



Development Services

Monthly Review Report

February 2017

Executive Summary

Development Services

The Mackay region tourism renaissance continues this month with several significant developments. On the events front we had the highly successful NRL and AFL games, as well as the announcement of a once in a lifetime Elton John tour, which will be the largest concert ever held in the region. On the infrastructure front, we have a new application for a caravan park at Sarina Beach, which will provide additional options for tourists to explore a beautiful part of our region.

In terms of development, it is pleasing to see a strong finish to last year and beginning of 2017 in Operational Works applications. This shows the confidence returning to the market with many new projects moving through the development pipeline. Additionally, the Mackay Region Planning Scheme achieved two important milestones in February with Council finalising its review of the Planning Scheme submissions.

Parks, Environment & Sustainability have completed a number of recent Capital Projects and are now ramping up to deliver a number of Works for Queensland projects. The community will see lots of activity across our park network in coming months.



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Director Development Services



Chinese New Year Event

Development News 02/2017

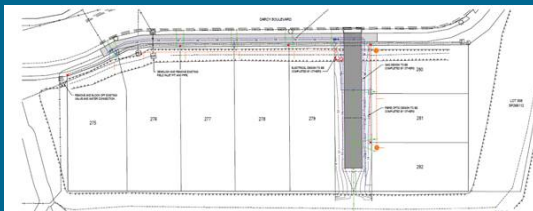
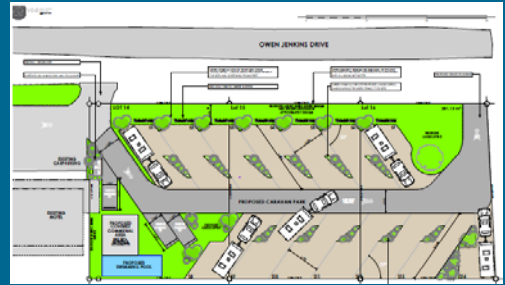
Updates on Significant Developments Currently Being Assessed by Council

NEW APPLICATION

DA-2017-18

Owen Jenkins Dr, SARINA BEACH

A new application has been lodged for the approval of a caravan park (comprising 14 sites) on land adjacent the existing Sarina Beach Motel. The caravan park will be run in conjunction with the adjacent motel and utilise some of the existing infrastructure in the Motel.



APPLICATION LODGED

OW-2017-4

10 Darcy Blvd, BEACONSFIELD

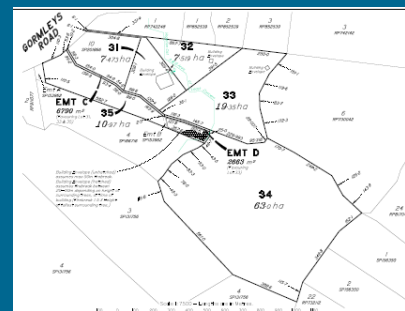
Kerrisdale Estate Stage 2 - 8 residential lots - Works include roadworks, stormwater, water infrastructure, drainage works and sewerage infrastructure.

APPLICATION APPROVED

DA-2016-119

291 Gormleys Rd, SEAFORTH

The application is an approval in accordance with Councils 'Tradable Development Rights Policy' which allows the sale or trade of titles. The proposal is a 10 lot into 10 lot boundary realignment, with a total of 4 titles being traded to allow the creation of 4 additional lots on Gormleys Road.



PLANS SEALED

PLAN-2013-22/4

Belmore Estate Stage 2, MOUNT PLEASANT

Partial Release Subdivision - 1 Lot into 2 Lots.

APPLICATION APPROVED

OW-2016-33

5 Hadley St, MARIAN

Service Station & Car and Dog Wash Facilities - Works include concrete pavements, water connection, stormwater drainage and bio-swale system and landscaping and turf.





Monthly Safety Review

Summary

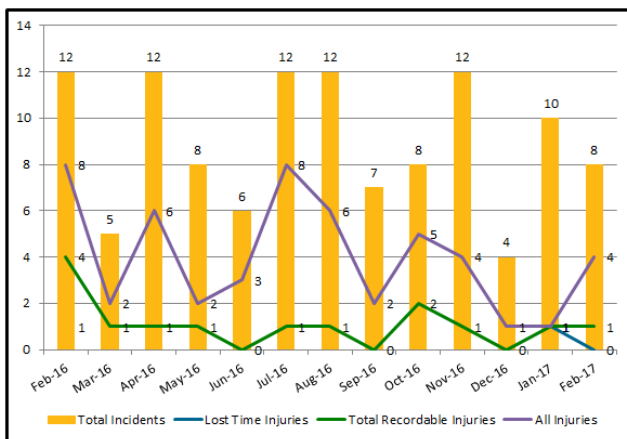
Four injuries to MRC employees within Development Services were reported in February:

- An employee felt pain in their shoulder while they were removing a back-pack blower they had been using.
- An employee felt pain in their elbows & shoulders while using a hedger.
- An employee received a tick bite.
- An employee felt pain in their wrist after hedging; pain was noticed over a period of time.

