# COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL 2017/18 OPERATIONAL PLAN 22 June 2017









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Cover image: Installation of sewer main emergency storage cell - Sandy Beach Road, Korora

#### INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING

The Delivery Program sets out Council's proposed response to the MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan over the four-year period from 2017/18 to 2021/22. It details the broad goals and principal activities that Council will pursue in addressing the MyCoffs objectives and strategies, and includes budgetary information and performance indicators.

To support the new Delivery Program, Council has reviewed its Resourcing Strategy. Comprising a Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy and Workforce Management Plan, the Resourcing Strategy ensures Council is positioned to achieve the objectives it has set for itself.

The 2017/18 Operational Plan is a subsidiary of the Delivery Program, detailing projects and ongoing actions to be undertaken during that year.

(More information about the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is available at Appendix 4.)

#### HOW TO READ THE 2017-2021 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2017/18 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Council's Delivery Program is structured by the Groups and Commercial Business Units that make up Council's structure. The deliverables proposed for the period are aligned with the objectives and strategies of the *MyCoffs* Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

The Operational Plan, which is structured in the same way as the Delivery Program, details the projects and ongoing tasks that Council will implement during the year. Progress on the implementation of Council's Operational Plan is reported on a six-monthly basis.

# **Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance Group**

#### **What Council Delivers**

Provision of a safe and trafficable road, footpath, cycleway and bridge network

Provision of safe, cost effective, functional and accessible open space services

Provision of drinking water and waste water services

Planning and implementation of public space cleaning programs

Responsible Officer - Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance

### **Community Strategic Plan objectives addressed**

Objective	Strategy
Liveable neighbourhoods with a defined identity	We create liveable spaces that are beautiful and appealing
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A natural environment sustained for future generations	We use resources responsibly to support a safe and stable climate

- · Public space cleaning
- Maintenance of public gardens
- Professional burial services at Council cemeteries
- Maintenance of Council playgrounds, play parks, reserves and bushland
- Maintenance and repair of Council buildings
- Construction and maintenance of Council infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, cycleways and bridges
- Maintenance of water reticulation system

- Maintenance of sewerage network
- Maintenance and development of the Botanic Gardens

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Review the prioritisation, planning, scheduling, allocation and closing out of maintenance works – implementation of the Enterprise Asset Management maintenance system	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance	30/06/2018
ISO accreditation of management systems	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance	30/06/2018

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Public Space Cleaning and Public Toilet Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Sewer distribution Infrastructure Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Water distribution Infrastructure Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Open Space and Playground Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Roads and Bridges Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Footpath, Cycleway and Bus Stop Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Bridges, Jetty Structure and Boat Ramp Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Waste water and water treatment and water reticulation Maintenance Program	Group Leader Infrastructure

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
	Construction and Maintenance
Manage the Council Cemetery operations	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance
Creek clearing works	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Maintain and install signage and line-marking in accordance with Australian Standards	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	100%
# non-compliant asset protection zones	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	NIL
# of unresolved tree related issues in Reserves	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	12 annually
# of unresolved issues regarding roadside vegetation control.	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	12 annually
# of unresolved issues regarding unsealed roads	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	NIL
The direction of the trend in relation to the number of complaints received regarding street cleaning and public toilets	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	Decrease
# of bridges requiring unplanned action	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	NIL
The direction of the trend in relation to the number of repeat overflows in the sewer network	Section Leader Water and Sewer	Decrease
% of capital work orders completed that are issued by Strategic Asset Management Group	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance	100%

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
% of road network pavement that is defect free	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	97%
# of school children utilising the Botanic Gardens for educational experiences and participating in school programs	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	1,800
Maintain cemetery operation so that there are zero unresolved complaints	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	NIL
# of play equipment items that are not available for use	Maintenance Coordinator Recreational Spaces	12
# of occasions where the level of mowing service has not been achieved in the public reserve system	Maintenance Coordinator Recreational Spaces	25
# of participants actively supporting the "Friends of Parks" groups	Section Leader Roads and Open Space	50
% of the footpath/boardwalk network that is defect free	Maintenance Coordinator Recreational Spaces	97%
% of tests complying with EPA sewer licences	Section Leader Water and Sewer	100%
Direction of trend in total operating cost (Sewer) per kilolitre treated (yearly report)	Team Leader Water Services	Decrease

