

COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT – SECTION 1
SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS



Helping to achieve the 2030 Community Vision

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This Annual Report provides an opportunity for Coffs Harbour City Council to account to the community on the progress made in implementing its Delivery Program over the course of the financial year. The Significant Achievements detailed in this report follow the thematic structure of the 2030 Community Strategic Plan* and refers to the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

The Annual Report is a component of the performance monitoring provisions of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) legislation. Full details of Council's performance against the 2016-2020 Delivery Program and 2016/17 Operational Plan can be found in six-monthly progress reports in the Corporate Planning and Reporting pages of Council's website: www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au

In a separate document, Section 2 of the Annual Report includes information that is prescribed by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. It is considered important for the community to have access to this information so it can better understand how Council has been performing both as a service provider and a community leader.

The Annual Report is tabled alongside Council's Annual Financial Statements, as required by the Local Government Act 1993 - Section 428 (4) (a).

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*NOTE: the Coffs Harbour 2030 Plan was reviewed during 2016/17, leading to the development and implementation of the MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan from 1 July 2017.

Coffs Harbour is a major regional city on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, about midway between Sydney and Brisbane. The traditional home of the Gumbaynggirr people, the local government area has a population of approximately 75,000 and encompasses a total area of 1,174 square kilometres of land stretching from Red Rock, south to Bundagen and west past Brooklana and Lowanna.

COVER IMAGE: During the year, Council completed a major pavement rehabilitation project on Harbour Drive.



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FOREWORD TO THE 2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT




Councillor Denise Knight,
Mayor of Coffs Harbour




Steve McGrath,
General Manager

In 2016/17, Coffs Harbour was honoured by the International Festivals and Events Association, winning the World “Festival and Event City” Award - for the second year in a row! The year also saw achievement of a new milestone, with annual passenger numbers at Coffs Harbour Regional Airport increasing by ten per cent to 413,000 to set a new record. These two landmarks help to illustrate the kind of regional centre that Coffs Harbour has become, and where it’s headed.

Those of us who are lucky enough to live here know that Coffs Harbour is second to none in terms of lifestyle – a beautiful, natural setting with a gentle climate, relaxed pace and generous access to services and opportunity. Ours is a capable area, too. We’ve developed the facilities and the know-how to host major national and international events, and the thousands of visitors who come here all agree on one thing: they want to come back! At the same time we’ve expanded the airport to facilitate the growing demand for metropolitan connections. This isn’t just for the visitors who are flocking here; it’s also for the many local residents who enjoy the best of both worlds – an idyllic coastal address with ready access to capital city business and attractions. With over 120 flights each week, Coffs Harbour is now the busiest regional airport in NSW.

Our area has grown, and is growing. It’s Council’s job to work with the community to make sure we can accommodate that growth without compromising the inherent values that make Coffs Harbour the place we love. During 2016/17, Council focussed on engaging with local residents through the MyCoffs Project to capture their vision for the Coffs Harbour local government area into the future, and to identify their objectives and priorities in achieving that vision. The MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan will guide the Coffs Harbour area in safeguarding its character while exploring the opportunities and challenges that arise in coming years.

Our 2016/17 Annual Report records many other highlights, achievements that point to Council’s readiness to position the area to embrace the future. The start of construction of Stages 2-4 of the Jetty4Shores Project is a perfect example, a carefully planned redevelopment of the harbour precinct to enhance it as a ‘people place’ while capitalising on its potential as a spectacular coastal gateway.

The completion during the year of a five-kilometre-long duplicate water trunk main from Karangi Dam effectively secures the domestic water supply for the area. Similarly, the construction of the Duke Street extension and the redevelopment of the Harbour Drive/Gordon Street intersection create new possibilities for the central business district. Other infrastructure projects include significant progress on construction of a new multi-purpose amenity building at Fitzroy Oval and extensive road, bridge and cycleway works.

The year also saw the establishment of three new visitor information outlets as part of the new Coffs Coast Tourism Strategy, top industry awards for Council’s Park Beach and Woolgoolga Lakeside Holiday Parks, and the delivery of environmental and sustainability initiatives and a range of community, economic and sporting programs.