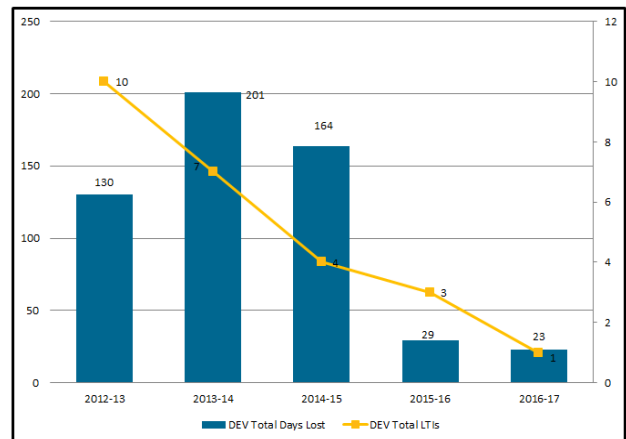
Other incidents included vehicle incidents.

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

Incidents and Injuries



Lost Time Injuries & Days Lost



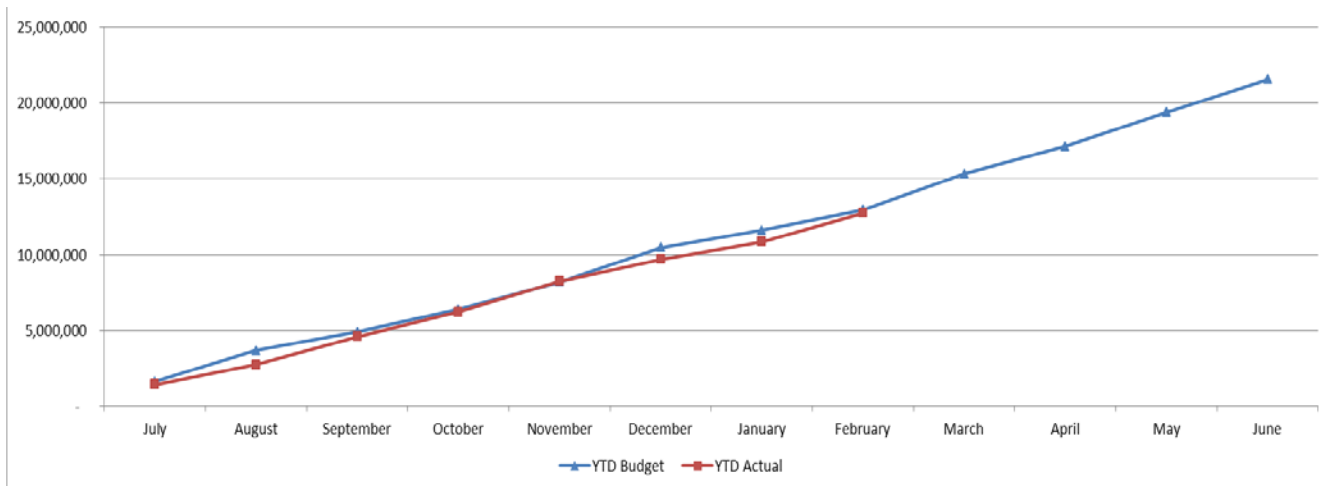
Department	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost
Development Engineering										
Development Assessment										
Parks	9	130	6	179	4	164	3	29	1	23
Strategic Planning										
Economic Development			1	22						
Development Services	9	130	7	201	4	164	3	29	1	23

Financial Report

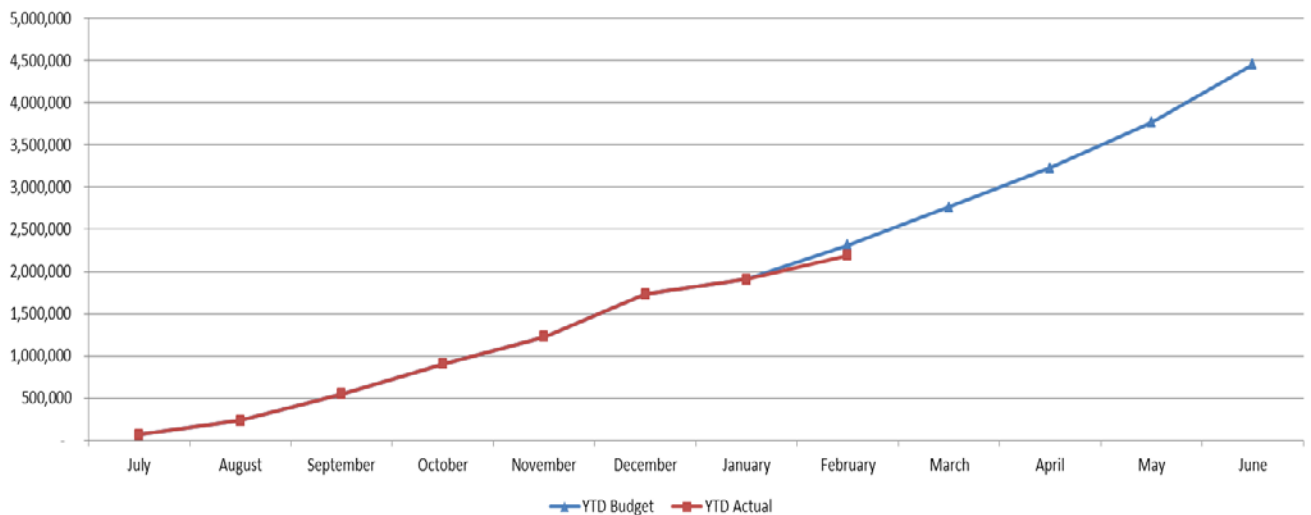
- Actuals more than 10% **over Budget**
- Actuals between 5% & 10% **over Budget**
- Actuals between 5% over & 10% **under Budget**
- ▲ Actuals between 10% & 50% **under Budget**
- ▲ Actuals more than 50% **under Budget**

