

Budget & Operational Plan 2020/21



Cr Sue Blom Division 2

Townsville City Council's 2020/21 Budget will invest \$221.9 million into capital works to support local jobs and upgrade and enhance vital community assets. Council's capital investment is expected to support more than 1,769 jobs, at a time when our community needs it.

\$15m COVID-19 Community Response Package

Rates Relief

\$648.8m Total Investment in Community Service Delivery

1,769 Local Jobs Forecasted

\$221.9m Infrastructure Investment



Parks and Open Spaces

New seating will be installed at Nankivel Park in Saunders Beach.

A playground renewal is planned for Ugarte Park at Bushland Beach, and the rubber surround at the skatepark at Peggy Banfield Park will be replaced.



Bus Stops

Bus stop upgrades are planned for Coutts Drive (Mount Low Parkway) and North Shore Boulevard in Bushland Beach.



Pathway

A shared pathway will be constructed along Garland Road (Bohlevale School Road to Gatwick Street) and Chesney Road (Garland Road to Rhyl Court) in Mount Low.



Roadworks

A detailed design will be undertaken to improve traffic flow and assist with queuing during peak traffic times at the intersection of Garland Road and the Bohlevale School.



Northern Beaches Leisure Centre

The pool liner will be replaced at the Northern Beaches Leisure Centre*.



Budget Snapshot



\$648.8m Total Budget

Total investment in community service delivery.



\$221.9m Infrastructure Investment

Capital investment in Townsville infrastructure.



First Home Buyers Incentive

Up to \$1,000 off rates for first home buyers in the first 12 months.



\$15m COVID-19 Relief Package

Assisting residents and businesses that have been impacted.



Rates Relief

For homeowners who are owner occupiers.



1,769 Local Jobs Forecasted

Stimulating local job opportunities through COVID-19.



\$150.3m Roads & Transport

Managing and improving roads.



\$75.8m Underground Infrastructure

Upgrading water, wastewater and stormwater assets.



\$81.1m Parks and Open Spaces

Upgrading and maintaining 325 parks.



\$22.7m Water Security

Haughton Pipeline Duplication project securing water for Townsville.



\$20.6m Delivering Arts, **Culture and Events**

Includes library services, cultural activations and gallery services.



\$15.2m Monsoon Recovery

Restoring and improving flood affected assets through Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



\$9m Community Grants, Sponsorship and **Funding Agreements**

Including concessions and COVID-19 rent relief.



\$7.6m Natural Environmental Recovery and Resilience Works

Restoration of Townsuille's waterways and damaged coastal environment.



\$5.6m Pensioner Concessions

One of the most generous pensioner rate concessions in Queensland with up to \$800 p.a. available to eligible pensioners.



50% Discount Sewerage Charges

For not-for-profit sporting and recreational organisations, in addition to \$1.5m of concessions already provided.