



Development Services

Monthly Review Report

August 2018

Executive Summary

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Development activity continues to accelerate with a number construction projects underway right across the region. This development activity is assisting to ensure that all economic indicators are presenting strongly at present with unemployment extremely low, vacancy rates dropping close to record levels and house prices starting to rise.

The current level of activity should lead to investors returning to the residential market after being absent for a number of years. This elevated activity is also translating to higher infrastructure charges being received in the first two months of the year.

In other initiatives, a strong focus on the city centre remains with the Renew Newcastle team visiting to talk with building and business owners this month as well as Jamie's Ministry of Food visiting during August.



Gerard Carlyon
Director Development Services



The aeration devices in the Gooseponds are now operational.

Development News 08/2018

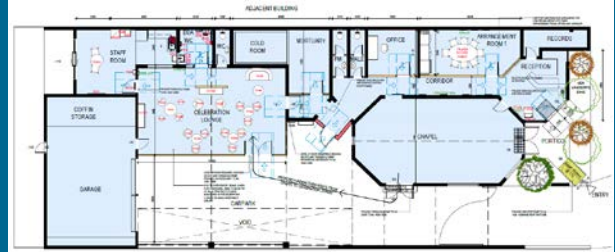
Updates on Significant Developments Currently Being Assessed by Council

APPLICATION LODGED

DA-2018-105

189 Alfred Street, Mackay

An application has been received from Mackay Funerals to construct a small extension to the existing building for the purposes of establishing a 'celebration room' within the facility. The new room would take the place of four existing car parking spaces.



APPLICATION LODGED

OW-2018-29

Lot 602 Diesel Drive, Paget

BP Paget Service Station, Catering Shop and Tourist Facility with proposed works to be carried out including stormwater, water infrastructure, earthworks, sewerage infrastructure, landscaping, pavements and carparking.

APPLICATION APPROVED

DA-2018-61

512-518 Milton Street, Paget

A new warehouse facility has been approved which will be used to store cold/frozen products prior to distribution.

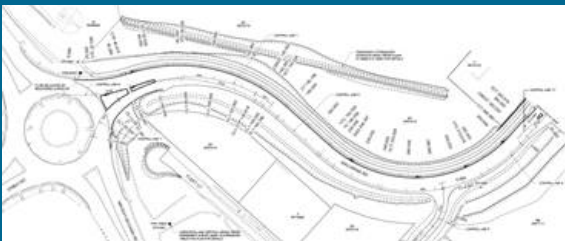


APPLICATION APPROVED

OW-2018-19

39-41 Wallmans Road, Rural View

Wallmans Road reconstruction with approved works to be carried out including roadworks, stormwater, water infrastructure, drainage work, earthworks, landscaping and signage.





Monthly Safety Review

Summary

Six injuries to employees were reported in August:

- A worker injured their leg, ankle, and wrist after tripping and falling off the edge of a footpath.
- A worker felt pain in the lower back when bending over to pick up witch's hats.
- A worker felt pain in the groin when lifting metal purlins from a roof.
- A worker injured their arm after falling from a trailer they were climbing out of.
- A fence frame that was leaning on a fence fell and hit a worker on the arm.
- A worker injured their hand while shutting a truck tailgate and jammed their hand between the gate and a toolbox.

Four incidents involving asset damage were reported in August:

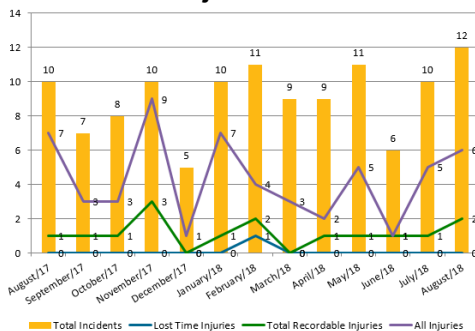
- A small fan motor overheated, resulting in a small electrical fire. The fire was extinguished, the power isolated and the fan tagged 'out of service'.
- A fluorescent light tube & starter burnt out, causing a 'burnt electrical smell' and tripping the building RCD.
- The side deck of a mower struck the window of the cab breaking it. Investigations found a holding pin had broken.
- A MRC vehicle reversing from a driveway collided with a parked non-staff member vehicle, damaging the driver's side door of the non-staff member vehicle.

Two incidents involving contractors or members of the public were reported in August:

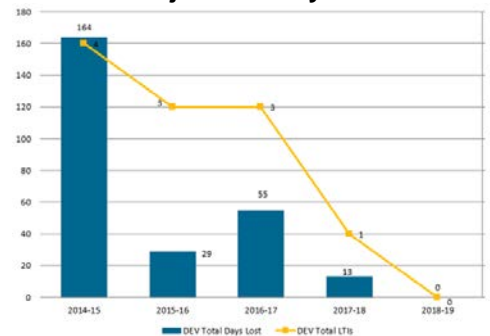
- A contractor cut their finger after it was caught between a roof sheet and ridge cap while undertaking repairs to a playground roof.
- An elderly non-staff member at a cemetery tripped, falling and hitting their nose. First aid was provided and an ambulance called. No cause was identified.