# **CITY PROSPERITY GROUP**

#### **What Council Delivers**

Destination development, management and marketing for Coffs Coast, through working collaboratively with the Destination Coffs Coast Committee and industry stakeholders

Provide and manage the C.ex Coffs International Stadium as a sporting facility capable of hosting elite sporting events and other events that deliver significant economic impact and local community benefits to Coffs Harbour

Facilitate major events in the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area

Responsible Officer – Group Leader City Prosperity

### **Community Strategic Plan objectives addressed**

Objective	Strategy
A The State of Control of Control	We champion business, innovation and technology to stimulate economic growth and local jobs
A Thriving and Sustainable Local Economy	We attract people to work, live and visit in Coffs Harbour
A Community Achieving its Potential	We are best prepared to exploit opportunities now and in the future
A Vibrant and Inclusive Place	We foster a sense of community, belonging, and diversity

- Facilitating business networking, capacity-building, recognition, information and advocacy via programmed seminar series
- Development, ongoing implementation and monitoring of entrepreneurial events
- Deliver Destination and Industry Campaigns, Enterprise Development and Visitor Information
- Stadium and grounds management
- Events marketing

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	<b>Completion Date</b>
Indoor Sports Provision Feasibility Study	Section Leader Stadium and Major Events	31/01/2018
Queens Baton Relay	Section Leader Stadium and Major Events	30/03/2018
C.ex International Stadium EPIC Grandstand expansion project	Section Leader Stadium and Major	
Note: the delivery of this project is dependent on a successful grant application to the Building Better Regions Fund.	Events	30/12/2019
Provisional new C.ex International Stadium Carpark	Section Leader Stadium and Major Events	
Note: the delivery of this project is dependent on the grant application for the C.ex International Stadium EPIC Grandstand expansion project		31/10/2017
Toormina Oval new amenity block	Section Leader Stadium and Major Events	30/06/2018
Deliver S94 funded sport infrastructure works:		
Woolgoolga Sportsground	Voolgoolga Sportsground	
Richardson Park	Section Leader Stadium and Major Events	30/06/2018
Geoff King Motors Park		
Sawtell Toormina Sports and Recreation Club		
Investigate "smart city" opportunities	Section Leader Industry and Destination Development	30/06/2018

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Implementation of the Event Strategy	Section Leader Stadium and Major Events
Implementation of the Coffs Coast Tourism Strategic Plan	Section Leader Industry and Destination Development
Refresh the Economic Strategy action plan	Section Leader Industry and Destination Development
Implementation of the Economic Strategy	Section Leader Industry and Destination Development

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Entrepreneur start-ups	Section Leader Industry and Destination Development	NIL
Major events return on investment (biannual summary)	Section Leader Stadium and Major Events	NIL
Sport infrastructure usage	Sports Development Coordinator	100%
Annual Tourism Visitation	Section Leader Industry and Destination Development	+5%

## **COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES GROUP**

#### **What Council Delivers**

Develop and deliver sustainable living and community capacity building and behaviour change programs

Manage lifeguard patrols, after hours/on call response to aquatic rescues, and deliver beach safety education

Advance regional, local and corporate sustainability

Facilitate the alignment of Council's strategic objectives with its operational activities, and provide regular and meaningful performance monitoring to support more informed decision-making

Undertake community engagement and planning that fosters a collaborative approach to priority setting, service design, and resource allocation with Council's stakeholders

Implement Council's cultural policy and associated plans

Manage Council's community and cultural facilities and services (including Jetty Memorial Theatre, Community Village and Cavanbah, Community Halls, Regional Museum, Regional Gallery)

Develop and deliver community and cultural celebration and awareness events

Provide public library services via Council's library network, and deliver public learning programs