This Annual Report celebrates a first year of achievement for the Council that was elected in September 2016. Your ‘new’ Councillors have hit the ground running and deserve to be congratulated for the contribution they are making. They’re not alone, however. We need to acknowledge Council’s entire workforce - including our many volunteers - who bring the same level of commitment to the task of maintaining and developing Coffs Harbour as a uniquely wonderful area.



ELECTED MEMBERS

**Mayor,
Councillor Denise Knight**



**Deputy Mayor,
Councillor George Cecato**



**Councillor
Michael Adendorff**



**Councillor
Paul Amos**



**Councillor
John Arkan**



**Councillor
Keith Rhoades**



**Councillor
Jan Strom**



**Councillor
Tegan Swan**



**Councillor
Sally Townley**



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ELECTED MEMBERS – ATTENDANCE RECORD

Councillor Attendances (by portfolio)	Held	Denise Knight		George Cecato		Michael Adendorff		Paul Amos		John Arkan		Keith Rhoades		Jan Strom		Tegan Swan		Sally Townley	
		Attendance		Attendance		Attendance		Attendance		Attendance		Attendance		Attendance		Attendance		Attendance	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Council Meetings	21	18	86%	19	90%	20	95%	20	95%	16	76%	19	90%	18	86%	18	86%	21	100%
Council Briefings	49	37	76%	39	80%	24	49%	39	80%	3	6%	10	20%	40	82%	23	47%	23	47%
Access Advisory Committee	10																	7	70%
Agriculture Advisory Committee	3												1	33%	3	100%			
Airport Emergency and Security Committee	4	2	50%																
Airport Focus Group	6											4	67%						
Audit and Risk Committee	3					1	33%							2	67%				
Australia Day and Special Events Committee	8	6	75%													2	25%		
CBD Masterplan Committee	10	7	70%																
Coastal & Estuary Management Advisory C'tee	1							1	100%									1	100%
Coffs Coast Regional Park Trust	1			1	100%											1	100%		
Coffs Harbour Local Traffic Committee	5			1	20%														
Cultural Reference Group	3	3	100%																
Destination Coffs Coast Committee	10							7	70%										
Environmental Levy Committee	3	2	67%											3	100%			3	100%
Floodplain Risk Management Committee	0			-	-													-	-
General Manager Performance Review Panel	5	5	100%	5	100%											4	80%		
Joint Regional Planning Panel (Nthn Region)	3	3	100%	3	100%											-*	-		
Library/Gallery Planning Advisory Group	4	4	100%											4	100%			4	100%
Koala Plan of Management Advisory C'tee	0									-	-							-	-
Mid North Coast Bush Fire Management C'tee	4																	2	50%
Multicultural Advisory Committee	7													3	43%				
Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory C'tee	0							-	-										
Yandaarra Aboriginal Advisory Committee	6													6	100%			4	67%
Training Sessions	2	2	100%	1	50%	2	100%	2	100%	1	50%	2	100%	2	100%	2	100%	2	100%

Note: Reporting period is October 2016 to September 2017 (reporting cycle set by September 2016 Council election)

* Alternate member

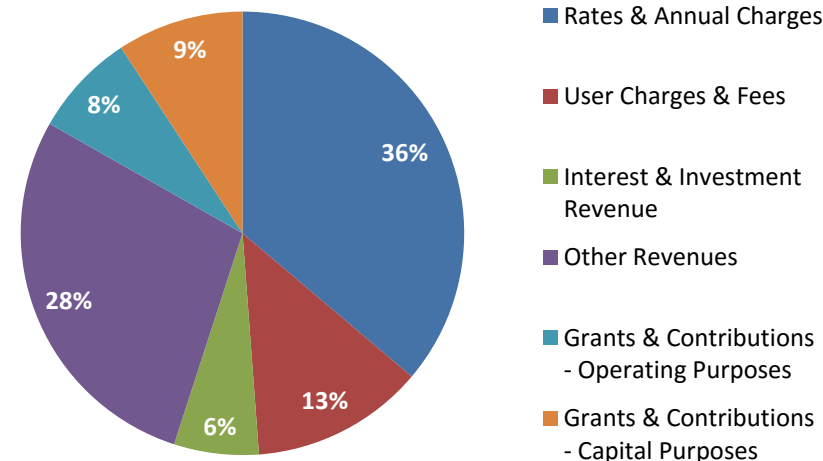


INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2016/17

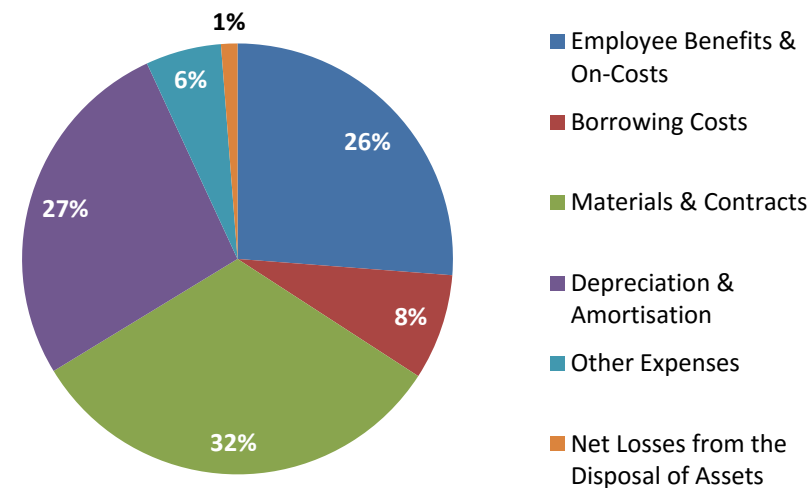
Coffs Harbour City Council – Income Statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 *

Budget 2017 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2017 \$ '000	Actual 2016 \$ '000
	Income from Continuing Operations			
	<i>Revenue:</i>			
86,781	Rates & Annual Charges	3a	91,319	85,968
33,104	User Charges & Fees	3b	35,189	30,012
5,700	Interest & Investment Revenue	3c	7,069	6,829
8,152	Other Revenues	3d	29,227	16,781
20,924	Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	3e,f	22,063	20,641
24,317	Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	3e,f	34,222	77,384
178,978	Total Income from Continuing Operations		219,089	237,615
	Expenses from Continuing Operations			
37,814	Employee Benefits & On-Costs	4a	42,732	42,808
11,498	Borrowing Costs	4b	12,727	12,963
54,123	Materials & Contracts	4c	44,958	49,073
44,767	Depreciation & Amortisation	4d	38,075	43,773
12,236	Other Expenses	4e	12,476	12,689
-	Net Losses from the Disposal of Assets	5	14,308	2,001
160,438	Total Expenses from Continuing Operations		165,276	163,307
	Operating Result			
18,540	Operating Result from Continuing Operations		53,813	74,308
18,540	Net Operating Result for the Year		53,813	74,308
18,540	Net Operating Result attributable to Council		53,813	74,308
-	Net Operating Result attributable to Non-controlling Interests		-	-
(5,777)	Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes		19,591	(3,076)

Total Income from Continuing Operations \$237.6m



Total Expenses from Continuing Operations \$163.3m



*See Annual Report Section 3 – Annual Financial Statements



EVENT CITY

For the second year in a row, Coffs Harbour won the globally-acclaimed International Festivals and Events Association (IFEA) World Festival and Event City Award, recognising the area’s success as a venue for major events including Rally Australia, the Offshore Superboat Championships, Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge and the Sawtell Chilli Festival.

AIRPORT PASSENGER RECORD

Coffs Harbour Regional Airport achieved another milestone with a record 413,000 passengers using the facility in the 2016/17 financial year. One of the busiest regional airports in the country, it now provides passenger services through Qantas, Virgin, Tigerair, and Fly Corporate.

C.EX INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

The C.ex Coffs International Stadium continues to build its reputation as a premier regional drawcard for elite sport. Key fixtures included the final two One-Day matches of the 2016 Women’s International Cricket Series and a Westfield W-League/Hyundai A-League football double header. The stadium was also named as the venue for the Tag World Cup in November 2018.

FIELDS ONLINE

Council introduced a quick and easy Online Sports Field booking system to streamline the process for individuals and groups to hire 18 sports venues around the area.

FOOD FORUM

Council again facilitated the annual Mid North Coast Food Forum in November, providing an opportunity for growers, restaurateurs, food wholesalers, food retailers and business start-ups to learn, share experiences and build contacts.

COFFS COAST CAROLS

Coffs Harbour businesses and volunteers once again partnered with Council to host the 2016 Coffs Coast Carols and fireworks at Brelsford Park. More than 7,000 people attended the popular annual event.