Operating Results	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance	%	Status	Comments
Development Services Management	157,059	150,326	-6,733	96%	●	All programs in the directorate are tracking close to budget, with plans in place to maintain tight cost control and project delivery over the remaining four months of the financial year.
Strategic Planning	894,428	800,866	-93,562	90%	▲	
Development Assessment	-64,475	-80,007	-15,532	124%	●	
Development Engineering	392,719	425,888	33,168	108%	●	
Economic Development	1,227,999	1,239,861	11,862	101%	●	
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	10,338,255	10,204,463	-133,792	99%	●	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	12,945,986	12,741,397	-204,590	98%	●	
Capital Expenditure	2,313,374	2,190,243	-204,590	98%	●	

Operating Results



Capital Expenditure



Review of Operations

- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Regional and Local Area Planning		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay City 3D Model Project	●	3D model of current and potential future development for the Mackay City Centre close to completion.
City Centre Heritage Register	●	Statement of significance for each property on the local heritage register is being compiled in accordance with the Queensland Heritage Act. Finalised heritage citations for current heritage places will be rolled out progressively during 2016/17.
Mackay Region Industrial Land Provision Study	●	Long term study to consider infrastructure options for developing industrial precincts identified in the draft planning scheme. The eastern Paget/ Airport precinct is being investigated. Initial findings of planned infrastructure capacity limit development capacity to planning scheme projections. Study will be ongoing for 2016/17.
Planning Scheme Policy – Open Space Policy	●	Draft policy to set service standards for open space provisions under the draft scheme. Consultation on the draft policy planned after completion of the draft planning scheme.
Growth Allocation Model	●	A model to allocate and map future urban growth over a 20 year projection period based on growth scenarios. The model is being updated with 2015 State population projections for low and medium growth scenarios.
Mackay Potential Development Area	●	Council, in consultation with Economic Development Queensland has commenced investigating the potential development and activation opportunities of the Pioneer River and Binnington Esplanade. Background studies are underway and a first State Agency workshop was held during November 2016.

Transport & Infrastructure Planning		
Projects	Status	Description/Update of Project
Transport Modelling	●	Transport model developed and further scenario testing to be undertaken during 2016/17 and 2017/18.
Development of a Local Government Infrastructure Plan	●	Project planning and preparation for the project is underway. Development of the Draft LGIP is scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2016 and set to be completed by June 2018.
Road Hierarchy Review Project	●	A review of the Mackay Regional Council road hierarchy in the context of current land use and transport planning framework. Stage 1 review to be completed in 2016/17.

Waterways		
Projects	Status	Description/Update of Project
McCready's Creek South Stormwater Trunk Infrastructure Study	●	Study to consider existing flooding and stormwater drainage issues in the McCreadys Creek south catchment (which includes parts of Glenella, Mt Pleasant, Richmond & Beaconsfield) and identify acceptable solutions for trunk stormwater infrastructure for the next five years and potential ultimate development in the catchment.
Bakers Creek Stockroute Road East Stormwater trunk infrastructure Strategy	●	Study to consider existing flooding and stormwater drainage issues in the Bakers One catchment (which includes parts of Ooralea, Bakers Creek and Paget) and identify acceptable solutions for trunk stormwater infrastructure for the next five years and potential ultimate development in the catchment.
Voluntary mechanism for Stormwater Quality Management – projects	●	Projects which are undertaken when Developers take up the option to contribute to regional stormwater quality projects instead of undertaking these projects on their development sites.
Mackay Region Coastal and Inland Flood Hazard Adaptation Strategy	●	Project to identify the Mackay Regions coastal and flood hazards and identify adaptation options to minimize the adverse impacts of these hazards.
Mackay Floodplain Management Plan	●	This project has now commenced. A brief of the Mackay Floodplain Management Plan Project was prepared and a consultant appointed. An inception meeting with internal and external stakeholder groups was held during November.

Catchment Data and Studies Review	●	Organise and consolidate existing stormwater catchment data and studies, presenting it in a GIS-referenced format with links to relevant data sources (such as studies, future planned works, infrastructure-related agreements, drawing index, etc.). All catchment data and studies have now been collated and will be included in the modelling as part of the Floodplain Management Plan project.
Stormwater Design Guidelines Review	●	Produce new stormwater design guidelines for inclusion in Planning Scheme Policy SC6.12-10. Amendments process to commence after adoption of the Mackay Region Planning Scheme, generally aligning with recommendations from QUDM.
Storm tide Study	●	Mackay Regional Council engaged WBM BMT to update a storm tide study, originally completed in 2011, using updated terrain data collected in 2015. The study is complete and the revised storm tide levels have been provided to Council. While the storm tide levels did not change significantly for the majority of the Mackay Regional Council area, the revised storm tide levels can be applied with a greater level of confidence and are now available for application to the planning scheme on acceptance of the new levels by Council.
Mackay Inundation Simulation Model – Storm tide and riverine flooding	●	An interactive terrain visualization model is being developed to show various inundation scenarios for community presentation.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Volume of Operations

