



FROM THE MAYOR

The 2017-18 budget provides another rates break for battlers, delivers on our election commitments and ensures long-term prosperity for our city which has job creation, water security and economic activation as its cornerstones.

This budget delivers another rates break for our community with an upfront 5% cut to gross general rates for all residential ratepayers.

The 5% cut will be provided to all residential ratepayers no matter when they pay and the early payment discount will be

reduced from 15% to 10%.

Overall nett rates and charges on an average home for people who pay on time will rise around 1.48% or 88 cents a week, one of the lowest in the State.

Waste management services are being bolstered with an allocation of \$2.65 million for hard rubbish collection and the introduction of free green waste dumping.

My Councillors and I are proud of this budget and will continue to work for our community and deliver a bright future for Townsville.

Cr Jenny Hill

Mayor of Townsville

Budget highlights

- » City-wide hard rubbish collection, free green-waste dumping, extra free dumping weekend
- » \$2.5 million upgrade to commence the Dalrymple Road and Greenview Drive intersection in Mount Louisa
- » \$5.7 million for new parks and park upgrades plus \$2 million for Peggy Banfield Park Stage 2

Major projects

- » \$180 million overall for major infrastructure projects
- » \$39 million Cleveland Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades
- » \$36.6 million for road reconstructions and new footpaths across Townsville's suburbs
- » \$19.8 million for the second year of the CBD Utilities upgrade to replace water sewerage pipe

FULL DETAILS OF COUNCIL'S ADOPTED RATES AND CHARGES CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.TOWNSVILLE.QLD.GOV.AU.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES »

Categories and Criteria »

The differential rating categories have been determined having regard to:

- » the Department of Natural Resources and Mines Land Use Codes, which are used by that Department to classify land within the Townsville City Council local government area.

- » the availability of services to the land, and whether any other attribute of the land (including the status of the land under the Planning Scheme) gives rise to, or is likely to give rise to, increased costs for the council, whether at the land or elsewhere.
- » the Townsville City Council's City Plan and the Inner City Rating Plan;
- » ownership and location of the land.

Rateable value of land »

The unimproved capital or site valuation as advised by Department of Natural Resources and Mines is used by council when levying rates. The council discounts the value of subdivided but otherwise undeveloped land when that is required by Section 50 of the Land Valuation Act 2010.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE CATEGORIES »

Rateable Category	Criteria											
	Land Use Code	Additional Criteria										
Category 1: Residential PPR	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes, being residential, and used by the owner as their principal place of residence (PPR): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 94 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 8 & 9 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 1 when it is a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act when the primary use of that lot is for a residential purpose. Land with Land Use Codes 1, 4 & 94 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 1 when it is a residential lot under a residential development application, the certificate of classification has been issued and council is awaiting land use code confirmation to a residential occupied status from DNRM. Land with Land Use Codes 1, 4, 6 & 94 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 1 when it is within any of the following zone codes within the Townsville City Plan: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Low Density Residential</td> <td>Medium Density Residential</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Density Residential</td> <td>Character Residential</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sport and Recreation</td> <td>Emerging Community</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Open Space</td> <td>Environmental Management and Conservation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rural Residential</td> <td>Rural</td> </tr> </table>	Low Density Residential	Medium Density Residential	High Density Residential	Character Residential	Sport and Recreation	Emerging Community	Open Space	Environmental Management and Conservation	Rural Residential	Rural
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High Density Residential	Character Residential											
Sport and Recreation	Emerging Community											
Open Space	Environmental Management and Conservation											
Rural Residential	Rural											

