



Development Services

Monthly Review Report

April 2017

Executive Summary

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

All significant projects across the Department continue on track, with no major issues identified. Some major capital projects began construction including the Lamberts Beach Whale Watching Lookout and the \$1.6 million Operations Centre and Nursery at the Botanic Gardens. Expenditure on these projects will raise capital expenditure to budget by years end. Good progress has been made on The Mackay Recreational Fishing Strategy which will be released for public consultation in May. Planning is well advanced for the launch of the Sarina Field of Dreams Project on Queensland Day.

In safety, the number of injuries and incidents this month were the lowest for the past year. Our improved safety record is a credit to our employee's renewed safety focus. This is particularly pleasing considering the type of work required for the cyclone clean up. Clean up and recovery operations continued throughout the Month of April, with the Parks Program expending significant resources to remove fallen trees and other debris from public areas and repairing damaged assets. Most major recreational assets were operational for the holiday season and usual maintenance activities recommenced by mid-April.

It is pleasing to see some new development applications this month such as the material change of use application for an agricultural supply centre at Paget and an application for operational works for an Aged Care Facility in North Mackay. Council approved the expansion of the Caneland Central Shopping Centre this month, including a new cinema complex and additional retail space. The performance of our development application assessment teams was exemplary with all performance targets met this month. The Mackay Regional Planning Scheme is currently being assessed by the state government and we expect approval in the very near future.

April was also another busy and successful month for Council's events and conference attraction program. Two events were held and two new events approved. The City Centre hosted the Easter Carnival and Italian Association Street Party. Two other approved events had to be postponed on account of the recent cyclone.



Peter Owen
Acting Director Development Services



**Recreational Fishing Strategy -
Nigel and Mick at Constant Creek**

Development News 04/2017

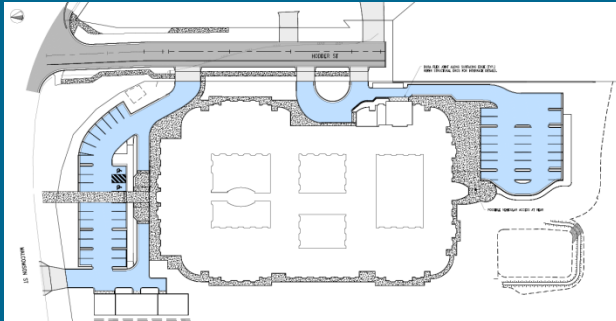
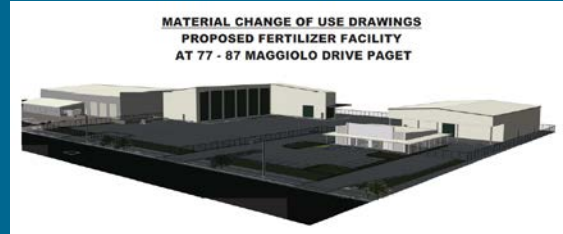
Updates on Significant Developments Currently Being Assessed by Council

NEW APPLICATION

DA-2017-40

77-87 Maggiolo Drive, Paget

A Material Change of Use application has been lodged for the development of an agricultural supplies centre for 'Landmark'. The facility will comprise three main buildings, including an administration building, warehouse and bulk fertiliser storage.



APPLICATION LODGED

OW-2017-8

5 Malcomson Street, North Mackay

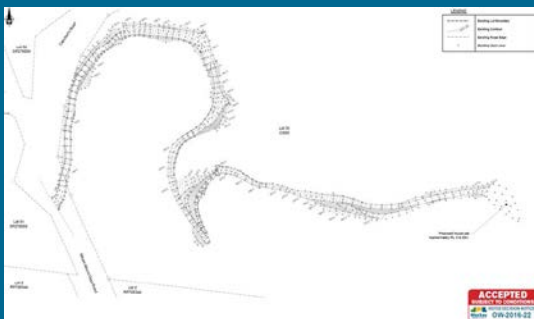
Civil Works associated with a Hospital (Aged Care Facility) development on land with an area 15,580sqm. The works include bulk earthwork for filling, stormwater, sewer, water supply network, road work including upgrade of Hodder Street.

APPLICATION APPROVED

DA-2016-117

2 Mangrove Road, Mackay

Council has approved an expansion of Caneland Central Shopping Centre, with the expansion to contain a new cinema complex and additional restaurant/shop tenancies along Matsuura Drive.



APPLICATION APPROVED

OW-2016-22

1696 Mirani-Mount Ossa Road, Mount Charlton

Civil Works for a 1.2 km long driveway for a rural property on a steep land. The proposed works included design of the driveway for geotechnical stability, drainage, roadworks and earthworks on a challenging site due to steep slope.



Monthly Safety Review

Summary

Three incidents were reported during April. For the 2016-17 year to date there has been one lost time injury (which occurred in late January); with a total of 31 days lost.

