



MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL BUDGET 2026-2027

YOUR COUNCIL YOUR RATES

Back-to-basics delivery and a future-ready Mackay

Council is getting back to basics by focusing on the essential services our community relies on every day. The average residential rates increase of 7.16 per cent supports essential services like safer roads, footpaths, drinking water, drainage, parks and playgrounds. Council continues to drive operational efficiencies, simplify rates and make responsible decisions that deliver value for money and support a stronger, more sustainable Mackay region.

Cost discipline, future ready

Council is getting back to basics for Mackay, prioritising core services needed to support a sustainable, resilient future.

We've listened to the needs of the community. Council will deliver efficient operations as a priority.

Council is building a stronger, more sustainable Mackay region. \$127.4 million invested to renew critical infrastructure and build a stronger, more sustainable Mackay region. Almost 60 per cent funding essential renewals and upgrades of critical infrastructure for our community.

Levies have been consolidated into the general rate – simpler and fairer rates putting an average of \$27 back in the pocket of residential ratepayers.

The average residential rate payer will see an increase of \$5.26 per week and council will provide continued support to residents through rates concessions.

We recognise household and business budgets are under pressure. The increase helps maintain essential services the community relies on every day, while council continues to review operating costs and focus spending on back-to-basics priorities such as roads, drainage, parks, waste, libraries and customer service.

Visit mackay.qld.gov.au/budget to find out more.



Great parks and community facilities, better playgrounds, stronger communities

Council is investing more than \$32 million in parks, playgrounds and community facilities, to support active families, stronger neighbourhoods and better lifestyle opportunities across the region.



Investing in safer roads and footpaths across the region

Delivery of safer and more connected roads with a total of \$27.1 million funding for upgrading and renewing roads, footpaths, bridges and transport infrastructure.



Investing in safe, reliable water for homes and businesses

\$15.1 million invested to keep safe, clean drinking water flowing to homes and businesses across the Mackay region.



Renewing wastewater infrastructure for a growing region

More than \$12 million towards essential renewal of existing wastewater infrastructure, supporting reliable services now and into the future, including Mackay North and Mackay South Water Recycling Facilities.



Strengthening drainage to protect our community and infrastructure

Council is investing \$25.8 million in new, renewed and upgraded drainage infrastructure to improve stormwater management, reduce flood impacts and support a more resilient Mackay region.



Reliable waste services critical for our community

Investing \$800,000 in new, rehabilitated and renewed waste assets to deliver essential waste management for the region.