



Development Services

Monthly Review Report

April 2018

Executive Summary

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The local economy continues its recent strength with economic indicators such as unemployment, housing vacancy rates and development activity all looking extremely positive. Development activity both in terms of new applications as well as construction activity continues to look positive. In terms of types of development activity; residential construction is looking much more positive than recent years and in the commercial development sector, retail developments are underway in numerous locations. It is particularly pleasing to see major developments underway in both the former Masters and Bunnings sites on the north side of Mackay.

Many major developments in recent years have required significant development incentives and both of these projects, being redevelopments of existing buildings, are ineligible for incentives yet are proceeding due to their commercial viability in the current environment and importantly these developments will bring new jobs and economic activity to the region. Local residents will also benefit from a number of new retailers these redevelopments are bringing to Mackay.

In other parts of the directorate, our major capital projects at the Sarina Field of Dreams and the Sugar Bowl Skatepark are progressing strongly. In Economic Development our conference and events program continues to deliver for the region with major economic injectors taking place with events such as the recent Waggu Conference.



Gerard Carlyon
Director Development Services



People 'Waved Goodbye to the Waders' at Shellgrit Creek Environmental Reserve

Development News 04/2018

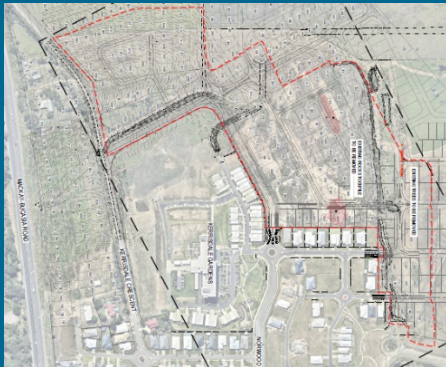
Updates on Significant Developments Currently Being Assessed by Council

APPLICATION LODGED

DA-2018-42

10 Eimeo Road, Rural View

The application proposed the development of two fast food restaurants and a service station on part of the Northern Beaches Central Shopping Centre site, in close proximity to the existing McDonalds restaurant.



APPLICATION LODGED

OW-2018-11

Lot 600 Norwood Parade, Beaconsfield

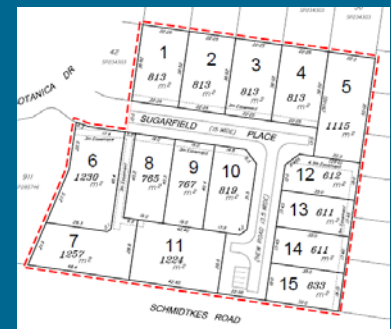
The operational works application includes bulk earthworks, stormwater and erosion & sediment control for a subdivision in Stages 3 and 4 of Kerrisdale Estate.

APPLICATION APPROVED

DA-2017-121

2 Sugarfield Place, Ooralea

The approved development is a 15-lot residential subdivision, being the balance of Sugarfields Estate. The site has frontage to Schmidtkes Road; however access to the lots will be obtained from Botanical Drive/Sugarfield Place.

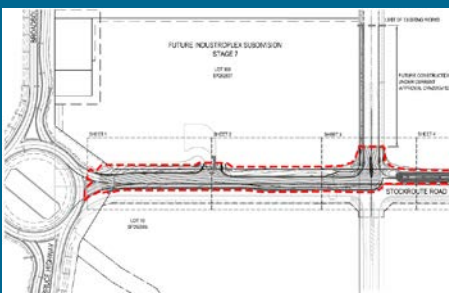


APPLICATION APPROVED

OW-2017-38

Lot 900 Diesel Drive, Paget

The operational works application is for the Stockroute Road Stage 1 and the works include the construction of the northern half of Stockroute Road between Bruce Highway and Diesel Drive, entrance to Stage 7 Industroplex, site clearance, bulk earthworks cut/fill, construction of open drainage swale/channel to the existing open swale near Connors Road (temporary pending future Stockroute Road works) stormwater drainage, kerb and channel, footpath, water reticulation and line marking.





Monthly Safety Review

Summary

Two injuries to MRC employees were reported in April:

- While cleaning the cenotaph with a diluted chemical, some chemical splashed onto a worker's face and ran into their eyes. Safety glasses were being worn.
- A worker was travelling as a passenger in a truck when they felt something strike their eye.

Six incidents involving asset damage were reported in April:

- A section of wood board on path was damaged after wood chipper was driven over it.
- While whipper snipping, a stone flicked up and damaged a passing non-staff member's vehicle window.
- While driving a boat trailer from a shed; a light on the side of the trailer mud guard hit the side of the roller door opening.
- While mowing alongside the road, the mower operator was advised by a non-staff member that the door of their vehicle had been hit by an object.
- Staff attending a light that was not working discovered that a live cable had been cut inside of the service hatch, which was still in place.
- While slashing around a small bush in long grass, the tractor step hit a tree stump.

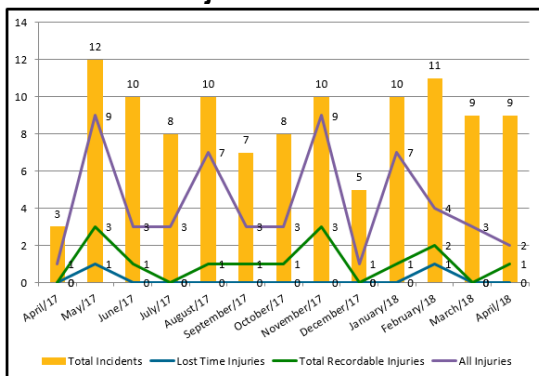
One near miss incident was reported in April:

- While spraying along a fence line, a worker had a close encounter with a brown snake.

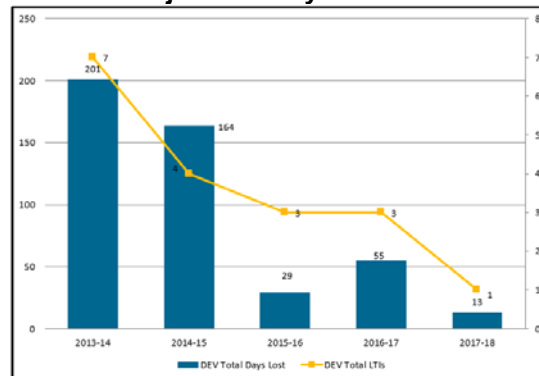
Each incident is investigated and appropriate corrective measures implemented, to reduce future risks.

Disclaimer: This review was prepared on 26 April to meet reporting timeframes. Data relating to April incidents reported after this date will be included in future reports.

Incidents and Injuries



Lost Time Injuries & Days Lost



Department	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost
Development Engineering										
Development Assessment										
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	6	179	4	164	3	29	3	55	1	13
Strategic Planning										
Economic Development	1	22								
Development Services	7	201	4	164	3	29	3	55	1	13

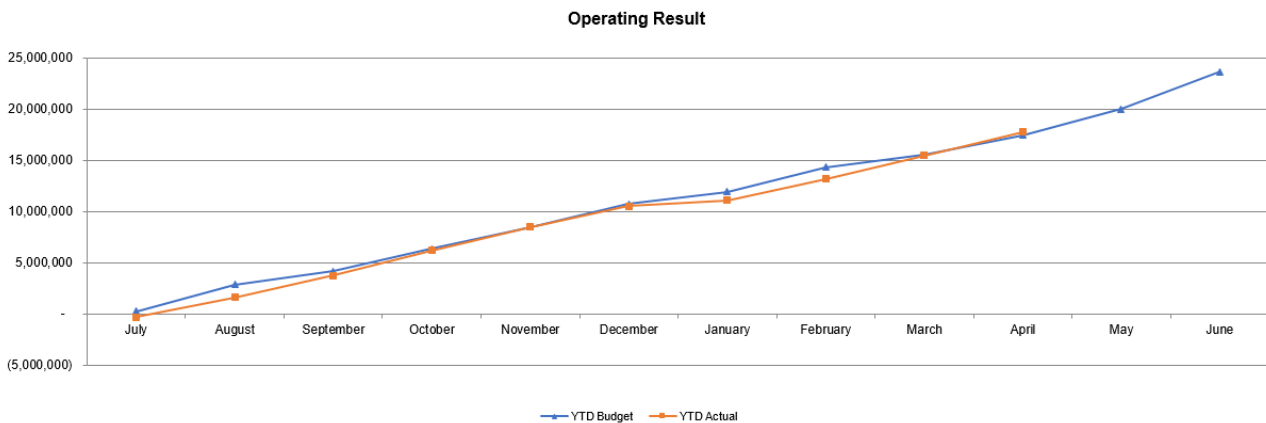
Financial Report

Both the Development Assessment and Development Engineering budgets are exceeding targets due to bigger than expected development activity. The Economic Development & Tourism budget is affected by timing of receipts and expenditure items which will even out over the next two months.

Operating Results	AMD Budget	YTD budget	YTD actual	Variance	Status
Development Services Management	379,781	299,128	314,418	15,290	☀
Strategic Planning	2,237,202	1,588,571	1,547,969	(40,602)	☀
Development Assessment	(3,260)	(34,294)	(142,019)	(107,725)	☀
Development Engineering	547,296	410,286	172,789	(237,498)	☀
Economic Development & Tourism	3,120,760	1,797,071	2,246,112	449,040	☀
Parks, Environment & Sustainability	17,371,440	13,361,699	13,629,998	268,299	☀
TOTAL OPERATIONAL	23,653,219	17,422,460	17,769,266	346,806	☀