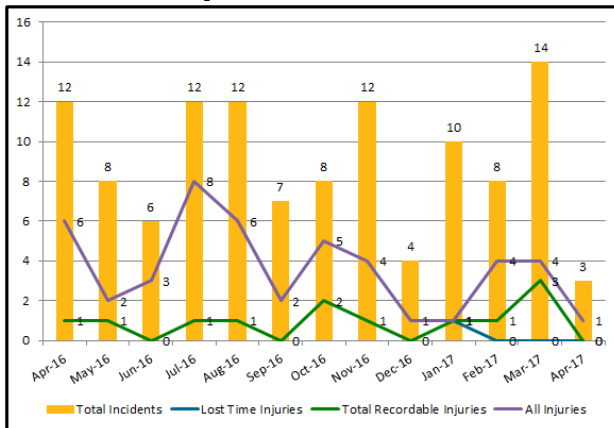
One injury to an MRC employee was reported in April:

- A worker suffered an irritated eye.

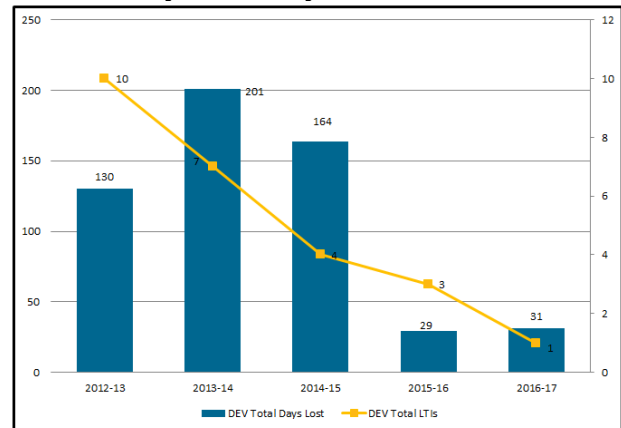
A workers compensation claim lodged in April is currently being assessed by the insurer and is likely to result in lost time in April and May. The injury is a knee injury associated with the operation of a zero-turn mower. This incident is currently under investigation.

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

Incidents and Injuries



Lost Time Injuries & Days Lost



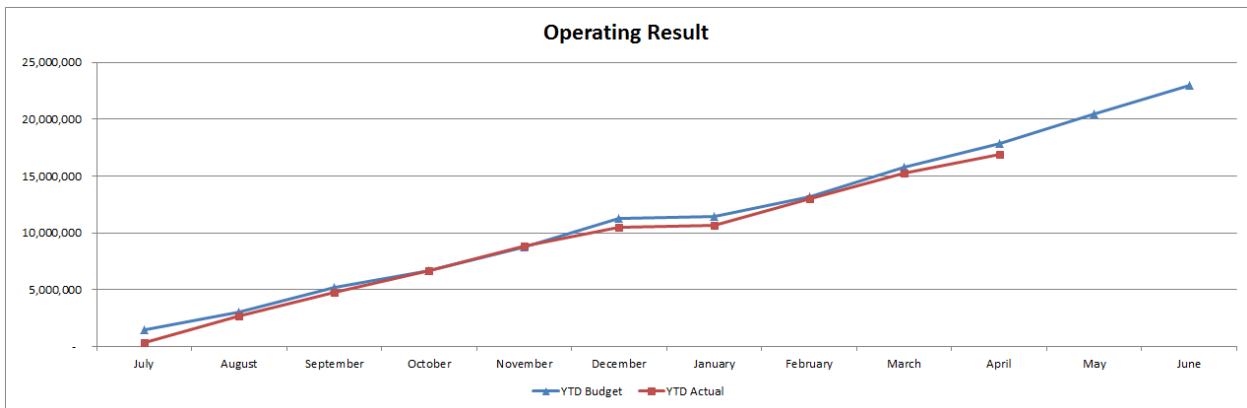
Department	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost
Development Engineering										
Development Assessment										
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	9	130	6	179	4	164	3	29	1	31
Strategic Planning										
Economic Development			1	22						
Development Services	9	130	7	201	4	164	3	29	1	31

