



Development Services

Monthly Review Report June 2017

Executive Summary

Development Services

June was the strongest month in a long time for the Development Services directorate with numerous Development Assessment and Operational Works applications being lodged during the month. This momentum should continue now that the Mackay Region Planning Scheme has been adopted. Excitingly, in addition to the numbers of larger projects actually lodged and approved, early pre-lodgement discussions were held with a number of other project proponents, especially in the tourism sector which is a growing part of our local economy.

In the Parks, Environment and Sustainability program a number of significant capital projects are coming to conclusion including the new lookout at Lamberts Beach which also received a new toilet block following the old one being damaged during cyclone Debbie.

This time of the year is also busy for the Economic Development Team with a number of events such as the Origin Fan Day and Footy Show live from Mackay taking place.

It was also promising to see no injuries recorded this month with many staff working in unfamiliar environments at events or on worksites finalising capital projects.



Gerard Carlyon
Director Development Services



Thousands of State of Origin fans painted Gordon Street maroon for XXXX Maroons Fan day on June 14. Fans made the most of the opportunity to meet their favourite players including Jonathon Thurston, Billy Slater, Cameron Smith and Mackay local, Dane Gagai.

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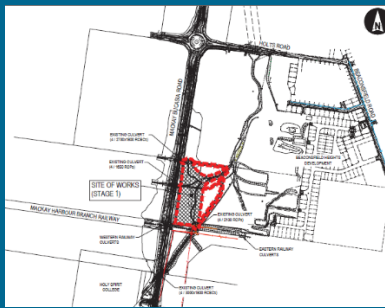
Updates on Significant Developments Currently Being Assessed by Council

NEW APPLICATION

DA-2017-75

9 Van Moolenbroeks Road, Balnagowan

The application seeks a Preliminary Approval to override the Planning Scheme, to facilitate a future equestrian themed residential estate and associated equestrian related uses.



APPLICATION LODGED

OW-2017-17

Lot 1 Mackay-Bucasia Road, Beaconsfield

Civil Works - Residential - Beaconsfield Heights Trunk Drainage (Stage 1). Proposed works to be carried out are drainage works, landscaping and earthworks.

APPLICATION APPROVED

DA-2017-18

Lot 13 Owen Jenkins Drive, Sarina Beach

The approved development permits the establishment of a caravan park (14 sites) adjacent the existing Sarina Beach Motel.

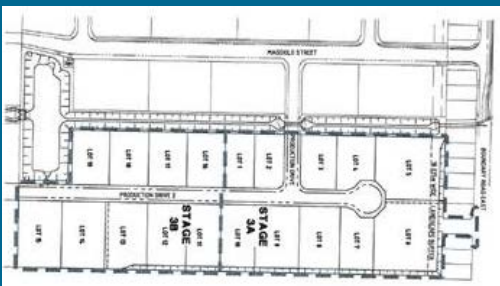


APPLICATION APPROVED

OW-2017-14

7 Production Drive, Paget

Civil Works for Evolution Estate Stage 3A consisting of ten lots. Approved works to be carried out on this site are roadworks, stormwater, water infrastructure, drainage works, earthworks, sewerage infrastructure and signage





Monthly Safety Review

Summary

Ten incidents were reported during June. For the 2016-17 year, there have been three lost time injuries; with a total of 52 days lost. No lost time injuries or lost days were recorded in June.

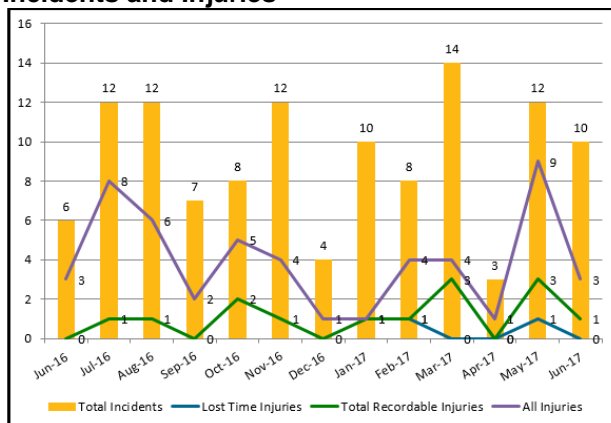
Three injuries to MRC employee were reported in June:

- A worker reported soreness in their lower back after operating the controls on an elevated work platform.
- While walking down the footpath, a worker was bitten on the arm by a dog that had jumped up the fence of an adjoining property.
- A worker suffered a needle-stick injury whilst disposing of a syringe that they had found in a garden bed.

