



Development Services

Monthly Review Report

June 2019

Executive Summary

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

June was a busy month for Development Services, with a number of projects completed or at critical points in development. The Development Assessment and Development Engineering Programs also continued to be busy with new development activity resulting from existing development approvals.

On 17 June 2019 consolidated version 2.2 of the Mackay Region Planning Scheme 2017 commenced. The latest version of the Planning Scheme incorporates a number of minor and administrative amendments relating to flooding, road hierarchy mapping and the Mackay Waterfront PDA.

The Slade Point Local Coastal Plan was adopted by Council in June, following extensive public input into the development of the Plan. Work is progressing well on the development of the next two Local Coastal Plans - for St Helens Beach and McEwens Beach. A draft process for prioritising future Local Coastal Plans was presented to Council's Sustainability & Environment Advisory Committee on 28 June and will be further refined as a result of feedback received from the Committee.

On 14 June the first edition of Council's new bi-monthly *Invested in Mackay* newsletter was launched. The newsletter provides relevant information on current and future economic development initiatives and opportunities by Mackay Regional Council and stakeholders. The newsletter is an opportunity for Council to engage with stakeholders and promote news stories relevant to the economic development of the Mackay region.

The Slade Point Water Tower mural was officially unveiled at a launch held on 28 June. This striking artwork was produced by artists Scott Nagy and Cara Sanders and is an excellent example of how public art can have a transformative impact on a place. The mural received support through RADF and Council's Activate My Place program.



Aletta Nugent
Director Development Services



Promoting volunteer opportunities at the Volunteer Expo

Development News 06/2019

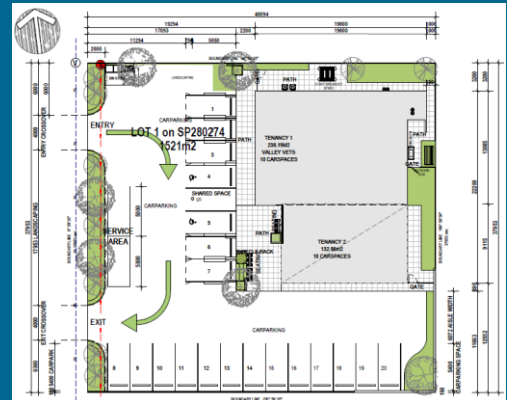
Updates on Significant Developments Currently Being Assessed by Council

APPLICATION LODGED

DA-2019-74

3 Hadley Street, Marian

The application proposes the development of a commercial building with two tenancies within the Marian Town Centre. The building is proposed to accommodate a veterinary service and provide a tenancy for a shop to be established.



APPLICATION LODGED

OW-2019-11

2 Farmhouse Court, Beaconsfield

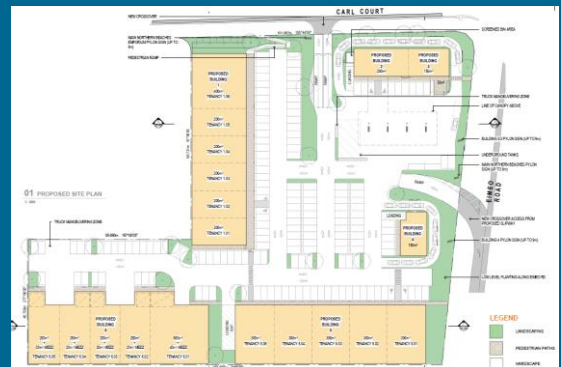
Beaconsfield Heights Stage 3a & 3b consisting of 49 residential lots with proposed works onsite to include road works, stormwater, water and sewerage infrastructure, drainage work, earthworks, landscaping and signage.

APPLICATION LODGED

DA-2019-75

1-11 Carl Street, Rural View

This application proposes a number of uses across five buildings on this site at the corner of Carl Street and Eimeo Road. The uses include a service station, 2 fast food drive through operations and three large industrial buildings that can accommodate warehouses, service industry, low impact industry and indoor sport and recreation uses. Access is proposed from Eimeo Road and Carl Street.



APPLICATION APPROVED

OW-2019-4

Lot 53 Howells Road, Mount Jukes

Combined OW and Prescribed Tidal Works - Civil Works - Constant Creek Boat Ramp, approved works to be carried out onsite include roadworks, drainage works and earthworks.



Monthly Safety Review

Summary

The following injuries to MRC employees were reported:

- Strain in forearm while installing irrigation pipe.
- Hip pain while lifting plants.

The following incidents resulting in asset damage were reported:

- A minor collision between a broken-down mower and the vehicle towing it.
- Whipper snipping when a stone flicked up hitting the window of a passing vehicle.
- A truck drove over and damaged a sprinkler valve.
- Polaris ATV hit bollards it was driving between.
- A mower hit a fire extinguisher that was concealed in long grass.

The following near miss incident was reported:

- A mower slipped down a wet grassed slope.

The following incident involving a contractor was reported:

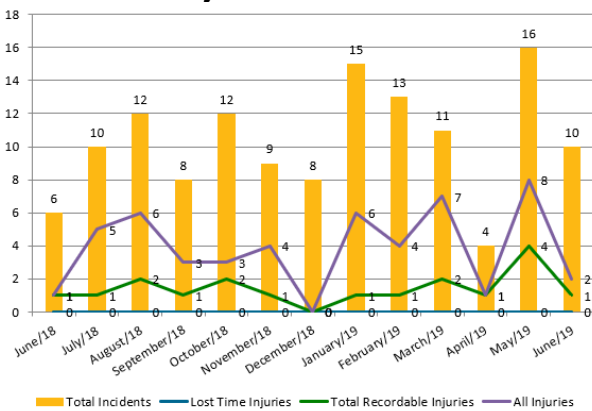
- Verbal abuse by a member of the public.