SIX DEGREES CO-WORKING HUB

Council continued its support for emerging enterprise through its Six Degrees Co-working initiative, extending its successful ‘Pitch’ event program to Woolgoolga. Council also partnered with the Telstra Business Centre to stage STARTUP COFFS COAST, providing \$33,000 in prize money and support for innovative business ventures.



Offshore Superboats Championships



Coffs Harbour Regional Airport



Coffs Coast Carols

CREATE YOUR PARADISE

A Coffs Coast tourism TV commercial, commissioned by Council, was honoured at the 2016/17 Australian Video Producers Association Awards. The environment-themed commercial was a feature of the innovative ‘Create Your Paradise’ campaign which saw traffic to the www.coffscost.com.au website increase by 40% during July to November 2016.

COFFS HARBOUR LIBRARY SERVICE

Our Libraries continued to inform and engage the local community. Highlights during the reporting period included:

- Provision of access to the new “cloudLibrary” e-lending service;
- Talks by local and visiting authors;
- Regular Storytime events for young children as well as community activities, presentations and exhibitions.

INFORMING VISITORS

The new Coffs Coast Tourism Strategy saw three new visitor information centres opened at Dolphin Marine Magic, Park Beach Plaza and Coffs Central. The strategy aims to make visitor information more easily accessible via different channels –including online and social media - and in more locations.

C.EX STADIUM IN 2016/17

- 58 events
- 83,238 visitors
- 137,272 visitor nights generated
- \$20.6m economic impact

WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
Generates \$13.8m annually for local economy

LIBRARY SERVICE ANNUAL VISITATIONS:
290,000 visitors



'Create Your Paradise' video



Library e-cloud workshop



Six Degrees Co-working event

SCORES ON DOORS

Council launched the NSW ‘Scores on Doors’ rating program in Coffs Harbour, the three, four and five-star inspection certificates showing patrons how well local cafés, restaurants, pubs and food outlets comply with hygiene and food safety requirements.

HOLIDAY PARKS HONOURED

Council’s holiday parks network won special recognition in the prestigious 2016 Caravan and Camping Industry Association (CCIA) NSW Awards of Excellence. Park Beach was named ‘Best of the Best’ Holiday Park/Resort for the second time while Woolgoolga Lakeside won the Best Holiday Park North Coast (100 sites or less) category.

REGIONAL ART GALLERY

The busy program at the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery included the ‘Paint My Place’ exhibition featuring 15 of Australia’s most prominent artists, exhibitions by painters Isabel Ricketts, Maryanne Coutts, Angus Nivison, Dean Home, Susan O’Doherty and Helen Young, and the staging of the tenth annual Eutick Memorial Still Life Award (EMSLA) and Festival.

GRAVE TALES

Fascinating stories of Coffs Harbour’s Historic Cemetery – including murder and mysteries - were uncovered by local author Ruth Morrow in a new publication launched at the Museum in October.

OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Council supported a range of important community programs including the NAIDOC Week celebrations, the 2016 Grace Roberts Community Development Awards, Seniors Week and Youth Week events, and the 2017 Coffs Harbour Harmony Festival.

A CULTURAL DIRECTION

Following an extensive public consultation process, Council adopted Coffs Harbour’s Cultural Policy and Creative Coffs - Cultural Strategic Plan 2017-2022 to help create and maintain vibrant cultural and public spaces across the area.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC SPACE

In May, Council endorsed a plan to develop 23-31 Gordon Street into a new Library, Gallery, Council Chamber, office accommodation and Customer Service Centre. With forecast estimated redevelopment costs of about \$35m, a full business case is being prepared for Council’s consideration.

MYCOFFS PROJECT

The comprehensive MyCoffs engagement was successfully completed during the year, resulting in Council’s adoption of the MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan in June 2017. More than three thousand people participated in the phased consultation process to establish a vision, objectives and priorities for Coffs Harbour for the next ten years and beyond.



2016 Grace Roberts Awards



Launching “Scores on Doors”



MyCoffs Community Engagement



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In September, Council allocated more than \$162,000 in donations and rates subsidies for a wide variety of local groups that provide support services, run facilities and clubs or put on events for the wider community.