Rateable Category	Criteria	
	Land Use Code	Additional Criteria
Category 2: Residential NPPR	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes, being residential, and not used by the owner as their principal place of residence: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 72, 94 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 8 & 9 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 2 when it is a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act when the primary use of that lot is for a residential purpose. Land with Land Use Codes 1, 4, 6, 72 & 94 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 2 when it is within any of the following zone codes within the Townsville City Plan: Low Density Residential High Density Residential Sport and Recreation Open Space Rural Residential Medium Density Residential Character Residential Emerging Community Environmental Management and Conservation Rural
Category 3: Commercial	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 72, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 8 & 9 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 3 when it is a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act when the primary use of that lot is for a non-residential purpose. Land with Land Use Codes 1, 4, 6, 72 & 94 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 3 when it is within any of with the following zone codes within the Townsville City Plan: Low Impact Industry High Impact Industry Community Facilities District Centre Neighbourhood Centre Specialised Centre Mixed Use Medium Impact Industry Local Centre Major Centre Principal Centre (CBD) Special Purpose
Category 4: Warehouse, bulk stores	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.	
Category 5: Industrial	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 35, 36, 37, 39, 40.	
Category 6: Drive In Shopping Centres	Land parcels, classified as Land Use Code 16 that meet the criterion set out in the adjacent column.	Drive in shopping centre not described in Categories 10, 11 and 12.
Category 7: Agriculture and Grazing	Land parcels, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 93.	
Category 8: Multi Unit Dwelling < 20 units	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 3, 3/98, 7, 21 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 3 & 3/98 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 8 when it is a multi-unit dwelling (flats) and comprising of no more than 19 individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 9: Land not otherwise defined	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: all land parcels not included in Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 24, 25, 26 & 27.	
Category 10: Shopping Centres > 40,000 m ²	Land parcels, classified as Land Use Code 16 that meet the criterion set out in the adjacent column.	Drive in shopping centre in which the anchor tenants include a major department store and a large grocery supermarket. The centre will have a gross floor area of more than 40,000 m ² .
Category 11: Shopping Centres between 20,000 and 40,000 m ²	Land parcels classified as Land Use Code 16 that meet the criterion set out in the adjacent column.	Drive in shopping centre in which the anchor tenants include a major department store and a large grocery supermarket. The centre will have a gross floor area of more than 20,000 m ² and less than 40,000 m ² .

Rateable Category	Criteria	
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Category 12: Shopping Centres < 20,000 m ²	Land parcels, classified as Land Use Code 16 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Drive in shopping centre in which the anchor tenants include a major department store and a large grocery supermarket. The centre will have a gross floor area of less than 20,000 m ² .
Category 13: Retail Warehouse > 40,000 m ²	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 23 that meet the criterion set out in the adjacent column.	The centre has a gross floor area greater than 40,000 m ² .
Category 14: Retail Warehouse < 40,000 m ²	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 23 that meet the criterion set out in the adjacent column.	The centre has a gross floor area less than 40,000 m ² .
Category 15: Retail Outdoor Sales Area	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 24.	
Category 16: Inner City Residential PPR	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes, being residential and used by the owner as their principal place of residence: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 8 & 9 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 16 when it is a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act when the primary use of that lot is for a residential purpose. Land with Land Use Codes 1 & 4 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 16 when it is residential land parcel under a residential development application, the certificate of classification has been issued and council is awaiting land use code confirmation to a residential occupied status from DNRM. Land with Land Use Codes 1, 4 & 6 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 16 when it is within any of with the following zone codes within the Townsville City Plan: Low Density Residential High Density Residential Sport and Recreation Open Space Rural Residential Medium Density Residential Character Residential Emerging Community Environmental Management and Conservation Rural
Category 17: Inner City Residential NPPR	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes, being residential and not used by the owner as their principal place of residence: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 72 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 8 & 9 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 17 when it is a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act when the primary use of that lot is for a residential purpose. Land with Land Use Codes 1, 4, 6 & 72 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 17 when it is within any of with the following zone codes within the Townsville City Plan: Low Density Residential High Density Residential Sport and Recreation Open Space Rural Residential Medium Density Residential Character Residential Emerging Community Environmental Management and Conservation Rural
Category 18: Inner City Commercial	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 72, 91, 92, 96, 97, 99 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 8 & 9 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 18 when it is a lot on a building units plan or group titles plan registered under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act when the primary use of that lot is for a non-residential purpose. Land with Land Use Codes 1, 4, 6 & 72 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 18 when it is within any of with the following zone codes within the Townsville City Plan: Low Impact Industry High Impact Industry Community Facilities Local Centre Major Centre Specialised Centre Mixed Use Medium Impact Industry Neighbourhood Centre District Centre Principal Centre (CBD) Special Purpose
Category 19: Inner City Warehouse, Bulk stores	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.	
Category 20: Inner City Industry	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 35, 36, 37, 39, 40.	