The following incident involving a volunteer was reported:

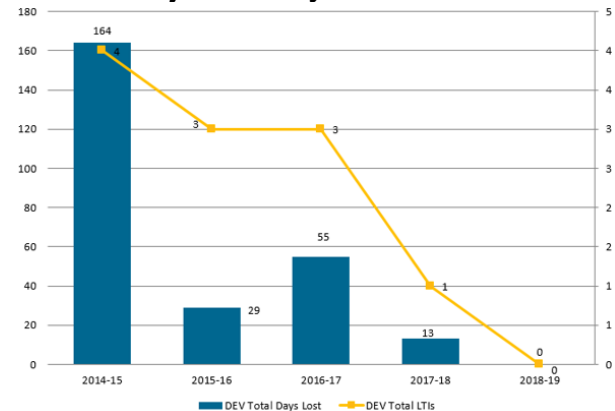
- Eye irritation after plant foliage went behind safety glasses into eye as it was passed from person to person.

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

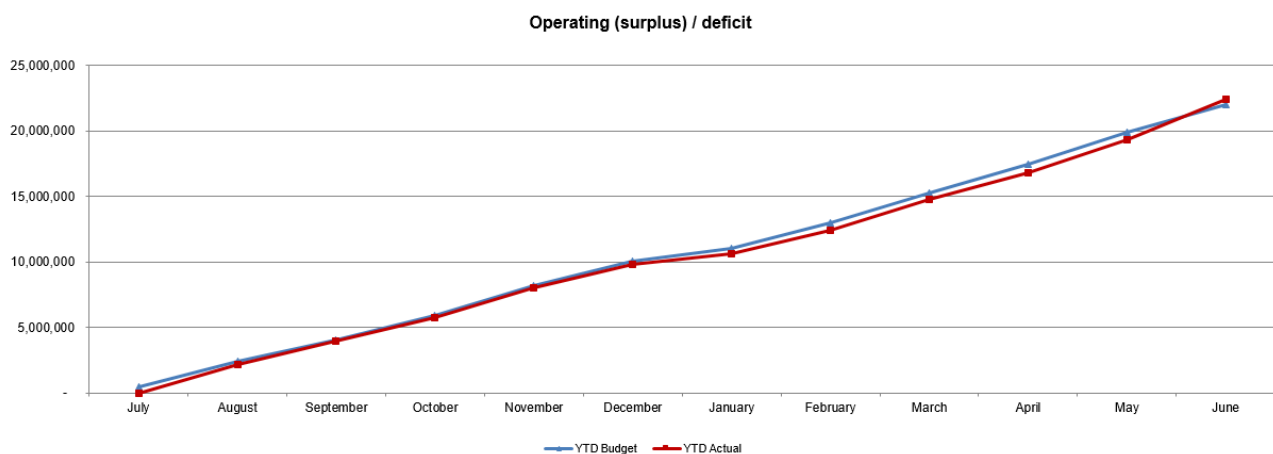
The inability to fill the Social Planner role and other key vacancies throughout the 18/19 financial year gave rise to savings in the Strategic Planning program, both in wages and due to the inability to progress projects as intended without those resources being available.

Development application numbers continued to trend below expectations, with the budget position of the Development Assessment program further impacted by the refunding of a significant development application fee in June. Despite this, construction activity remained strong with existing approvals being acted upon, resulting in a significant surplus in the Development Engineering budget arising largely from application fees payable for operational works at pre-start stage and survey plan endorsement fees.

The Parks, Environment & Sustainability program budget tracked well in the last month of the financial year, with some minor overspends across a number of sections resulting in a small unfavourable variance to the program budget.

Operating Results	YTD budget	YTD actual	Variance	Status
Development Services Management	420,040	368,676	(51,364)	🟢
Strategic Planning	1,594,008	1,545,082	(48,926)	🟢
Development Assessment	(59,942)	25,256	85,198	🔴
Development Engineering	281,005	93,190	(187,815)	🟢
Economic Development & Tourism	2,513,777	2,884,770	370,993	🔴
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	17,265,297	17,523,841	258,544	🟡
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	22,014,185	22,440,814	426,630	🟡
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