Work began in May to upgrade the Castle Street carpark amenities to provide specialised accessible toilets for people with severe disabilities. It was one of nine local projects assisted by Council through the annual Community Capital Infrastructure Grants Program, which provided a total of \$300,000 in grants.

In the latest round of Council’s Arts and Cultural Development Small Grants program, ten local community groups shared a total of \$34,970. The funds supported a diverse range of activities including a youth film-makers festival, cultural performances, and radio broadcasting training for young mums.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Coffs Harbour’s Australia Day 2017 was celebrated in a community festival event at the North Coast Regional Botanic Garden. In total, 12 local residents were nominated for a range of Australia Day Awards, and nearly 60 people from 16 countries became new Australians in a moving Citizenship Ceremony.

Council provided donations, grants and subsidies of almost \$500,000 in 2016/17

Lifeguard Service - 2016/17 Beach Statistics

Visitation: 568,401 (2015/16 - 691,463)
Rescues: 19 (46)
Patrol days: 731 + 3-days that beaches were closed due to environmental factors. (740 +10)
Preventative actions: 13,852 (24,220)
First Aid incidents treated: 401 (79)
Law Enforcement (dog, surf craft and other incidents): 442 (525)



Capital Infrastructure Grant Recipients



Harmony Day



Refugee week Freedom Feast



BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Council called for community feedback on its draft Coffs Harbour Flying-Fox Camps Strategic Management Plan. The local government area is home to three permanent flying fox camps (at Woolgoolga Lake, Coffs Creek and Toormina).

Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) joined forces to host a night-time nature study program for local residents, exploring wildlife-rich forest at Roberts Hill and the Botanic Gardens. The events promote awareness of local biodiversity values and what we can all do to help protect them.

In February, Council endorsed a State Government proposal to develop a whole-of-government koala strategy for NSW based on the principles of action, ongoing monitoring and continuous learning. Coffs Harbour has a significant koala population, and was the first area in the State to develop its own Koala Plan of Management.

Council joined with the NPWS to facilitate an aerial control program targeting the introduced weed Bitou Bush at a number of local beaches. Sites at Boambee Beach, Corindi, Sandy Beach and Moonee Nature Reserve were closed to the public during the spraying offensive.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Disruption to Coffs Harbour’s waste management services was minimised despite a fire in the Biomass plant at the England’s Road waste facility in July. Impacts on kerbside collection and public waste drop-offs were quickly resolved and interim measures introduced for the management of green waste and biosolids. Following repairs, normal operations resumed in May 2017.

Covert surveillance systems were introduced at known illegal dumping trouble spots around the Coffs Harbour area to help tackle the problem. Council set up the secret cameras in response to complaints about illegal dumping from residents, particularly in rural parts of the local government area.

In its ongoing fight against littering and pollution, Council helped to promote the local Clean Up Australia Day campaign, launched a pilot program with local surfers to combat littering at Gallows Beach, and lent its support to the NSW Environment Protection Authority’s “Report a Tosser” campaign.

VOLUME OF WASTE TO LANDFILL 2016/17
38,074 tonnes
*(2015/16 - 28,644 tonnes)**
 *Reduced resource recovery while the Biomass plant was out of operation



Flying Fox Colony at Woolgoolga



Englands Road Waste Facility



Beach anti-littering partnership



WASTE MANAGEMENT *Continued*

Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Nambucca Councils awarded a contract to the Handybin company to run the Coffs Coast region’s waste services for nine years from March 2018. The new contract is expected to reinforce the region’s position as a leader in recycling, diverting waste from landfill and in conserving resources.

ENERGY FORUM

Sponsored by Coffs Harbour City Council, the Coffs Coast played host to the North Coast Energy Forum in November. Australia’s longest-running regional energy assembly, the forum brings together decision-makers in industry, government and the community to work on sustainable energy solutions for the region.

LIVING LIGHTLY

Council continued to promote sustainability action and awareness, supporting the Living Lightly Community Fair at the Coffs Regional Community Gardens in November. The event also featured the Coffs Harbour leg of the Our Living Coast Sustainability Roadshow – a travelling festival of ideas, inspiration and workshops on all things sustainable.

GREEN SCHOOLS

A total of \$18,000 was shared by 12 local schools under Council’s 2016 Green Schools Sustainability Grants Program. The grants, worth up to \$2,000, support local primary and secondary schools, early childcare centres and preschools with environmental sustainability projects.