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

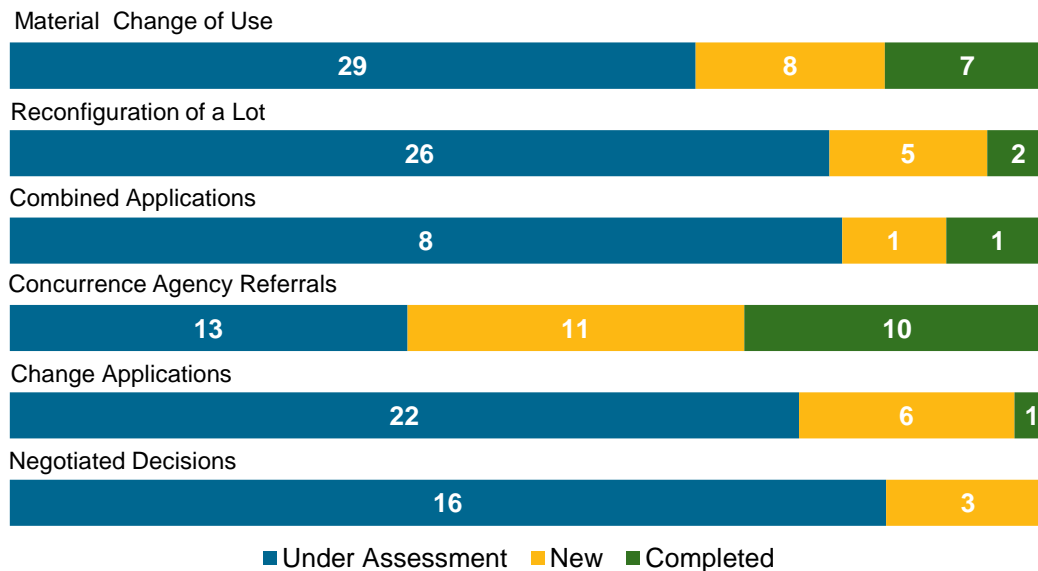


Review of Operations

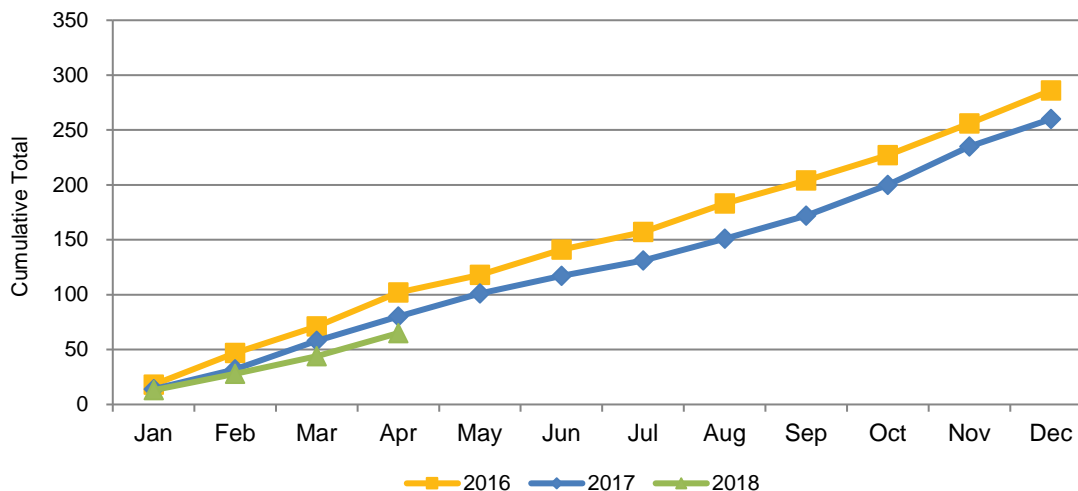
- On Track
- Potential Issue
- Definite Issue

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Volume of Operations



Cumulative Number of Approved Development Assessment Applications

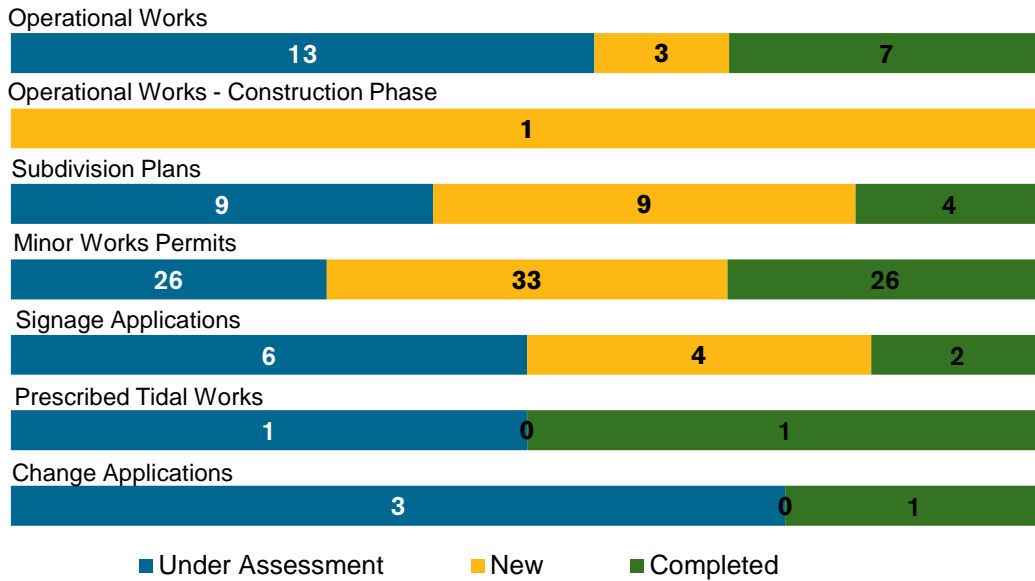


Development Assessment Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

Application	Status	% Decided
MCU Code (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
MCU Impact (50% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
ROL (85% in 40 Days)	●	100% decided in 40 days.
Concurrence Agency (85% in 10 Days)	●	90% decided in 10 days.

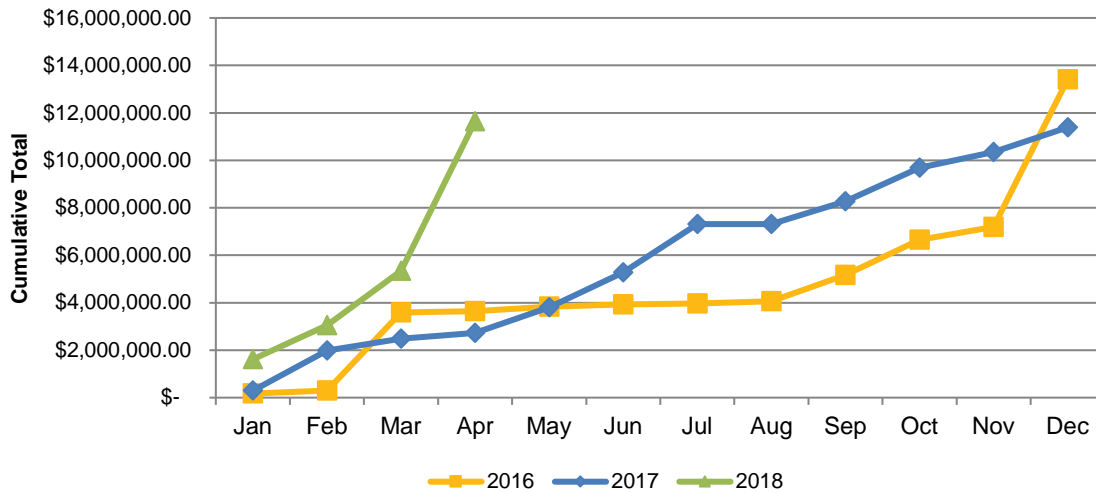
DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

Volume of Operations



Cumulative Value of Approved Operational Works

Seven Operational Works applications were approved in April with a total value of works of \$6,307,720.00.



Development Engineering Performance Against Legislative Timeframes

Application	Status	% Decided
Minor Works (85% in <20 Days)	🟢	100% decided in 20 days.
Signage Applications (85% in <20 Days)	🟡	75% decided in 20 days. Four applications decided. One took 24 days to decide, the others were decided in seven days.
Operational Works (85% in 40 Days)	🟡	60% decided in 40 days. One application exceeded by one day and another application was extended by agreement by the applicant.
Plan Sealing (85% decided in 20 days without action notice)	🟢	100% decided in 20 days without Action Notice.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

