

# NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL BUDGET SUMMARY 2021-2022

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2021-2022

*A prosperous future for generations built on a solid foundation of customer focused, efficient, and effective service delivery.*

COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

### ESSENTIAL SERVICE DELIVERY - GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT

**\$49.7M**

#### Budget Highlights

##### Roads and Bridges

- \$1.17M of re-sealing works on the sealed road network
- \$1.87M gravel re-sheeting
- \$914,000 bridge refurbishment works

##### Water and Wastewater

- \$1.25M towards the Biggenden Water Treatment Plant Upgrade over 2 years if successful with Federal Government funding
- \$930,000 of capital works to improve water infrastructure

##### Waste

- \$285,000 for improvements at our Waste Management Facilities

##### Plant

- \$2.4M to provide fit-for-purpose plant to address the backlog of aged vehicles and equipment across the fleet

### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES - TO RETAIN POPULATION AND ATTRACT INVESTMENT

**\$9.7M**

#### Budget Highlights

- \$250,000 commence asbestos removal as part of our 10 year program to ensure a safe workplace for staff
- \$112,550 to deliver responsible and effective community grants that support sustainable community events and the arts across the region
- \$38,500 to deliver Australia Day and Youth Week events across the region

### PROSPEROUS FUTURE - TO ENSURE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

**\$1.9M**

#### Budget Highlights

- \$10,000 Streetscape Funding Program
- \$150,000 in economic development support to support small business and local contractors
- \$80,000 leveraging promotional opportunities for #VisitNorthBurnett to promote the regions tourism attractions

**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE \$43.7M**

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE \$17.6M**

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Following bold and open conversations with our community, Council has today announced its new Corporate Plan and 2021-2022 Budget.

As in all years, this budget is one that is a challenge to balance, with many projects not able to be funded. This is a responsible budget, one based on providing a sustainable level of essential services to the community and getting the basics right.

In each and every budgetary decision we need to take into account the aspirations of our community while ensuring we meet our legislative accountabilities, our commitments to maintain our \$1.1 billion of assets and our financial sustainability for the long-term.

Leading our region through these constant challenges is a significant responsibility and not one this Council takes lightly. We recognise that every cent of Council's funds must represent an investment in a sustainable future for generations.

This budget reduces our operating deficit by \$2 million compared to last year, with general rates only being increased by 3% in line with most of the Council's across the state.

The community have spoken and we have listened. We need to run Council like a business, within the parameters we are given. We refuse to stick our heads in the sand and accept a deficit position into the future, we will work hard to balance the budget.

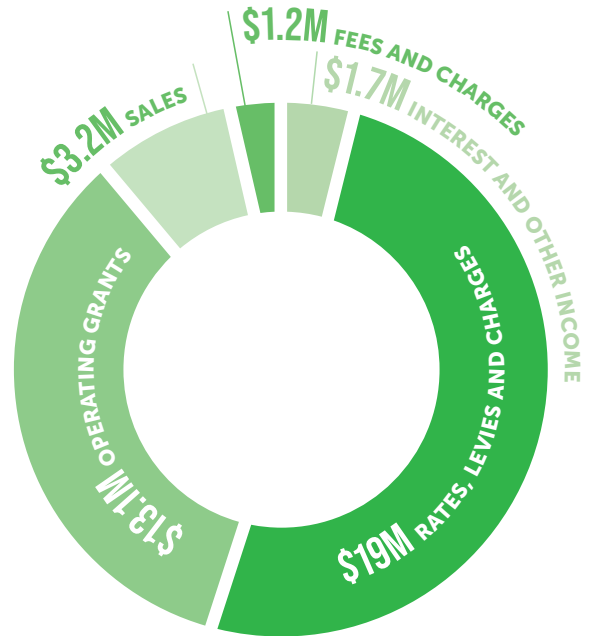
As Councillors, we have made these decisions as ratepayers ourselves, knowing that any decision we make affects not just our community and constituents, but our friends, our families, and the future for our children.

There are going to be more challenges and complexities, changes to navigate, and tricky problems to solve, but this a Council that will be brave and face the challenges head on. This is a responsible budget, one based on providing a sustainable level of essential services to the community and getting the basics right.

You can find the full budget on our website [northburnett.qld.gov.au/budget21](http://northburnett.qld.gov.au/budget21).

**Acting Mayor – Robbie Radel**

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES

