

2024/2025 Budget Snapshot

\$669M
BUDGET

\$383M
CAPITAL WORKS
PROGRAM

\$294M
ON WATER & WASTEWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE
(part of Capital Works)

6.7%
RATE RISE

\$57M
TO SERVICE
& MAINTAIN
COMMUNITY ASSETS

Economic stimulus



\$3.4M

to promote Cairns as a premier tourism destination

\$1.6M

to support and develop major sporting and entertainment events

\$10.2M

in grants, subsidies and contributions for events, arts and cultural initiatives, activities, marketing and economic development activities



City Safe

\$5.3M

for City Safe program including increased security patrols and upgrades to the CCTV network.

Water usage charges

13 cents
per kilolitre rise
for residential
water charges

14 cents
per kilolitre rise
for commercial
water charges

Infrastructure

Roads, bridges, lighting, drainage, footpaths and community assets



- **\$3 million** for new footpaths
- **\$6 million** for pavement rehabilitation
- **\$2.6 million** for kerb and channel and shoulder sealing
- **\$2.6 million** for the road reseal program
- **\$4.6 million** on various drain and flood mitigation works
- **\$1.4 million** to progress Navigation Dr from Shipmate Dr to Moore's Gully
- **\$476,000** for the upgrade and maintenance of bridges
- **\$4 million** for Johnson Rd, White Rock
- **\$2.8 million** on erosion control measures at Holloways Beach and Clifton Beach
- **\$725,000** for cemetery improvements and upgrades

Water and Wastewater

- **\$217.7 million** to progress the Cairns Water Security – Stage 1 project
- **\$7 million** to continue the rollout of smart water meters
- **\$340,000** improve the water lab
- **\$11.7 million** to continue construction of a new water storage reservoir at Mount Peter, Edmonton
- **\$4.1 million** to replace water mains at various locations as part of the ongoing maintenance program
- **\$21.5 million** on upgrades and improvements to sewer pump stations and networks throughout the city
- **\$5.2 million** on improvements and upgrades to wastewater treatment plants
- **\$2 million** allocated to the annual sewer relining program



In the community

Parks, playgrounds and aquatic facilities

- **\$1.4 million** for Pyramid Parklands Gujura, Gordonvale
- **\$850,000** to recoat slides at Sugarworld Adventure Park
- **\$477,000** for a redevelopment of Redlynch Skate Park
- **\$270,000** for Henley Hill Park in Earlville
- **\$800,000** for filtration upgrades at Smithfield Pool
- **\$100,000** to progress upgrades at Esplanade Skate Park
- **\$75,000** for upgrades to the adventure and play area at Sugarworld Parklands

Sporting facilities

- **\$1.5 million** for new lighting and AV upgrades at Barlow Park
- **\$500,000** for upgrades at Touch Park in Aeroglen

Recreation and lifestyle

- **\$3 million** for footpaths, pathways and to promote active travel
- **\$1.8 million** towards the new Trinity Beach Community Activity Space
- **\$750,000** for refresh and upgrade Smithfield Library
- **\$250,000** to progress designs for the Cairns Community and Multicultural Centre in White Rock
- **\$175,000** for the annual Botanic Gardens renewal

Arts and Culture

- **\$1 million** to open and operate the new Mulgrave Gallery
- **\$1.3 million** for upgrades to the Tanks Arts Centre
- **\$850,000** to complete detailed design for a future gallery at Cairns Gallery Precinct