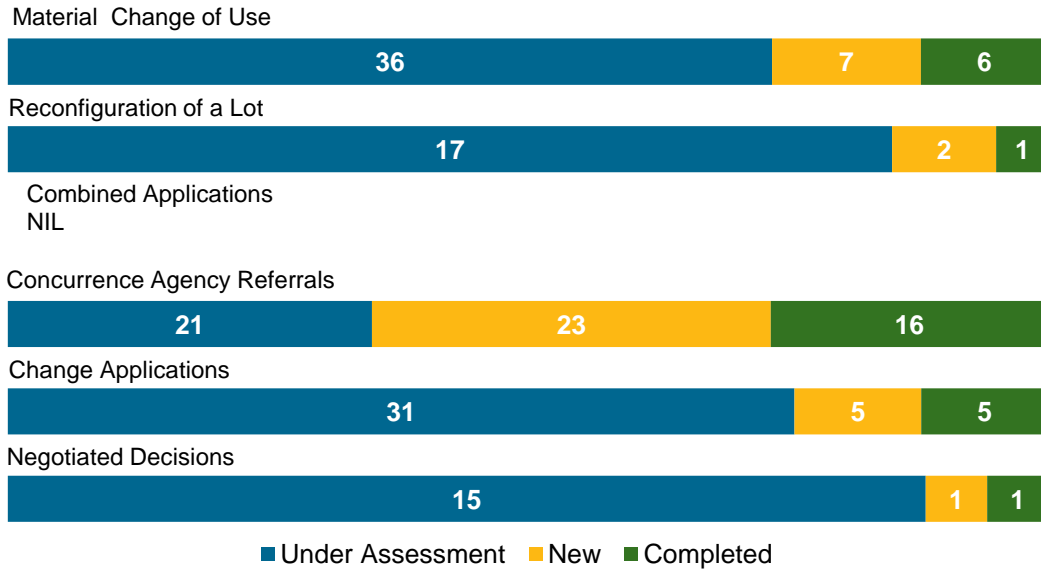


Review of Operations

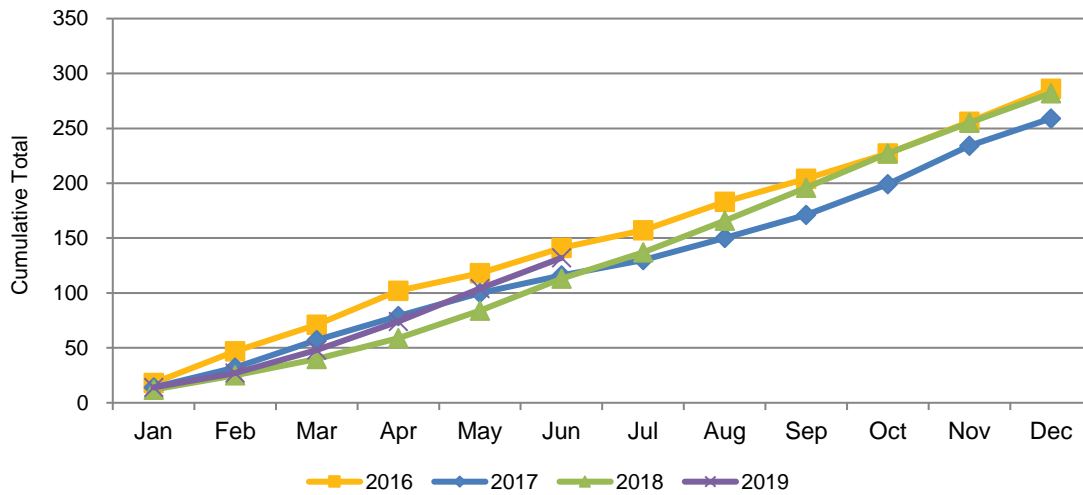
- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Volume of Operations



Cumulative Number of Approved Development Assessment Applications

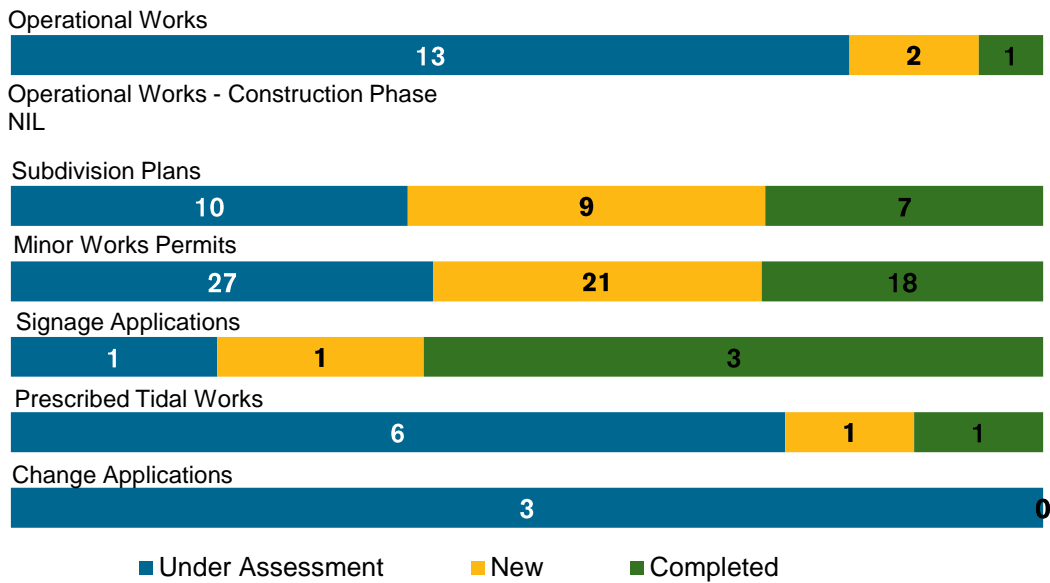


Development Assessment Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

Application	Status	% Decided
MCU Code (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
MCU Impact (50% in 40 Days)	●	Nil applications decided.
ROL (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
Concurrence Agency (85% in 10 Days)	●	88% decided in 10 days.

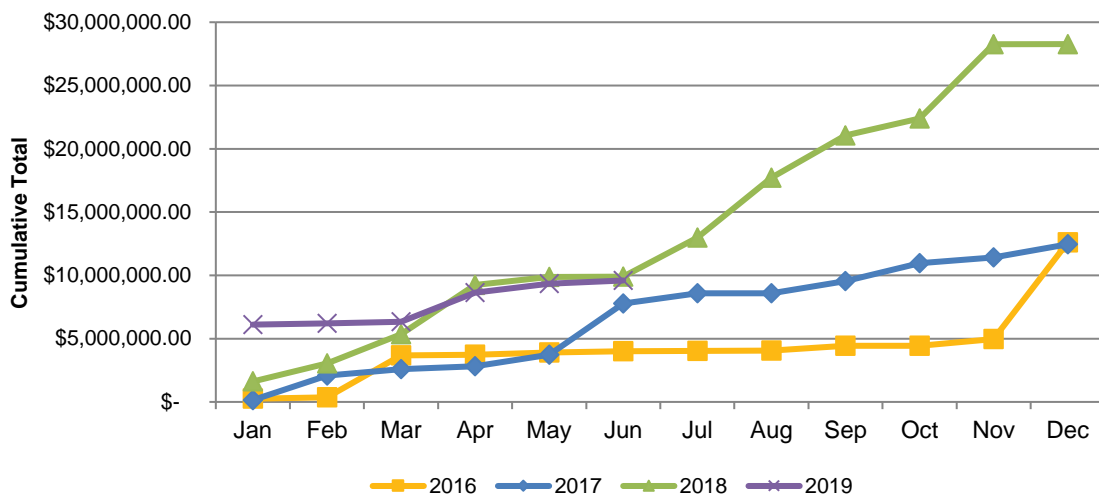
DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

Volume of Operations



Cumulative Value of Approved Operational Works

One Operational Works application was approved in June with a total value of works of \$257,644.00.



Development Engineering Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

Application	Status	% Decided
Minor Works (85% in <20 Days)	🟢	95% 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 technical reports to support the development of a business case for the Sarina Town Centre have been completed. The project has not received funding through the federal government elections. The business case will be reviewed to consider options moving forward.
Mackay Region Industrial Land Provision Study	●	The long-term study to consider development and infrastructure options for industry investigation precincts in the Mackay Region Planning Scheme will be ongoing in 2020.
Mackay Waterfront Priority Development Area (PDA)	●	<p>The PDA Development Scheme has commenced and the Development Assessment program within Council is responsible for development assessment under the Scheme. The Development Scheme as well as the PDA submissions report are available on Council's website to view or download.</p> <p>A draft Master Plan for the PDA is being developed that includes design aspects of the public realm. The masterplan will be used in assessing development priorities within the Mackay Waterfront PDA area.</p> <p>Infrastructure and network improvement investigation projects are progressing under the Queensland Government Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline program, and project milestones are on track.</p>
Mackay Region Planning Scheme Amendment	●	<p>Council adopted Minor amendment 3 (flood and coastal overlays, and open space policy), Administrative amendment 5 (Waterfront PDA provisions and correcting errors), and Qualified state interest amendment 1 of 2018 (road hierarchy mapping). These were incorporated into Version 2.2 of the Mackay Region Planning Scheme 2017 which commenced on 17 June 2019.</p> <p>Proposed Major amendment 1 relating to self-contained recreational vehicle grounds was submitted to the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning for a State interest review against the State Planning Policy. Once the state government provides approval to proceed, public consultation will commence.</p>
Mirani Master Plan	●	The draft Master Plan for the Mirani Community Precinct and associated Pre-Feasibility Report have been completed. Council is reviewing the way forward on design options for this precinct.
Community Growth Profiles	●	Community growth profiles have been completed that present statistics and a growth outlook for geographic locations in the Mackay region. The growth profiles will be available on Council's webpage and accessible on smartphone devices.

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. The model has been updated in 2018 based on the Queensland Government Population Projections.
Mackay Region Transport Strategy	●	Project scheduled to commence in July 2019.
Transport Modelling	●	Further transport modelling will be considered as part of preparing the Mackay Region Transport Strategy.
Engineering Design Guidelines Review	●	The Engineering Design Guidelines Review considered recent changes to engineering standards and guidelines by external bodies and its application within Council. The review is updating guidelines in order of priority and will be on-going in 2020.

Waterways		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Region Coastal and Inland Flood Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CIFHAS)	●	The current project stage to finalise the hazard assessments is progressing and the supporting GIS analysis should be completed by July 2019. The project is on-going in 2020.
Mackay Floodplain Management Plan	●	The Flood Study has been completed and the draft Plan includes the identified and tested mitigation options. The draft documents are subject to peer review and stakeholder engagement will occur in the latter part of 2019.
Bakers Creek South Mackay Stormwater Trunk Infrastructure Study	●	The flood study is complete and adopted. Based on this study, the planning scheme flood overlays was updated in June 2019.
Flood Studies for Tropical Cyclone Debbie affected communities	●	Community engagement was completed in June 2019. Flood modelling will progress in the next financial year in July 2019.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM



Events and Tourism Raise awareness of the Mackay region as a tourism destination, increasing the destination appeal, extended and return visitation		
Business Priority	Status	Update of Project
Attract events which bring economic benefit to the Mackay region	●	<p>Regional Events Strategy Council has appointed Luminair as the consultant to develop the Mackay Region Events Strategy (2020 – 2025). Stakeholder engagement is currently underway, and the Strategy will be completed in late September 2019.</p> <p>Invest Mackay Events and Conference Attraction Program Events / conferences held in June Five events were held in June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mackay Marina Run ● Whitsunday STEM Challenge ● Queensland Woman's Winter Series - Gold Coast SUNS Vs Brisbane Lions ● 2019 Mountain Bike Australia XCO (Cross Country) National Cup Round and UCI Class 2 (C2)/ Mackay Mountain Bike Cross Country Classic ● River Sessions Festival <p>Events / conferences approved in June: One new confidential event was approved through the program.</p>
Identify new tourism experiences and business opportunities in conjunction with Mackay Tourism Ltd and existing tourism providers.	●	<p>Tourist Drive Signage Tourist guiding road signage has been developed for the Hibiscus Coast and Pioneer Valley tourist drives. The project is designed to encourage regional visitor dispersal which is key to growing overnight visitor expenditure. Review of tourist signage designs have been finalised and contractor is proceeding with manufacture. Signage is being installed in July and the project will be finalised by 31 July 2019.</p>
Promotion of the Mackay Region tourism brand	●	<p>Recreational Vehicle Attraction Council's Strategic Planning Program are progressing amendments to the Mackay Region Planning Scheme to reflect the findings of the Camping Choices Regulatory Review. Economic Development is providing assistance and will be involved in the public consultation process related to these amendments.</p>

Industry Development and Support To facilitate collaboration and growth opportunities within and across industry sectors including resources, agriculture, health and tourism.		
Business Priority	Status	Update of Project
Maintain strong partnerships through communication networks with key industry and regional development stakeholders		<p>Business Beacon Regional Development Australia has officially launched the Mackay Business Beacon at the Mackay Chamber of Commerce EOFY networking event on Friday, 28 June. The Business Beacon is a website platform that will allow local not for profit organisations to share their business events across the region.</p> <p>Invested in Mackay - Newsletter On 14 June, the first edition of the new bi-monthly <i>Invested in Mackay</i> newsletter was launched. The update offers industry stakeholders, local businesses, community members and non-local investors an overview of current and future economic development initiatives and opportunities by Mackay Regional Council and industry stakeholders.</p> <p>This newsletter replaces the previous versions of <i>Regional Focus Business Network</i>, <i>Sarina Focus Business Network</i> and <i>Evans Avenue Network</i>. Objectives of this initiative are to increase the subscriber base and offer a medium to connect and engage with stakeholders and industry influencers as well as promote news stories relevant to the economic development of the Mackay region.</p>
Identify and support delivery of industry sector priorities		<p>Resource Centre of Excellence The tender for detailed design was awarded and project inception undertaken in April. Economic Development is assisting the Capital Works Program with the detailed design stage and stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Economic Development Strategy 2020-2025 The tender for the Economic Development Strategy 2020-2025 was awarded to Lucid Economics. The consultant is currently undertaking the Economic Baseline Review and Health Check stage of the Strategy. Targeted consultation and engagement will commence in July.</p> <p>Greater Whitsunday Food Network Economic Development supported the first three Greater Whitsunday Food Network (GWFN) agritourism farm tours through sponsoring a familiarisation program, allowing key influencers to participate in the tour. So far, the activity resulted in extensive media coverage including a two-page spread in the Daily Mercury on 13 June.</p> <p>Economic Development also assisted GWFN by coordinating a revised application to the Local Buying Foundation, as well as an application to the CQ Bushfires Category C Bushfire Funding Grant program. The projects will assist the Network to facilitate business skills training, agritourism initiatives, and brand development activities.</p> <p>The Economic Development Program also assisted the GWFN to deliver a Farm to Plate Dining Experience at the St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend</p> <p>Finch Hatton Art Trail Economic Development is currently assisting the Finch Hatton Progress Association to progress their 'Finch Hatton Art Trail' concept. The concept was undertaken by the Progress Association and provides a high-level concept focused on public realm upgrades in Finch Hatton to showcase local art and highlight the natural beauty of the Pioneer Valley. Economic Development is working with the Progress Association</p>

