset class.





#### **10 YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FORECAST**

The 2021/2022 budget includes the adoption of a 10 year forecasted capital works program. This represents an investment of \$335M in community infrastructure assets, establishing a platform for regional growth and providing a sustained boost to local economic activity. The ten year capital program takes into account projected regional growth, better utilisation of assets, as well as the ageing of the assets and the need to renew.



#### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

The statement of financial position is a snapshot of Council assets less liabilities. It presents what we own (assets) and what we owe (liabilities), with net community assets of Council being represented by the difference.

The budgeted result is a \$1.23B value of net community assets that is managed by Council on behalf of the ratepayers and residents of the region.





#### **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

The statement of Changes in Equity explains the change in the net wealth of Council during the financial year. Equity includes retained earnings from previous years, and any movement in asset values arising from annual revaluations of asset classes. As at the 30 June 2022, Council will have an estimated retained surplus of \$676.6M and an estimated Asset Revaluation surplus of \$554.7M.



# **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

This statement identifies where actual cash was received and how that cash was spent throughout the financial year. Expenditure could be from normal operating activities, investment in community infrastructure, or the receipt or payment of loans. The final balance shows the total cash at the end of the financial year budgeted in 2021/2022 to be \$40.8M. The total cash is budgeted to decrease by \$4.9M in the 2021/2022 year due to unknown funding sources for future capital works programs and the repayment of loans.

A large portion of the cash balance is restricted for future capital investment into community infrastructure. Council invests surplus funds throughout the year in low risk, short term investments in accordance with Council's investment policy and regulatory guidelines.





## FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS

During any period, whether it be growth, steady or decline, responsible financial management is crucial for Council to ensure it is financially sustainable for the short, medium and long term. There are three measures of financial sustainability used to demonstrate that Council is operating in a prudent financial manner whilst maintaining its financial management objectives.

The target range for the financial ratio graphs are in accordance with the Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience Financial management (Sustainability) Guidelines 2013. There are circumstances specific to Council where actual results may vary from target range.

Financial Ratios	Target Range
Operating Surplus Ratio	Between 0 and 10%
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	Not greater than 60%
Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%





The Operating Surplus Ratio for Council of 0% indicates that Council has budgeted to achieve a balanced operating result with recurrent operating revenue equal to recurrent operating expenses. Council is committed to achieving a positive operating surplus ratio into the future to ensure long-term financial sustainability. This strengthens our financial position, placing less reliance on borrowings with reduced debt levels and associated interest expense.

The Net Financial Liabilities Ratio is an indicator of the extent to which our liabilities can be serviced by our operating revenues. A ratio of less than zero (negative) indicates that the current assets (cash and receivables) exceed total liabilities (payables and provisions). This trend indicates that Council remains in a strong financial position and has the capacity to increase its loan borrowings if required in the future.

The Asset Sustainability Ratio is an approximation of the extent to which the property, plant and community infrastructure is being managed by Council and being replaced or renewed as it reaches the end of its useful lives. The ratio uses actual expenditure on the renewal and rehabilitation of assets as a percentage of the annual depreciation expense (which measures the rate at which assets are being used each year). This ratio indicates whether Council is renewing or replacing existing non-financial assets at the same rate that it is wearing out. Natural disaster relief and recovery activities can have a significant impact on this ratio.

#### LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

Council has developed, and maintains, a robust long term financial forecast in order to ensure Council continues to be sustainable in the long term. The forecast covers a period of 10 years and contains forecasts for operational and capital revenue and expenditure, asset, liabilities and equity. The long term financial forecast is key to the strategic direction of Council and is consistent with Council's Corporate Plan and Asset Management Plans.

Council's 2021/2022 long term financial plan continues to indicate that Council will remain sustainable and has the ability to maintain outstanding levels of services, continued investment in infrastructure with an annual



capital works program averaging \$33.3M per annum while maintaining an average rates rise within CPI expectations over the 10 year period.

Key outputs from the long term financial forecast as outlined below and are underpinned by reasonable annual increases in rates.