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	Land Use Code	Additional Criteria
Category 21: Inner City Multi-unit dwelling < 20 units	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following Land Use Codes: 3, 3/98, 7, 21 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	Land with Land Use Codes 3 & 3/98 is classed as Differential General Rate Category 21 when it is a multi-unit dwelling (flats), within the Inner City Rating Plan, and comprising of no more than 19 individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 22: Special Development - TSDA and Elliot Springs > 10 ha	Land parcels classified as the following Land Use Codes: 1, 4, 5, 18, 35, 37, 65, 66 and meeting the relevant criteria set out in the adjacent column.	The Land parcels are greater than 10 hectares in area and are wholly within the Townsville State Development Area (TSDA) or the Elliot Springs master planned community.
Category 23: Inner City Other	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as the following: All land parcels not included in Categories 16 to 21 and 28 to 31.	
Category 24: Multi-unit dwellings between 20 to 29 units	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 20 to 29 individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 25: Multi-unit dwellings between 30 to 49 units	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 30 to 49 individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 26: Multi-unit dwellings between 50 to 69 units	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 50 to 69 individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 27: Multi-unit dwellings > 69 units	Land parcels not within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 70 or more individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 28: Inner City Multi-unit dwellings between 20 to 29 units	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 20 to 29 individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 29: Inner City Multi-unit dwellings between 30 to 49 units	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 30 to 49 individual residential accommodation unit, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 30: Inner City Multi-unit dwellings Between 50 to 69 units	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 50 to 69 individual residential accommodation units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.
Category 31: Inner City Multi-unit dwellings > 69 units	Land parcels within the Inner City Rating Plan, classified as Land Use Code 3 that meet the criteria set out in the adjacent column.	A large multi-unit dwelling complex comprising of 70 or more individual residential accommodations units, not registered on a building units plan or group titles plan under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act where that lot is for a residential purpose.

Definitions >>

NPPR - Non Principal Place of Residence

PPR - Principal Place of Residence

Land Use Code descriptions as per Department of Natural Resources and Mines classification >>

1 - vacant urban land; 2 - single unit dwelling; 3 and 3/98 - multi-unit dwelling (flats); 4 - large home site, vacant; 5 - large home site, dwelling; 6 - outbuildings; 7 - guest house, private hotel; 8 - building units; 9 - group titles; 10 - combination multi-dwelling & shops; 11 - shop single; 12 - shops, shopping group (> 6 shops); 13 - shopping group (2 to 6 shops); 14 - shops, main retail (Inner City); 15 - shops, secondary retail (fringe Inner City, presence of service industry); 16 - Drive-in shopping centre; 17 - restaurant; 18 - special tourist attraction; 19 - walkway; 20 - marina; 21 - residential institutions (non-medical care); 22 - car parks; 23 - retail warehouse; 24 - sales area outdoor; 25 - professional offices; 26 - funeral parlours; 27 - hospitals, convalescent homes (medical care private); 28 - warehouses and bulk stores; 29 - transport terminal; 30 - service station; 31 - oil depot and refinery; 32 - wharves; 33 - builders and contractors yards; 34 - cold stores, ice works; 35 - general industry; 36 - light industry; 37 - noxious, offensive industry; 38 - advertising hoarding; 39 - harbour industries; 40 - extractive; 41 - child care excluding kindergarten; 42 - hotel, tavern; 43 - motels; 44 - nurseries (plants); 45 - theatres and cinemas; 46 - drive-in theatre; 47 - licensed clubs; 48 - sports clubs, facilities; 49 - caravan parks; 50 - other clubs (non-business); 51 - religious; 52 - cemeteries including crematoria; 53 - (secondary code - commonwealth owned land); 54 - (secondary code - state owned land); 55 - library; 56 - showgrounds, racecourses, airfields; 57 - parks and gardens; 58 - education including kindergarten; 59 - (secondary code - local government owned land); 60 - sheep grazing; 61 - sheep breeding; 62 - not allocated; 63 - not allocated; 64 - cattle grazing, breeding; 65 - cattle breeding and fattening; 66 - cattle fattening; 67 - goats; 68 - dairy cattle (quota milk); 69 - dairy cattle (non-quota milk); 70 - cream; 71 - oil seeds; 72 - approved subdivider (under section 50 of The Valuation Land Act 2010); 73 - grain; 74 - turf farm; 75 - sugar cane; 76 - tobacco; 77 - cotton; 78 - rice; 79 - orchards; 80 - tropical fruits; 81 - pineapple; 82 - vineyard; 83 - small crops and fodder (irrigated); 84 - small crops and fodder (non-irrigated); 85 - pigs; 86 - horses; 87 - poultry; 88 - forestry and logs; 89 - animals (special); 90 - (secondary code - stratum); 91 - transformers; 92 - defence