Each incident is investigated and appropriate corrective measures implemented, to reduce future risks.

Incidents and Injuries



Lost Time Injuries & Days Lost



Department	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost
Development Engineering										
Development Assessment										
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	4	164	3	29	3	55	1	13	0	0
Strategic Planning										
Economic Development & Tourism										
Development Services	4	164	3	29	3	55	1	13	0	0

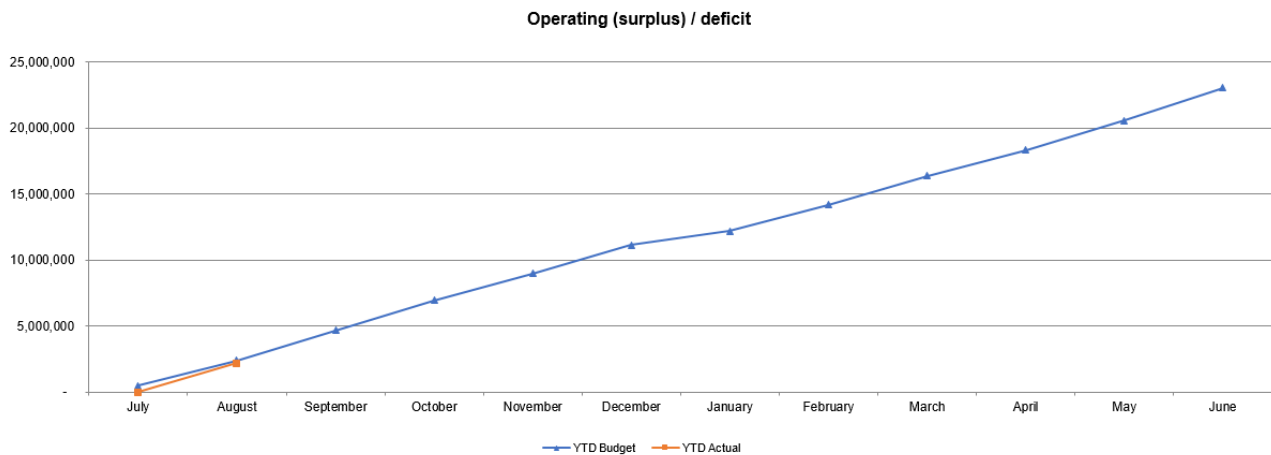
Financial Report

Finances are remaining close to budget at this stage of the year except for infrastructure charges which are significantly ahead of expectations.

Operating Results	YTD budget	YTD actual	Variance	Status
Development Services Management	69,087	63,463	(5,624)	🌿
Strategic Planning	286,481	156,118	(130,364)	🌿
Development Assessment	(26,180)	(9,805)	16,375	🌿
Development Engineering	(41,953)	(97,567)	(55,614)	🌿
Economic Development & Tourism	(10,232)	(124,331)	(114,099)	🌿
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	2,116,514	2,193,132	76,619	🌻
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	2,393,718	2,181,011	(212,707)	🌻

Legend	
🌿	YTD Variance favourable of budget
🌻	YTD Variance unfavourable, between 0% and 5% of YTD Budget
🌺	YTD Variance unfavourable, more than 5% of YTD Budget