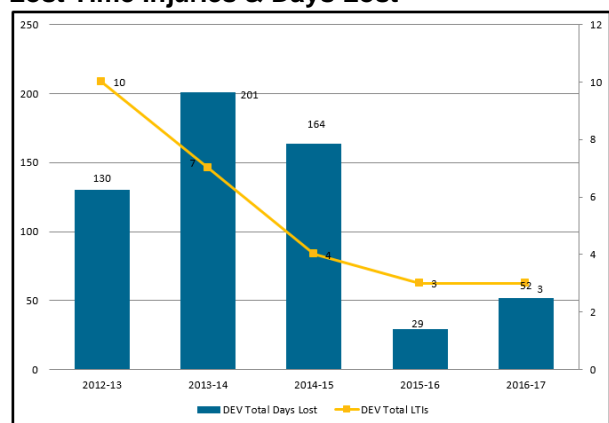
Other incidents included vehicle incidents, resulting in minor damage to the vehicle or property.

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, Environment & Sustainability	9	130	6	179	4	164	3	29	3	52
Strategic Planning										
Economic Development & Tourism			1	22						
Development Services	9	130	7	201	4	164	3	29	3	52

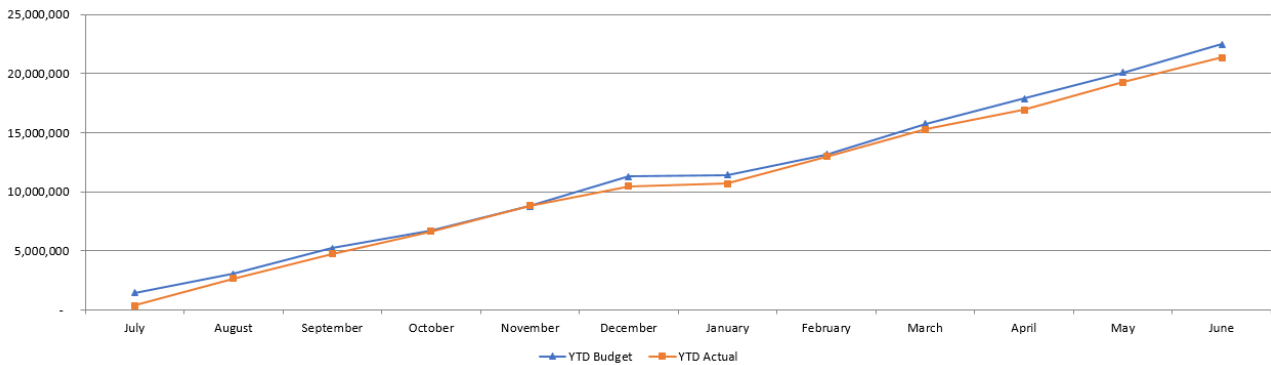
Financial Report

- 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	425,768	411,917	-13,850	97%	●	Overall operational budgets have tracked close to expectations for the year. The underspend in capital mainly relates to one project at the Botanic Gardens which will be finalised early in 2017-18.
Strategic Planning	1,934,808	1,574,556	-360,252	81%	🚩	
Development Assessment	-20,699	-135,870	-115,170	656%	●	
Development Engineering	567,518	529,308	-38,210	93%	●	
Economic Development & Tourism	3,131,170	2,604,979	-526,191	83%	🚩	
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	16,453,548	16,356,296	-97,253	99%	●	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	22,492,113	21,341,186	-1,150,927	95%	●	
Capital Expenditure	4,492,000	3,631,953	-860,048	81%	🚩	

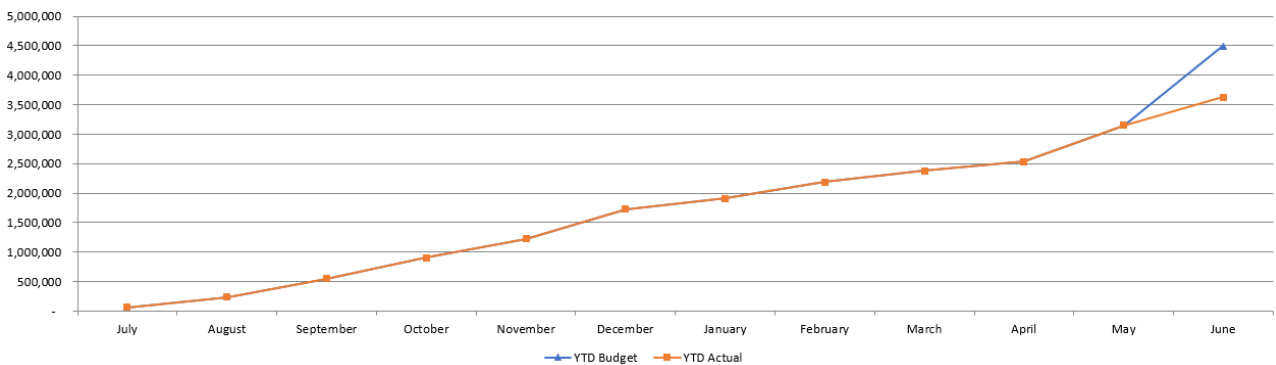
Operating Results

Operating Result



Capital Expenditure


Capital Expenditure



Review of Operations


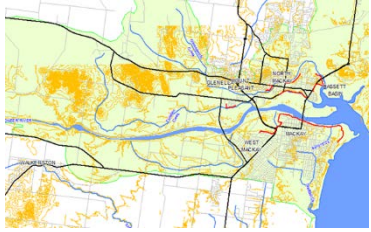
- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