Material Change of Use - Code, Impact, Compliance



Reconfiguration of a Lot - Code, Impact, Compliance



Combined Applications - Code, Impact



Concurrence Agency Referrals



Amended Applications



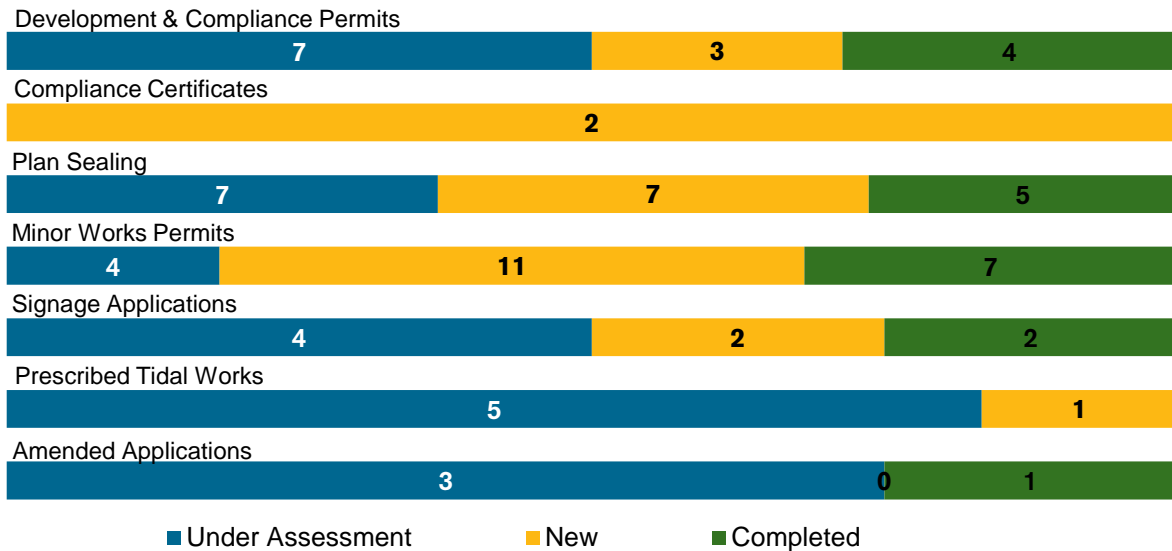
■ Under Assessment ■ New ■ Completed

● On Track
● Potential Issue
● Definite Issue

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)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
ROL (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
Concurrence Agency (85% in 10 Days)	●	100% decided in 10 days.
FastTrack / Streamlined Applications	No Applications Lodged	

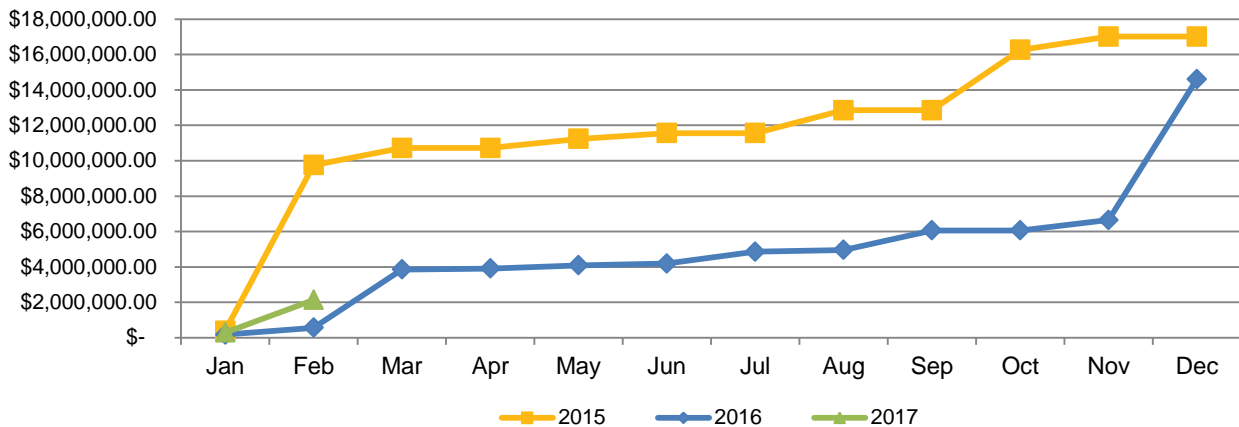
DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

Volume of Operations



Value of Approved Operational Works

Cumulative value of works to date



Four Operational Works applications were approved in February 2017 with a total value of works of \$1,839,418.00.

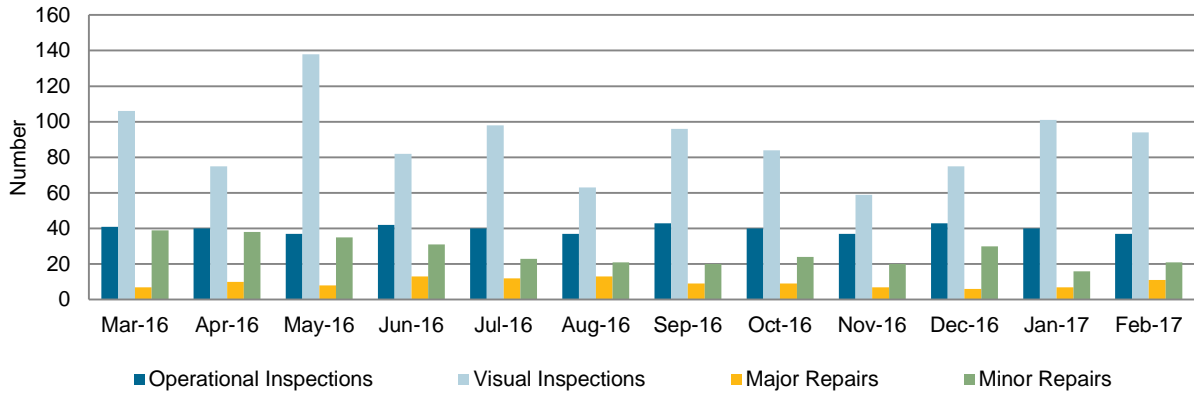
- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

Development Engineering Performance Against Legislative Timeframes		
Application	Status	% Decided
Minor Works (85% in <10 Days)	●	100% decided in 10 days.
Signage Applications	●	2 applications received.
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.