Operating Results

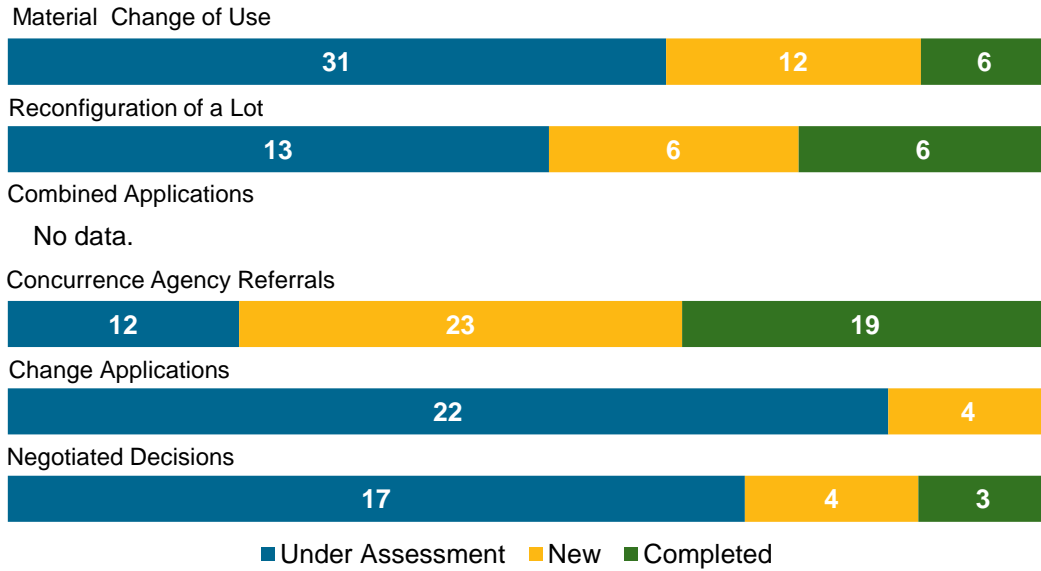


Review of Operations

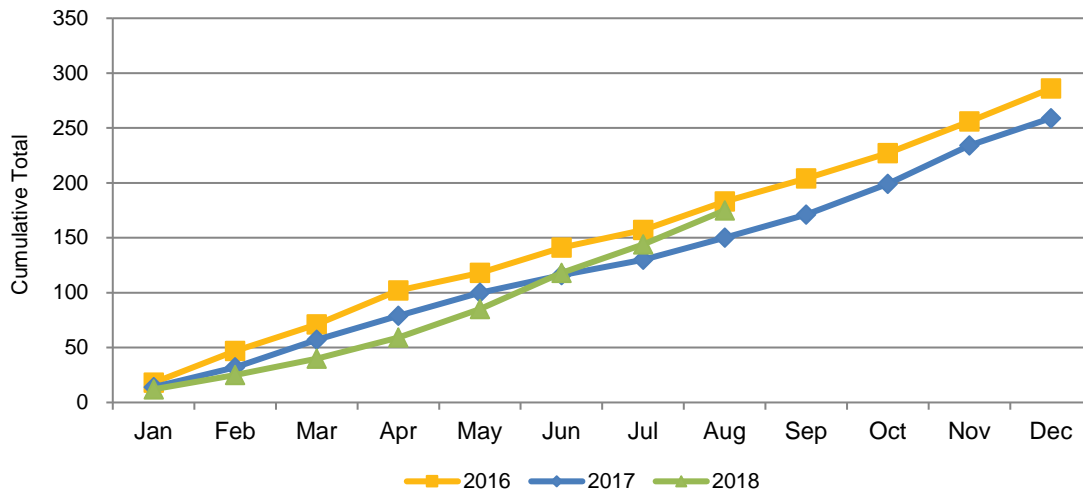
- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Volume of Operations



Cumulative Number of Approved Development Assessment Applications

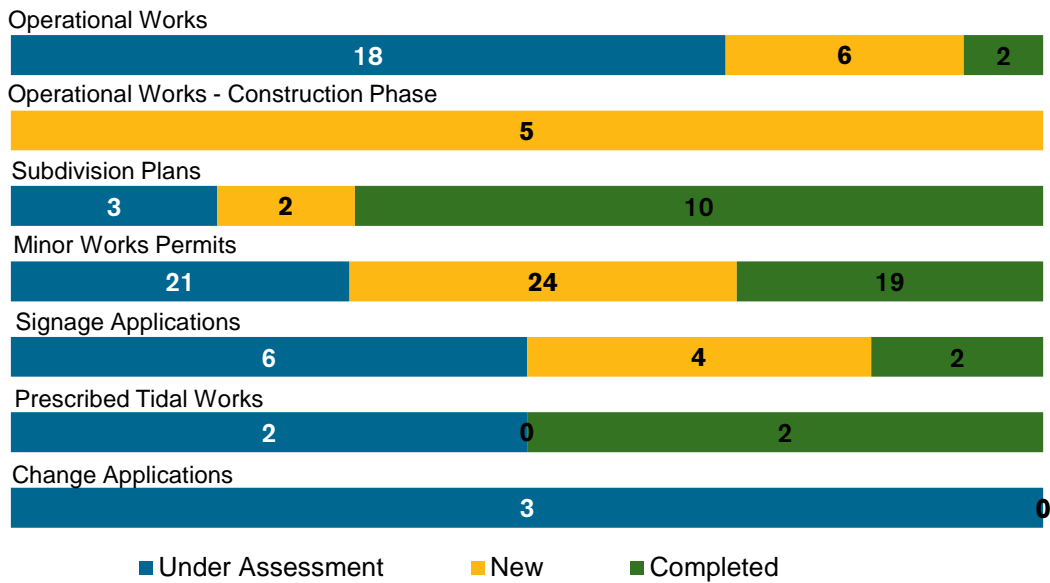


Development Assessment Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

Application	Status	% Decided
MCU Code (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
MCU Impact (50% in 40 Days)	No applications decided.	
ROL (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
Concurrence Agency (85% in 10 Days)	●	95% decided in 10 days.