Strategic Planning

Regional and Local Area Planning		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Region Planning Scheme	●	Proposed planning scheme was adopted on June 28 and will commence on July 24, 2017. Amendments will now be undertaken to align the planning scheme with the Planning Act, which commenced on July 3, 2017. See project update below for further detail.
Sarina Town Centre Revitalisation Study	●	New project to prepare a Sarina Town Centre revitalisation masterplan and Broad Street concept design. Consultant appointed in June 2017.
Mackay Region Industrial Land Provision Study	●	Long term study to consider infrastructure options for developing industrial precincts identified in the proposed planning scheme. Study will be ongoing for 2017/18.
Planning Scheme Policy – Open Space Policy	●	Draft policy to set service standards for open space provisions under the Mackay Region Planning Scheme. Consultation on the draft policy planned from 2017-18.
Mackay Waterfront Redevelopment	●	Potential redevelopment opportunities at the Pioneer River and Binnington Esplanade waterfronts are being investigated. Consultation on initial concepts are underway in June/July 2017.
<p>Project Update – Council resolved on June 28, 2017 to adopt the Mackay Region Planning Scheme 2017.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>The planning scheme delivers “one region, one vision”, setting forth an exciting blueprint for future development throughout the region. The planning scheme included extensive consultation with the community. For the first time, development in the region will be regulated under a single cohesive planning instrument - the new planning scheme will replace the three existing planning schemes regulating development in the region, the Mackay City Planning Scheme 2006, Sarina Shire Council Planning Scheme 2005 and Mirani Shire Plan 2007.</p> <p>The commencement date for the Mackay Region Planning Scheme is July 24, 2017. The three existing planning schemes will continue to regulate development until July 24, 2017.</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>		

Transport & Infrastructure Planning		
Projects	Status	Description/Update of Project
Growth Allocation Model	●	A model to allocate and map future urban growth over a 20 year projection period based on growth scenarios. Further modelling scheduled to be undertaken following the release of the 2016 Census data.
Transport Modelling	●	Transport model developed and further scenario testing undertaken during 2016/17. Model updates including a new platform and updating to reflect census data will be investigated in 2017/18.
Development of a Local Government Infrastructure Plan	●	Project planning and preparation for the project is underway. Preparation of the Draft LGIP commenced and is set to be completed by June 2018. Consultation planned for September/October 2017.

Waterways		
Projects	Status	Description/Update of Project
Mackay Region Coastal and Inland Flood Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CIFHAS)	●	Project to identify the Mackay Regions coastal and flood hazards and identify adaptation options to minimize the adverse impacts of these hazards. See project update below for further detail.
Mackay Floodplain Management Plan	●	The second meeting for the Mackay Floodplain Management Plan was held on May 23 which provided an update of project progress and items requiring clarification for progress. Additional information has been gathered and provided to the consultant. Baseline modelling is underway, project pending progress of Terrestrial LiDAR and flood damage curve information.
Erosion Prone Area Review	●	Detailed studies of Town Beach and Blacks Beach are underway to refine our understanding of erosion prone areas, which may assist with potential future planning scheme zone amendments. Study nearing completion.

<p>Flood Damage Curves</p>		<p>A consultant was appointed and has completed a survey of building stock in Mackay using 19 residential properties and six commercial properties. Surveys were undertaken in June and information is being considered. The study will provide information on damage to properties for incremental flood height above floor level which will assist in defining the real flood risk of the region.</p>
<p>Project Update – Mackay Floodplain Management and Flood Data</p> <p>Council is undertaking the Mackay Floodplain Management Plan Project and the first stage underway involves a data review and update of the Pioneer River, Goosepond Creek, Mackay CBD and Shellgrit Creek flood models. Other stages of the project include a flood damage assessment, assessment of mitigation options and development of the floodplain management plan. A draft plan is expected by late 2017.</p> <p>The Mackay Floodplain Management Plan will focus on the area highlighted in green on the figure shown. The project is being completed in parallel with the development of a Coastal and Inland Flood Hazard Adaptation Strategy.</p> <p>MRC have been successful in an application for over \$200,000 of funding from the State Government through LGAQ for the preparation of the CIFHAS. The funding will go towards two projects which will inform the Floodplain Management Plan and vice versa;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a sample survey of Mackay’s building stock within the coastal hazard area to better understand our exposure to risk and a Community Consultation Strategy - field survey collection has been completed with the desktop processing of the data currently due for completion late July 2017. • a consultation plan has been prepared which satisfies a major milestone in the development of the CIFHAS and allows for more detailed forward planning and funding applications to complete future phases of the CIFHAS. 		