		<p>to consider priorities, approval processes and funding sources.</p> <p>The Progress Association is currently sourcing quotes and seeking funding sources for several aspects of the concept including an art installation as entry statement to the township.</p>
<p>Support industry sectors to access international markets in accordance with industry sector profile priorities.</p>	<p>✳</p>	<p>MIW METS Export Hub The Economic Development Program is represented on the Steering Committee of the METS Export Hub project. Committee members are finalising the scope for the capability mapping and supply chain consultancy and preparing the position description for the employment of a Regional Export Hub Manager.</p> <p>Study Greater Whitsunday The Brand Activation Project has developed a draft positioning statement, key themes, photoshoot and testimonials for Study Greater Whitsunday. This project is due for completion within the next two months. Study Queensland's International Education and Training Summit was held in June and delegates from North Queensland TAFE, Bowen Gumlu Growers Association and Mackay Regional Council's Economic Development Program represented Study Greater Whitsunday at the event.</p> <p>Trade and Investment Queensland Workshops Trade and Investment Queensland is running a series of business workshops for small to medium-sized businesses in regional Queensland looking to explore and grow their export markets.</p>

Investment Attraction and Growth		
To attract new businesses, facilitate investment and support existing businesses to realise growth opportunities		
Business Priority	Status	Update of Project
<p>Support and facilitate investment in emerging industries and opportunities for diversification</p>	<p>✳</p>	<p>Split Spaces Mackay Economic Development supported Split Spaces to deliver MackHack on the weekend of 7-9 June. MackHack was an innovative and entrepreneurial event designed to create, test and discover solutions for the mining industry. The event was a success with over 30 attendees over the weekend. Economic Development continues to engage with Split Spaces to discuss future partnership opportunities.</p> <p>Startup Mackay Economic Development will continue to engage with Startup Mackay to discuss future partnership opportunities as requested.</p> <p>MIW Biofutures Steering Committee Mackay Regional Council is a member of the newly formed MIW Biofutures Steering Committee. The Queensland Biofutures 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan identifies Queensland agricultural regions as playing a key role in the growth of biofutures and the opportunity to grow bio feedstocks. The Mackay Isaac Whitsunday (MIW) region has a range of heritage crops and emerging industrial biotechnologies and bioproducts. The Committee will agree on and deliver MIW biofutures priority actions to position the region for biofutures opportunities.</p>

<p>Support business growth and investment opportunities through the implementation of strategies such as the Mountain Bike Strategy, Recreational Fishing Strategy and Recreational Vehicle attraction.</p>	<p>✱</p>	<p>Recreational Fishing Strategy Economic Development is delivering an action plan linked to the \$100,000 State funding for implementation of the Mackay Region Recreational Fishing Strategy.</p> <p>A large focus of the action plan is delivering the ‘Hooked on Mackay’ marketing campaign which support the promotion and awareness of the Mackay Region as a fishing destination. Current initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising in fishing magazines. • Partnering with Mackay Tourism and Tourism Events Queensland on the delivery of a Business Case for a locally created fishing event. • Hosting of fishing media personalities to the Mackay region. • Development of a fishing guide promoting the freshwater fishing opportunities in the region’s impoundments and creeks and the Kinchant Dam Habitat Enhancement Project. • Promotion of the Voluntary Code of Practice for the Net Free Zone. • Delivery of the ‘Hooked on Mackay’ Facebook Page. • Development of welcome and interactive signage at boat ramps in the net free zone. • Hooked on Mackay stand at the Mackay Show and the promotion of the Voluntary Code of Conduct. <p>Mountain Bike Strategy The draft Mountain Bike Strategy was adopted by Council on 13 February 2019. The delivery of a Feasibility/Business Case to further investigate the Eungella-Finch Hatton Mountain Bike Park is currently underway. The feasibility study work has entered the detailed investigation phase and Council appointed consultants, World Trail and Otium Planning Group, were on-site in April to undertake stakeholder engagement and investigate trail options. The consultants, officers and Councillors met with several stakeholders to discuss the progress of the feasibility study. The consultants are currently progressing the feasibility study based on feedback and investigations to date. The consultants will be in region in July and will brief Council on findings to date.</p>
<p>Proactive targeting and attracting business to the Mackay region</p>	<p>✱</p>	<p>Facilitating Development in Mackay Region Policy An information brochure has been developed to detail the incentives and benefits of the individual schedules of the Facilitating Development Policy. The brochure is available either online or as hard copy and can be sourced from Economic Development.</p> <p>An overview of current applications under the Policy is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Stage 2 applications were approved in July. • Eight Expression of Interest applications are currently under assessment. • Seven applications have progressed through the Expression of Interest assessment stage; however, Stage 2 application have not yet been submitted.
<p>Explore opportunities for growth and development and facilitate investment opportunities</p>	<p>✱</p>	<p>Economic Development’s First Point of Contact service continues to assist with development enquiries as requested. The March Quarter Mackay Region Economic Snapshot was published in June.</p>

