

2024/25 BUDGET SUMMARY



\$173.5M BUDGET



\$70.4M CAPITAL WORKS



\$103M OPERATIONAL EXPENSES



5% GENERAL RATE RISE



5% DISCOUNT ON GENERAL RATES IF PAID BY DUE DATE



\$300 PENSIONER REBATE

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$27.1M Water & Waste Water
- \$16.8M Mission Beach CBD revitalisation
- \$5.5M Open spaces, parks and gardens
- \$5.4M Road improvements
- \$5.2M Stormwater drainage renewals / upgrades
- \$3.6M Bridge and culvert renewals
- \$2.4M Waste & Resource recovery
- \$2.7M Libraries
- \$1.5M Pathway renewals and upgrades
- \$1.1M Natural Environment and sustainability
- \$1M Tully CBD Masterplan
- \$722K Regional Tourism Development
- \$500K Economic Development
- \$200K Community Grants and Support
- \$70K Events sponsorship and development

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FUN FACT

Did you know it costs ratepayers \$28,000 for Council to post rate notices each year?

Here's what you can do to help...

Receive your rate notice via email by signing up to Ezybill, to:

- Save money for our community
- Save time - no more waiting for the post
- Save the environment

Sign up by scanning here:



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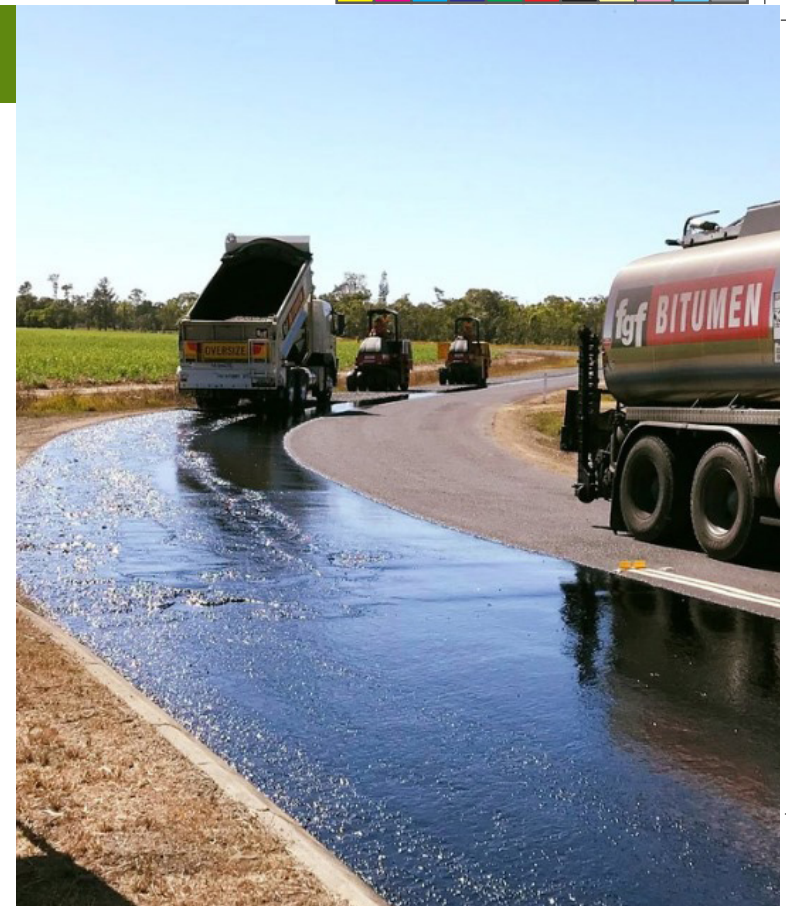
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ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING YOUR RATES?

Cost of living pressures can take a toll, and your health and wellbeing is important to us.

Council's customer service team is able to help by setting up a payment arrangement according to your situation. We strongly advise people in hardship to make contact prior to the due date on your rate notice.

Call 1300 763 903 or email enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au.



Cassowary Coast REGIONAL COUNCIL

Rate and Utility Charges

Where does your money go?

EVERY \$100 OF THE GENERAL RATE THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES GOES TOWARDS:

\$51 Renewing local infrastructure	\$5 Compliance and Governance
\$9 CBD's and open spaces	\$4 Libraries and Museums
\$9 Managing roads and transport	\$4 Stinger nets and swimming pools
\$6 Events, engagement and economic development	\$4 Planning, development and compliance
\$6 Council building maintenance	\$2 Environment and emergency management

WE'RE A SMALL POPULATION WITH HIGH VALUE ASSETS

The Cassowary Coast has a small population spread across a large area.



CASSOWARY COAST
6 people per km²



TOWNSVILLE
52 people per km²



CAIRNS
100 people per km²

Our asset base per rateable property is significantly higher than our neighbours.



JUST A FEW GOOD REASONS WHY WE PAY RATES & UTILITIES:



To provide a healthy lifestyle through safe and clean parks that children can play in and communities can gather.



To allow you to flush your waste by providing well maintained pipes that travel to sewerage treatment plants for processing.



To provide you with clean water that's gathered from several intakes and reservoirs and piped through treatment plants to ensure it's safe and healthy to drink.



To build and maintain local roads and bridges that allow safe access to your homes and properties throughout our vast region.



To collect your rubbish and protect our environment so that every time you use a bin there's a system in place to process the waste.



To provide for our children, youth, elderly and people with disabilities through libraries and public swimming pools.



To keep our neighbourhoods safe from dog attacks and environmental health hazards through local laws.

CASSOWARY COAST COMMUNITY ASSETS INCLUDE:

- 2 SHOWGROUNDS
- 3 SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANTS
- 4 LIBRARIES
- 4 POOL FACILITIES AND 1 SPLASHPAD
- 7 WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS
- 7 WHARVES AND JETTIES
- 11 SPORT FIELDS
- 16 BOAT RAMPS
- 302 COMMUNITY BUILDINGS
- 135 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES
- 162 BRIDGES
- 695KM SEALED ROADS
- 625KM UNSEALED ROADS
- 814KM WATER MAINS
- 4,701KM² TOTAL LAND MASS OF WHICH 46% IS UN-RATABLE STATE LAND