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

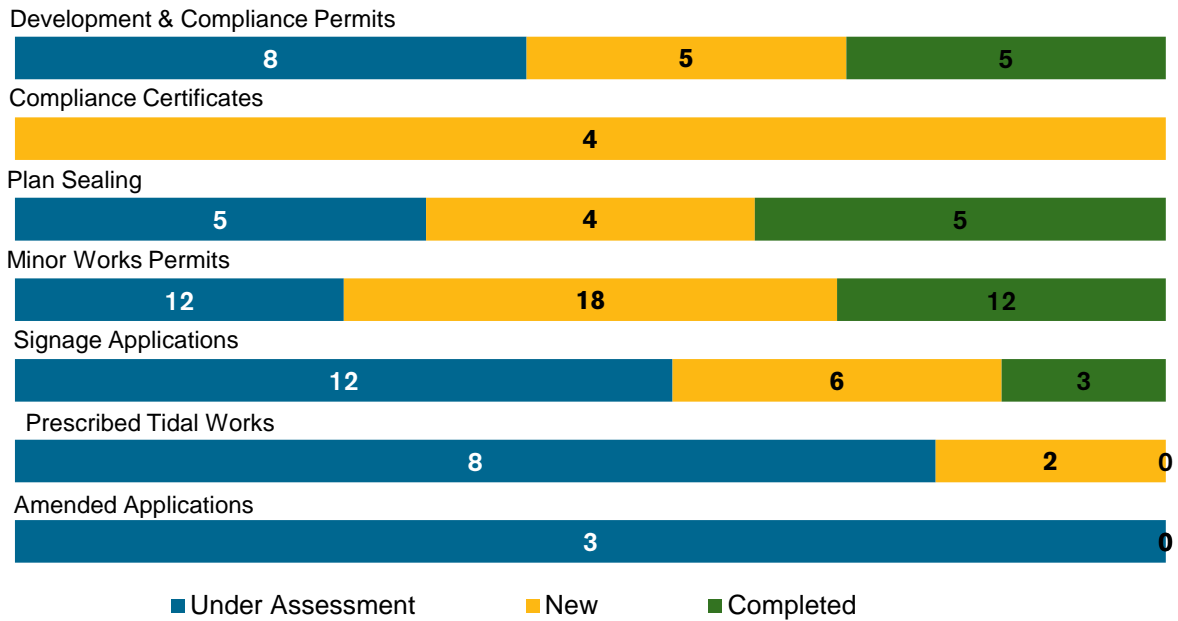
Development Assessment Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

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)	●	83% decided in 10 days.
FastTrack / Streamlined Applications	No applications lodged	

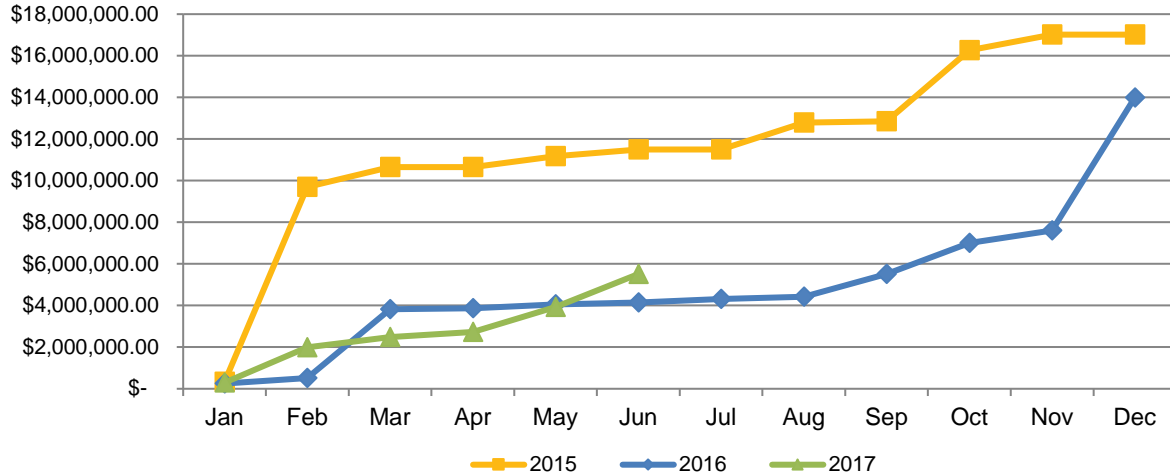
Development Engineering

Volume of Operations



Cumulative Value of Approved Operational Works

Five Operational Works applications were approved in June with a total value of works of \$1,589,536.



Development Engineering Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

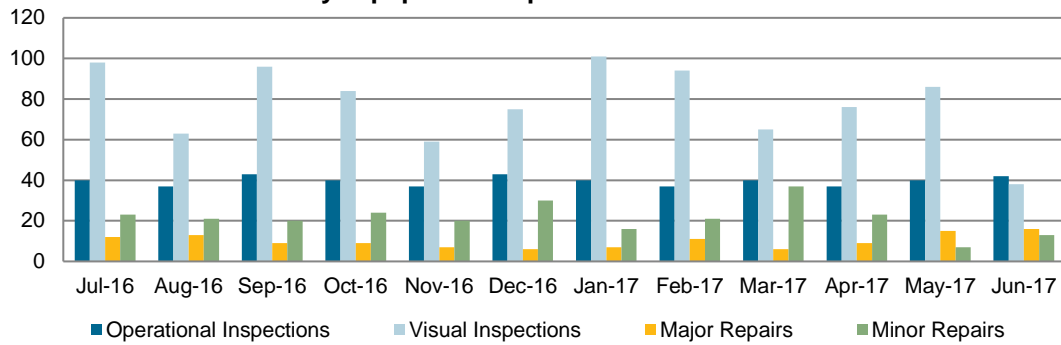
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Application	Status	% Decided
Minor Works (85% in <10 Days)	●	100% decided in 10 days.
Signage Applications	●	Six applications received.
Operational Works (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
Plan Sealing (85% decided in 20 days without action notice)	●	100% decided in 20 days without Action Notice.