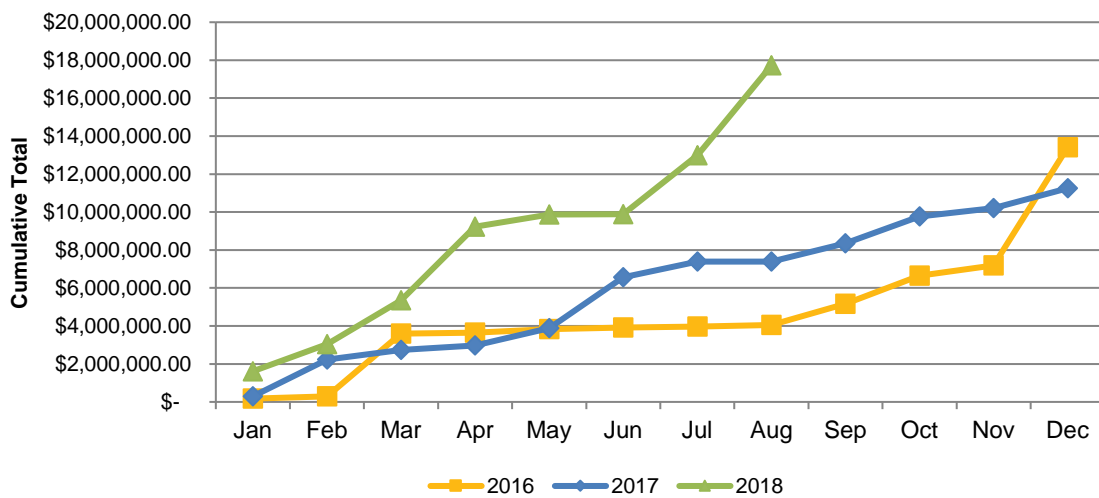
DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

Volume of Operations



Cumulative Value of Approved Operational Works

Two Operational Works applications were approved in August with a total value of works of \$4,734,982.00.



Development Engineering Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

Application	Status	% Decided
Minor Works (85% in <20 Days)	🟢	92% decided in 20 days.
Signage Applications (85% in <20 Days)	🟢	100% decided in 20 days.
Operational Works (85% in 40 Days)	🟢	100% decided in 40 days.
Plan Sealing (85% decided in 20 days without action notice)	🟢	100% decided in 20 days without Action Notice.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

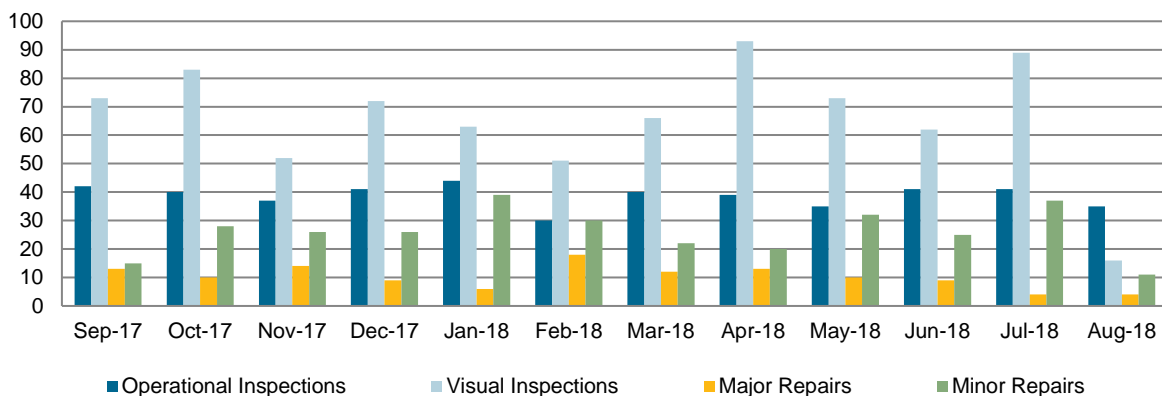
Regional and Local Area Planning		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Sarina Town Centre Revitalisation Study	★	The strategy document is complete. Scope and consultants brief finalised to prepare business case to facilitate future funding opportunities. Business case preparation planned to commence in October 2018.
Mackay Region Industrial Land Provision Study	★	Long term study to consider development and infrastructure options for industry investigation precincts in the Mackay Region Planning Scheme. Study will be ongoing to 2018/2019.
Planning Scheme Policy – Open Space Policy	★	In November 2017, Council prepared a proposed Planning Scheme Policy on Open Space. Public consultation was undertaken from 16 Feb to 16 March 2018, which resulted in changes to the proposed policy. Council adopted the Planning Scheme Policy 6.16 - Open Space with a commencement date of 24 August 2018. This project is now completed.
Mackay Waterfront Priority Development Area (PDA)	★	<p>The draft Development Scheme has been submitted to the Department for state interest review and feedback is expected in September. Formal community engagement is planned for late 2018.</p> <p>Infrastructure and network investigations are continuing for various infrastructure types, supported by funding from the Queensland Government under the Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline program. Concept designs have commenced for some components of the PDA precincts, taking into account the Queensland Government QRA funding for Queens Park. Scoping of the Mackay Waterfront Masterplan is underway, expected to be undertaken in late 2018/early 2019.</p>
<p>Project Update: Planning Scheme Policy 6.16 Open Space Council adopted the Planning Scheme Policy 6.16 - Open Space on 22 August 2018, with a commencement date of 24 August 2018. The policy sets standards for provision of open space and recreational parks when undertaking development under the Mackay Region Planning Scheme. The application of the policy is supported by the Local Government Infrastructure Plan and Recreational Open Space Strategy.</p>		

Transport & Infrastructure Planning		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Growth Allocation Model	★	The Growth Allocation Model allocates and maps future urban growth over a 20-year projection period based on growth scenarios. Further modelling will be undertaken in 2018 based on new population projections to be released by Queensland Government.
Transport Modelling	★	Further transport modelling will be considered after completion of the 2018 growth allocation modelling.
Mackay Region Transport Strategy	★	Project planning to commence in September and project planned to commence in early 2019.
Engineering Design Guidelines Review	★	The discussion paper is progressing, which outlines options available for the adoption and implementation of the revised guidelines.

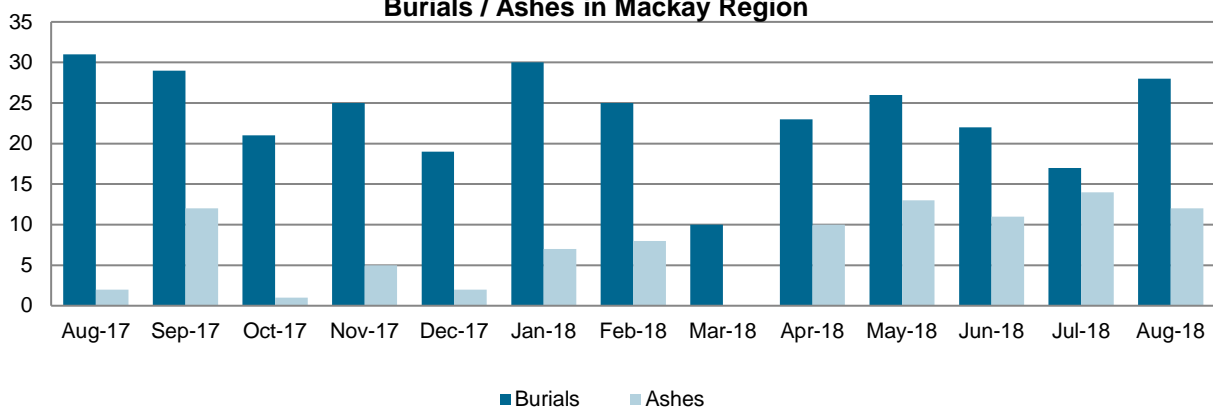
Waterways		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Region Coastal and Inland Flood Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CIFHAS)	★	The project will identify the Mackay Region's coastal and flood hazards and identify adaptation options to minimize the adverse impacts of these hazards. The current stage is near complete with data now received from the terrestrial LiDAR project (street view image and property details such as floor levels, type etc.). The next stage of the project involves consultation that commenced in May. The strategy is renamed the Storm Smart Strategy.
Mackay Floodplain Management Plan	★	Project is in Phase 1 – existing conditions data review. The LiDAR and flood damage assessments are close to completion, enabling the next phases of the project to continue. Phase 2 and 3 of the project, involving mitigation option identification and testing will be undertaken in late 2018.
Bakers Creek South Mackay Stormwater Trunk Infrastructure Study	★	The study has commenced and an existing conditions Tuflow model has been developed for the South Mackay, Ooralea and Paget areas which discharge to Bakers Creek. Problem areas have been confirmed and high-level concepts for testing developed. It is anticipated that the study will be completed in October 2018.

PARKS, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

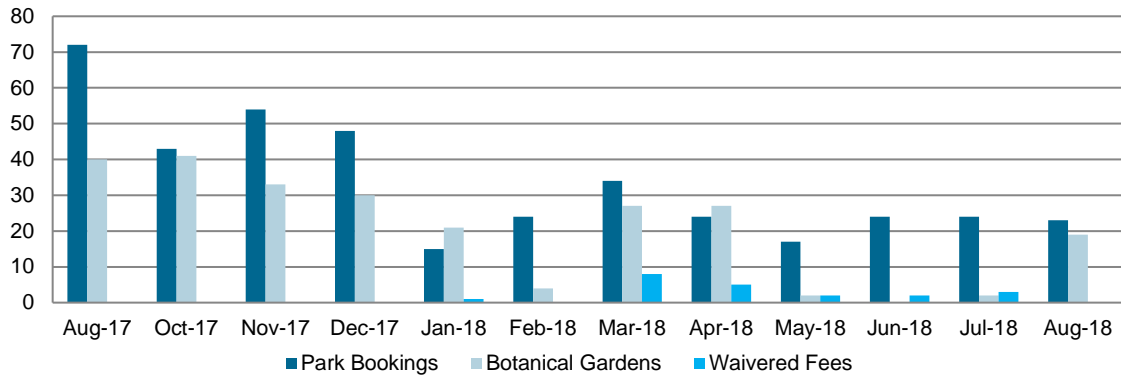
Play Equipment Inspection and Maintenance



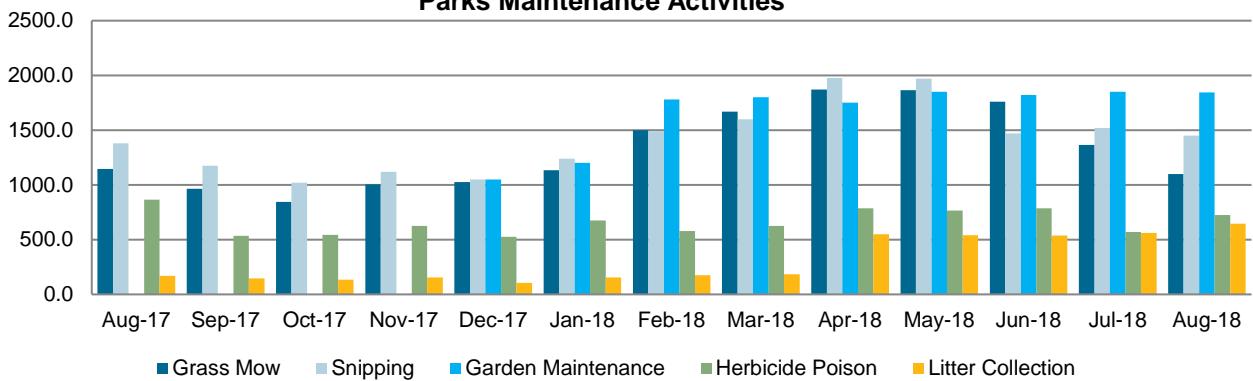
Burials / Ashes in Mackay Region



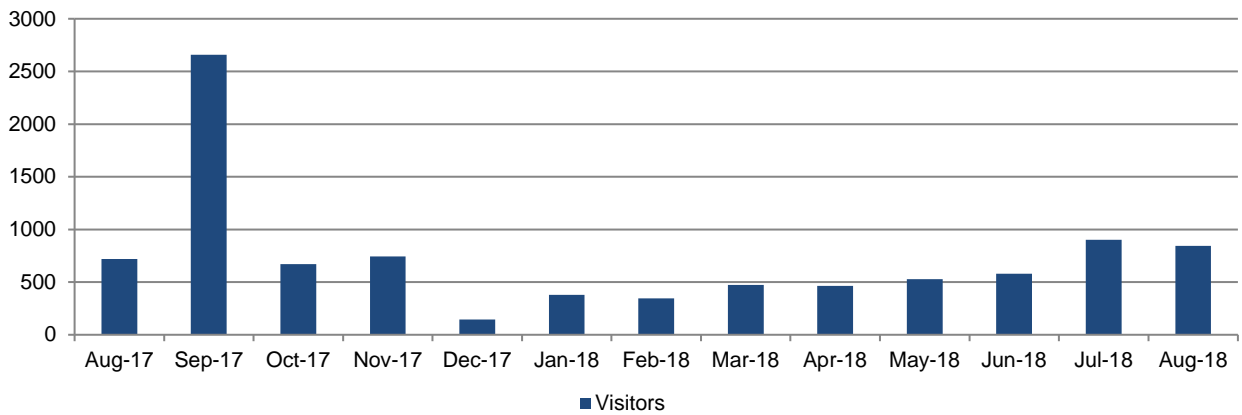
Park Bookings



Parks Maintenance Activities



Orchid House Visitors



Natural Environment Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Schools Program	🌱	Students from the Mercy College Justice Group are working with council to undertake revegetation, weed control and habitat improvement works. They held their first activity at Far Beach on 29 August.
DeMoleyns Lagoon	🌱	A control burn was undertaken at DeMoleyns Lagoon, in line with the fire management plan for the site. The fire will promote native biodiversity by helping native plant species regenerate, reducing fire risk and controlling weeds. The vegetation type at DeMoleyns Lagoon is recommended to be burned every five to seven years, and it is estimated that the site had not been burnt for 50 years.
Blacks Beach Park Beach Access Stairs	🌱	The NDRRA funded replacement of the beach access stairs has been completed. The old stairs will be removed in the coming weeks.

Gooseponds Aeration Project	★	The aeration devices installed at the Gooseponds have been connected and are now operational. The devices will run from 4pm to 9am daily and will help improve oxygenation of the waterbody and reduce fish kill events.
Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership	★	Twenty-one partners made Year of the Reef pledges at Salonika Beach as part of the Mackay Whitsunday Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership. The pledges relate to steps each partner organisation is taking to protect the reef, waterways and the environment.

Capital Works Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
North Street Park Eungella	★	A Works for Queensland project which involves completing concrete paths which were not able to be constructed as part of the original project. Planning, quotation and materials have been ordered with works to commence early September.
Sugar Bowl Mackay	★	Works about to be completed.
Park Shelter Roof Refurbishment Grasstree Beach	★	Replacement of corroded purlins and roof sheeting on the large shade structure over the play equipment at Grasstree Beach is almost complete. The main framework of the structure was also coated with a marine grade anti corrosion finish. Soft fall sand will also be renewed while the playground is closed.

Botanic Gardens Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Carpark Upgrades	★	Meadowlands pathway installation underway. Cremorne upgrades planned for next calendar year
Shade Sail Replacement	★	Shade sails have been ordered. Awaiting delivery for installation
Signage Upgrades	★	Design manual scheduled for development over the coming months. Installation of upgraded signage due in first half of 2019

Requests for Maintenance Work



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Revitalise the City Centre		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Business Attraction	*	<p>Renew in a Box – Planning is taking place to bring the Renew in a Box Travelling Exhibition to Mackay. The Exhibition captures how the City of Newcastle successfully manages the short-term use of the city's empty buildings.</p> <p>Renew Newcastle – In conjunction with the Renew in a Box Exhibition a council presentation and a number of business workshops are being organised for September. Christopher Saunders, General Manager of Renew Newcastle will be visiting Mackay to share the business model behind the successful Newcastle project which has been delivered in a number of cities around Australia.</p>
Marketing	*	<p>Wood Street Banners – After the successful run of the Festival of Arts mesh banner, Mackay City Centre has created a generic banner to match the large vinyl banners with the added message of the offer available in the City Centre. There are six different messages designed to be displayed in pairs. “Eat Shop Drink”, “Fitness Beauty Health”, “Connect Share Enjoy”, “Design Heritage Innovate”, “Advice Finance Legal” and “Learn Culture Art”.</p> <p>Mackay City Centre Art Walk Brochure is now in its second print after being launched in July to promote walks around the City. The A5 full colour brochure includes photographs of the artworks together with detailed descriptions from the artists and a location map to enable the reader to self-guide themselves around the City.</p> <p>Connect – Mackay City Centre e-Newsletter A new-look monthly e-Newsletter is currently being designed for the City Centre, aimed at keeping businesses around the City Centre better connected and informed. The new-look newsletter will also feature more content with a regular trader profile and an update from Economic Development.</p>
Events	*	<p>Ministry of Fitness - Bluewater Quay To leverage off the visit by Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food, Mackay City Centre is teaming up with Mackay Regional Council's Sport and Recreation program to provide an intensive 10-week free fitness program. Ministry of Fitness will be based at Bluewater Quay and will run alongside the 10 weeks of cooking courses being delivered by the Ministry of Food.</p> <p>Active in the City For the start of Spring, Mackay City Centre has revamped the Active in the City artwork and from September the delivery of the outdoor tai chi program will be moving indoors to St Patrick's School Hall. We are also working with a new city trader who is interested in delivering a pilates class at Bluewater Quay.</p> <p>Seniors EXPO Mackay City Centre attended the Seniors Expo and one lucky senior collected the top prize of a City Centre voucher worth \$250 and another 150 lucky seniors signed up for the City Centre survey and claimed their free Mackay City Centre Shop Local reusable shopping bag. Inside the bag was a selection of giveaways and vouchers generously donated by our City Centre traders. Lively Physiotherapy generously gave a Thero-band and held a free Thero-band class to teach our seniors how to remain fit and active.</p>

Facade Improvement Scheme (FIS) - City Centre	*	Expressions of interest opened on July 1 and are currently being assessed as received. Two applications have been approved in 18/19.
City Centre Digital Subscribers	*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook – 5,916 • Instagram – 1,231 • City Centre WiFi Sessions – 14,729

Strong Local Businesses with a Global Reach		
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Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
International Trade Group (formerly Export Group)	*	This group has been established by local businesses interested in export. Support is provided to members as required.
International Education and Training	*	The first Steering Committee of the Study Greater Whitsunday cluster was held this month. Members are developing a Terms of Reference for the group. Funding is available from Trade and Investment Queensland International Education and Training Unit (Study Queensland) to undertake a branding and positioning exercise for the cluster so it corresponds with Study Queensland's framework. Greater Whitsunday Alliance will apply for this funding.
Mackay Isaac Whitsunday Trade and Investment Group (MIW TIG)		Trade and Investment Queensland in collaboration with Regional Development Australia Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday invited Mackay Regional Council and regional stakeholders to participate in the new Trade and Investment Group. The MIW Trade and Investment Group (MIW TIG) aims to bring agencies and stakeholders together quarterly to: share information, identify priorities, pool resources and deliver projects, and ensure regional outcomes.

Partnerships for Economic Development		
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Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Implementation of the Economic Development Strategy	*	<p>Mackay Region Fishing Strategy Economic Development has commenced delivery of the action plan linked to the \$100,000 State Funding for implementation of the Mackay Region Recreational Fishing Strategy. Current actions have a focus on marketing, implementation of the voluntary code of conduct and event development/attraction. Economic Development will be attending the Rockhampton Recreational Fishing Forum in September which will support engagement and collaboration with other councils with Net Free Zones.</p> <p>Mountain Bike Strategy The Draft Mountain Bike Strategy was received this month. The Strategy is now undergoing internal review with a presentation to be provided by the consultant to Council in September. The Mackay Region was also listed as a high priority region in the Queensland Mountain Bike Strategy 2018 which was released in July.</p> <p>General Aviation Economic Development continues to coordinate advice to airstrip operators as requested.</p> <p>Driver Education Facility Economic Development engaged with regional stakeholders in August to determine further interest in the project.</p>
Recreational Vehicle Attraction	*	The Camping Choices Regulatory Review was received in February 2018. Internal review was conducted in February and March with implementation of recommendations now being investigated.
Facilitating Development in Mackay Region Policy	*	Two stage 2 applications are currently under review. A further six applications have progressed through the expression of interest assessment stage; however, stage 2 application have not yet been submitted.

Queensland Mining and Engineering Exhibition (QME)	*	A follow-up survey will be sent to participants on the Mackay Region Innovation Showcase stand to ascertain outcomes generated from QME.
Business Assistance Platform	*	Consultancy components of the Business Assistance Platform project are underway including website development and marketing material. The project is an initiative of the region's business assistance providers and aims to establish a coordinated approach to business event collaboration and cross promotion and, in addition, provide information on business assistance available within the region.
Greater Whitsunday Food Network	*	Economic Development provides volunteers to the monthly Farmers Twilight markets. A strategy day is being planned to identify priority actions for the Network and establish a sponsorship prospectus.
Resource Centre of Excellence	*	The pre-feasibility study and business case for the Resource Centre of Excellence was awarded in December and is currently being reviewed by council. The business case supports the State Government's \$3.6 million funding announcement for construction of the facility. The business case will be presented to the State Government in September and a project steering committee will be formed with the State Government following this.
Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) Conference	*	Mackay has been successful in securing the national SEGRA conference, to be held October 22-25. The local planning committee is continuing to develop content for the conference program. Economic Development is coordinating the Industry Forum to be held on Monday, October 22, and Study Tours to be held on October 25.

Working to Support Local Business		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Events & Conference Attraction Program	*	<p>Events / conferences held in August Six events / conferences were held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland Veterans Cricket Winter Carnival • Mechanos Wings and Wheels • International Karate Test Match • Sunstate Pro Tree Shootout • Variety Bash visit • myPHN Conference (Primary Health Network conference) <p>Events / conferences approved in August Three new events / conferences were approved through the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidential event • NRC Match - Queensland Country v Fiji Drua • Money Bowl - run in conjunction with Etnies Rumble on the Reef
Mackay Pride Facade Improvement Scheme - Expressions of Interest	*	Expressions of interest opened on July 1 and are currently being assessed as received. One application has been approved in 18/19.

Attracting & Keeping Young People in the Region		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Support and incubate to foster creativity & commercialise ideas and start ups	*	<p>Split Spaces Mackay Economic Development will continue to engage with Split Spaces Mackay to discuss future partnership opportunities as requested.</p> <p>Startup Mackay Economic Development will continue to engage with Startup Mackay to discuss future partnership opportunities as requested.</p>

Place Management of Suburbs & Localities		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Placemaking	*	<p>Economic Development is delivering a placemaking grants program, Activate My Place (AMP), offering grants to individuals or organisations to deliver projects that enhance the amenity, activity and appearance of a place. A community workshop was held in March with 30 community members in attendance. Applications opened at the beginning of April and closed on May 1.</p> <p>Economic Development is working with the four successful applicants to progress the projects and provide assistance where required. The first successful project under the program, River Beats, will commence in September.</p>

Sarina Sugar Shed					
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project			
		Item	August	YTD	Annual Target
Business Operations	*	Visitation	1582	3866	10,000
		Item	August	YTD	Annual Budget
	*	Ticket Sales	\$28,098	\$61,248	\$160,000
	*	Retail Sales	\$36,584	\$76,223	\$289,000
	*	Total Income (incl. Tickets income)	\$64,682	\$137,471	\$449,000
	*	Total Expenses	\$80,666	\$127,685	\$789,155

Economic Indicators (Quarterly)

Indicator	Jun 18	Mar 18	Dec 17	Sep 17	Jun 17	Mar 17
Employment						
Unemployment rate	N/A*	4.3%	5%	5.6%	6%	6.3%
Employed persons	N/A*	65,359	64,288	63,020	61,894	60,951
Real Estate						
Median house sale	\$342,000	\$340,000	\$330,000	\$307,250	\$335,000	\$295,000
Res vacancy rate	1.9%	3.6%	3%	2.8%	4.5%	6.4%
Residential Lot Supply						
Lots Approved	128	27	51	75	7	42
Lots Registered	74	46	27	34	43	25

**Data relates to the Mackay Local Government Area and is updated on a quarterly basis as it is received by Council. There is often a 3-6 month lag from the provision of data for a previous quarter.*

e-Statistics

Subscribers	August	July	June	May	April	March
City Centre Business Network	992	984	993	993	933	1,066
Regional Focus Business Network	148	148	148	148	148	148
Sarina Businesses Network	172	172	172	172	173	173
Evans Avenue Network	64	64	64	64	64	64
City Centre Community Subscribers	3977	3,904	3,904	3,904	3746	3,696
Mackay Region Joblink Analytic Report	522 Users 1659 Views	519 Users 1271 Views	513 Users 3751 Views	497 Users 5602 Views	499 Users 3018 Views	496 Users 3658 Views
Sarina Field of Dreams Usage WiFi	161 Users 1242 Total Sessions	--	--	--	--	--

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
22 September	Surf Lifesaving Queensland starts lifeguard services at Bucasia Beach, over school holidays, weekends and public holidays during the summer months	Bucasia Beach
25 – 29 September	Rumble on the Reef Qld Championship of Street Skateboarding and Money Bowl Event	Sugar Bowl Mackay
1 – 5 October	Cricket Australia U17 Male National Championships	Harrup Park
13 – 14 October	Adventurethon Demolish Multisport Festival	Pioneer Valley
22 – 25 October	Sustainable Economic Growth in Regional Australia (SEGRA) 2018 Conference	MECC