

DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL
**ANNUAL
BUDGET
SNAPSHOT**

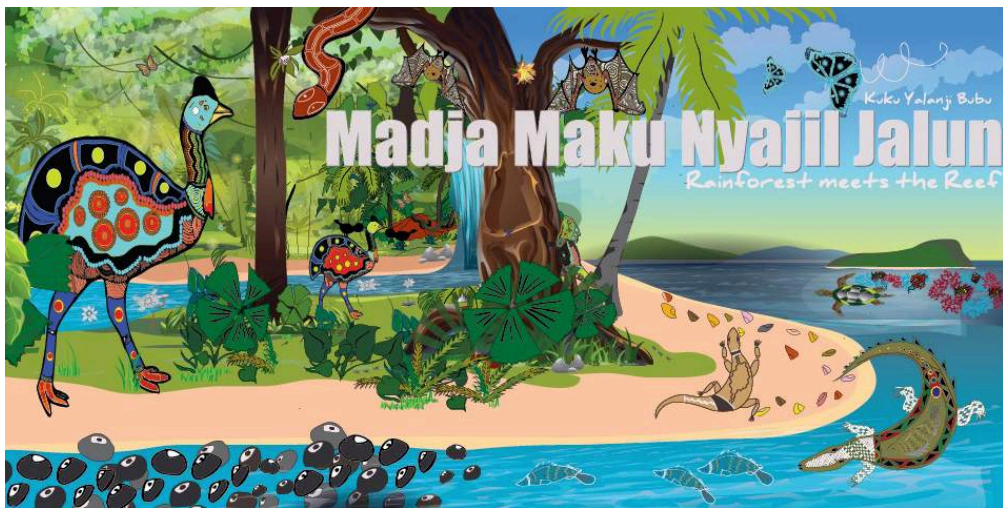
2015

-

2016

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSE DOUGLAS
PROVIDING COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND SERVICES
SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH
PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT
ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

DOUGLAS
SHIRE COUNCIL



Douglas Shire Council would like to show its appreciation by acknowledging local indigenous artists Lenice Schonenberger, Loretta Pierce (Lenoy) and Ronald Bamboo for providing the cover artwork entitled "**Daintree Ferry**"

2015-16 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

KEY PROJECTS

- 1 **BLOOMFIELD TRACK (\$278,000)** - New concrete roadway on the north side of Cowrie Range
- 2 **BLOOMFIELD TRACK (\$29,000)** - Upgrade relieving slabs on approaches to Mellelee Bridge
- 3 **CAPE TRIBULATION (\$119,000)** - Major repairs to Avalon St boardwalk
- 4 **CAPE TRIBULATION (\$15,000)** - New shade sail for Cape Tribulation playground
- 5 **DIWAN (\$20,000)** - Refurbishment of public toilets
- 6 **FOREST CREEK (\$10,000)** - Investigate options for public toilets on northern side of Daintree ferry
- 7 **DAINTREE GATEWAY (\$140,000)** - Car park sealed asphalt upgrade, ferry traffic improvements, toilet upgrades
- 8 **WONGA BEACH (\$20,000)** - Bells Park playground renewal
- 9 **WONGA BEACH (\$22,000)** - New shade sail for Wonga Beach Skate Park
- 10 **DAINTREE VILLAGE (\$120,000)** - Daintree water treatment plant bank stabilisation
- 11 **WHYANBEEL (\$61,000)** - Upgrade Kingfisher Lane causeway
- 12 **WHYANBEEL (\$191,000)** - Seal gravel road on Old Forestry Rd
- 13 **MIALLO (\$25,000)** - Interconnect Miallo and Syndicate Rd water scheme
- 14 **NEWELL BEACH (\$80,000)** - Upgrade of water mains from Newell Beach turn-off to Scomazon Rd
- 15 **MOSSMAN (\$142,000)** - Replace Grogan St footpath from Showgrounds to Owen St
- 16 **MOSSMAN (\$80,000)** - Prepare and obtain Stage One Masterplan approval for Mossman Nursing Home
- 17 **MOSSMAN (\$100,000)** - Continuation of Front St improvements
- 18 **SHANNONVALE (\$167,000)** - Seal Borzi Rd between Shannonvale Rd and Thomson Low Drive
- 19 **COOYA BEACH (\$70,000)** - Priority cycle and walking improvements as per strategy
- 20 **KILLALOE (\$300,000)** - Capping of Phase B Killaloe landfill
- 21 **PORT DOUGLAS (\$75,000)** - Design for Waterfront linking path and park improvements
- 22 **PORT DOUGLAS (\$30,000)** - Esplanade fitness equipment installation
- 23 **PORT DOUGLAS (\$151,500)** - Repair road and footpath on Port Douglas Rd service road
- 24 **CRAIGLIE (\$300,000)** - Replacement of water reservoir roof
- 25 **MOWBRAY (\$15,000)** - Development of Master Plan for hiking and mountainbiking
- 26 **WANGETTI & THROUGHOUT SHIRE (\$75,000)** - New Local Laws officer to work with police on illegal camping crackdown

PLUS...