Parks, Environment & Sustainability

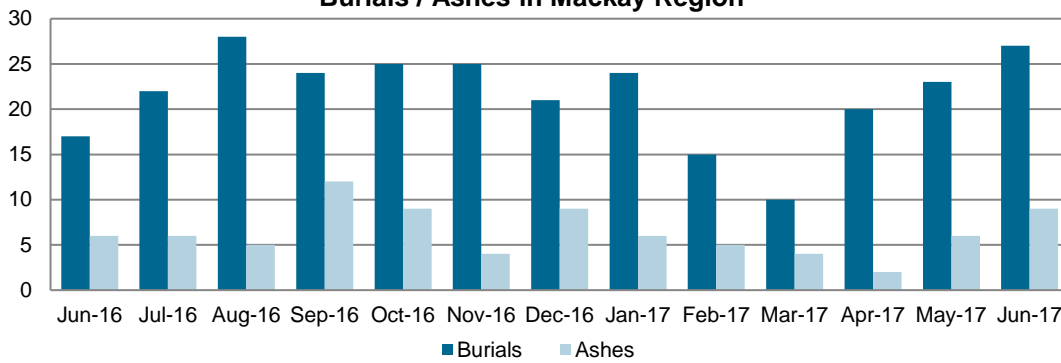
Parks Building Services Activities

Play Equipment Inspection and Maintenance



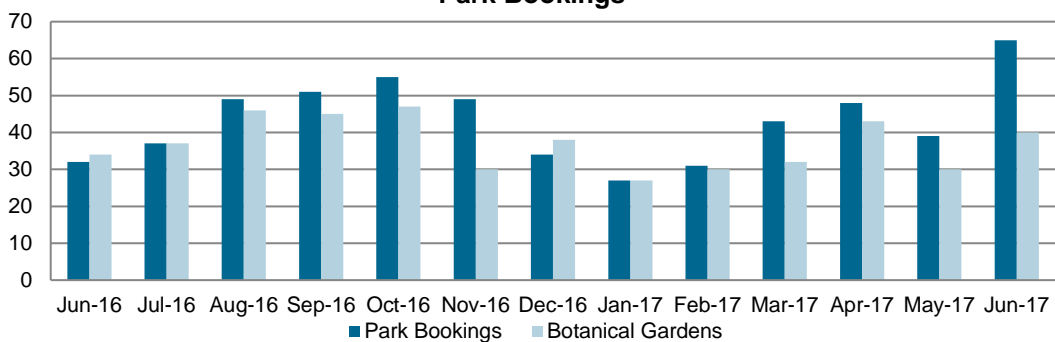
Cemeteries

Burials / Ashes in Mackay Region

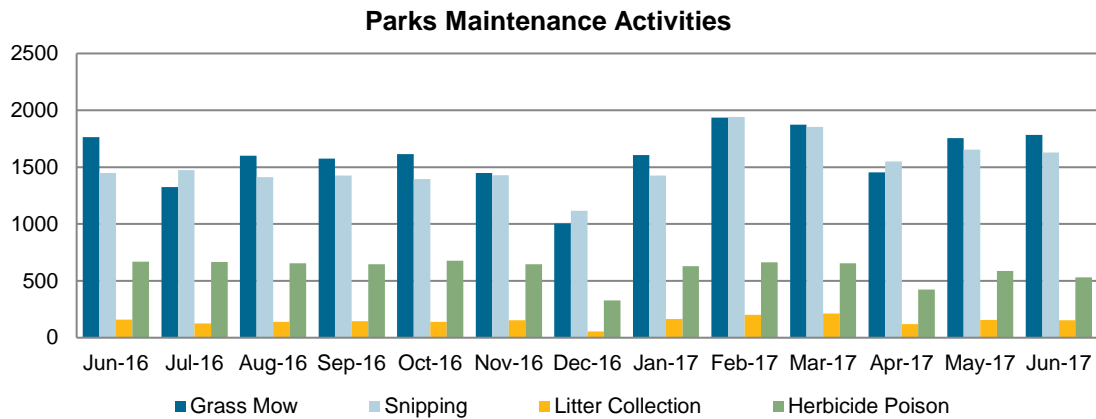


Administration – Parks Bookings

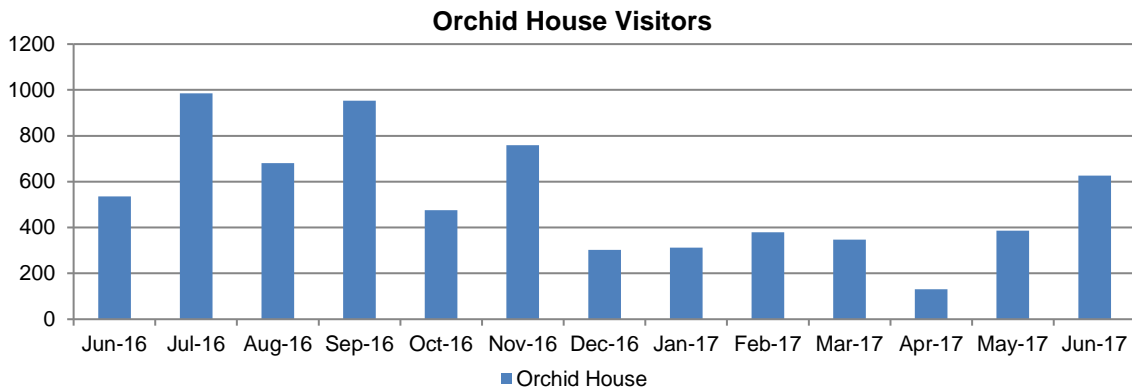
Park Bookings



Grass Maintenance Activities



Horticulture



Natural Environment Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Environmental Sustainability Strategy	🌟	The Environmental Sustainability Strategy is in final draft form and final consultation has begun.
Platypus Beach	🌟	A very successful community planting event was held on Saturday June 17 at Platypus Beach. Nearly 100 volunteers planted 4000 plants in the morning and enjoyed a celebratory barbeque. The revitalisation of Platypus Beach is part of the Works for Queensland funding initiative.
Plane Creek	🌟	Staff assisted Sarina Landcare with two events at Plane Creek to restore the cyclone damaged site, with 150 local school children also lending a hand.
Mackay Natural Environment Centre	🌟	Upgrades include replacing an old donga with a new structure that houses a kitchen, eating area and meeting space for use of staff, volunteers and Landcare members. Other upgrades occurred in the nursery and work sheds.
Waterways Field Trip	🌟	Councillors and Natural Environment Advisory Committee members attended a field trip to find out more about recent waterways projects including fish ladders, on farm practices, vegetated waterways and the Platypus Beach project.

Capital Works Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
W4Q Lamberts Beach Amenities Replacement	🌟	Construction of new amenities, beach shower and associated paths and fencing has been completed. Turf is currently being established around the new amenities and they will be opened to the public on Friday July 7.
Lloyd Park Marian Rotunda	🌟	Construction of a replacement heritage styled rotunda has been completed. The rotunda was designed, constructed and painted to match Nellie Melba House.

Vic Bridger Park Play Calen	★	Construction of a new shaded play area is well under way. The shade structure has been completed and most of the play equipment installed. Works currently underway include concrete edging, storm water and subsoil drainage and an upgrade to the septic dispersion area.
