

2025/26 BUDGET



GROWING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Capital Program Highlights

The capital budget is used to create, upgrade or extend Council assets and infrastructure.

AQUATIC FACILITIES



- Airlie Beach Lagoon – Plant room equipment renewal - **\$1.3M**
- Bowen & Proserpine Pool solar shade structures - **\$806k**
- Proserpine Pool - Plant room and Water Park equipment renewals and commence refurbishment of amenity block- **\$696k**
- Dingo Beach swimming enclosure refurbishment - **\$435k**
- Bowen Swimming Pool and Water Park equipment renewal - **\$324k**
- Collinsville Water Park fencing, pool and Water Park plant room equipment renewal - **\$70k**

Did you know? Our aquatic facilities are all free of charge!

PARKS & RECREATION



- Parks and Gardens asset renewals - region wide - **\$2.16M**
- Lake Proserpine powered camping sites - **\$175k**
- Cannonvale Lakes infrastructure improvements - **\$550k**
- Asset upgrades at Snows Beach, Shute Harbour - **\$245k**
- New basketball court at Halpannell Park, Proserpine - **\$239k**
- Mullers Lagoon Masterplan Stage 1 - **\$150k**
- Upgrade to Mill Street Park, Proserpine - **\$142k**
- Cannonvale Skate Park lighting - **\$40k**
- Commence Dingo Beach walking track - **\$4.5K**

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE



- Collinsville Community Hub - **\$11.6M**
- Whitsunday Regional Sports Precinct - **\$3M**
- Airlie Beach Master Plan Stage 1 - design, execute and build **\$1.5M**
- Bowen Foreshore Master Plan Stage 1 - Detailed design, execute and build - **\$700k**
- Cannonvale Community Hub - **\$469k**

FOOTPATH RENEWAL



- Regional missing link footpaths - **\$1.3M**
- Footpath renewal program - **\$850k**

WASTE



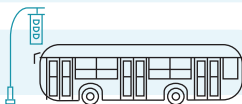
- A total of **\$18.7M** will be invested in waste management including landfill and transfer station upgrades, and work on former landfill sites.
Highlights include:
- Construction of cell 2 and closing of cell 1 at the Bowen Landfill to maintain safe, long-term waste capacity - **\$14M**
- Management of legacy landfill sites - **\$7.9M**
- Upgrades at Kelsey Creek Landfill, including transfer site works, sediment pond and leachate pre-treatment - **\$1.7M**
- Upgrades and maintenance at the Collinsville Transfer Station - **\$163k**

WATER & SEWER



- A total of **\$24.2M** will be spent on water and sewer infrastructure renewals and upgrades including mains, pumps, reservoirs, pits, electrical works and system renewals.
Highlights include:
- Various water network reconfigurations - **\$3.1M**
- Jubilee Pocket trunk water main - **\$2.6M**
- Proserpine high-level reservoir trunk water main - **\$2.4M**
- Carlo Drive trunk sewer mains project - **\$2.4M**
- Bowen Reservoir renewal - **\$1.8M**
- Bowen Water Treatment Plant intake switchboard and structure - **\$1.3M**
- Collinsville Water Treatment Plant upgrades, including automation, SCADA integration, and safety improvements - **\$975k**
- Regional sewer relining - **\$960k**
- Structural renewals - Bowen Sewer Network Pump Station - **\$891k**
- Proserpine ground-level reservoir and pump system upgrade at the water tower - **\$550k**

TRANSPORT & DRAINAGE



- A total of **\$36.3M** will be spent renewals and upgrades to roads, bridges, crossings, stormwater and culverts.
Highlights include:
- Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and Betterment Funding - **\$18.4M**
- Rehabilitation and resurfacing program - **\$4.7M**
- Unsealed roads improvement program - **\$3M**
- Stormwater renewals - **\$2.5M**
- Local Roads of Regional Significance resurfacing and reseal program (Sealed Roads) - **\$1.2M**
- Carlo Drive stormwater drainage - **\$896k**
- Unsealed roads creek crossing program - **\$600k**
- Kelsey Creek Bridge renewal - **\$500k**
- Strathmore Road, Ted Cunningham Bridge approach improvements - **\$180k**

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To find out more information about the WRC 2025/26 Budget, please visit the Council website www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au

INVESTING IN **EVERYDAY LIVEABILITY**

Our Operational Budget

The operational budget covers the ongoing costs of delivering services and running the day-to-day activities of Council.

ROADS, FOOTPATHS & BUILDINGS

Roads, buildings and footpaths providing essential links across our region **\$45.2m**

WASTE & RECYCLING

Supporting a cleaner region through responsible waste and recycling **\$14.5m**

PARKS & RECREATION

120 parks to enjoy, thousands of play pieces & spaces to stay active **\$11.3m**

LIBRARIES, CUSTOMER & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Libraries and customer and community spaces for locals **\$9m**

AQUATIC FACILITIES

Regional pools, water parks and the Airlie Beach Lagoon—free, fun and open to all **\$5.7m**

WATER & SEWERAGE

Safe, reliable water and sewer systems, maintained to serve our growing region **\$37.1m**

COMMUNITY GRANTS & EVENTS

Grants to help local groups, sport, arts and events thrive **\$1.8m**

GOVERNANCE, DECISION MAKING & INTERNAL OPERATIONS

Efficiently managing tech, governance, finances, property and fleet **\$12.8m**

PLANNING, REGULATORY & ENVIRONMENT

Environment protection, sustainable planning and local law regulation **\$10m**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Investing in tourism and development via key regional partners **\$2.7m**

WHITSUNDAY COAST AIRPORT



The Whitsunday Coast Airport is a fully self-funded, Council-owned asset that operates without any ratepayer subsidies. It delivers strong financial returns, with profits reinvested into services and infrastructure for future growth.

RATES AND CHARGES 2025/26

Your rates bill is made up of separate charges: General Rates (which fund core Council services), Utility Charges (for water, sewerage and waste) and other levies (like rural and state fire levies) - together, these form the total amount you pay.

The example below outlines the General Rate based on an average property valuation, followed by the Utility Charges applied to that same property.

GENERAL RATES

RESIDENTIAL OWNER OCCUPIER

\$1,652

Average Annual General Rates

\$158,000

Average Valuation

▲ 2%

Average % Increase

\$0.48

Average \$ Increase per week

GENERAL COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

\$4,198

Average Annual General Rates

\$285,400

Average Valuation

▲ 21%

Average % Increase

\$14.04

Average \$ Increase per week

AGRICULTURAL / GRAZING

\$11,213

Average Annual General Rates

\$1,412,139

Average Valuation

▲ 7%

Average % Increase

\$14.00

Average \$ Increase per week

*Average is based on residential owner occupier including flats and units

UTILITY CHARGES

HOUSEHOLD WITH WASTE COLLECTIONS*

▲ 5%

Average % Increase

\$2.44

Average \$ Increase per week

COMMERCIAL / OTHER

▲ 5%

Average % Increase

\$2.87

Average \$ Increase per week

AGRICULTURAL / GRAZING

▲ 4%

Average % Increase

\$0.13

Average \$ Increase per week

WE VALUE AND LOOK AFTER OUR PENSIONERS



A 30% concession on General Rates and Utility Charges applies to pensioners (capped at \$350).

STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR RATES?

Anyone having difficulty making payment by the due date is encouraged to visit Council's website to apply for a payment arrangement.

HOW EVERY \$100 HELPS BUILD A BETTER WHITSUNDAY

When planning how to spend money, Council must balance the cost of delivering services now with the need to look after and grow our assets, so services can keep running in the future.

For every \$100 of General Rates, Whitsunday Regional Council invests in the following services for our community:

Roads, Footpaths and Building Maintenance	\$46
Parks & Recreation	\$11
Planning, Regulatory & Environment	\$10
Internal Operations	\$10
Aquatic Facilities	\$6
Customer & Community Services	\$6
Governance & Decision Making	\$3
Libraries	\$3
Economic Development & Tourism	\$3
Community Grants & Events	\$2
Total	\$100

Utility charges are used to fund water, sewerage and waste activities.

READY TO GO PAPERLESS?

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