PARKS, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

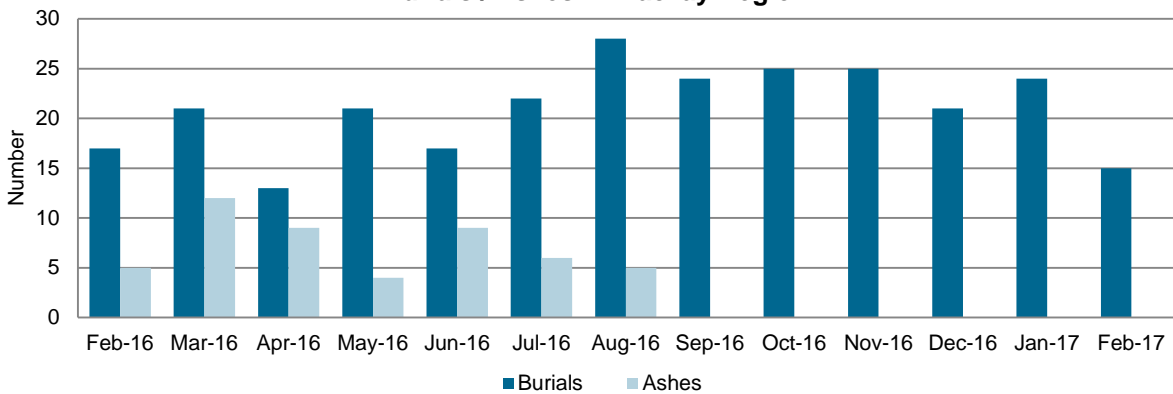
Parks Building Services Activities

Play Equipment Inspection and Maintenance



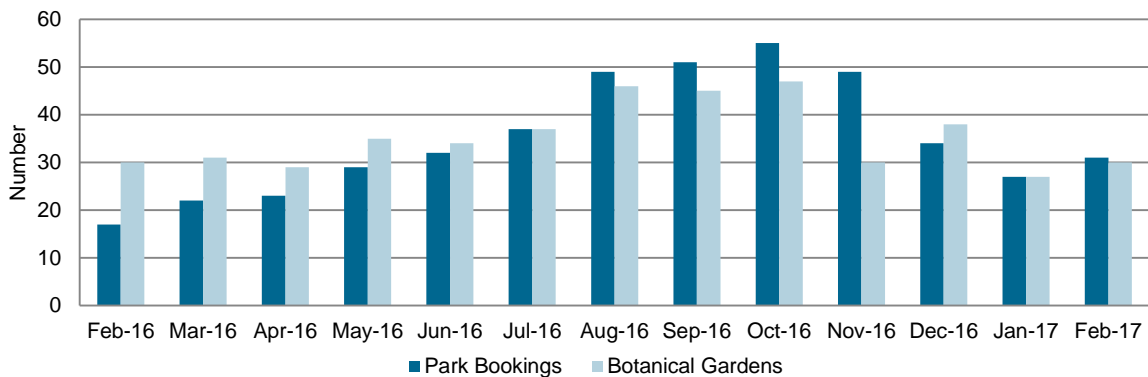
Cemeteries

Burials / Ashes in Mackay Region

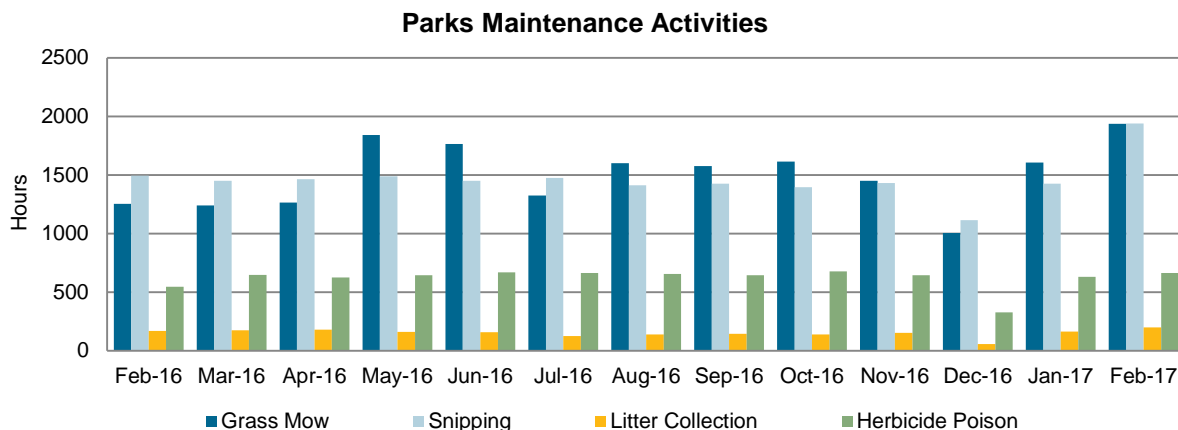


Administration – Parks Bookings

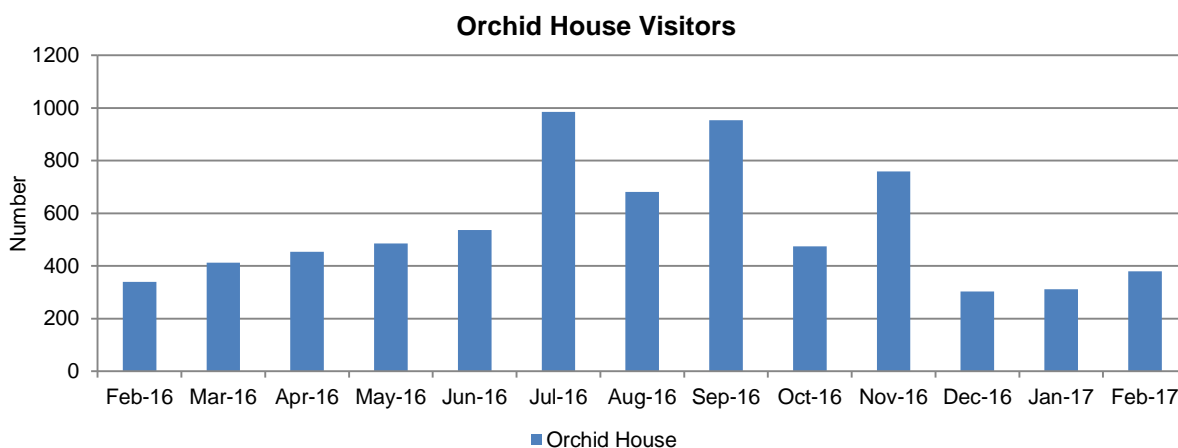
Park Bookings



Grass Maintenance Activities



Horticulture



Plants Grown in the Nursery and Planted out by Horticulture Staff:

140mm Plants – 1715
 Larger Plants – 120

Parks Project Update

Natural Environment Projects		
Project	Status	Description of Project
Local Coastal Plan review	★	Community comments provided to Councillors. Changes discussed and provided to consultant to make amendments.
Green Army	★	Final Green Army team commenced.
Sustainability Strategy review	★	Council briefing provided on progress.
Conservation and Green Arts Grants	★	Committees recommended funding three Conservation Grants and three Green Arts Grants in the February funding round.
Voluntary Mechanism for Stormwater Quality Management	★	Working group meeting held to discuss future projects.

Capital Works Projects		
Project	Status	Description of Project
Bundesden St Reserve Upgrade	●	Park upgrade in progress. Project involves construction of picnic shelter, drinking fountain, paths, fencing, planting of mature trees and landscaping.