Responsible Officer – Group Leader Community and Cultural Services

### **Community Strategic Plan objectives addressed**

Objective	Strategy
A vibrant and inclusive place	We foster a sense of community, belonging, and diversity
	We address the causes of disadvantage
	We recognise and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Coffs Harbour local government area
	We enrich community life through local art and cultural endeavour
An active, safe and healthy community	We support our community to lead active lives
	We facilitate positive ageing
	We nurture mental health and wellbeing
	We cultivate a safe community
Our leaders inspire confidence in the future of the Coffs	We foster informed and inspired leadership in our community
Harbour area	We collaborate to achieve the best possible future for Coffs Harbour
	We undertake effective engagement and are informed

- Management of Council's Library facilities, including lending services, reference, community information, public facilities and computers, programs and events and the development of library collections
- Planning and implementation of Jetty Memorial Theatre business plan including performance, cinema, education and information programs and venue hire
- Planning and implementation of Regional Museum exhibition, education, information and research programs, and development of the museum and local studies collection
- Planning and implementation of Regional Gallery exhibition, performance, education and information programs and development of Council's art collection
- Planning and implementation of Creative Coffs 2017-2022 Cultural Strategic Plan, facilitate the Cultural Reference Group and cultural grants and development activities

- Planning and implementation of the Sustainability Business Plan 2015-2018 including sustainable living community program delivery and volunteer management
- Management of Council's community and cultural facilities including the Community Village, Cavanbah Centreand s355 venues and Bunker Cartoon Gallery and Sportz Central licences and support to their volunteer facility management committees
- Management of Council's Lifeguard Service including management of patrolled beaches for all users, after hours/on call response to aquatic emergencies and deliver beach safety education and awareness programs.
- Plan and deliver Sustainable Living and Community Programs and events
- Plan and deliver Community Safety programs and events
- Deliver and support corporate sustainability initiatives including monitoring the implementation of Council's Renewable Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (REERP) targets
- Deliver and support community engagement, capacity building initiatives and community planning including facilitation of Council's Yandaara Aboriginal, Multicultural and Access Committees.
- Deliver corporate planning and reporting functions

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Undertake youth needs analysis and engagement	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance	30/06/2018
Review Council's Donations Policy	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance	30/06/2018
Undertake advocacy for reduced use of non-biodegradable plastic bags in our community	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance	30/06/2021
Commence electric car charge point research project	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance	30/06/2021
Develop an Ageing Strategy	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance	30/06/2019

Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Section Leader Community Planning and Performance	30/06/2019
Group Leader Community and	30/06/2018
Cultural Services	
Group Leader Community and Cultural Services	30/06/2018
Section Leader Community	22/22/22
Programs	30/06/2018
Section Leader Community	30/06/2019
Planning and Performance	
Section Leader Community Planning and Performance	31/12/2017
Section Leader Community Programs	30/04/2018
Section Leader Community Programs	30/06/2018
Section Leader Community Programs	30/09/2018
Section Leader Community Programs	30/06/2018
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PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Implement Library public computer and print management renewal	Section Leader Community Programs	30/06/2018
Implement Community Village air-conditioning upgrade and capital renewals	Section Leader Community Programs	30/06/2018
Implement Sportz Central Asset Management upgrades and planning	Section Leader Community Programs	30/06/2018
Re-launch a upgraded version of Coffs Connect	Section Leader Community Programs	30/12/2017
Review and redevelop the Living Lightly Program	Section Leader Community Programs	30/06/2018
Woolgoolga Library refurbishment	Section Leader Community Programs	30/06/2018

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Plan and deliver exhibitions for the gallery and museum	Section Leader Community Programs
Plan and deliver programs for the gallery and museum	Section Leader Community Programs
Manage Gallery and Museum collections	Section Leader Community Programs
Implement the Regional Museum Strategic Plan	Section Leader Community Programs
Implement the Creative Coffs Cultural Strategic Plan 2017-2022:	
<ul> <li>Facilitate creative industries and cultural tourism product development (in alignment with Tourism and Economic Development Strategies)</li> </ul>	Section Leader Community Programs
Deliver priority projects in Creative Coffs and associated strategic plans	
Administer the Community Capital Infrastructure Grant Program	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance
Administer the Arts and Cultural Grant Program	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance
Administer the Council Donations Policy	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance
Facilitate Council's community stakeholder advisory / consultative and facility management committees	Group Leader Community and Cultural Services
Deliver events to celebrate NAIDOC Week	Group Leader Community and Cultural Services

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Deliver the Grace Roberts Memorial Community Development Awards	Group Leader Community and Cultural Services
Monitor the implementation of Council's Renewable Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (REERP)	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance
Monitor library performance against NSW State Library Standards	Section Leader Community Programs
Deliver Library community learning programs and events	Section Leader Community Programs
Provide library customer services and branch facilities	Section Leader Community Programs
Manage and maintain Coffs Connect	Section Leader Community Programs
Develop Library collections	Section Leader Community Programs
Maintain beach patrols	Section Leader Community Programs
Deliver Beach Safety Education Programs	Section Leader Community Programs
Co-ordinate the delivery of community programs, activities and events	Section Leader Community Programs
Plan and deliver community and road safety events and programs	Section Leader Community Programs
Plan and deliver the Harmony Festival and Refugee Week events and programs	Section Leader Community

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
	Programs
Plan and deliver Sister City programs including the Student Exchange Program and Japanese Children's Day	Section Leader Community Programs
Monitor and report on the implementation of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance
Undertake corporate planning and reporting	Section Leader Community Planning and Performance
Manage Sportz Central and Bunker Cartoon Gallery Venue Licences	Section Leader Community Programs
Manage Council's community venues including Community Village meeting rooms, Cavanbah Halls and 189 Harbour Drive venues and s355 Facilities	Section Leader Community Programs
Manage the Jetty Memorial Theatre	Section Leader Community Programs
Implement the Jetty Memorial Theatre business plan 2013-2018	Section Leader Community Programs
Deliver Community Sustainable Living Programs:	
<ul> <li>Coffs Ambassadors Tours</li> <li>Green Schools Grant Program and Sustainable Schools Network</li> <li>Sustainable Living Festival/Event</li> <li>Living Lightly Festival Programs</li> </ul>	Section Leader Community Programs

Note: The Coffs Ambassador Tours, Green Schools and Sustainable Living Festival Programs and Events are funded by the Environmental Levy and are

• Our Living Coast initiatives

therefore subject to annual funding application review by the Levy Committee

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Jetty Memorial Theatre not-for-profit attendance	Team Leader Theatre and Community Venues	45%
Jetty Memorial Theatre seasonal attendance	Team Leader Theatre and Community Venues	60%
Jetty Memorial Theatre public event attendance	Team Leader Theatre and Community Venues	+3%
Regional Museum attendance	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+3%
Regional Museum event/program attendance	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+3%
Regional Art Gallery attendance	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+3%
Regional Art Gallery public event/program attendance	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+3%
Public event/program attendance - Community Programs	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+3%
Coffs Harbour City Council CO2 emissions (yearly figure)	Section Leader Community	n/a
	Planning and Performance	(25% reduction by 2020)
Court sille man avealthe an array vacan	Section Leader Community	n/a
Council's renewable energy usage	Planning and Performance	(25% by 2020)
Library loans	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+3%
Library programs and events	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	150
Library programs / events attendance	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+3%

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Library circulation (to meet NSW baseline benchmark)	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	5.94
Library visitation per capita (to meet the NSW baseline benchmark)	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	4.4
Library online visits	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+5%
Library collection items per capita	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	2.2
Beach Safety Program attendances	Team Leader Lifeguard Services	NIL
# of preventable drownings	Team Leader Lifeguard Services	NIL
Coffs Connect online visits	Team Leader Library, Museum, Gallery and Cultural Services	+5%
# of Community Village, Cavanbah Hall and 189 Harbour Drive bookings	Team Leader Theatre & Community Venues	NIL

# STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP

#### **What Council Delivers**

Manage and prepare infrastructure plans and implementation programs

Plan, program and undertake engineering design, survey, technical services and management of construction works

Provide waste planning, strategy, collection, processing, education and resource recovery and landfill disposal

Provide drinking water to the community

Project manage flooding and coastal management infrastructure and asset projects

Responsible Officer - Group Leader Strategic Asset Management

### **Community Strategic Plan objectives addressed**

Objective/s	Strategies
An active sets and healthy community	We support our community to lead healthy active lives
An active, safe and healthy community	We cultivate a safe community
	We create liveable spaces that are beautiful and appealing
Liveable neighbourhoods with a defined identity	We undertake development that is environmentally, socially and economically responsible
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A natural environment sustained for future generations	We use resources responsibly to support a safe and stable climate

Objective/s	Strategies	
	We collaborate to achieve the best possible future for Coffs Harbour	
We have effective use of public resources	We effectively manage the planning and provision of regional public services and infrastructure'	

### **Continuing Activities**

- Manage infrastructure assets to achieve the desired level of service, ensure best whole of life cost and minimise risk
- Plan, program and undertake engineering design services
- Plan, design and manage Council infrastructure projects
- Plan, program and undertake traffic management services
- Provide waste collection and transfer stations
- Provide landfill services for the disposal of residual material
- Process and recover materials to reduce waste to landfill
- Deliver Waste Education Program
- Abstraction, storage and treatment of water to NSW EPA and Health standards
- Provide public education, water efficiency, trade waste, technical support and compliance services for water and waste water infrastructure
- Provide sewer services

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	<b>Completion Date</b>
Cycleway - West Coffs	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Other footpath and cycle way upgrades	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Upgrade Bus Stops to meet DDA Requirements	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Jetty Foreshore Stages 2-4	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Wharf St, Woolgoolga - works to facilitate holiday park entry relocation  Note: the projected delivery of this project within this period is provisional on the future availability of funding.	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
<ul> <li>Bridge Reconstruction, Investigation and Repairs:</li> <li>Boambee Creek Foot Bridge (design)</li> <li>Melaleuca Foot Bridge</li> <li>Moleton #3 Bridge</li> <li>Wedds Bridge</li> <li>Bardens Bridge</li> </ul>	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Road Upgrades:  Diamond Head Dr, Sandy Beach – arterial road upgrade  Lyons Rd, Bradbury Close  Lyons Rd, William Bayldon School  Coramba Rd - Robin St to Shephards Lane  Pine Creek Way, Bonville  Coffs Street, Coffs Harbour - at Pacific Highway intersection  Reid Dr, Coffs Harbour - Thompsons to Ferran  Mackays Rd/Bray St, Coffs Harbour - Vera Dr to Mackays intersection  Centenary Dr, Woolgoola  Hi Tech Dr, Toormina - Craft Close intersection	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	<b>Completion Date</b>
Combine St, Coffs Harbour		
<ul> <li>Waterloo St, Woolgoolga - Between Nightingale and Queen</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Gordon St, Coffs Harbour - from Vernon St to Coff St</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Gordon St, Coffs Harbour - from Harbour Dr to Albany St</li> </ul>		
North Boambee Rd		
Road Reseal Program	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Kerb and guttering works	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Car park works	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Guard rail works	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Drainage works:		
Upper Shephards Lane Detention Basin - (Coffs Creek Catchment)		
<ul> <li>North Boambee Valley Detention Basin (design)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Orchid / Boulevarde, Mullaway - either side of Sun St</li> </ul>		
Boambee Newports Flood Plain		
Polwarth Dr, Coffs Harbour	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Antaries Ave / Polaris Close Drainage	·	
Wongala Estate Pipe		
<ul> <li>Coramba Rd, Coffs Harbour - Creek scour opposite Bakers Close</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Coramba Road - flood mitigation works, and slip</li> </ul>		
4 Beach St / 5 Hastings St, Woolgoogla		
Other minor drainage upgrades		
Water Works:	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	<b>Completion Date</b>
Reservoir renewals		
<ul> <li>Miscellaneous water network renewals and upgrades</li> </ul>		
Sewer Works:		
Sewer rehabilitation	Section Leader Project Delivery 30/	30/06/2018
Pump Station renewals and upgrades	Section Leader Project Benvery	30/00/2018
Miscellaneous sewer network upgrades		
CBD Masterplan Works:		
Moonee St entry statement	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
• Lightings	Section Leader Project Delivery 30/00/201	30,00,2010
• Landscaping		
Review Asset Management Plans	Section Leader Asset Strategies	30/06/2018
New District Park, West Coffs	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018
Corindi Beach Section 94 contributions consultation and implementation	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2019
Arrawarra Beach Reserve - Cultural Walkway	Section Leader Project Delivery	30/06/2018