Liveability To support and promote a vibrant, sustainable and affordable community which encourages people to live, work and play in the Mackay region.		
Business Priority	Status	Update of Project
Activate regional localities to achieve social, economic and environmental potential		<p>Activate My Place (AMP) Program Economic Development continues to work with the successful applicants from Round 1 of the AMP Program. Current updates on approvals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mackay Hospital Foundation conducted their event, Cinema under the Stars, on 3 May. Over 250 people attended the event. • The Fifth Lane project is progressing, and planning has commenced for an activation on Saturday, 27 July during the Mackay Festival of Arts. A temporary studio space has been established at 33 Wood Street which enabled two weeks of art workshops during Easter School holidays to take place, the work the children have created will form part of the art installation on Fifth Lane. • The Slade Point Water Tower has now been completely transformed. Artists Scott Nagy and Cara Sanders started the mural on 14 June 2019 and completed the work in two weeks. The official launch on 28 June was well attended by the community, sponsors and councillors. <p>The implementation of future initiatives under the Activate My Place program will be reviewed once Round 1 projects have been completed.</p> <p>Mackay Pride Façade Improvement Scheme Expressions of interest opened on 1 July 2019 and are currently being assessed as received. Two applications have been funded in 18/19 and a further four applications have recently been approved. Since increased advertising was undertaken in March 2019, Economic Development has been assisting six businesses with the application process.</p>
Activate Mackay City Centre		<p>Business Engagement June was the third and final month of a 3-month promotion by Mackay City Centre offering businesses free Wi-Fi advertising, opportunities for marketing their business at the Greater Whitsundays Farmers Market and Twilight Market and to sponsor the stage entertainment at the monthly River Street Twilight Market. These promotional opportunities were made possible due to the Mackay City Centre partnership with the GWFN.</p> <p>Dining Guide – Eat Mackay Eat Mackay, the new look 2019 Dinning Guide was printed and distributed at the Mackay Show. The publication will be further distributed to City Centre businesses and accommodation providers during July.</p> <p>Mackay City Centre – the heart of Mackay The new campaign was launched in June with 5 back of bus adverts and 3 billboard skins to promote the offer in Mackay City Centre.</p> <p>Queensland Day – Mackay An artwork in celebration of the 80 countries that have been represented at Mackay Citizenship Ceremonies since records began in 2013 was installed on the side of the Jeremiah Bullfrog building in Wood Street. The site is now an outdoor gallery space for temporary artworks.</p> <p>Mackay Laneway Project – Fifth Lane The Fifth Lane project is progressing and planning has commenced for</p>

		<p>the launch on Saturday 27 July during the Mackay Festival of Arts. Social media has gone viral in sharing of links and liking the artworks, this has attracted the attention of Brisbane-based artists with local connections. Plans are now in place to engage with these artists to create additions to the Laneway.</p> <p>The maintenance and waste management issues in Fifth Lane are continuing to be addressed with business owners and Council departments.</p>
Promote the Mackay Region	★	The Economic Development Program continues to work with Mackay Tourism Ltd on opportunities to promote the Mackay Region. Economic Development has been working closely with Mackay Tourism Ltd on a campaign for visiting friends and relatives (VFR) and the development of a Business Case for a locally developed fishing event and marketing campaign.
Support for tertiary education	★	Economic Development continues to work with Central Queensland University and James Cook University as required. Current engagement with the tertiary education sector is focused on opportunities for the Resource Centre of Excellence and Study Greater Whitsunday projects.

Sarina Sugar Shed

To manage and operate a sustainable tourism facility, which provides a range of tourism products and experiences to promote the region's heritage

Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project			
Operate a successful tourism facility which meets its performance targets	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarina Sugar Shed exceeded all sales and visitation targets for 2018/19. Sarina Sugar Shed products were showcased at the Wetlands Weekend and the GWFN Farm to Plate Seafood Luncheon and Dining experience with Celebrity Chef Matt Golinski. The Sarina Sugar Shed had exhibitions at the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mackay Show in the Sugar Pavilion Queensland Day Sarina Field of Dreams Parkland Celebrations and Mackay VIC 1st birthday 			
Business Operations (excluding accruals)		Item	June	YTD	Annual Target
	★	Tour Visitation (Paid)	1,234	10,790	10,000
		Visitation (Total)	1,492	- *	-
		Volunteer Hours	303	- *	-
		Item	June	YTD	Annual Budget
	★	Ticket Sales	\$17,180	\$173,499	\$160,000
	★	Retail Sales	\$26,384	\$322,627	\$289,000
	★	Total Income (incl. Ticket income)	\$43,564	\$496,125	\$449,000
	★	Total Expenses	\$80,673	\$783,182	\$755,170

*YTD data will be available commencing 2019/20 reporting year.

Economic Indicators (Quarterly)

Indicator	Mar 19	Dec 18	Sep 18	Jun 18	Mar 18	Dec 17
Employment						
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	3.8%	4.3%	5%
Employed persons	62,527	65,291	66,678	65,790	65,359	64,288
Real Estate						
Median house sale	\$330,000	\$343,000	\$340,000	\$342,000	\$340,000	\$330,000
Res vacancy rate	2.9%	1.7%	0.9%	1.9%	3.6%	3%
Residential Lot Supply						
Lots Approved	287	297	433 [#]	128	27	51
Lots Endorsed	45	52	125 [#]	74	46	27

**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 receipt of data for a previous quarter.*

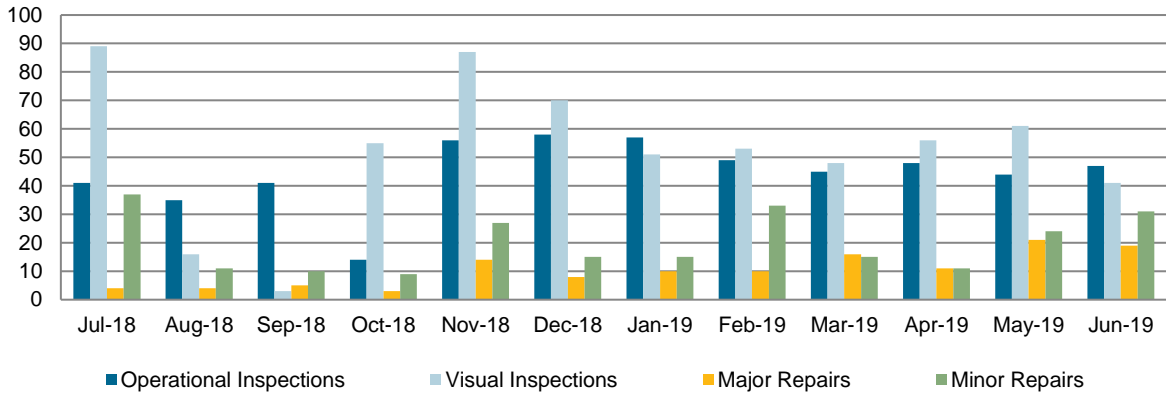
#Change in calculation method adopted from this reporting period.