Mulherin Industrial Park Paget	●	Completed - on establishment. Project involved construction of off street parking, picnic facilities, paths and planting of trees.
Park Shelters	●	Works involve replacing corroded metal footings in shelters at Sarina Beach and Armstrong Beach.
Shared Pathway - Seaview Park Bucasia	●	Construction of the foreshore esplanade shared pathway between Williams Ave and walkway at 150 Waverley St. Tender has been awarded. Waiting construction to begin.

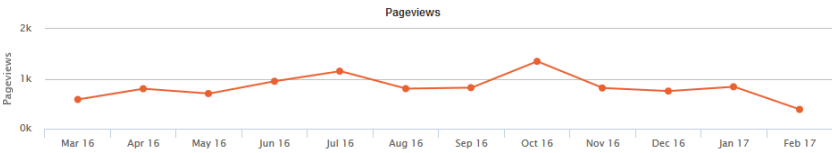
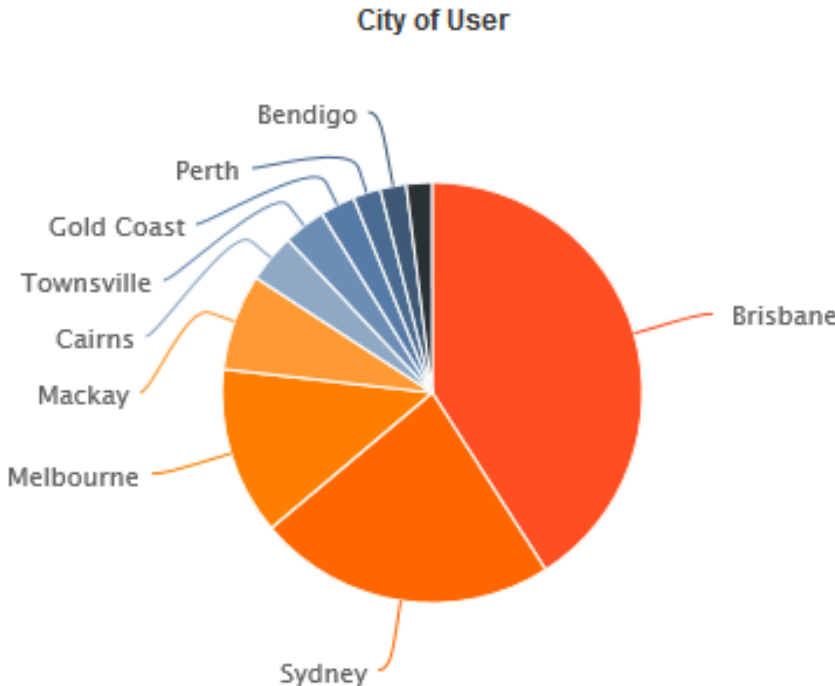
Botanic Gardens Projects		
Project	Status	Description of Project
Cremorne Sector Upgrades	●	Upgrades and improvements to the Cremorne Visitor Centre in progress.
Pathway Upgrades	●	Various pathway upgrades in progress - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balmoral Pathway upgrade complete. Works delayed in Cremorne due to weather. Summerland's upgrades scheduled for later in the year.
Operational Depot Upgrades	●	Tender evaluated. To go to the Standing committee for review and award in March.
Meadowlands Detailed Design	●	Detailed design of the balance of Meadowlands in progress. Due for completion in March.
Lagoons Desilting	●	Draft assessment report received. Under review.