- \$9.065 MILLION in NDRRA funding for road repairs
- \$2.4695 MILLION to improve water infrastructure
- \$2.487 MILLION to upgrade wastewater treatment



2015/2016 BUDGET

OPERATING REVENUE

RATES & UTILITY CHARGES
\$29,149,838

FEES & CHARGES
\$4,198,518

GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS
 & DONATIONS
\$1,415,891

INTEREST RECEIVED
\$934,220

OTHER OPERATING REVENUE
\$624,843

TOTAL **\$36,323,299**

OPERATING EXPENSES

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
\$12,646,644

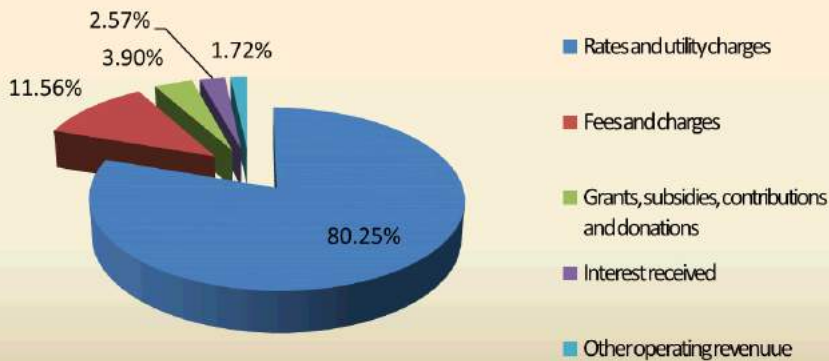
MATERIALS & SERVICES
\$16,764,742

DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION
\$10,295,283

FINANCE COSTS
\$238,000

TOTAL **\$39,944,669**

Operating Revenue



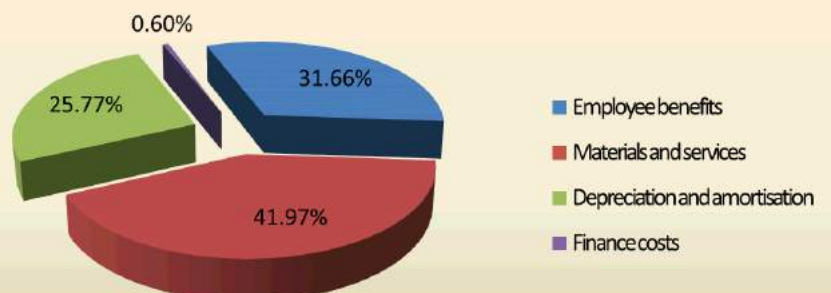
3.9% RATE RISE

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON
 AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL A
 CATEGORY PROPERTY:

Additional \$2.29 per week
 or \$119.24 per annum
 (based on total rates and
 utility charges of \$2694.68)