e-Statistics

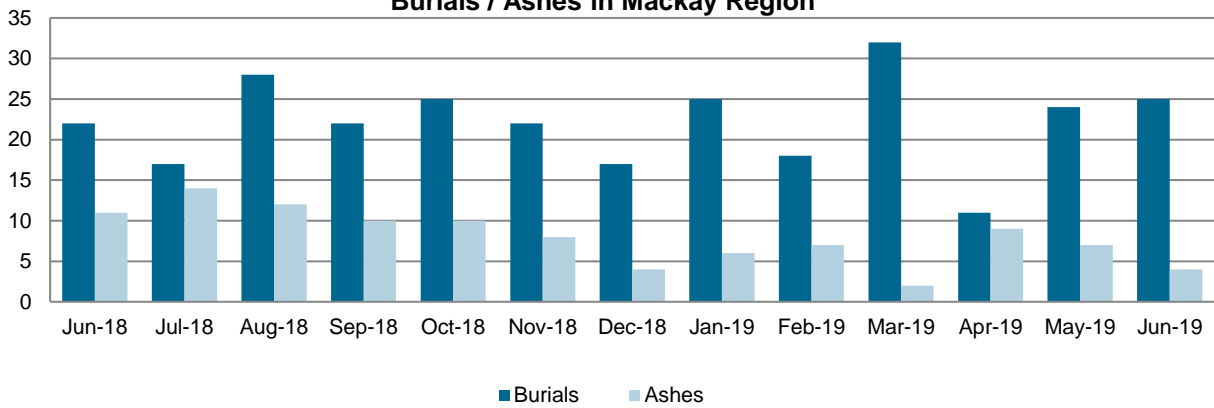
Subscribers	June	May	April	March
City Centre Business Network	1,104	1,104	1,092	1,027
City Centre Facebook Likes	6,285	6,269	6,261	6,244
City Centre Instagram Followers	1,295	1,290	1,287	1,269
City Centre Wi-Fi Sessions	991	1,107	1,185	1,103 users
	9,254 sessions	7,884 sessions	8,404 sessions	10,018 sessions
Invested in Mackay	436	-	-	-
Regional Focus Business Network	<i>Replaced by Invested in Mackay</i>	140	142	143
Sarina Businesses Network	<i>Replaced by Invested in Mackay</i>	161	167	167
Evans Avenue Network	<i>Replaced by Invested in Mackay</i>	59	61	61
City Centre Community	4,642	4,642	4,642	4,241
Mackay Region Joblink Analytic Report	571 users	570 Users	567 users	614 users
	3,932 views	2,871 views	2,908 views	3,375 views
Sarina Field of Dreams Usage Wi-Fi	100 Users	78 Users	103 users	103 users
	1,315 sessions	1467 sessions	1025 sessions	1,056 sessions
Hooked on Mackay Facebook Likes	1,089	1,044	955	921
Net Free Zone Voluntary Code	432	335	325	315

PARKS, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

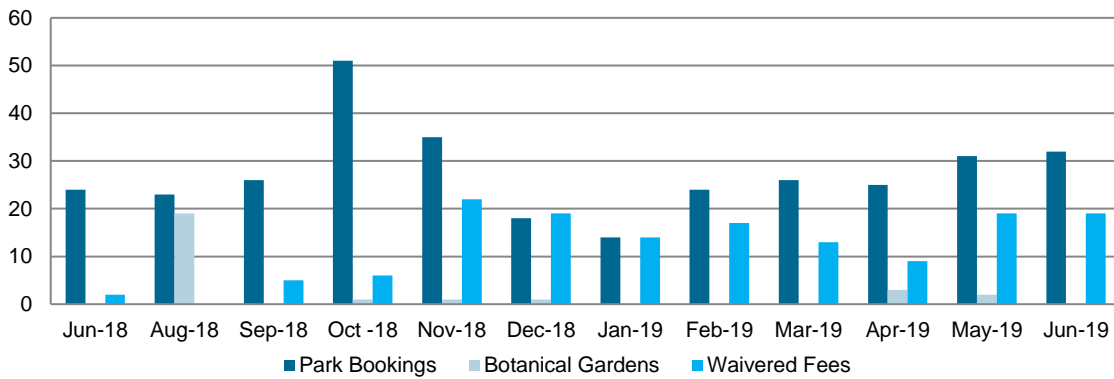
Play Equipment Inspection and Maintenance