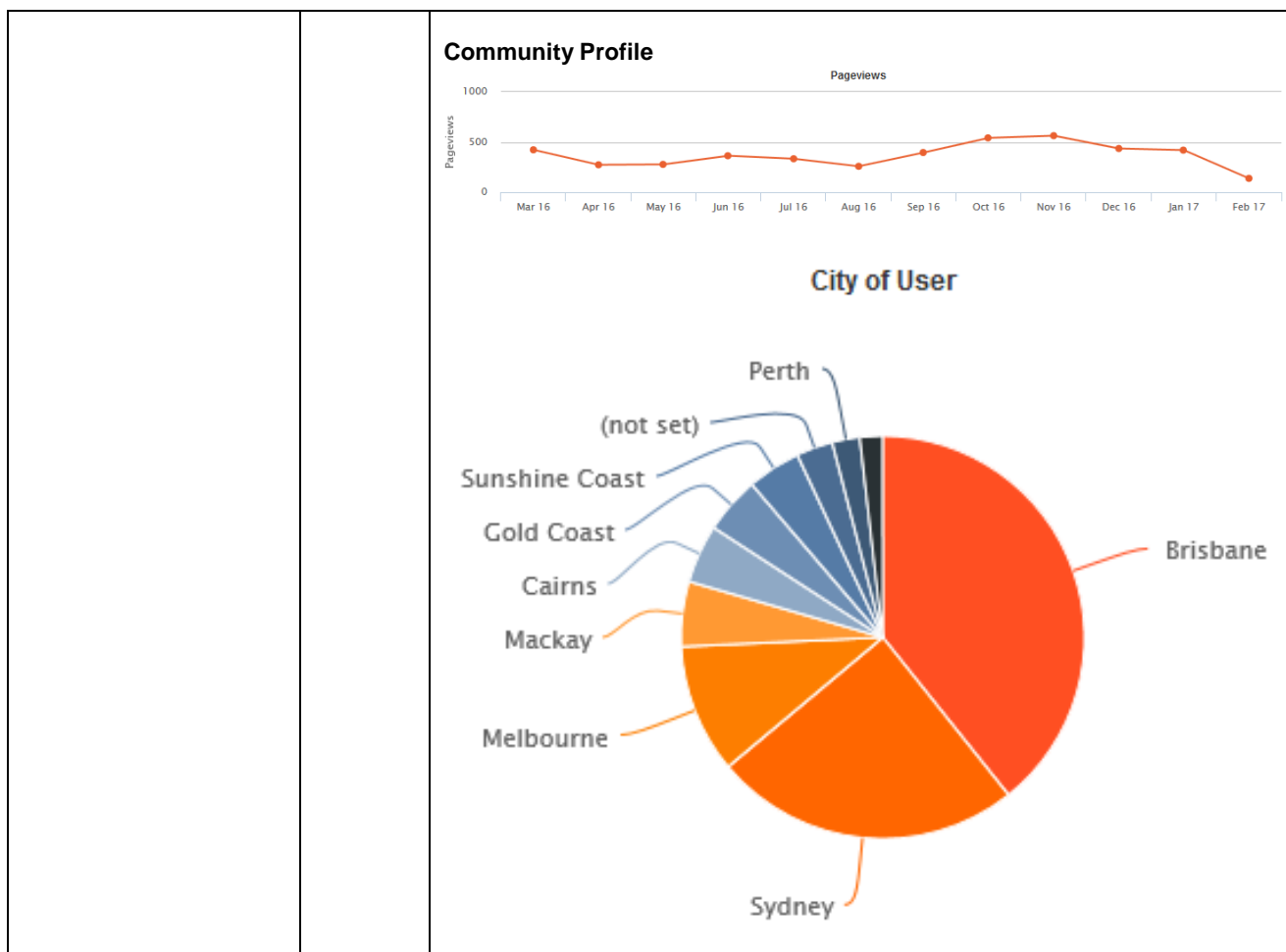
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Revitalise the City Centre		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Marketing	●	<p>Flavours of the World Competition & Helloworld Travel Expo (January 9 to February 18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotional material handed out to 97 eateries in the City Centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dining guides, Table Talkers, Passports (Entry Forms), A4 posters and DL flyers. Press advertising was placed in Core Magazine and the Daily Mercury. Competition generated 350 complete entries, equalling an estimated minimum spend of \$35,000. Major Prize was a 12 Day Canadian Adventure for two valued at \$11,000. This was drawn at the Helloworld Travel Expo on February 18. <p>Active in the City Continues each week at Bluewater Quay. Zumba (Sundays 10am) attracts over 50 participants each week.</p>
Events	●	<p>Chinese New Year Celebration (Victoria St Markets – Saturday February 4)</p> <p>The successful event attracted approximately 5,000 – 7,000 attendees across the four hour event. The change in time and event plan had a positive impact on the flow of event traffic and participant comfort.</p>
Façade Improvement - Round 3	●	Round three of the City Centre Façade Improvement Scheme commenced on 16 January and closes on 6 March. To date three applications have been approved, with a further four businesses submitting applications which are currently being reviewed for approval.
City Centre Digital Subscriptions	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook 4,983 Instagram 1,053 City Centre WiFi Sessions 6,086

Strong Local Businesses with a Global Reach		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Third National Energy & Resource Services Forum	●	Collaboration continues with Australia India Business Council on their Third National Energy and Resource Services Forum to be held on 11 & 12 May, MECC. The Forum launch event was held at the RIN Briefing in Mackay on February 3. Work continues on program development and coordination of local events and activities associated with the forum.
RIN Export Sub Committee	●	Economic Development is engaging with the Resource Industry Network Sub Committee to continue to identify opportunities in export market development.