Lamberts Beach Whale Watching Lookout	★	Works on the shelter, ramps, landscaped area and fencing are in progress. This project is behind schedule due to delays caused by TC Debbie and difficulties encountered installing formwork for the curved concrete walls. This has been sorted and the project is again progressing.

Botanic Gardens Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Pathway Upgrades	★	All scheduled pathway upgrades complete.
Operational Depot & Nursery	★	Construction underway – minor delays due to TC Debbie and site conditions. Project now progressing well.
Meadowlands Detailed Design	★	Final revision received and project complete.

Economic Development & Tourism

Revitalise the City Centre		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Business Attraction	★	Jim-Me Kitchen – 10 Sydney St, For the Love of Hair – 53 Sydney St
Marketing	★	<p>Television Commercial Campaign (TVC) Continued in June, featured 1 x 30 second generic TVC. Program is being developed to include a series of 15 second and 30 second commercials. 30 second professional services TVC will feature in July along with the generic 30 second advertisement.</p> <p>Active in the City Continues each week at Bluewater Quay. Zumba (Sundays 10am) attracts over 50 participants each week. Tai Chi is planned to commence from July 10 in Wood St Park and will be held each Monday from 5pm to 6pm.</p> <p>Active Kids in the City School holiday program continued in the last week of June. Attendance numbers indicate a continued growing trend for increased visitation.</p> <p>Business Marketing Assistance Boosted Facebook post for Gather & Graze event held by the Grazing Goat Café on June 10 reached 4,067 people. Boosted Facebook post for the XXXX Maroons Fan Day reached 6,968 people.</p> <p>Professional Services Campaign On track to commence July 3. Includes a weekly press advertisement in the Daily Mercury and features a different category each week.</p>
Events	★	‘Still Standing’ Post Elton John Street Party – September 23 Social media campaign has commenced, and plans are in progress to host this event in September.
Facade Improvement Scheme - Round 3	★	In the 16/17 FY, the round funded \$28,000 ex GST worth of grants to the property owners, generating \$152,914.74 ex GST worth of improvement works in the local economy. A total of ten applications were approved for the round.
City Centre Digital Subscribers	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook – 5,330 • Instagram – 1,135 • City Centre WiFi Sessions – 6,772