Financial Report

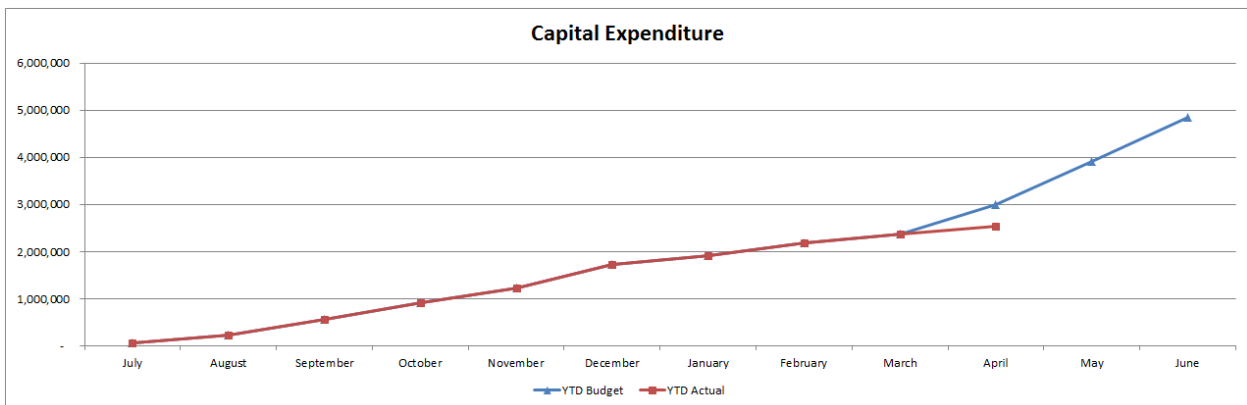
- Actuals more than 10% **over Budget**
- Actuals between 5% & 10% **over Budget**
- Actuals between 5% over & 10% **under Budget**
- ▲ Actuals between 10% & 50% **under Budget**
- ▲ Actuals more than 50% **under Budget**

Operating Results	YTD budget	YTD actual	Variance	%	Status	Comments
Development Services Management	360,756	339,637	-21,119	94%	●	Minor financial impacts associated with revenue.
Strategic Planning	1,416,717	1,289,820	-126,897	91%	●	
Development Assessment	-35,569	-58,704	-23,135	165%	●	
Development Engineering	463,867	495,958	32,091	107%	●	
Economic Development	2,151,417	1,941,505	-209,911	90%	●	
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	13,517,872	12,924,331	-593,541	96%	●	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	17,875,059	16,932,547	-942,512	95%	●	
Capital Expenditure	2,996,793	2,532,314	-464,479	85%	▲	

Operating Results




Capital Expenditure





Review of Operations

- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

STRATEGIC PLANNING

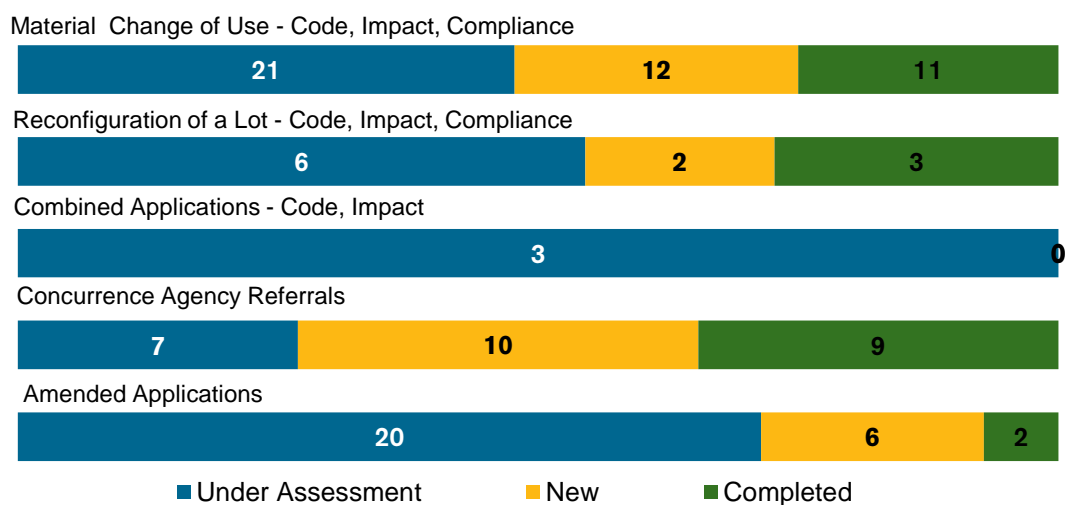
Regional and Local Area Planning		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Proposed Mackay Region Planning Scheme	●	Proposed planning scheme has been submitted to the Planning Minister for approval to adopt. Awaiting response.
Mackay Region Industrial Land Provision Study	●	Long term study to consider infrastructure options for developing industrial precincts identified in the proposed planning scheme. Study will be ongoing for 2016/17.
Planning Scheme Policy – Open Space Policy	●	Draft policy to set service standards for open space provisions under the proposed Mackay Region Planning Scheme. Consultation on the draft policy planned after completion of the proposed planning scheme.
Mackay Waterfront Redevelopment	●	Potential redevelopment opportunities at the Pioneer River and Binnington Esplanade waterfronts are being investigated. Consultation on initial concepts planned for June / July 2017.
<p>Project Update - Mackay Waterfront Redevelopment: Further progress has been made on the Mackay waterfront redevelopment project with the completion of contextual studies and initial State agency review. The project study area has been refined based on the outputs of this work to exclude the Sandfly Creek environmental reserve, areas west of Gregory Street, and areas north of the Pioneer River. The project will now focus on testing the economics and benefits of potential redevelopment opportunities, and undertake public consultation. The intent of public consultation is to introduce the community to the concept of redeveloping the Mackay waterfront areas and to provide the community with the opportunity to comment on the concepts and identifying redevelopment opportunities.</p>		

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 2016 Census release.
Transport Modelling	●	Transport model developed and further scenario testing to be undertaken during 2016/17. Investigate options for model update in 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 first quarter of 2017 and set to be completed by June 2018. Project is linked to progress on the proposed planning scheme.
<p>Project Update – Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP): Council currently levies infrastructure charges for trunk infrastructure through its Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution. To ensure the ongoing levy of infrastructure charges and condition for trunk infrastructure, the Sustainable Planning Act requires Council to prepare a LGIP as part of its planning scheme. Council has now commenced with Stage 1: Planning and Preparation of the LGIP.</p>		

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. Study close to being finalised pending outcome of discussions with the Mackay Golf Course.
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. The voluntary mechanism is in place and has seen uptake by developers. The mechanism forms part of the Urban Stormwater Quality Management Plan which was adopted by Council in early March.
Mackay Region Coastal and Inland Flood Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CIFHAS)	●	Council 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 a survey of Mackay's building stock in within the coastal hazard area to better understand our exposure to risk and a Community Consultation Strategy. The survey has commenced while the RFQ for completion of the Community Consultation Strategy has been releases.
Mackay Floodplain Management Plan	●	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 and WRM are completing the Mackay Floodplain Management Plan. They have also completed the revision of key flood models to include 2015 LiDAR information and river bathymetric surveys. The next phase of the project will involve incorporating floor level surveys and revised local area cost damage curves to risk assessments.
Minor Stormwater system design standard for residential areas	●	Proposed reduction of minor stormwater system design standard from existing 18% AEP (Q5) to 39% AEP (Q2). Interim arrangements to consider the changed standards of service have been developed and are in place for developers to adopt the 39% AEP provided adequate justifications are made.
Flood Gauge Mapping	●	Development of interactive mapping showing the flood footprint linked to the Forgan Bridge flood gauge height. Incremental mapping in the process of being revised from 0.5 m increments to 0.25 m increments.
Erosion Prone Area Review	●	Complete detailed studies of two small scale study areas at Town Beach and Blacks Beach to refine potential erosion prone areas to assist with potential planning scheme zone amendments.
Project Update - Mackay Region Coastal and Inland Flood Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CIFHAS): Council are undertaking a project to identify the Mackay Regions coastal and inland flood hazards and adaptation strategies (CIFHAS) to minimize the adverse impacts of projected changes to climate. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A survey of 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 being completed. - Developing a detailed Community Consultation plan to guide next stages of the project. 		

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Volume of Operations



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)	★	100% decided in 10 days.
FastTrack / Streamlined Applications	No Applications Lodged	

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

Volume of Operations

Development & Compliance Permits



Compliance Certificates

No applications received or approved.

Plan Sealing



Minor Works Permits



Signage Applications



Prescribed Tidal Works



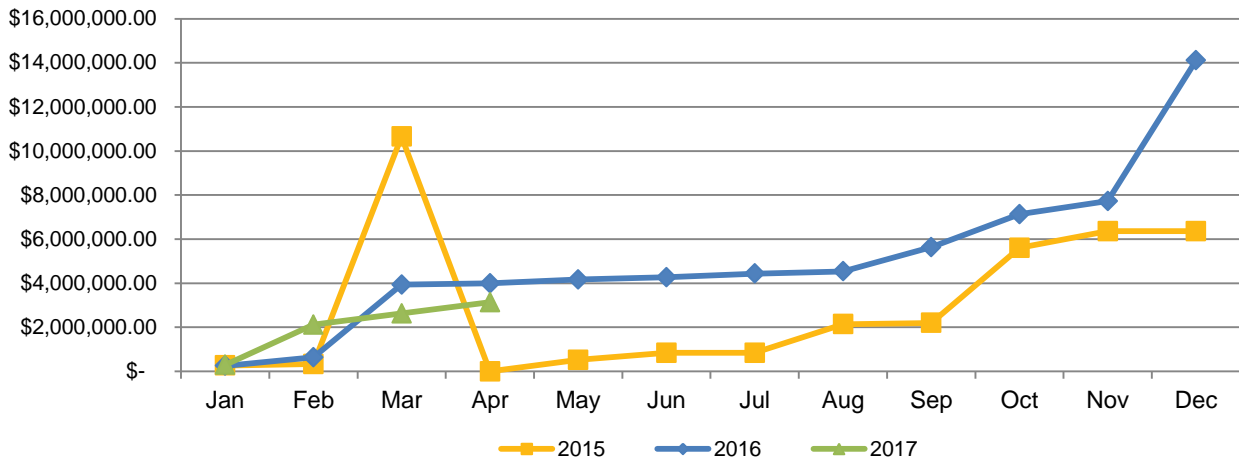
Amended Applications



■ Under Assessment ■ New ■ Completed

Cumulative Value of Approved Operational Works

Three Operational Works applications were approved in April 2017 with a total value of works of \$504,985.00.



Development Engineering Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

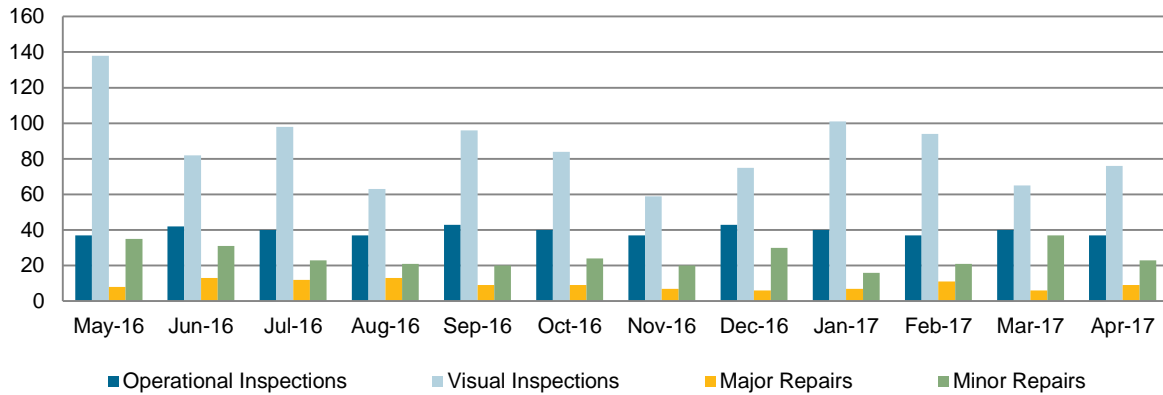
● On Track
● Potential Issue
● Definite Issue

Application	Status	% Decided
Minor Works (85% in <10 Days)	●	95% decided in 10 days.
Signage Applications	●	Three 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

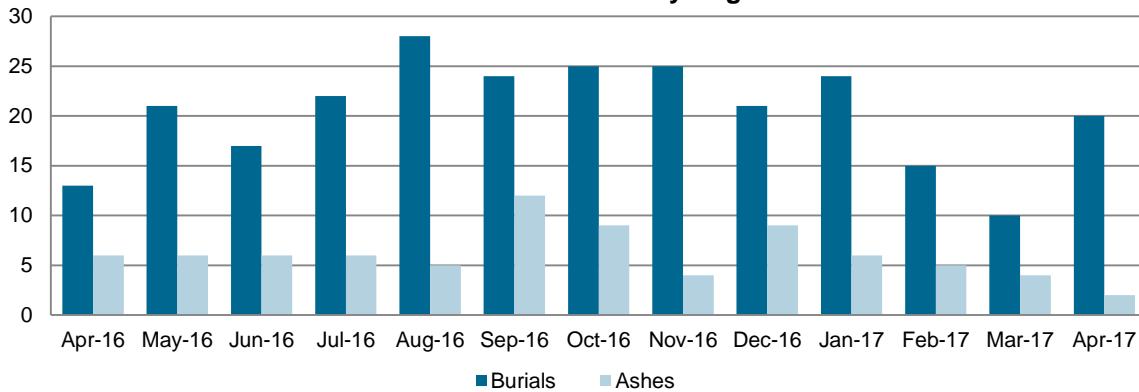
Parks Building Services Activities

Play Equipment Inspection and Maintenance



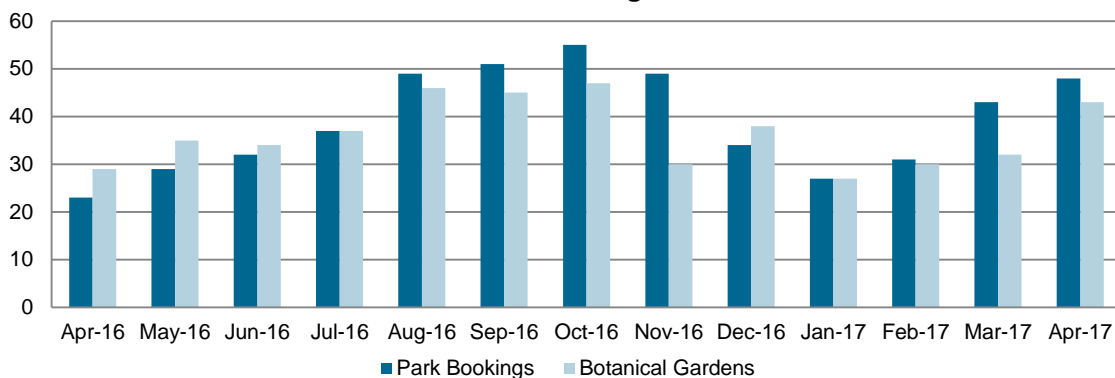
Cemeteries

Burials / Ashes in Mackay Region

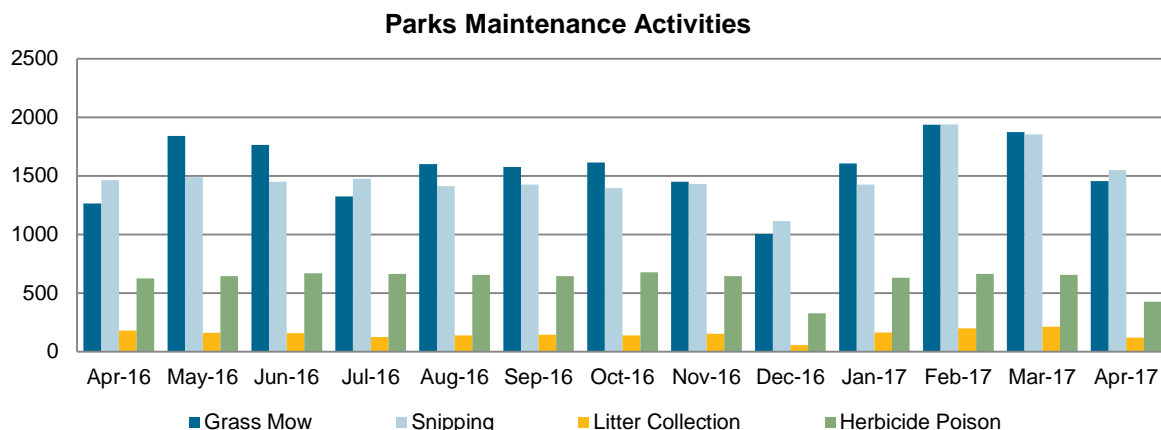


Administration – Parks Bookings

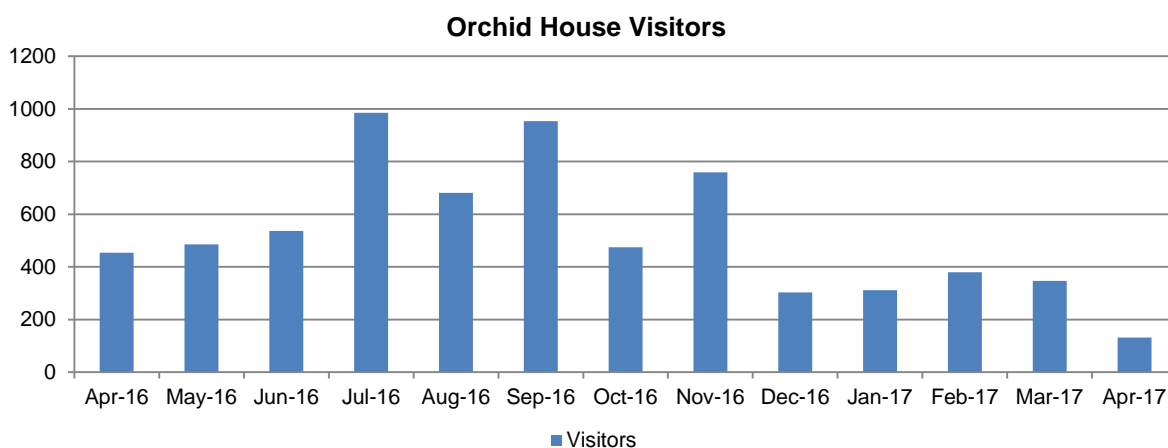
Park Bookings



Grass Maintenance Activities



Horticulture



Note: Orchid House was closed for 3 weeks during and after Cyclone Debbie

Natural Environment Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Goodbye Waders	★	The 'Wave Goodbye to the Waders' event on Saturday 8 April at Shellgrit Creek was well attended and participants got to see a great variety of birds at the high tide roost. Birdlife Australia, Reef Catchments and Conservation Volunteers helped out on the day.
All About Animals	★	A successful school holiday activity was held at Quota Park. Children found out about local wildlife such as whales, fish and birds and had a great time learning and playing.
Coastal Specialists	★	Two coastal scientists from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection spent a day touring the region with staff after cyclone Debbie, to offer advice on coastal management issues.
Grasstree Beach Races	★	An on-site meeting was held with representatives from the Grasstree Beach Progress Association to discuss environmental issues and to help ensure the event has no detrimental environmental impacts and the dune vegetation is protected.
ATSI Trainee	★	Interviews were held with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants interested in the trainee position available with the Habitat Restoration Team.