Partnerships for Economic Development		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Implementation of the Economic Development Strategy	●	<p>Project Catalyst Growers Forum MRC provided sponsorship to the Project Catalyst Growers Forum held on 27 & 28 February. Project Catalyst includes more than 75 sugar cane growers covering the surrounding areas of Queensland's Wet and Dry Tropics, trialling cutting edge management practices and on-farm improvements. The Mayor attended the forum to welcome participants, and MRC sponsored the formal dinner.</p> <p>Mackay Region Fishing Strategy Targeted stakeholder engagement was held in February and a stakeholder workshop will be held in March.</p>
Facilitating Development in Mackay Region Policy	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four x Stage 2 applications were approved. • Two x expressions of interest were approved. • One x expression of interest is under assessment.

REMPAN Online Stats	N/A	<p>Economic Profile</p>  <p>City of User</p> 
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Working to Support Local Business		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Events & Conference Attraction Program	🌟	<p>Events / conferences held in February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two events and conferences were held in February : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRL Trial Match Cowboys Vs Roosters had approximately 7,500 attendee's. AFL JLT Community Series – Gold Coast Suns Vs Essendon had approximately 5,000 attendee's. <p>Events / conferences approved in February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seven events and conferences were approved in February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sir Elton John 'Once in a Lifetime' Concert Sugar City Con The BIIG Conference Sarina Beach Coconut Festival Mackay Kart Club Grasstree Beach Races Seaforth Car Show <p>Tourism and events Queensland's Destination Events Program Funding Round 6 closed in February. Economic Development assisted with letters of support and economic impact assessments for applicants.</p>
Mackay Pride Façade Scheme - Round 4	🌟	<p>Round 4 of the Mackay Pride Façade Improvement Scheme has been extended until February 20. Two Applications have been approved with a further four businesses submitting applications which are currently being reviewed for approval.</p>

Attracting & Keeping Young People in the Region		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Support and incubate to foster creativity and commercialise ideas and start ups	●	<p>Split Spaces Mackay Economic Development supported Split Spaces Director to attend the Queensland Startup Leaders Mission to the USA. A Lessons Learnt presentation was provided at Split Spaces in late February.</p> <p>Start Up Mackay Economic Development will meet with Start Up Mackay to have a debrief of the Startup Weekend held in November 2016 and to discuss future events and partnership opportunities.</p>

Place Management of Suburbs & Localities		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Evans Avenue / North Mackay	●	A possible Public Arts Project in North Mackay is currently being reviewed by Economic Development team, in partnership with Community Development.
Pioneer Valley	●	<p>The Valley Heart Business Group has indicated their interest in doing a public mural and options are currently being investigated with Council. Economic Development are reviewing possible place making activities in Sarina, Mirani and Evans Avenue.</p> <p>Economic Development is involved in the Eungella processing facility consultancy stakeholder group, coordinated by Department of State Development and is involved in investigating opportunities for the dairy industry in the Eungella region.</p>
Sarina Field of Dreams	●	<p>Parkland Development The Sarina Field of Dreams Parkland Advisory Committee has developed a branding concept to be used for the parklands logo and website. A meet and greet information session was held in February for Mackay Tourism and Field of Dreams volunteers who discussed the future development of the precinct.</p> <p>Website A draft website concept has been completed and is anticipated to be live in April 2017. All the content has been collated and a photoshoot of the Field of dreams has been scheduled for mid-March.</p>

Promoting the Mackay Region Brand		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Recreational vehicle attraction	●	A stakeholder briefing is being arranged for March 2016. The briefing will involve industry stakeholders to discuss and identify ways in which the region can realise the economic benefits of the recreational vehicle market.
Mirani Caravan Park - RV friendly park	●	A promotional sign advertising '101 Things to do in the Mackay Region' has been prepared and will be installed in March.

Sarina Sugar Shed					
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project			
		Item	Feb	YTD	Annual Target
Business Operations	●	Visitation	510	7935	10,000
		Item	Feb	YTD	Annual Budget
	●	Ticket Sales	\$6,142.62	\$120,057.26	\$185,000.00
	●	Retail Sales	\$15,177.14	\$219,883.56	\$341,000.00
	●	Other	-	\$41.67	\$500.00
	●	Total Income (incl. Tickets income)	\$21,319.76	\$339,940.82	\$526,500.00
	●	Total Expenses	\$69,714.21	\$568,786.73	\$854,685.40

e-Statistics					
Subscribers	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct
City Centre Business Network	989	1,007	1,014	1,021	1,031
Regional Focus Business Network	210	313	313	313	313
Sarina Businesses Network	226	289	289	289	288
Evans Avenue Network	132	132	132	132	122
City Deals Club Subscribers	4,076	2,620	2,720	2,824	2,825
Mackay Region Joblink Analytic Report	408 users 2,919 views	408 users 2,919 views	388 users 2,135 views	Not available	381 users 1,474 views