Strong Local Businesses with a Global Reach		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Resources Industry Network (RIN) Export Sub Committee	●	Economic Development is engaging with RIN Export Sub Committee to continue to identify opportunities in export market development. Expressions of interest have been sent to members to identify level of interest in attending AIMEX 2017 in Sydney (29-31 August) and a possible trade mission to IME 2017 in India in November, supported by the Economic Development Program.
International Education and Training	●	TIQ International Education and Training Unit conducted a workshop in Mackay as part of a state-wide Roadshow. The forum presented an opportunity to further our discussions on establishing a regional education and training consortium in Mackay region. A meeting was held with GW3 and it was agreed that an application to the Regional Partnership Fund will be prepared, seeking financial assistance to investigate the feasibility of establishing an education and training cluster for the Greater Whitsunday region.

Working to Support Local Business		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Events & Conference Attraction Program	●	<p>Events/conferences held in June</p> <p>Six events/conferences were held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BIIG Conference – May 2017 • LGAQ Disaster Management Conference – May 2017 • QCWA Northern Region Conference • XXXX Queensland Maroon's Fan Day • The Footy Show • Football Qld State Championships <p>Events /conferences approved in June</p> <p>Five new events/conferences were approved through the program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Water Association North Queensland Conference • Mackay Mountain Marathon • River 2 Reef Charity Ride • Queensland CO state Mountain Bike Championships • Offshore Superboats
Mackay Pride Facade Improvement Scheme - Round 4	●	A total of six applications were approved which resulted in \$13,000 (ex GST) worth of grants to property owners and an estimated cost of works in the local economy totaling \$105,876. The number of approved applications was reduced in this quarter due to five approved applicants not meeting the terms of agreements.

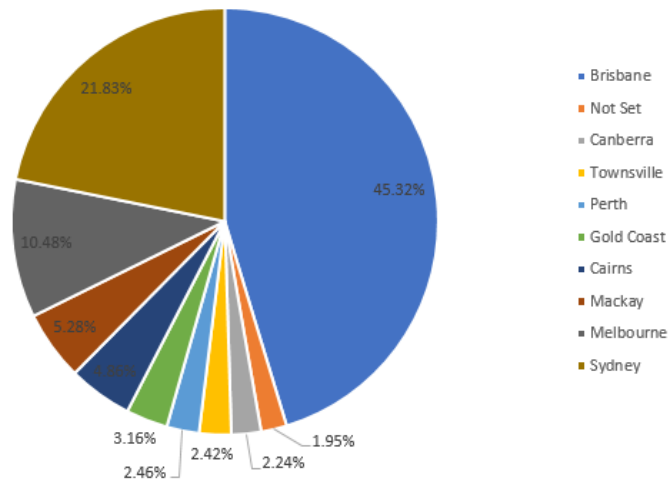
Partnerships for Economic Development		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Implementation of the Economic Development Strategy	●	<p>Mackay Region Fishing Strategy</p> <p>Public consultation concluded on the draft region Recreational Fishing Strategy 2017-2022 on 5 June. Final strategy review is currently being undertaken.</p> <p>General Aviation</p> <p>A meeting was held with one private airstrip operator to provide advice regarding development assessment processes.</p>
Facilitating Development in Mackay Region Policy	●	Three EOI applications and two stage two applications are currently under assessment.
Greater Whitsunday Food Network (GWFN)	●	Economic Development has provided support to the GWFN for their annual Farm to Plate Dinner on Wednesday 19 July. Celebrity Chef Matt Golinski and ABC LandLine Reporter Pip Courtney will be attending the function. A bus trip has been organised for the following day and will be visiting a tomato farm in Bowen, a restaurant in Airlie Beach and a cattle property in Bloomsbury.
Mackay Information Technology Network (MITN)	●	Support is being provided to MITN to coordinate their Business Information Session on Tuesday 22 August. Main objectives will be to: introduce MITN members to the business community; provide practical takeaway advice on hot topics for small business like the cloud, security, NBN, app development etc.; provide the opportunity for people to discuss their IT questions with members; and showcase the local ICT industry's capabilities and encourage business to shop locally first.