# RATES REVENUE

Rates revenue continues to be the major source of income for Council at a budgeted 82% of total operational revenue for 2021/2022. This revenue is derived from various categories as detailed below:





The following table breaks down the forecast rate increases for general rates implicit in the long term forecast. Council is targeting rate rises at or around CPI over the long term.

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Growth	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
СРІ	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.20%	2.35%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
General Rates	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%



# **RATES AND CHARGES COMPARATIVE**



	<\$70,000	<\$70,000		\$70,000-\$119,999	,
INNISFAIL GENERAL RATES	LY 1148.00	CY 1171.00	INNISFAIL GENERAL RATES	LY 1591.00	CY 1623.00
WATER	473.00	487.00	WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE	999.00	1016.00	SEWERAGE	999.00	1016.00
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
	210.00	214.00	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	179.40	179.40	FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	179.40	179.40
GROSS AMOUNT	3779.40	3861.40	GROSS AMOUNT	4222.40	4313.40
DISCOUNT	114.80	117.10	DISCOUNT	159.10	162.30
NET AMOUNT	3664.60	3744.30	NET AMOUNT	4063.30	4151.10
		2.17%			2.16%
	<\$70,000	<\$70,000		\$70,000-\$119,999	\$70,000-\$119,999
CARDWELL	LY	CY	CARDWELL	LY	CY
GENERAL RATES	1148.00	1171.00	GENERAL RATES	1591.00	1623.00
WATER	473.00	487.00	WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE			SEWERAGE		
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60	FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	2711.60	2776.60	GROSS AMOUNT	3154.60	3228.60
DISCOUNT	114.80	117.10	DISCOUNT	159.10	162.30
NET AMOUNT	2596.80	2659.50	NET AMOUNT	2995.50	3066.30
		2.41%			2.36%
	<\$70,000	<\$70,000		\$70,000-\$119,999	\$70,000-\$119,999
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GENERAL RATES	1148.00	1171.00	GENERAL RATES	1591.00	1623.00
WATER	473.00	487.00	WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE	205.00	257.00	SEWERAGE	205.00	257.00
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
	210.00	214.00	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60	FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	2711.60	2776.60	GROSS AMOUNT	3154.60	3228.60
DISCOUNT NET AMOUNT	114.80 2596.80	117.10 2659.50		159.10	162.30 3066.30
	2596.60	2.41%	NET AMOUNT	2995.50	2.36%
MISSION BEACH (WB & SM)	<\$70,000 LY	<\$70,000 CY	MISSION BEACH (WB & SM)	\$70,000-\$119,999 LY	\$70,000-\$119,999 CY
GENERAL RATES	1148.00	1171.00	GENERAL RATES	1591.00	
WATER	473.00	487.00	WATER	473.00	
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	
SEWERAGE	940.00	956.00	SEWERAGE	940.00	956.00
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
	110.60	110.60		110.60	110.60
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY) GROSS AMOUNT	3651.60	3732.60	FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY) GROSS AMOUNT	4094.60	4184.60
		5752.00		4034.00	4104.00
DISCOUNT	114.80	117.10	DISCOUNT	159.10	162.30
NET AMOUNT	3536.80	3615.50	NET AMOUNT	3935.50	4022.3



# **RATES AND CHARGES COMPARATIVE** (CONTINUED)

	<\$70,000	<\$70,000		\$70,000-\$119,999	\$70,000-\$119,999
MISSION BEACH NTH (MB & BB)	LY	СҮ	MISSION BEACH (MB & BB)	ACH (MB & BB) LY	
GENERAL RATES	1148.00	1171.00	GENERAL RATES	1591.00	1623.00
WATER	473.00	487.00	WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE	940.00	956.00	SEWERAGE	940.00	956.00
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60	FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	3651.60	3732.60	GROSS AMOUNT	4094.60	4184.60
DISCOUNT	114.80	117.10	DISCOUNT	159.10	162.30
NET AMOUNT	3536.80	3615.50	NET AMOUNT	3935.50	4022.30
		2.23%			2.21%
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GENERAL RATES	1148.00	1171.00	GENERAL RATES	1591.00
WATER	473.00	487.00	WATER	473.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00
SEWERAGE	940.00	956.00	SEWERAGE	940.00
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	GARBAGE	347.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60	FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	3651.60	3732.60	GROSS AMOUNT	4094.60
DISCOUNT	114.80	117.10	DISCOUNT	159.10
NET AMOUNT	3536.80	3615.50	NET AMOUNT	3935.50
		2.23%		