force establishment; 93 - peanuts; 94 - vacant rural land (excl. 1 & 4); 95 - reservoirs, dams, bores; 96 - public hospital; 97 - welfare homes, institutions; 98 - (secondary code - concession under Land Valuation Act 2010); 99 - community protection centre

Objections to Categorisation of Land for Rating >>

Under sections 90 to 93 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 an objection can be made about an allocated rating category only if a ratepayer considers that, as at the date of issue of the rate notice, their land should have been included in another category.

A written notice of objection must be lodged within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice. In some circumstances council may agree to extend the lodgement period.

The making of an objection does not delay the due date for payment of the rates or the discount date, or prevent the Council taking action to recover overdue rates. Ratepayers should consider paying the amount levied by the discount date or due date. If the objection is successful then an appropriate rates adjustment will be made in accordance with Section 89 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Limitation of Increase in Rates >>

Council has applied a cap to rates increases for owner-occupied residential lands (lands categorised as Category 1 and Category 16 as at 1 July 2017). As a result the maximum general rate for each of those properties in 2017/18 is the relevant 2016/17 rate amount plus 30%.

This is subject to a minimum rate for each category and the following conditions:

- Capping will apply only to general rates
- Capping will apply only to land categorised as residential category 1 and category 16.
- Capping is not available retrospectively and will only apply from the beginning of a financial year.
- If ownership of the land to which capping applies is transferred in the period after 1 July of any year, then capping will cease to apply for the following year. (For example, if rates-capped land is sold during 2017/18, capping will not apply in 2018/19 but will apply in 2019/20 (unless the land is sold again after 1 July 2018)).
- If a dwelling is completed during 2017/18, on vacant land purchased during 2016/17, the owner will be eligible for capping from 1 July 2018.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE AND MINIMUM RATE FOR EACH CATEGORY 2017-2018 >>

Category	Rate in \$	Minimum Rate
Category 1	0.009738	\$1,061
Category 2	0.011337	\$1,086
Category 3	0.018708	\$1,338
Category 4	0.018402	\$1,338
Category 5	0.018790	\$1,338
Category 6	0.017924	\$1,338
Category 7	0.011031	\$1,338
Category 8	0.012736	\$1,338
Category 9	0.018459	\$1,338
Category 10	0.033116	\$747,393
Category 11	0.020554	\$632,075
Category 12	0.031942	\$348,076
Category 13	0.025653	\$153,435
Category 14	0.023715	\$1,394
Category 15	0.020074	\$1,279
Category 16	0.011752	\$1,137
Category 17	0.015265	\$1,220
Category 18	0.036216	\$1,359
Category 19	0.036306	\$1,359
Category 20	0.030338	\$1,359
Category 21	0.019302	\$1,359
Category 22	0.033929	\$18,721
Category 23	0.036215	\$1,359
Category 24	0.012736	\$22,002
Category 25	0.012736	\$33,003
Category 26	0.012736	\$55,102
Category 27	0.012736	\$77,297
Category 28	0.019302	\$24,704
Category 29	0.019302	\$37,153
Category 30	0.019302	\$61,953
Category 31	0.019302	\$86,657

PAYING YOUR RATES >>

Discount for Prompt Payment >>

Council offers a prompt payment discount of 10% on certain rates and charges when full payment of all rates and charges, including any arrears, is received by the due date. Refer to council's website for full details.

