

Budget & Operational Plan 2020/21



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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.



Rates Relief

\$648.8m Total Investment in Community Service Delivery

1,769 Local Jobs Forecasted

\$221.9m Infrastructure Investment



Parks and Open Spaces

Murray Skatepark will have its shade sail replaced. Riverway Skate Park will be upgraded to remove trip hazards for skaters and major works will be undertaken to renew the irrigation at the Palmetum*.



Bus Stops

Bus stop upgrades are planned for Creekwood Way, Douglas and Yolanda Drive, Annandale. New bus shelters will be built at Barwin Court, Riverside Boulevard, William Angliss Drive (2), White Beech Court (2) and Rivergreen Circuit, Douglas.



Riverway Arts Centre

Restoration work will continue at Riverway Arts Centre.



Pathway

A shared pathway has been completed on University Road (Charles N Barton Bridge to Yolanda Drive, Annandale).
This is a joint project with the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, and funded by Transport and Main Roads.



Roadworks

Funding has been allocated to improve the roads on: Jacana Crescent,^ Eumara Court, Currawong Street, Weddel Drive, Coen Street*, Indigo Crescent* (reconstruction), Glendale Drive and Emmet Court, Annandale (overlay).



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.