To mark National Recycling Week, Tyalla Primary School students and teachers celebrated twin successes under Council-sponsored environmental programs. A long-standing Waterwise school, Tyalla updated its accreditation to achieve Waterwise Refresher status, and also qualified under the new Resourceful Schools waste management program.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

More than 250 delegates from around Australia converged on Coffs Harbour in November for Australia’s longest-running coastal management conference – the NSW Coastal Conference. As well as presenting new coastal research and coastal zone management initiatives, the forum celebrated the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Solitary Islands Marine Park.

CHCC GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
2016/17 = 18,278 (tonnes CO2 equivalent)
(2015/16 = 18,007 tCO2e)



Green Schools Program



Waterwise Tyalla Primary School



Carralls Creek Mangroves

IMPROVING OUR ROADS SYSTEM

The new traffic-light controlled intersection at Harbour Drive/Gordon Street was opened to vehicles on September 1. The ten-week project involved a major upgrade of storm water drainage, the removal of the roundabout, and new pavement alignments, with the aim of reducing flooding risks and improving traffic and pedestrian movement.

While the intersection was closed, a separate project to raise the shared pedestrian and traffic zone area on Harbour Drive was completed as the first part of the \$2million City Square revitalisation.

To ease traffic congestion during the Harbour Drive/Gordon Street intersection works, the partially-completed Duke Street extension was opened to provide a temporary bypass of the construction site. Work resumed on the extension in September, with the new thoroughfare opened to traffic in early November.

Council’s major roadworks program progressed during the period including reconstruction projects targeting Fiddamans Road at Emerald Beach, Pipeclay Street at Corindi, McGregor Close at Toormina and Harbour Drive and Hughes Close in Coffs Harbour.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

The management of ageing bridge infrastructure is an ongoing challenge for Council. During the period, weight limits had to be imposed on Barden’s Bridge on Crossmaglen Road while the No1 Bridge at Old Coast Road, Korora, had to be closed - in each case due to damage to supporting girders. Both bridges were repaired and re-opened.

Other bridge construction projects saw the completion of works on Rhodes Bridge at Ulong, Wades Bridge at Camp Creek, Ferretts Bridge at Nana Glen, Taylors Bridge on Mount Coramba Forest Road and William Seccombe Bridge on Bucca Road.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

With NSW Government funding assistance, Council continued its program to update bus shelters across the Coffs Harbour local government area. Shelters in Azalea Avenue, Coffs Harbour, and Pacific Street, Corindi, were renewed while new shelters were installed at Solitary Islands Way near Sapphire Crescent, Nightingale Street in Woolgoolga and at Sandy Beach Drive, Sandy Beach.



Gordon Street/Harbour Drive upgrade



Duke Street extension



Bus Shelter - Sapphire

STADIUM DRIVE INTERCHANGE

Work was completed on a retaining wall at Stadium Drive. In a separate project, construction began on the Coffs Coast Sport and Leisure Park Transport Interchange; work involves widening Stadium Drive adjacent to the C.ex International Stadium along with the development of kerb and guttering, a new parking area and standing bays for buses and taxis

PEDAL POWER

The West Coffs Cycleway Concept Plan moved a step closer to reality with the approval of grant funding by the Roads and Maritime Service and the commencement of design work.

Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan projects progressed with the start of work on a shared cycleway along Rose Avenue and footpath improvements at Edinburgh, Camperdown and Jarrett Streets, Bailey and Wentworth Avenues and Argyll Street.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Major upgrade projects were initiated at Coffs Harbour Regional Airport. The work - to expand the terminal and aircraft parking areas - will ensure the airport can support projected growth into the future.

AIRPORT PASSENGER NUMBERS
413,000 (NEW RECORD)
2015/16: 377,305



Harbour Drive rehabilitation



Fiddaman Road footpath



Stadium Drive retaining wall

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Extensive consultation processes were initiated during the year to support a number of major land management strategies. Community feedback was sought on the draft Rural Lands Strategy Issues and Options Discussion Paper, the new Urban Lands Strategy, the draft Woolgoolga Town Centre Masterplan, and the development of new masterplans for beach reserves located within Coffs Coast Regional Park at Emerald Beach and Sandy Beach.

Following exhaustive community consultation, Council forwarded an updated Draft Plan of Management for the southern section of Woolgoolga Beach Reserve to the State Government for adoption. A key proposal is for the Holiday Park entrance to be moved from Beach Street to Wharf Street to improve traffic movement and the amenity of the Woolgoolga town centre.

Council adopted a Planning Proposal and Developer Contributions Plan for the Bonville Large Lot Residential Investigation Area. The Proposal allows for a maximum of approximately 340 new lots, a minimum of one hectare in area. It is estimated that the Proposal will provide approximately 10 years supply of rural residential land in the Bonville area.

JETTY4SHORES PROJECT

Construction was completed on a new, 60-space car park at the harbour foreshores – the first phase of the \$9.2m Jetty4Shores Events and Active Recreation Hub. In April, work started on the construction of Stages 2-4 which will include an open plaza area plus a boardwalk behind the dunes and vegetation. The Australian Government’s National Stronger Regions Fund is funding half the cost of the project.

WATER MAIN COMPLETED

Work was completed on a 5-kilometre pipeline to ensure the future security of Coffs Harbour’s water supply. The duplicate Water Trunk Main connects Karangi Dam to the distribution system which supplies water to homes and businesses from Sawtell to Corindi.

FITZROY OVAL

Work progressed on the construction of a new multi-purpose building at Fitzroy Oval in Coffs Harbour’s CBD. Council also endorsed the dual naming of the oval in English and Gumbaynggirr language; ‘The Old Camp – Yaam Nguura Jalumgal’ commemorates the site as an Aboriginal settlement last century.



Turning the sod - Jetty4Shores Project – Stages 2-4



Water Trunk Main Duplication



Fitzroy Oval amenities

BOTANIC GARDEN

As Trust Manager responsible for the North Coast Regional Botanic Garden, Council launched a trial strategic plan to help guide the popular facility into the future. A new Advisory Committee, comprising community and Council representatives, will help to develop a final strategic plan.

The Botanic Garden unveiled a new attraction with the opening of a 500-metre long Early Settler Walk featuring interpretive boards highlighting the Coffs Coast’s native plants through botanical drawings, historical photographs and descriptions made by early settlers

STADIUM UPGRADE

Council successfully applied for a Commonwealth “Building Better Regions” Fund grant towards a proposed \$13.4m facelift for the C.ex Coffs International Stadium. The \$6.5m grant, to be matched by Council, will allow a significant upgrade of seating, amenities, access and parking at the venue.

COFFS COAST STATE PARK

As Corporate Manager of the Coffs Coast State Park Trust, Council approved an allocation of \$600,000 towards the cost of moving Marine Rescue Woolgoolga’s operations to Arrawarra Headland to free up the site for the relocation of the Woolgoolga Surf Club.

Also within its State Park charter, Council agreed to a proposal to seek expressions of interest for a three-year lease for the iconic harbourside site occupied by the former Deep Sea Fishing Club. The long-term future of the site is to be determined through a separate expression of interest process.

Council’s success in looking after the Coffs Coast State Park saw it nominated as a finalist in the 2016 NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards. The State Park encompasses high value coastal Crown reserves including the Jetty Foreshores, Park Beach Reserve, Sawtell Reserve and Woolgoolga Beach Reserve.



Residential Strategy engagement



Regional Botanic Garden



C.ex International Stadium

PLANNING FOR GROWTH

The volume of development applications submitted to Council for determination in 2016/17 increased slightly (5.9%) compared to the previous year. The total value of applications increased more significantly (by \$123.9m or 59%).

Development Applications (DAs) Submitted

Type of Development	2015/16		2016/17	
	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)
New Dwellings	284	86.7	340	114.7
Dwelling Alterations / Additions	327	16.7	299	17.1
New Multiple Occupancy	13	31.5	25	146.7
Swimming Pools	85	2.8	101	3.6
Commercial / Industrial / Retail	17	38.0	14	13.0
Commercial / Industrial / Retail Additions / Alteration	20	7.8	33	11.5
Other	306	26.7	302	27.49
Total	1,052	210.2	1,114	334.09

Significant Development Applications submitted for the period included:

- Service Station and general industry – Hogbin Drive, Toormina
- Office addition, shop reconfiguration and car parking – Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour
- Residential flat building and seniors housing – Beach St, Woolgoolga
- Seniors housing facility – Arthur Street, Coffs Harbour



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