Payments in Advance >>

Regular advance payments are encouraged. Any payments made in advance will show as a credit balance brought forward on the next rate notice. Interest is not paid on credit balances held. Contact council to discuss how to set up an advance periodic payment via direct debit or BPay.

Pensioner Concession >>

A concession is offered to Approved Pensioners who own and occupy their property as their principal place of residence. This will apply only if all rates and charges levied for the 2017/18 financial year are paid in full by 31/05/2018. Refer to council's website for full details.

Overdue Rates and Interest Charges >>

Compound interest, at a rate of 11% per year, applies to all overdue rates and charges and is charged from 30 days after the due date until the date of payment.

Overdue Payment Plans >>

Payment plans may be accepted under some circumstances. Payment plans are to be formalised by contacting council prior to the due date displayed on the notice.

Suggested Payment Plans >>

These payments are based on the maximum payment terms available.

All approved payment plans will be confirmed by council in writing. Please note, a new payment plan is required for each new notice issued by council.

Rates Balance Owning	18 x weekly payments	9 x fortnightly payments	5 x monthly payments
\$1,800	\$100	\$200	\$360
\$3,000	\$170	\$350	\$600
\$5,000	\$285	\$560	\$1,000

SPECIAL RATES >>

Nelly Bay Harbour Development >>

The Nelly Bay Harbour Development Special Rate levy is applied to maintaining water quality in the canals, dredging the canals, maintaining the rock walls around the canal area and maintaining the sediment basin in Gustav Creek.

A special rate of zero cents in the dollar on the rateable value of the land applies to identified properties for the 2017/18 year.

SPECIAL CHARGES >>

Julago and Alligator Creek Water Supply Scheme >>

Owners of properties in the Julago and Alligator Creek Water Supply Scheme benefited area are required to pay back a capital contribution of \$10,500 per lot over a ten year, interest-free period for a connection to the Bruce Highway main, with payments levied in half-yearly installments. The first installment period started on 1 July 2008, and half-yearly installments number 19 and 20 of \$525 each will be levied for the financial year 2017/18.

Rural Water Supply Scheme >>

Council has resolved that because of the nature of the schemes, annual water charges will only apply to clients of the Jensen, Hencamp Creek and Black River Rural Water Supply scheme areas once water has been connected to individual properties. This is a departure from the policy of council that all properties capable of being connected to a water supply shall pay the uniform water rate as from the water main becoming serviceable. A network contribution may be payable prior to a water connection being made.

Rural Fire Brigades Annual Charge >>

The Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge is levied on rateable lands serviced by the rural fire brigades listed below. The funds raised from this charge are provided to the voluntary rural fire services so they can acquire and maintain fire-fighting equipment, provide training to volunteers and to enable them to operate throughout the rural areas of the region.

Rural Fire Levy 2017/18	
Bluewater	\$55
Rollingstone	\$50
Black River & Districts	\$45
Clevedon, Cungulla, Rangewood, Rupertswood	\$40
Paluma	\$35
Crystal Creek, Lime Hills-Elliott, Saunders Beach, West Point	\$30
Horseshoe Bay	\$25
Oak Valley, Purono Park	\$20
Toolakea	\$6
Bluewater Estate, Majors Creek, Reid River	\$0

WATER UTILITY ANNUAL CHARGES >>

For water supplied to residential properties council offers a choice between the:

Standard Plan

>> \$755 per year for up to the fixed annual (772 kL) water allocation for each dwelling, home unit, flat or lot; and

>> Excess water will be charged at \$2.89 per kL

Water Watcher Plan

>> \$344 per year fixed annual access for each dwelling, home unit, flat or lot, including undeveloped vacant land

>> Water consumption charged at \$1.38 per kL for all water used

The choice about which plan is to apply can be made by residential property owners during the Water Opt-In Period of 31st July to 27th August.

All developed and undeveloped residential properties that are within the declared water supply area and that are connected to the water supply are placed on the Standard Plan. Residential property owners can opt in to the Water Watchers Plan by application. All undeveloped residential properties that are within the declared water supply area but not connected to the water supply are placed on the Water Watchers Plan.

Water meters are read by council four times per year. As a courtesy to residential water users, high usage alert letters are issued after the property's quarterly read when usage exceeds 2.5 kL per day. It is the owner's responsibility to monitor and manage water consumption at the property.

For water supplied to non-residential properties council charges \$358 per year fixed annual access charge for each lot including undeveloped land and water consumption charged at \$2.82 per kL for every kL of water used

Fixed service charges will apply from the date of registration of the land, and additional fixed charges will apply from the date the water meter is connected and will be based upon the proposed development of the land as set out in the Building/Development Application.

Water consumption charges will apply from the date the water meter is connected. The charge will reflect the water pricing plan attached to the property or the use of the land, as per the Building/Development Application, for the purpose for which the water meter was connected.

It is council's preference that only one connection be made to each property. Additional connections will only be granted at council's discretion and additional charges may apply for each additional connection.

Non-Contributing Consumers Where the applicable contribution to council's Water Supply, under council's Planning Policies, has not been received, an additional surcharge of \$0.51 per kL on the actual consumption from council's Water Supply Scheme will apply. The surcharge will be added to the Water Watchers Plan charge or the Standard Plan charge.

SEWERAGE UTILITY ANNUAL CHARGES >>

The following fixed annual sewerage service charges apply to land in a declared sewer area.

Residential - per dwelling, home unit, flat or lot	\$775
Residential undeveloped land - per lot	\$697
Non-residential - per pedestal	\$909
Non-residential undeveloped land - per lot	\$818

Note: For the purpose of sewerage charges only, aged care facilities and retirement and/or lifestyle villages/communities will be levied at the residential sewerage charge per pedestal.

Where a separate habitation space on non-residential property is a principal place of residence, the owner may request that the pedestals within that space be charged at the residential sewerage charge. If approved, the change will commence from the financial year in which the application is received, unless council decides it should apply from a later date.

Sewerage charges will be imposed from the earlier of:

- » the date of inspection of the installation of sewerage pedestals by council's Hydraulic Services section; or
- » the date of the final inspection certificate and/or certification of classification.

Undeveloped land sewerage charges will apply from the date of registration of the land where the land is within the declared sewer area.

Unconnected Premises »

A sewerage utility charge applies to each property in a declared sewer area that is not connected to the sewerage service. The charge will be at the residential or non-residential rate depending upon the use of the property.

Sewerage Infrastructure Alternative Access Fee »

Where the applicable contribution to council's Sewer Network, under council's Planning Policies, has not been received, an additional surcharge of \$574 per lot applies.

TRADE WASTE CHARGES »

Liquid trade waste charges will be:

- a) An annual access fee for each liquid trade waste approval each year. The amount of the annual access fee will be dependent on the risk rating of the approval holder;
- b) A volume charge for the trade waste discharge; and
- c) A pollutant charge may apply to liquid trade waste approval holders in discharge category 2.0.

Charges will apply for liquid trade waste discharge in accordance with council's Trade Waste Policy and Liquid. Trade Waste Management Plan and will be effective from the date the trade waste approval is issued.

The annual access fee will apply based on the risk rating of the approval holder:

Risk Rating	Annual Access Fee
1	\$1,307
2	\$697
3	\$507
4	\$274

5	\$180
6	\$85

The trade waste volume discharged to sewer will be levied as follows:

Discharge Category	Volume Charge (\$/kL)
Category 1.1	\$1.99
Category 1.2	\$1.76
Category 1.3	\$1.63
Category 1.4	\$1.41
Category 1.5	\$1.99

Discharge Category	Volume Charge (\$/kL)
Category 2.0	\$2.15

Category 2.0 Pollutant Charges	
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) (kg)	\$1.15
Suspended Solids (Kg)	\$1.08
SO ₄	\$0.62

Note: Trade Waste discharge volume = (Water consumption – Allowances) x discharge factor.