Operating Expenses



CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

\$19,473,500

BUILDINGS & OTHER STRUCTURES
\$520,000

PLANT & EQUIPMENT
\$1,038,200

ROAD/TRANSPORT NETWORK
\$11,409,800

PUBLIC SPACES
\$374,000

DISASTER MANAGEMENT
\$65,000

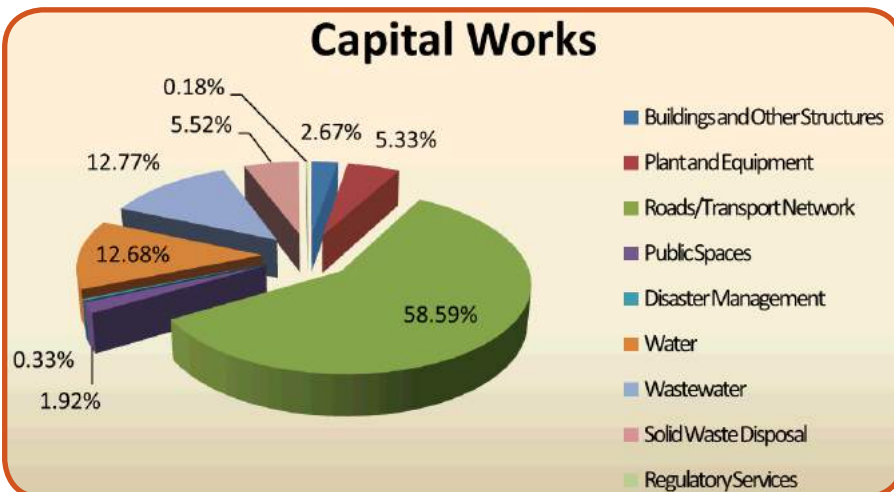
WATER
\$2,469,500

WASTEWATER
\$2,487,000

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
\$1,075,000

REGULATORY SERVICES
\$35,000

TOTAL \$19,473,500



NEW INITIATIVES

DRIVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

More than \$9 million in NDRRA road repairs funded at virtually no cost to ratepayers

These works are expected to directly employ up to 100 people and create an extra 130-plus jobs in the next 12 months as a flow-on effect through the regional economy while improving vital road infrastructure necessary to keep businesses and residents moving.

Emphasis on local suppliers when sourcing materials and services

Extensive Preferred Supplier Arrangements established with local businesses and contractors to maximise benefits for the local economy under Council's \$16.8 million materials and services budget.

Inaugural Douglas Business Forum to enhance economic development initiatives

Bringing together key stakeholders including government agencies and business and tourism organisations.

Prepare an Economic Development Strategy

Develop an economic development strategy and action plan for the Douglas Shire with key stakeholders.

Economic Development funding to encourage innovation

New funding stream to assist new and existing businesses in the Douglas Shire to become established, diversify or enhance their products and services.

Significant funding boost for Tourism Port Douglas Daintree

Funding increase of 5 per cent (\$451,500) to enable TPDD to strengthen marketing activities.

Increased funding to support Major Events that stimulate economic prosperity

Events tourism is a key driver of visitors to the Douglas Shire and Council is providing more than \$150,000 in sponsorship for Major Events that generate millions of dollars in accommodation, tours and leisure spending.

New opportunities for commercial events to achieve growth

The introduction of a new dedicated Events funding stream to enable growth for commercial events that significantly contribute to the local economy.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Progress the establishment of the Mossman District Nursing Home site

Prepare and obtain planning and Stage One Masterplan approval and work with nursing home provider to facilitate vital community asset.

Community Support Program funding to benefit local organisations

More than \$100,000 is budgeted in the 2015-2016 financial year under the Community Support Program to assist not-for-profit organisations to develop projects focusing on community participation in sport and recreational, cultural and artistic, environmental or community activities.

Giving our communities plenty to celebrate

Significant funding and in-kind services for community celebrations including the Carnivale Street Parade and Beach Day, the Mossman Show, the Mossman Community Christmas Party, New Year's Eve Fireworks.

Get Out, Get Active with free fitness fun

Women in the Douglas Shire are encouraged to "Get Out, Get Active!" with free Come and Try classes for Yoga, Tai Chi, Aerobics and Steady Steps.

Active Games in the Park to give kids a spark

After school active recreational activities in Mossman and Port Douglas to provide an opportunity for kids to participate in a free, fun activity.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

New Planning Scheme guided by desired community objectives

Implement a new Planning Scheme that determines land use planning principles which reflect the community's desired economic, social and environmental objectives.

Striving to develop a Douglas Community Plan

Work with key stakeholders to develop the framework for a Douglas Community Plan that captures the goals and aspirations of our diverse communities.

Investing in cleaner, greener water infrastructure

Undertake significant upgrade in water infrastructure to provide our communities with better quality drinking water and enable a chlorine-free trial in the future.

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Love Where You Live - Keep Douglas Clean & Green

Implement an Illegal Dumping Strategy that encourages a greater emphasis on preserving our pristine natural environment incorporating public education, compliance and waste management principles.

Minimising environmental impact of wastewater

Significant investment in wastewater infrastructure upgrades and technology to drastically reduce the environmental impact of wastewater and encourage recycling.

Establish Daintree Joint Management Group

Identify and engage with key stakeholders to develop sustainable solutions that preserve and enhance the tourism and environmental experience in the Daintree Rainforest.

Sustainability Officer to promote positive environmental outcomes

New position to guide Council on improving sustainability in all operations, research funding opportunities, coordinate environmental programs and initiatives and liaise with community organisations.

Illegal camping strategy to preserve natural environment

Local Laws Officer dedicated to working with police to proactively monitor and manage illegal camping hotspots throughout the Douglas Shire and minimise their impacts on the environment.

Treasure Trove made out of trash

Promote recycling by establishing a "recycle shop" at the Killaloe Waste Station.

ENHANCING OUR FINANCIAL SECURITY

Continuing to outperform budget expectations

Council's financial performance since de-amalgamation has consistently shown operating revenue to exceed budget expectations while operating expenditure remains under budget through prudent financial management.

Focus on value for money reaps savings

A budgeted increase of less than 1 per cent for Materials and Services in the 2015-2016 financial year reflects the savings being achieved across Council by being innovative and resourceful.

Low debt levels and de-amalgamation paid off

Council has less than \$3 million in borrowings and has completely accounted for all costs associated with de-amalgamation, keeping in line with the strategy to realise a budget surplus by the 2019-2020 financial year without having to significantly raise rates to achieve this outcome.

Strategic fees and charges reductions

Key fees and charges reduced to benefit small business and the environment with limited overall increase.

CAPITAL WORKS

BY LOCATION

PORT DOUGLAS

- **Waterfront (\$75,000)** - Design for Island Point linking path (Waterfront) and improvements to Waterfront parks.
- **Port Douglas Esplanade (\$30,000)** - Fitness equipment installation.
- **Wharf St bikeway upgrade (\$85,000)** - Upgrade the existing 900m bitumen bikeway along the western side of Wharf St between Crimmins St and the Marina.
- **Port Douglas Sports Complex (\$60,000)** - Paint roof and outside of building.
- **Sugar Wharf (\$30,000)** - Ongoing repairs.
- **Port Douglas Rd service road (\$151,500)** - Repair road and footpath from Atoll St to the southern end of the service road. Construct a sealed turnaround for waste vehicles.
- **Dicksons Inlet (\$20,000)** - Undertake audit of Council moorings and repair and upgrade as necessary. Remove two vessels which have sunk on Council moorings and been abandoned.
- **Solander Boulevard (\$133,300)** - Extend kerb and channel in cul-de-sac to allow stormwater to flow. Install concrete swale drains and a pram ramp to access park, asphalt cul-de-sac and remove tree in centre of cul-de-sac.
- **Port Douglas State School (\$5000)** - Installation of weather station.

MOSSMAN

- **Continuation of Front St improvements (\$100,000).**
- **Sharks Clubhouse (\$40,000)** - Repair wall on western side of building.
- **Foxton Bridge (\$10,000)** - Installation of flood camera.
- **Mossman Pool (\$30,000)** - Re-grout pool.
- **Grogan Street (\$142,000)** - 2m wide concrete footpath from Showgrounds to Owen St and replace broken kerb 200m in front of school.

WONGA BEACH

- **Wonga Community Park (\$22,000)** - skate park shade sail.
- **Playground renewal (\$20,000)** - Bells Park.
- **Wonga Beach Caravan Park (\$30,000)** - Replace fence, storage shed and power box.

NORTH OF DAINTREE RIVER

- **Bloomfield Track upgrade (\$278,000)** - Connect

two sections of existing concrete roadway on north side of Cowrie Range on the Bloomfield Track.

- **Avalon St boardwalk (\$119,000)** - Major repairs.
- **Cape Tribulation Playground (\$15,000)** - new shade sail.
- **Bridge upgrade (\$29,000)** - Upgrade existing relieving slabs on approaches to Melelle Bridge.
- **Diwan Toilet Refurbishment (\$20,000).**

DAINTREE GATEWAY

- **Car park upgrade (\$70,000)** - Asphalt seal carpark with carparking and car-trailer units for the boat ramp.
- **Daintree Ferry traffic improvements (\$50,000).**
- **Investigate options for toilets on northern Ferry area (\$10,000).**
- **Toilet Treatment System Installation (\$20,000).**

SHANNONVALE

- **Road seal (\$167,000)** - Borzi Road seal 345m gravel road between Shannonvale Road and Thomson Low Drive fence.

WHYANBEE

- **Old Forestry Road (\$191,000)** - Seal gravel road.
- **Kingfisher Lane (\$61,000)** - Concrete repairs on the northern side of the causeway to stop severe scouring in rain events.

NEWELL BEACH

- **Water mains upgrade (\$80,000)** - From Newell Beach turn-off to Scomazzon Rd.

ALL OF DOUGLAS SHIRE

- **NDRRA Asset Restoration Work (\$9,060,000).**
- **Road reseal program (\$500,000).**
- **Black spot towers (\$25,000)** - Upgrade remote access.
- **Priority Cycle and Walking Improvements (\$70,000).**
- **Development of Masterplan for hiking and mountainbiking (\$15,000).**
- **Various Parks (\$20,000)** - New picnic tables and bollards.
- **Surveillance cameras for local laws (\$15,000).**