Capital Works Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Seaview Park Shared Pathway	●	Construction of part A of the shared pathway, pipes and headwalls between Williams Avenue and Urarii Crescent has reached practical completion.
Programmed Upgrades Amenities	●	Upgrading/ replacement of plumbing fittings, repairs to ceiling and lights, epoxy flake flooring and a full repaint of the building has been completed at the Finch Hatton amenities. Upgrading/ replacement of plumbing fittings, epoxy flake flooring and full repaint is in progress at Ball Bay and Halliday Bay amenities.
Lamberts Beach Whale Watching Lookout	●	Works on the shelter, ramps, landscaped area and fencing have commenced.

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.
Meadowlands Detailed Design	●	Final revision underway.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Revitalise the City Centre		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Business Attraction	●	Corry Cycles, corner Milton & Gordon Streets.
Marketing	●	<p>Active Kids in the City School holiday activities were held each weekday of the school holidays, and involved multiple City Centre businesses – Anytime Fitness, Paxton's Creative Art Studio, News Xpress, Lucy Dillon for Brides and Crafty Cat.</p> <p>Active in the City Continues each week at Bluewater Quay. Zumba (Sundays 10am) attracts over 50 participants each week.</p>
Events	●	<p>Easter Carnival 2017 – April 16 This event is managed by the Festival and Events Team on behalf of Mackay City Centre, and included a morning Easter Carnival with entertainment, food stalls and kids activities, as well as a Dive-in movie held in the evening.</p> <p>World Tai Chi & Qigong Day – April 29 Hosted in conjunction with Balance Minder and Time Out Tai Chi, this event was simulcast via Facebook Livestream across the globe. Four 'Try-out Tai Chi sessions were also held in the lead up to this event.</p> <p>Mackay & District Italian Association Street Party – April 29 Mackay City Centre provided sponsorship and event management assistance to the organisers of this event. Held on Wood Street, this event attracted more than 8,000 people to Mackay City Centre.</p>
Facade Improvement Scheme - Round 3	●	Round three of the City Centre Façade Improvement Scheme commenced on 16 January and closed on 6 March. Nine applications were approved.
City Centre Digital Subscribers	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook – 5,194 Instagram – 1,099 City Centre WiFi Sessions – 3,945

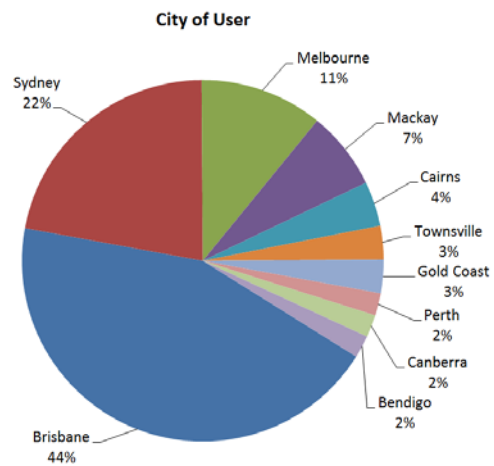
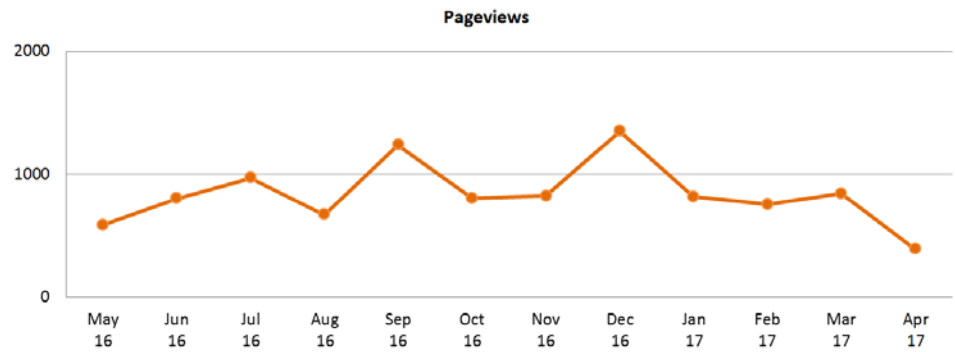
Strong Local Businesses with a Global Reach		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Third National Energy & Resource Services Forum	*	Collaboration continues with Australia India Business Council on their Third National Energy and Resource Services Forum to be held on 11 & 12 May. Work continues on the coordination of local site visits and activities associated with the forum.
Resources Industry Network (RIN) Export Sub Committee	*	Economic Development is engaging with the RIN Export Sub Committee to continue to identify opportunities in export market development. Items raised at the April meeting included a draft five year strategy, group attendance at AIMEX and a regional stand at India's IME 2017 in November to be explored.
Export Ready Program	*	A proposed Export Ready Program for the agriculture sector is on hold due to devastating effects of Tropical Cyclone Debbie. Program will be revisited at end of year.

Working to Support Local Business		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Events & Conference Attraction Program	*	<p>Events/conferences held in April</p> <p>Four events were scheduled to be held in April, with two of the four events being postponed due to TC Debbie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mackay Kart Club Championships – Postponed – Date TBC • Seaforth Car Show – Postponed – New date is August 6 2017 • Mackay City Roller Maidens Roller Derby Tournament • Mackay Italian Street Party <p>Events / conferences approved in April</p> <p>Two new events/conferences were approved through the program including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Q Conference • Event not yet announced
Mackay Pride Facade Improvement Scheme - Round 4	*	Four applications have been approved with a further two businesses submitting applications which are currently being reviewed for approval.

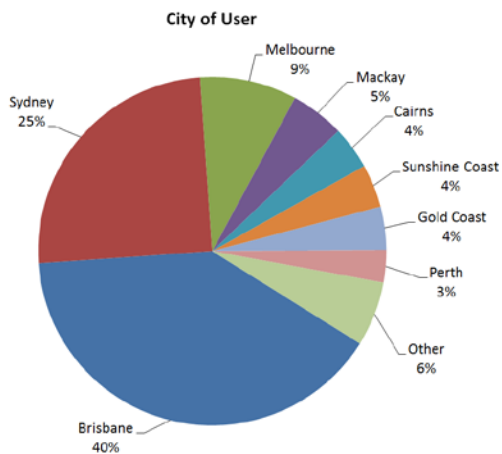
Partnerships for Economic Development		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Implementation of the Economic Development Strategy	*	<p>Mackay Region Fishing Strategy</p> <p>The first draft of the Strategy has been received and is currently undergoing internal review. The draft Strategy will be released for public consultation in mid-May.</p> <p>General Aviation</p> <p>A letter has been issued to land owners with existing air strip facilities to offer assistance with facilitating any development/expansion plans that they may have. Three meetings have been held with interested land owners.</p> <p>Eungella Processing Facility</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>
Facilitating Development in Mackay Region Policy	*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One stage two application for Cedar Gallery at Broken River was approved. • Three EOI applications and two Stage 2 applications are currently under assessment.

REMPAN Online Stats

Economic Profile



Community Profile



Attracting & Keeping Young People in the Region		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Support and incubate to foster creativity & commercialise ideas and start ups	*	<p>Split Spaces Mackay Economic Development will continue to engage with Split Spaces Mackay to discuss future partnership opportunities as requested.</p> <p>Start Up Mackay Economic Development will continue to engage with Start Up Mackay to discuss future events and partnership opportunities when requested.</p> <p>Advancing Regional Innovation Program Mackay Regional Council has provided support as a key partner to the GW3 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 Sarina, Mirani and Evans Avenue and will implement a new program in 2017/18.
Sarina Field of Dreams	*	<p>Parkland Development All Sarina Field of Dreams civil projects works including package A, B and E1 have been completed. The development of the new Visitor Information Centre into the Sarina Railway Station and completion of the masterplan is due to start in July.</p> <p>Website A draft website concept has been completed and is anticipated to be live in May 2017. All the content has been collaborated and the Field of Dreams photoshoot has been completed. Out of the Blue Marketing are currently in the development stage.</p>

Promoting the Mackay Region Brand		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Recreational Vehicle Attraction	*	Industry representations are being considered as part of a holistic approach to the regulated camping market.
Mirani Caravan Park - RV Friendly Park	*	The Mirani Caravan Park was listed as a Dollar Wise Caravan Park with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia program.

Sarina Sugar Shed					
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project			
		Item	Apr	YTD	Annual Target
Business Operations	*	Visitation	620	8,555	10,000
		Item	Apr	YTD	Annual Budget
	*	Ticket Sales	\$7,459	\$133,354	\$185,000
	*	Retail Sales	\$14,397	\$244,095	\$341,000
	*	Sponsorship	-	\$5,000	-
	*	Total Income (incl. Tickets income)	\$21,856	\$382,449	\$526,500
	*	Total Expenses	\$50,821	\$689,495	\$854,685

e-Statistics					
Subscribers	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec
City Centre Business Network	972	981	989	1,007	1,014
Regional Focus Business Network	173	177	210	313	313
Sarina Businesses Network	198	199	226	289	289
Evans Avenue Network	132	132	132	132	132
City Deals Club Subscribers	3,743	3,789	4,076	2,620	2,720
Mackay Region Joblink Analytic Report	447 Users 1942 Views	435 Users 2,899 views	408 users 2,919 views	408 users 2,919 views	388 users 2,135 views