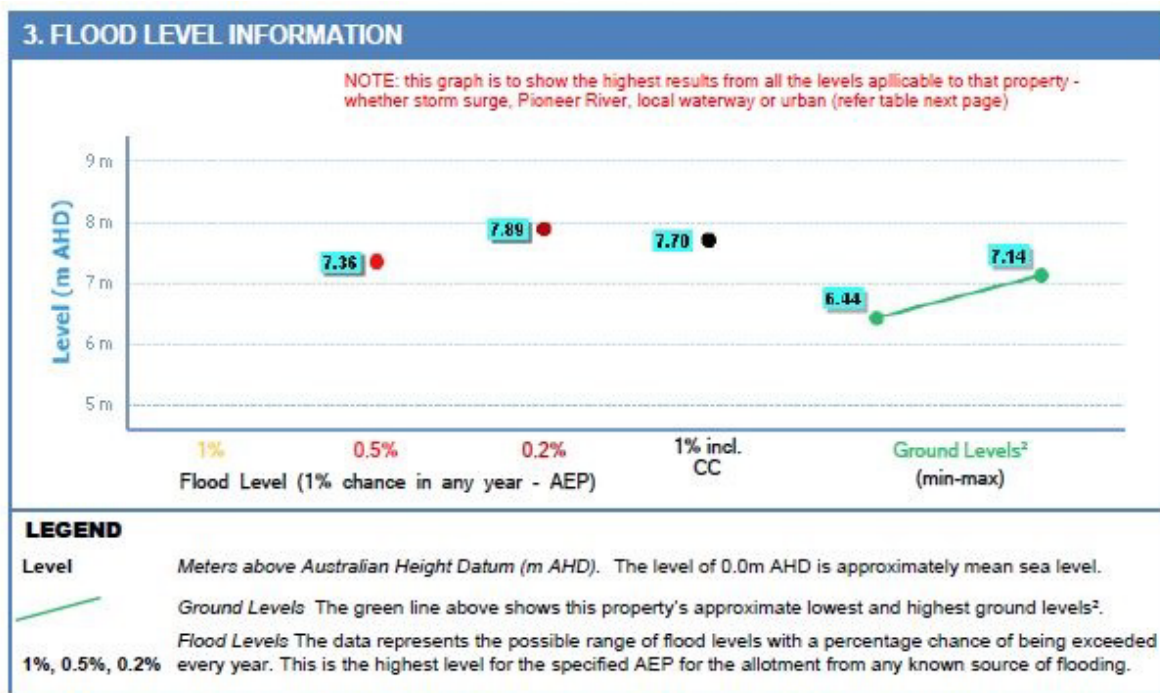
Regional and Local Area Planning		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Sarina Town Centre Revitalisation Study	✱	The draft strategy document is nearing completion and original project scope complete. Compiling cost estimates for further discussion on a way forward.
Mackay Region Industrial Land Provision Study	✱	Long term study to consider development and infrastructure options for industry investigation precincts in the Mackay Region Planning Scheme. Study will be ongoing to 2018/19.
Planning Scheme Policy – Open Space Policy	✱	Council resolved in November 2017 to make a proposed Planning Scheme Policy on Open Space. The policy will set standards for providing recreational parks when undertaking development. Public consultation was undertaken from 16 February to 16 March 2018 and Council is considering submissions received.
Mackay Waterfront Priority Development Area	✱	Council resolved to request a Priority Development Area declaration over the Mackay waterfront areas in November 2017 and the request for declaration was submitted to the Minister for Economic Development Queensland in December 2017. Preliminary investigations are underway for various infrastructure types.
<p>Project Update: Mackay Region Planning Scheme Amendments</p> <p>Qualified state interest amendment 1 of 2017 (dwelling house provisions) was submitted to the State Government for review on 18 December 2017. Ministerial notice authorising progression to public notification was received on 4 May. Public consultation on the proposed amendments will take place in the near future. Minor and administrative amendments 1 of 2018 were adopted by Council on the 24 April 2018 and commenced on 1 May 2018 as Version 1.2 of Mackay Region Planning Scheme 2017. The amendments involved refinements to heritage provisions, updated flood hazard, transport noise corridor, airport environs and coastal hazards mapping and administrative matters.</p>		

Transport & Infrastructure Planning		
Projects	Status	Description / Update of Project
Growth Allocation Model	✱	The Growth Allocation Model allocates and maps future urban growth over a 20-year projection period based on growth scenarios. Further modelling will be undertaken in 2018 based on new population projections to be released by the State.
Transport Modelling	✱	Further transport modelling will be considered after completion of the 2018 growth allocation modelling.
Development of a Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP)	✱	Public consultation is being undertaken on the proposed LGIP between 16 March and 3 May 2018. Council will consider submissions following the close of consultation.
Mackay Isaac Whitsunday Regional Transport Plan (State Government)	✱	Council has been working with Transport and Main Roads and the Whitsunday and Isaac Regional Councils on the development of the State Government's Regional Transport Plan.
Engineering Design Guidelines Review	✱	The discussion paper is progressing, which outlines options available for the adoption and implementation of the revised guidelines.

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

Project Update: Flood Planning Report

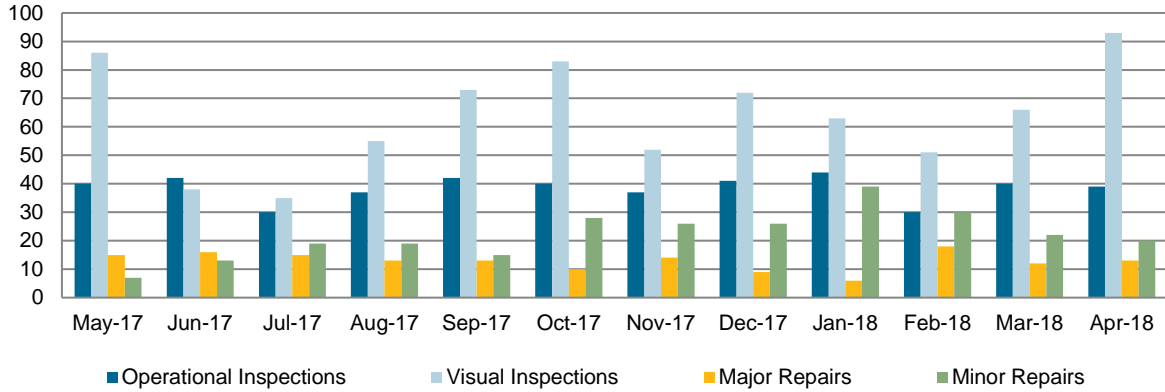
An automated tool for producing lot scale flood planning reports has been developed to work with Councils MiMaps online system. The tool will be tested in house prior to a general release to the public. An extract from a sample report is shown.