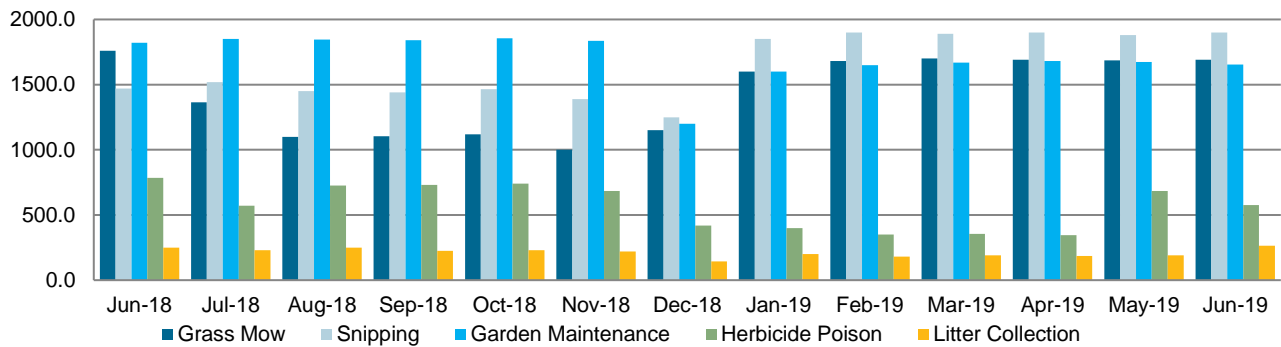
Burials / Ashes in Mackay Region



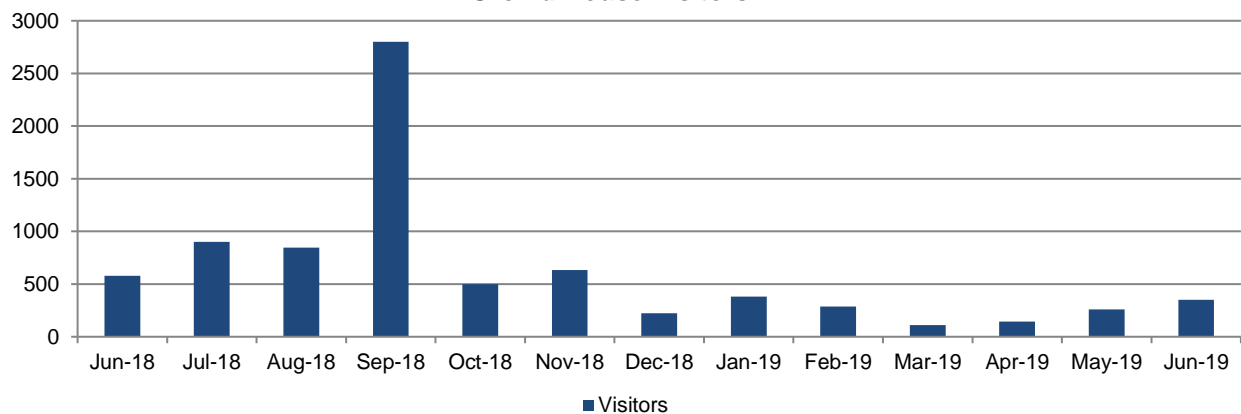
Park Bookings



Parks Maintenance Activities



Orchid House Visitors



Natural Environment Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Wetland Field Day	🌱	Staff participated in a field day to showcase work occurring in wetlands across our region, including Little McCreadys Creek, Plantation Palms and Mackay Christian College.
Local Coastal Plans	🌱	Slade Point LCP was adopted in June and a draft was developed for McEwens Beach. A very positive meeting was held with residents from St Helens Beach to gather information to inform the development of the St Helens Beach LCP. A draft process for prioritising future LCPs was also developed and presented to SEAC.
National Tree Day	🌱	Advertising and promotion has started for Council's 10 th National Tree Day events at Far Beach. There has been a lot of community support for the project and many schools are keen to be involved.
Birdwatching Brochure	🌱	Staff are working with Birdlife Mackay to produce a new birdwatching in Mackay Brochure which will highlight eleven key birdwatching sites across the region, as part of a Birdwatching in Mackay Trail.
Plant Supply	🌱	Local native plants grown at the Mackay Natural Environment Centre Nursery were supplied for many projects across the region during June, including additional plants for the NDRRA funded beach restoration projects, and several riparian restoration projects including Cattle Creek, St Helens Creek and Gregory River as well as more plants for Whitehaven Beach.
Volunteer Expo	🌱	Staff attended the Volunteer Expo to highlight the volunteer opportunities in the Natural Environment section, including nursery work at the Mackay Natural Environment Centre.

Capital Works Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
W4Q Barber Drive Park Upgrade	*	The park upgrade involved paths and steps through the park connecting Barber Drive with Chapman Court. A play equipment area, picnic shelter, retaining walls, fencing, garden beds and tree planting were also constructed to complete the upgrade. Works have reached practical completion and new turf and grass seeded areas are currently under a maintenance period to establish. The park will be opened to the public early July.
Jubilee Park Amenities	*	Works on refurbishing the amenities has been completed. Roof sheeting, stainless steel pedestals, sinks and old cast iron plumbing were replaced. The amenities were also painted, and floors sealed.

Botanic Gardens Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Carpark Upgrades	*	Cremorne upgrades, surface treatment, solar light installation and line marking has been completed. New pavers have been laid in the old tree beds extending the number of car parking spaces available. Project completed.
Shade Sail Replacement	*	Shade sails delivered and installed. Project completed.
Signage Upgrades	*	Design manual completed. Café wall interpretative signage designed, and fabricated. In relation to entry signage, Aurecon prepared the Geotech results with a new footing design for the wharf logs to enable building certification post construction. Wharf logs placed in location. Project completed. MRBG sign fabricated.

Requests for Maintenance Work

Customer survey results have not been finalised for this period.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
22 nd – 26 th July	Illuminate	MRBG
Every Friday April – October	Free guided walks	MRBG
12 and 13 July 9 and 10 August 6 and 7 September 4 and 5 October	Free Native Plant Giveaways	MNEC – Swayne St North Mackay
27 July 2019	Fifth Lane Activation	Fifth Lane, Mackay City
26 and 28 July	Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day	Far Beach
9 August 2019	Fire in the Sky 2019	Bluewater Quay
9 August 2019	Future Workforces Summit	MECC
13 – 14 August 2019	2019 AFL Queensland Schools Cup - North QLD Finals – Invest Mackay Funded	Great Barrier Reef Arena, Harrup Park
23 – 25 August 2019	Girlfriends Gaggle - Red Hat Society Function/Conference – Invest Mackay Funded	Mackay Region
28 – 29 August 2019	Variety Bash – Start Region – Invest Mackay Funded	Mackay
31 August 2019	Mackay Scottish Bluewater Fling	Bluewater Quay
3 – 6 September 2019	Bowls Multi-Disability State – Invest Mackay Funded	Souths Suburbans Bowls Club
31 August – 7	2019 Oceania Athletics Masters Athletics – Invest	Mackay ARC

September 2019	Mackay Funded	
8 September 2019	Beach Motorcycle Races at Grasstree Beach – Invest Mackay Funded	Grasstree Beach
23 – 29 September 2019	Etnies Rumble on the Reef – Invest Mackay Funded	Sugar Bowl, Norris Road
23 – 29 September 2019	2019 BMX QLD State Championships – Invest Mackay Funded	Sarina BMX Club, Hoey Street Sarina
11 th October 2019	Movies in the Meadow	MRBG
2 – 3 November 2019	Rebel WBBL Match - Adelaide Strikers v Brisbane Heat – Invest Mackay Funded	Great Barrier Reef Arena, Harrup Park
13 th December 2019	Christmas in the Gardens	MRBG