	<\$70,000	<\$70,000
KURRIMINE BEACH	LY	CY
GENERAL RATES	1148.00	1171.00
WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE		
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	2711.60	2776.60
DISCOUNT	114.80	117.10
NET AMOUNT	2596.80	2659.50
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	\$70,000-\$119,999	\$70,000-\$119,999
KURRIMINE BEACH	LY	CY
GENERAL RATES	1591.00	1623.00
WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE		
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	3154.60	3228.60
DISCOUNT	159.10	162.30
NET AMOUNT	2995.50	3066.30
		2.36%

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GENERAL RATES	1909.00	1947.00	C
WATER	473.00	487.00	١
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	١
SEWERAGE	999.00	1016.00	S
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	C
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	٦
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00	E
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	179.40	179.40	F
GROSS AMOUNT	4540.40	4637.40	(
DISCOUNT	190.90	194.70	0
NET AMOUNT	4349.50	4442.70	1
		2.14%	

	\$120,000-\$159,999	\$120,000-\$159,999
KURRIMINE BEACH	LY	CY
GENERAL RATES	1909.00	1947.00
WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE		
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	3472.60	3552.60
DISCOUNT	190.90	194.70
	3281.70	
NET AMOUNT	3281.70	3357.90
		2.32%



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# RATES AND CHARGES COMPARATIVE (CONTINUED)

	\$120,000-\$159,999	\$120,000-\$159,999		\$120,000-\$159,999	\$120,000-\$159,999
MISSION BEACH (MB & BB)	LY	СҮ	MISSION BEACH (WB & SM)	LY	СҮ
GENERAL RATES	1909.00	1947.00	GENERAL RATES	1909.00	1947.00
WATER	473.00	487.00	WATER	473.00	487.00
WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00	WATER CONSUMPTION (assumed 300kl)	285.00	297.00
SEWERAGE	940.00	956.00	SEWERAGE	940.00	956.00
GARBAGE	347.00	352.00	GARBAGE	347.00	352.00
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	138.00	145.00
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LEVY	210.00	214.00
FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60	FIRE LEVY (20/21 FY)	110.60	110.60
GROSS AMOUNT	4412.60	4508.60	GROSS AMOUNT	4412.60	4508.60
DISCOUNT	190.90	194.70	DISCOUNT	190.90	194.70
NET AMOUNT	4221.70	4313.90	NET AMOUNT	4221.70	4313.90
		2.18%			2.18%

The tables above demonstrate the impact of changes made to rates and utility charges to the residential category. The notable items that has impacted rates and utilities for the next financial year are as follows:

- A modest average increase in General Rates of 1.98%
- An increase to Environmental (\$4) and Transport Levies (\$7)
- Increasing the water access charge by 3% to cover the cost associated with the investment in water related capital infrastructure including three new reservoirs and no boil water alerts as a result
- Reducing water consumption Tiers from 450KL to 425KL to encourage sustainable water usage across the Cassowary Coast
- 1.7% increase in sewerage charges
- Minimal increase to Trade Waste (2%) and Waste Management Charges (1.4%)

The impact of the items highlighted above will vary between the rating categories and Council has factored in the budget a savings target of \$950k for employee related expenditure, insurance and asset rationalisation to minimise the impact on ratepayers. The net change to rates and utility for Council overall is an increase of 2.29% when compared with the previous year's estimated figures.