REMPAN Online Stats

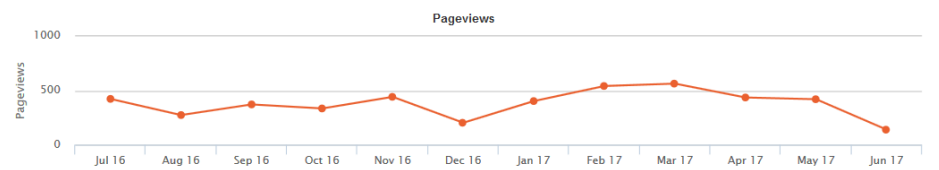
Economic Profile



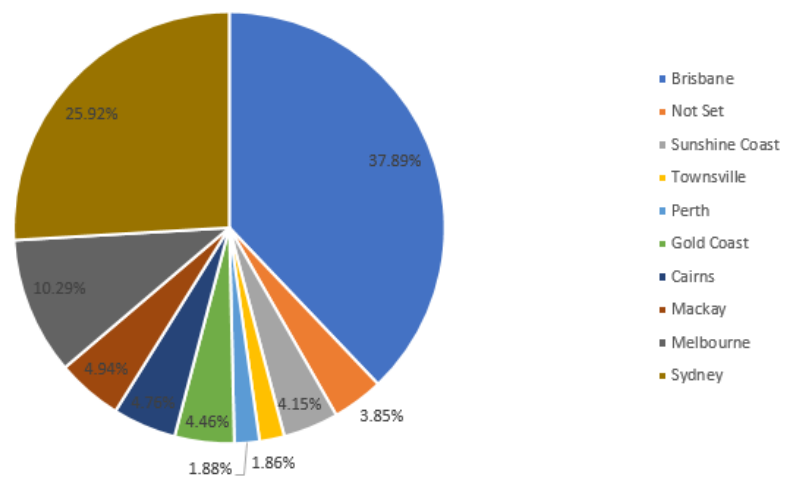
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Community Profile



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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. Support is being provided for a visit by the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur scheduled for August 2017.</p> <p>Advancing Regional Innovation Program Mackay Regional Council has provided support as a key partner to the Greater Whitsunday Alliance application to the Advancing Regional Innovation Program for the delivery of a Regional Collaborative Action Plan.</p>

Place Management of Suburbs & Localities		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Place Making	*	Economic Development are reviewing possible place making activities in regional localities and will implement a new program in 2017/18.
Sarina Field of Dreams	*	<p>New Mackay Region Visitor Information Centre & Parkland Development Milestone 1 of works for the Sarina Field of Dreams Parkland and new Mackay Regional Visitor Information Centre in the Sarina Railway Station is now complete, with the Funding Report submitted to the State Government on 30 June 2017.</p> <p>The tender for the civil works and landscaping component of the project closed on Tuesday 27 June 2017 with tender for the building works component of the project anticipated to be issued mid-July 2017.</p>

Promoting the Mackay Region Brand		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Recreational Vehicle Attraction	*	A range of options are currently being considered as part of a holistic approach to the regulated camping market.

Sarina Sugar Shed					
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project			
		Item	June	YTD	Annual Target
Business Operations	*	Visitation	757	9807	10,000
		Item	June	YTD	Annual Budget
	*	Ticket Sales	\$12 928	\$157 892	\$185,000
	*	Retail Sales	\$25 867	\$293 479	\$341,000
	*	Sponsorship	-	\$5 000	-
	*	Total Income (incl. Tickets income)	\$38 796	\$456 372	\$526,500
	*	Total Expenses	\$59 269	\$812 538	\$854,685

e-Statistics					
Subscribers	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb
City Centre Business Network	950	960	972	981	989
Regional Focus Business Network	171	171	173	177	210
Sarina Businesses Network	198	198	198	199	226
Evans Avenue Network	88	88 <small>(expired emails & review)</small>	132	132	132
City Deals Club Subscribers	3,666	3,687	3,743	3,789	4,076
Mackay Region Joblink Analytic Report	478 Users 652 Views	453 Users 625 Views	447 Users 1942 Views	435 Users 2,899 views	408 users 2,919 views

Upcoming Events

Event Date	Event Name	Location
Jul 1 - 15	Australian Indoor Cricket Championship	Indoor Sports Centre, Harbour Road
Jul 12 -16	Illuminate Festival	Botanic Gardens (along Lagoon Street)
Jul 15 - 16	Offshore Superboats	Mackay Harbour
Jul 19	Greater Whitsunday Food Network Farm to Plate Dinner	MECC
Jul 20	Greater Whitsunday Food Network Farm to Plate Bus Tour	Throughout Mackay, Bowen, Airlie Beach, Bloomsbury and Mackay
Jul 20 - 21	Australian Water Association NQ Conference	MECC
Jul 22	Rock, Pop, Mime	Meadowlands Amphitheatre
Jul 30	Sarina Revitalisation Project: preliminary community consultation on revitalising the Sarina Town Centre	Sarina
Jul – Aug	Sarina Revitalisation Project: Consultation and information booth at Sarina Showgrounds Markets	Sarina Showgrounds
Aug 5	Sugar City Con	Mackay Showgrounds
Aug 6	Mackay Mountain Marathon	Eungella Chalet
Aug 19	Sarina Beach Coconut Festival	Sarina Beach
Aug 19	Mackay Airport Beach Horse Races	Harbour Beach
Aug 22	Mackay Information Technology Network Business Information Session	MECC
Aug 26	Warrior Kids Freedom Festival	Meadowlands Amphitheatre
Aug 27	Seaforth Car Show and Megamarket	Seaforth
Aug 30 - Sept 1	Taxi Council Queensland Conference	Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre