



BUDGET 2023/24

For a full run-down of this year's budget, visit
Council's website www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

See how we invest in our community to deliver current services and maintain assets to ensure services can continue to be delivered in future years. Your rates account for 67 percent of our total operating revenue with the remainder from fees & charges, grants and subsidies.

Operational Budget

\$2M ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Funding support for Tourism Whitsundays, Bowen Tourism & Business and GW3 for regional & economic development

\$30M WATER & SEWERAGE

8 water & sewerage treatment plants
86 sewerage pump stations
838 KM's of water & sewer mains
144KM's of stormwater drainage
Over 25,000 water & sewer connections

\$8.2M PLANNING REGULATORY & CLIMATE

Adaptation and mitigation projects to prepare our region for climate change. Town planning to ensure sustainable development. Regulating compliance with state & council laws

\$26.9M ADMINISTRATION & CORPORATE SERVICES

Ensuring efficient management of internal services across the organisation, its finances and Council's property and fleet

\$9.2M LIBRARIES, CUSTOMER & COMMUNITY SERVICES

4 regional libraries with free membership
15,788 library members
60,338 resources including 1 pop-up mobile library
55 community centres & facilities

\$9.3M WASTE & RECYCLING

On average in 2022/23:
Kerbside waste - 9195 tonnes collected
Kerbside recycling - 1510 tonnes sent to materials recycling facility
Greenwaste - 8782 tonnes processed
Waste - 46,958 tonnes landfilled

\$9.2M PARKS & RECREATION

121 parks and open spaces (530 HA)
234 pieces of playground equipment
4097 pieces of park furniture
35 pieces of exercise equipment
7 sport & recreation facilities

\$33.7M ROADS, FOOTPATHS BUILDING MAINTENANCE

1210KM's of unsealed roads
580 KM's of sealed roads
117 KM's of footpaths
43 bridges
392 commercial, corporate & civic buildings

\$1.8M COMMUNITY GRANTS & EVENTS

Our community grants program provides financial support to enable local sport, arts, non-for-profit groups and events to reach their goals

\$3.5M AQUATIC FACILITIES

3 regional swimming pools
Airlie Beach Lagoon
3 water parks
Free entry to all facilities

\$17.4M PORTS & QUARRY

Whitsunday Coast Airport
Bowen, Collinsville & Mt Coolon Aerodromes
Shute Harbour Marine Terminal
Foxdale Quarry

Connect, Create, Enable, Innovate

Providing career paths for locals

Enjoy our Whitsunday weather

Supporting the heart of our community

We value and look after our pensioners



OUR LIBRARIES ARE FREE AND OFFER OVER 60,000 RESOURCES - BOTH DIGITAL & TRADITIONAL



WE WILL EMPLOY 8 TRAINEES AND 11 APPRENTICES



WITH FREE AQUATIC FACILITIES - SWIMMING POOLS, WATER PARKS AND THE LAGOON!



IN 2022/23 WE GAVE \$1.33M IN SPONSORSHIPS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS ACROSS THE REGION



WITH A 30% PENSIONER CONCESSION ON RATES & CHARGES (CAPPED AT \$350). LAST YEAR THIS AMOUNTED TO \$717K

RATES & CHARGES 2023/24

AN
AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL
OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY
IN THE WHITSUNDAY REGION

RESIDENTIAL OWNER OCCUPIED RATES REVENUE

General rates **↑ 2%**

5% discount for early payment of rates

Total rates & charges **↑ 3.3%**

WATER ACCESS
CHARGE

↑ \$26

SEWERAGE
UTILITY CHARGE

↑ \$36

DOMESTIC
GARBAGE CHARGE

↑ \$19

DOMESTIC
RECYCLABLE CHARGE

↑ \$11

AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY

Based on land valuation of:	\$163,716
Gross total of annual rates & charges: (excludes water consumption)	\$4,172
Net annual rates & charges: (includes 5% discount)	\$3,964
Net increase per year: (includes 5% discount)	\$125

NET INCREASE PER WEEK

\$2.40

A 30% concession on rates and charges applies to pensioners (capped at \$350).

The above excludes State Government Emergency Management Fire & Rescue Levy & Rural Fire Service Levy for which Council only acts as a collection agency.

The CPI for the March Quarter 2023 was 6.3% which has a huge cost impact on running business as normal for council.

CAPITAL WORKS & REMEDIATION PROGRAM

In addition to maintaining our essential services, we also invest in capital projects as we know that building for the future means more jobs, growth and investment in the region. The capital works program will help support this growth and prepare us for the future.

There are 153 projects in our capital program in the 2023/24 financial year, spread across the Whitsunday Region.

Highlights include:



\$11.5M on stormwater drainage, roads and footpath infrastructure including **\$2M** for Stage 2 of the Bicentennial Walkway and **\$4.2M** on gravel road re-sheeting



\$9.6M on water & sewerage infrastructure



\$6.4M on our waste facilities and infrastructure to plan for our future and minimise our impact on the environment



\$2.4M on regional airport operations



\$1.4M to continue the Choose Collinsville Main Street upgrade, a new pump track and improvements to the Collinsville swimming pool.



\$850k on regional amenities renewals including upgrades to the Airlie Beach Lagoon amenities block



\$500k to continue the upgrading of the Cape Edgecumbe Walking Trails



\$360k for a new Basketball Court at Halpannel Park in Proserpine



\$85k on a new shelter at Grey's Bay in Bowen

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READY TO GO PAPERLESS?

You can receive your rates & water notices electronically via email. It's easy and convenient, simply register online in just a few easy steps! Make sure you have a copy of your rates notice with you when you are signing up. Registration enquiries can be directed to 1300 972 753.



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