PARKS, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

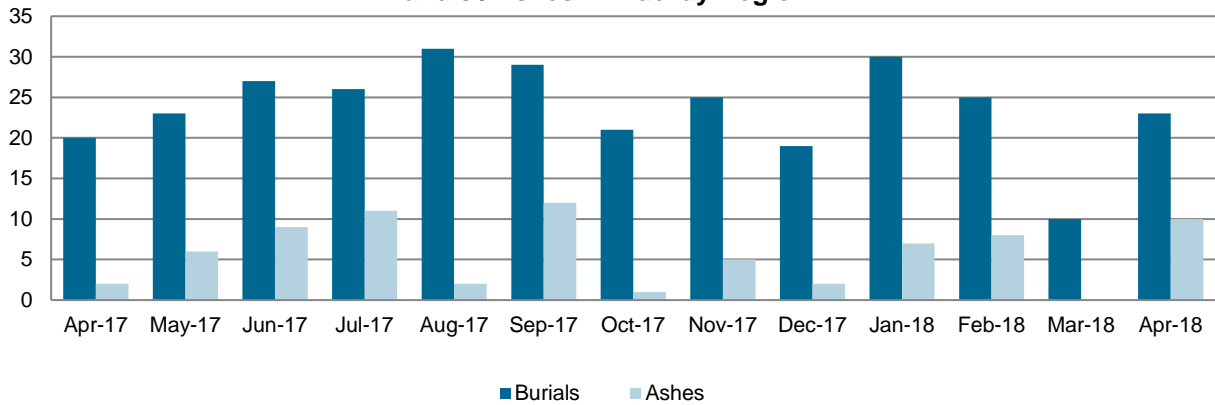
Parks Building Services Activities

Play Equipment Inspection and Maintenance



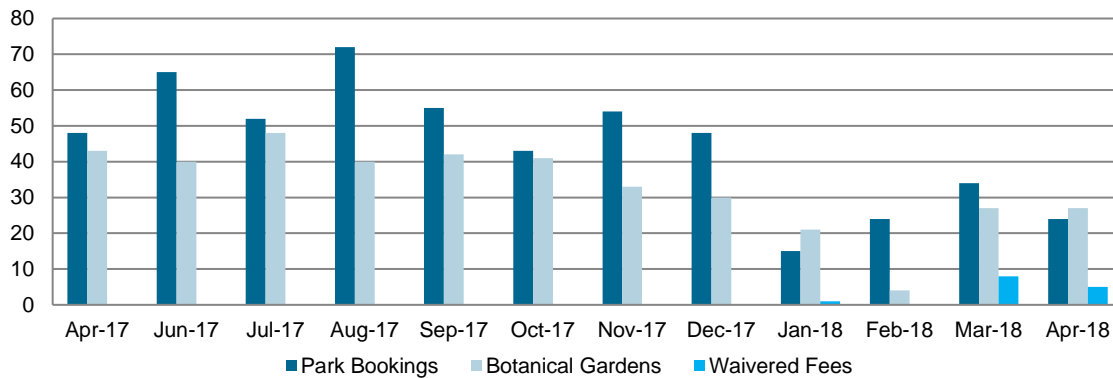
Cemeteries

Burials / Ashes in Mackay Region

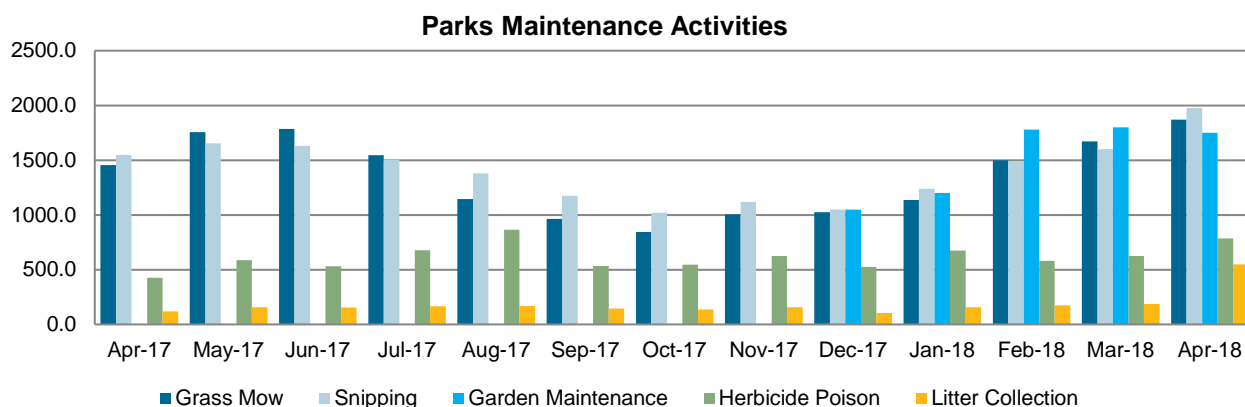


Administration – Parks Bookings

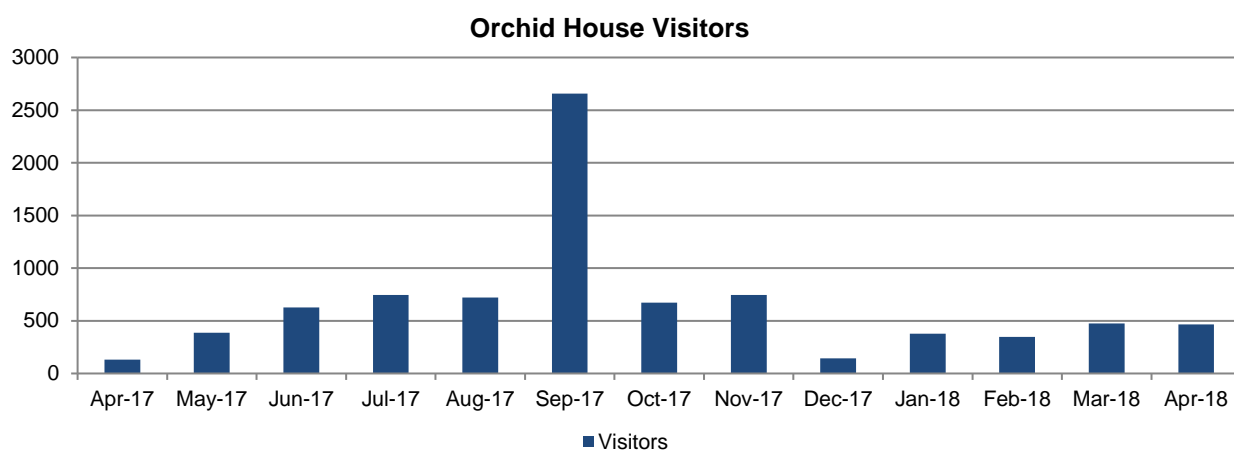
Park Bookings



Grass Maintenance and Horticulture Activities



Orchid House



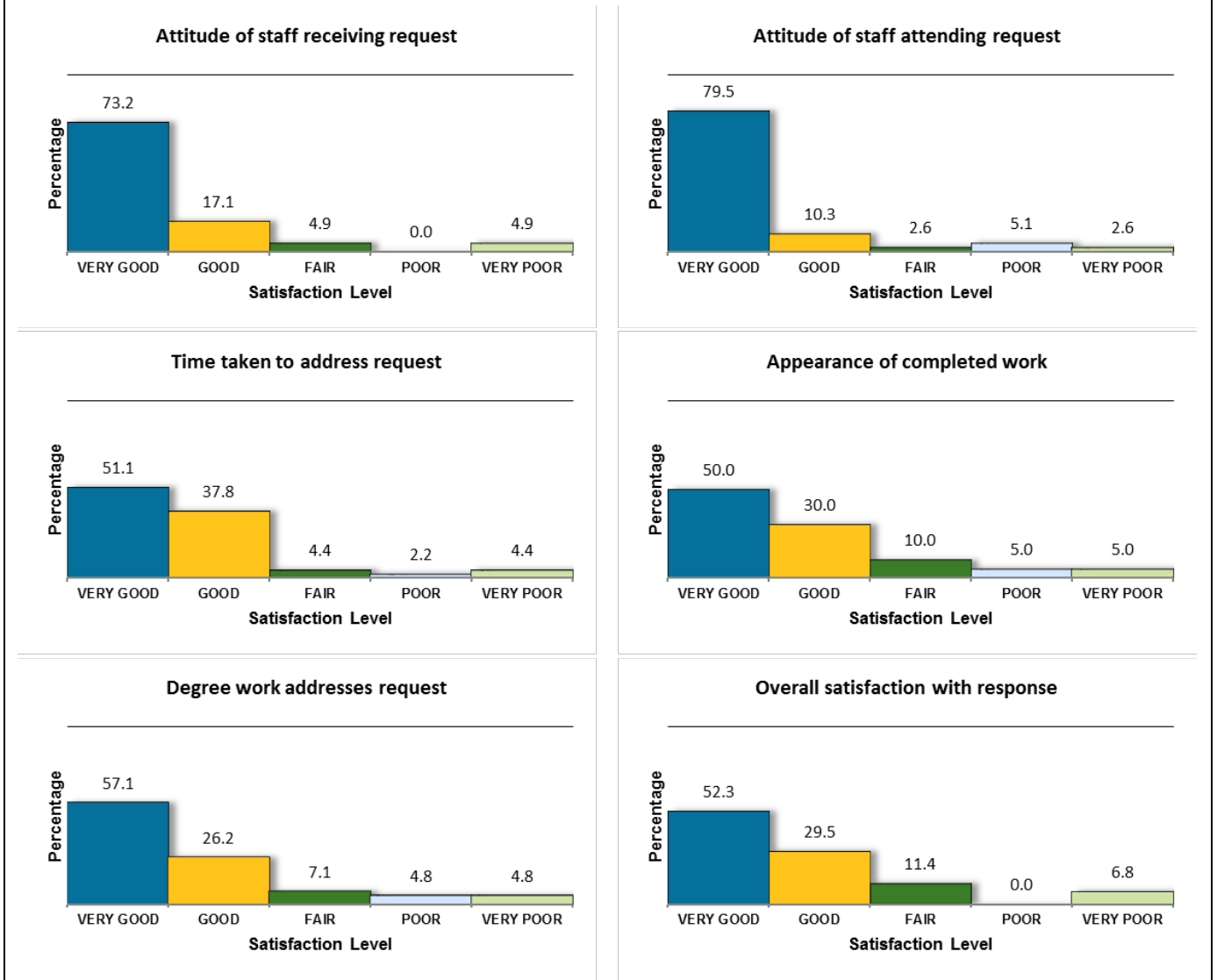
Natural Environment Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Local Coastal Plans	●	A community consultation session on the Lamberts Beach and Slade Point Local Coast Plan was held on Sunday April 22 and was attended by nearly 100 local residents. People were very interested to hear about the plan and its recommendations with many good suggestions made. Comments can be made until May 22. The final Midge Point Local Coastal Plan is being prepared for Council approval.
Shellgrit Creek Environmental Reserve	●	A launch was held for the opening of the reserve, in conjunction with 'Wave Goodbye to the Waders' on Saturday April 28. Interpretive and welcome to the reserve signs have been installed, fencing work undertaken and a low-impact nature trail created.
Operation Target Tilapia	●	300 people registered for the fishing competition as part of Operation Target Tilapia at the Gooseponds on Saturday April 14. Eight Tilapia fish were caught and the event was a great success at raising awareness about pest fish. There were many activities on offer during the day, including a drain planting activity and a fishways demonstration.
Rotary Tree Planting	●	55 Rotarians planted a tree for each of their 208 members, plus a few extra at Harbour Beach on Saturday April 28. They celebrated with a barbeque lunch after the planting bee.
Signage Projects	●	Interpretive signs have been installed at Shellgrit Creek, Lagoons Creek, the Gooseponds and Little McCreadys Creek.

Capital Works Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Apex Park Sarina	★	Replacement of the posts for the safety fencing around the play equipment is almost complete. Following corrosion issues with the previous fencing, new aluminium posts will be fitted to prevent a reoccurrence.
Gooseponds Paths	★	The removal and replacement of cracked and damaged sections of the path network has been completed
Eungella Sign	★	Works to install a large sign at the top of the range adjacent to North Street Park has been completed. It features a cut-out silhouette of a platypus as part of the design.
Mirani Play Equipment	★	Construction of the new playground at Railway Park Mirani is currently in progress. To date, the old equipment and shade structure have been removed, new shade structure constructed and works are in progress on the concrete border and fencing. Play equipment installation is due to commence first week of May.
Blacks Beach Exercise Stairs	★	Construction of a set of exercise stairs running from Blacks Beach Park up the steep hill to Camilleri Street is in progress.

Botanic Gardens Projects		
Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Pathway Upgrades	★	Complete
Operational Depot & Nursery	★	Construction complete, final service run is taking place and waiting for As Constructed drawings.
Furniture, Fixtures and Shelters	★	Foyer of the administration building is being refurbished and is on track. Signage being fabricated and to be installed in June.
Irrigation Upgrades	★	Complete

Requests for Maintenance Work

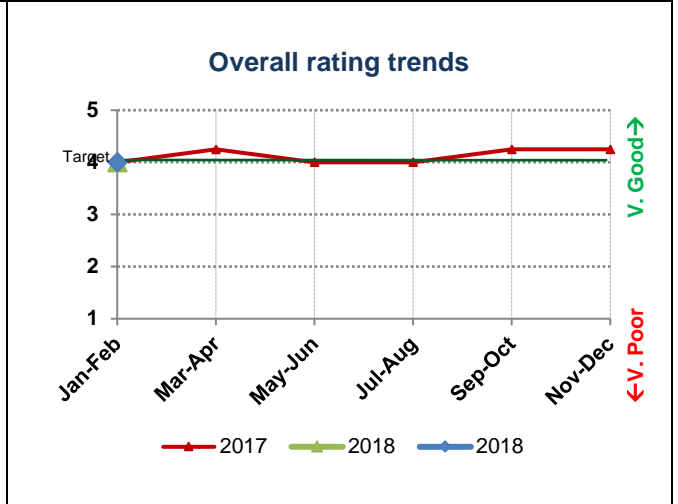
Results of Customer Survey (January / February 2018)



Representative Comments

- The team that came to do the job were very courteous and obliging.
- Nice to deal with an efficient team of men.
- I can't say enough about these four council workers. They were very efficient and very thorough, ensuring all potential dangers were dealt with, Re: - branches and trees. Their communication between each other was very commendable. It was great to see a team work so well together.
- Very speedy response.
- Well done.
- 10/10. Excellent work.
- I think they could have responded a little sooner.
- Work was attended to in a fairly quick time but there will need to be something more permanent done in relation to this area.

Trends



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Revitalise the City Centre		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Marketing	*	<p>Television Commercial Campaign (TVC) Continued in March, featuring 1 x 30 second generic TVC, and 1 x 30 Professional Services on Win and SCA.</p> <p>Professional Services Campaign Commenced 3 July 2017 and includes a weekly press advertisement in the Daily Mercury featuring a different category each week. Articles published in April included fitness, automotive repairs and parts, real estate and solicitors. From now until the end of June our weekly advertising will change to accommodate more generic Mackay City Centre advertising as opposed to purely professional services. The last week in April advertised Wagyu Week.</p>
Events	*	<p>Easter Carnival Due to inclement weather in the lead up to Easter and the forecast for Easter Sunday, the decision was made to move the Easter Carnival along with the 3 X 3 Basketball event from Caneland Park to the Big Shed at Mackay Showgrounds. The family events were advertised together and promoted as two weekend attractions. Attendance on Sunday for the Carnival was estimated at about 1500 – 2000.</p> <p>Active Kids in the City - School Holiday Program The Active Kids in the City program was held in the first two weeks of April. Free children’s activities were held on each day week day of the school holidays. Attendance was high for all events. One outdoor activity on April 5 needed to be cancelled due to wet weather.</p> <p>Italian Street Party The Mackay Italian Street Party was held on April 14. Despite the wet weather the event was still successful.</p> <p>World Tai Chi and Qigong Day Was held on April 28 at the Bluewater Quay. It was a lovely and relaxing morning with approximately 40 participants.</p>
Facade Improvement Scheme - City Centre	*	Expressions of interest are currently being considered, as received. Two applications have been approved.
City Centre Digital Subscribers	*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook – 5,807 • Instagram – 1,220 • City Centre WiFi Sessions – 12,329

Strong Local Businesses with a Global Reach		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Resources Industry Network (RIN) Export Group	*	Council attends Export Group meetings and provides support to members as required.
International Education and Training	*	The final report for the Study Greater Whitsunday Cluster Feasibility project is waiting on feedback from Trade and Investment Queensland, prior to issuing to cluster participants. Partners on the project include GW3, CQ University and Whitsunday, Isaac and Mackay Regional Councils.
Agribusiness Investment Delegation		A delegation of Chinese, Taiwanese and Vietnamese investors will be in Mackay on May 12 following participation at Rockhampton's Beef Week. They are investigating agribusiness and tourism investment opportunities while in country. Economic Development is providing support to Trade and Investment Queensland for this visit.

Working to Support Local Business		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Mackay Events & Conference Attraction Program	*	<p>Events / conferences held in April Five events / conferences were held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champions League Basketball 3x3 • Basketball Australia Opals Pre-Commonwealth Games Camp • NEAFL - Gold Coast Suns Vs GWS Giants • Australian Sugar Cane Technologists Conference (ASSCT) • Tour De Cure Eve Celebrity Dinner/Tour De Cure Signature Tour <p>Events / conferences approved in April: Three new event / conference was approved through the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunstate Pro Tree Shootout • Confidential Event • International Karate Test Match
Mackay Pride Facade Improvement Scheme - Expressions of Interest	*	Expressions of interest opened in August and are currently being assessed, as received. Two applications have been approved.

Partnerships for Economic Development		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Implementation of the Economic Development Strategy	*	<p>Mackay Region Fishing Strategy Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have agreed to an Action Plan associated with the delivery of the \$100,000 funding for the delivery of the Mackay Region Recreational Fishing Strategy.</p> <p>Mountain Bike Strategy The Mountain Bike Strategy was awarded in December and delivery of the strategy has now commenced. Targeted stakeholder engagement was undertaken in February. Delivery of the strategy is expected in June/July.</p> <p>General Aviation Economic Development continues to coordinate advice to airstrip operators as requested.</p> <p>Driver Education Facility Needs Assessment The Driver Education Facility Needs Assessment was awarded in January and delivery has now commenced. The assessment will involve targeted stakeholder engagement to determine whether there is a</p>

		demonstrated stakeholder need for the establishment of a driver education facility in the Mackay region. It is expected that the assessment results will be delivered in late May.
Recreational Vehicle Attraction	★	The Camping Choices Regulatory Review was received in February 2018. Internal review was conducted in February and March with implementation of recommendations now being investigated. Marketing for the Sarina Field of Dreams and the Visitor Information Centre was undertaken in the autumn edition of the Caravanning Australia Magazine. Council has also provided funding for Mackay Tourism to deliver a targeted marketing campaign aimed at the drive market.
Facilitating Development in Mackay Region Policy	★	One extension request and one expression of interest application was received. Two expressions of interest are currently under assessment. Five expressions of interest have recently been approved, however the corresponding Stage 2 applications have not yet been received.
Queensland Mining and Engineering Exhibition (QME)	★	Planning for the Mackay Region Showcase stand at QME 2018 is underway with partners, Mackay Tourism and Resource Industry Network (RIN). The Mackay region stand will promote regional innovation within the mining sector and six companies will be invited to showcase their innovations. The total number of companies exhibiting at QME is growing and more stand space has been added by organisers.
Business Assistance Platform	★	Consultancy components of the Business Assistance Platform project are underway. The project is an initiative of the region's business assistance providers and aims to establish a coordinated approach to business event collaboration and cross promotion and, in addition, provide information on business assistance available within the region.
Greater Whitsunday Food Network	★	Greater Whitsunday Food Network are holding their Farmer's Markets every Wednesday morning and Twilight Markets once a month. The Network has commenced planning for their annual Farm to Plate dinner (to be held on June 7) and bus tour. Matt Golinski has been booked to coordinate the menu and attend the function and tour again this year. Financial support is being sourced by the Network to hold the event.
Resource Centre of Excellence	★	The pre-feasibility study and business case for the Resource Centre of Excellence was awarded in December and has now commenced. The project is expected to be finalised in the first half of 2018. The business case supports the State Government's \$3.6 million funding announcement for construction of the facility.
Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) Conference	★	Mackay has been successful in securing the SEGRA conference for our region. It will be held October 22-25, 2018. A local planning committee has been established to help coordinate the event.
Mackay Wagyu Week	★	The Australian Wagyu Association (AWA) national conference will be held in Mackay from 2 to 4 May. Council – in collaboration with Mackay City Centre, Department of State Development, Greater Whitsunday Food Network and local wagyu representatives – has organised several complementary activities to engage the community during the week of the event, including: activation of local restaurants; pop-up cooking demonstrations; paddock to plate dinner; and a Friday night welcome in the City Centre.

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 has been provided for three local representatives to participate in Myriad Air, travelling from Silicon Valley to Brisbane for Myriad Festival 2018.</p> <p>Startup Mackay Economic Development will continue to engage with Startup Mackay to discuss future partnership opportunities as requested.</p>

Place Management of Suburbs & Localities		
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project
Placemaking	*	Economic Development is delivering a placemaking grants program, Activate My Place (AMP), offering grants to individuals or organisations to deliver projects that enhance the amenity, activity and appearance of a place. A community workshop was held in March with 30 community members in attendance. Applications opened at the beginning of April and closed 1 May. Interest in the program has been positive and twelve applications were received. Review of the applications will take place in May.
Sarina Field of Dreams - New Mackay Region Visitor Information Centre (VIC) & Parkland Development	*	<p>Railway Station Refurbishment for new Mackay Region VIC Installation of contract joinery, glass and painting is now complete. Construction works to enter defects and maintenance periods. Procurement of furniture, fixtures and equipment is ongoing.</p> <p>Parkland Masterplan Maintenance and defects period ongoing.</p> <p>Signage & Wayfinding Internal signage and wayfinding detail design package is complete and will commence pricing for construction.</p> <p>Parkland Wi-Fi Contract for installation of Parkland WIFI to be awarded.</p>

Sarina Sugar Shed					
Strategy / Project	Status	Description / Update of Project			
		Item	April	YTD	Annual Target
Business Operations	*	Visitation	486	8065	10,000
		Item	April	YTD	Annual Budget
	*	Ticket Sales	\$11,683	\$150,161	\$185,000
	*	Retail Sales	\$16,080	\$240,741	\$327,000
	*	Total Income (incl. Tickets income)	\$27,763	\$390,902	\$512,000
	*	Total Expenses	\$55,376	\$699,400	\$809,664

e-Statistics								
Subscribers	April	March	February	January	November	October	September	August
City Centre Business Network	933	1,066	1,070	1,080	1,098	1,100	1,101	1,111
Regional Focus Business Network	148	148	148	150	152	153	153	153
Sarina Businesses Network	173	173	173	176	182	182	182	184
Evans Avenue Network	64	64	65	65	65	71	71	71
City Deals Club Subscribers	3746	3,696	3,693	3,693	3,714	3,695	3,658	3,675
Mackay Region Joblink Analytic Report	499 Users 428 Views	496 Users 412 Views	494 Users 443 Views	490 Users 552 Views	Not available at time of reporting.	476 Users 933 Views	474 Users 563 Views	497 Users 1,047 Views

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
26 May to 27 May	Transmoto 8-Hour	Koumala
2 June	Botanic Gardens Day	Botanic Gardens
10 June	Kiss Goodbye to MS Scavenger Hunt	Meadowlands Amphitheatre, Botanic Gardens
17 June	Tentative: Illuminate Workshop	Botanic Gardens Meeting Room
19 June	MRBG Friends Association AGM	Botanic Gardens Meeting Room
30 June	Riversessions	Queens Park
30 June – 13 July	Inaugural Football Qld Community Cup	Mackay Regional Football Zone
1 July – 6 July	2018 Australian State School Rugby League Championship (ASSRL)	Mackay Rugby Fields
11 August	International Karate Test Match	MECC
11 August	Mechanos	Mackay Aero Club
17 – 18 August	Sunstate Pro Tree Shootout	Bells Road, Palmyra
26 -27 August	Variety Bash – Lays Days	Halliday Bay