Allowance Type	Allowance Volume
Pedestal	60kL Per pedestal

Trade Waste charges will be effective from the date of issue of a trade waste discharge approval.

Waste Management and Recycling Charges »

Wheelie bin service charges will apply to each residential dwelling, home unit or flat within the defined waste collection area. For waste, each charge includes one waste wheelie bin collected per week. For recycling, each charge includes one recycling wheelie bin collected per fortnight. Council may choose to supply a bulk bin to a customer instead of a wheelie bin where multiple collections are required each week.

Residential	Charge
240L waste and 240L recycle wheelie bin	\$199
240L waste and 360L recycle wheelie bin	\$224
140L waste and 240L recycle wheelie bin	\$191
140L waste and 360L recycle wheelie bin	\$216

Residential	Charge
Additional permanent 240L wheelie bin	\$139
Additional permanent 140L wheelie bin	\$131
Additional permanent 240L recycle wheelie bin	\$57
Additional permanent 360L recycle wheelie bin	\$83

Note: For the purposes of waste and recycling wheelie bin charges only, boarding and lodging houses will be levied as residential properties.

Residential properties outside the defined waste collection areas or in the defined Paluma area »

The council imposes annual fixed charges of \$142 for a 240L waste wheelie bin service and \$133 for a 140L waste wheelie bin service for each residential dwelling, home unit or flat within the Paluma area, and for waste collection services that the council provides outside the defined waste collection area (which services are provided at council's absolute discretion):

For non-residential properties, **wheelie bin services** are provided upon request. The council imposes an annual fixed charge for each non-residential waste collection service. For waste, each charge includes one waste bin collected per week. For recycling, each charge includes one recycling bin collected per fortnight.

Non-residential	Charge
Waste 140L wheelie bin	\$171
Waste 240L wheelie bin	\$179

Non-residential	Charge
Recycling 240L wheelie bin	\$87
Recycling 360L wheelie bin	\$130

Developed properties within the defined waste collection area will be charged waste and recycling collection charges from the earliest of:

- » the date collection services are required or commenced; or
- » the date of the final inspection certificate.

A fixed annual **waste management levy** of \$30.00 will be charged for the provision of one hard rubbish collection per eligible property and access to free greenwaste disposal at council's waste facilities. The levy will apply to each dwelling, home unit or flat which is:

- » classified as Category 1, 2, 8, 16, 17, 21 and 24 to 31 for rating purposes: and
- » inside or outside the defined waste collection area.

The levy does not apply to undeveloped land.

Queensland State Government Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy »

The Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy is a Queensland State Government levy. Townsville City Council acts as a collection agent only. State Government subsidy is available to Approved Pensioners.

Further information is available on the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) website www.qfes.qld.gov.au

QFES Levy 2017/18

	CLASS 'A' - Mainland	CLASS 'D' - Magnetic Island	CLASS 'E' - Other
Group 1	\$57.60	\$25.80	\$25.80
Group 2	\$210.20	\$103.00	\$103.00
Group 3	\$510.00	\$252.40	\$252.40
Group 4	\$1,024.20	\$510.00	\$510.00
Group 5	\$1,685.80	\$838.20	\$838.20
Group 6	\$3,023.40	\$1,509.40	\$1,509.40
Group 7	\$4,936.80	\$2,466.40	\$1,509.40
Group 8	\$7,552.00	\$3,774.60	\$1,509.40
Group 9	\$13,404.80	\$6,699.00	\$1,509.40
Group 10	\$27,525.20	\$13,760.20	\$1,509.40
Group 11	\$46,597.80	\$23,295.20	\$1,509.40
Group 12	\$86,147.20	\$43,071.20	\$1,509.40
Group 13	\$98,753.20	\$49,373.00	\$1,509.40
Group 14	\$148,134.00	\$74,063.00	\$1,509.40
Group 15	\$246,890.20	\$123,442.20	\$1,509.40
Group 16	\$411,491.40	\$205,743.40	\$1,509.40

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