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Asset condition assessments carried out in accordance with programs	Section Leader Asset Strategies
Waste management operations	Section Leader Project Delivery
Report on the development and implementation of Coffs Harbour City Centre Masterplan works	Section Leader Survey and Design
Implement the Asset Management Strategy	Section Leader Asset Strategies
Preparation of yearly data for NSW Water Supply and Sewerage Performance Monitoring Report	Section Leader Project Delivery

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
% of tests complying with Drinking Water Quality guidelines (Treatment and Reticulation)	Team Leader Water Services	100%
% of responses to requests relating to drainage likely to cause property damage undertaken within 7 days	Section Leader Asset Project Delivery	100%
# of waste warning stickers issued	Team Leader Waste Services	n/a
Waste Scorecard - testing against targets set by environmental protection licence	Team Leader Waste Services	100%
Tonnage of park and street bin waste collected	Team Leader Waste Services	n/a
Tonnage of material collected from park recycling bins	Team Leader Waste Services	n/a
Total Waste to Landfill (tonnes)	Team Leader Waste Services	40,000
Total Materials Recovered (tonnes)	Team Leader Waste Services	15,000
Total of all waste streams diverted from landfill as %	Team Leader Waste Services	50%
% compliance with water abstraction licence conditions	Team Leader Water	100%
% compliance in delivery of engineering plans to service works program	Section Leader Asset Project Delivery	95%
% compliance in delivery of Part V approvals to service works program	Section Leader Asset Project Delivery	100%
% of new, acquired and upgraded/renewed assets recorded in the asset system	Section Leader Asset Project Delivery	100%
Handover a complete and accurate Outgoing Financial Year Work Order Register from Sustainable Infrastructure to the Asset Accountant by no later than 31 July.	Section Leader Asset Project Delivery	100%

# **SUSTAINABLE PLACES GROUP**

#### **What Council Delivers**

Identify where the urban areas within Coffs Harbour will grow, what rules will apply to growth, and what land is to be conserved

Regulatory compliance in accordance with statutory legislation and the public interest

Develop and implement Floodplain Management Plans, Coastal and Estuary Management Plans, and Stormwater Plans

Develop strategies to enhance the long term viability and sustainability of natural resources

Responsible Officer - Group Leader Sustainable Places

## **Community Strategic Plan objectives addressed**

Objective	Strategy
An active, safe and healthy community	We cultivate a safe community
	We create liveable spaces that are beautiful and appealing
Liveable neighbourhoods with a defined identity	We undertake development that is environmentally, socially and economically responsible
	We protect the diversity of our natural environment
A natural environment sustained for future generations	We use resources responsibly to support a safe and stable climate
	We collaborate to achieve the best possible future for Coffs Harbour
We have effective use of public resources	We effectively manage the planning and provision of regional public services and infrastructure'

## **Continuing Activities**

- Development assessment and advice
- Develop statutory land use controls
- Develop and review masterplans, plans of management and open space plans
- Building certification
- Fire safety
- Contaminated land management
- Biodiversity management
- Monitor regulated premises
- Onsite Sewage System Management program
- Health programs, and health education
- Ranger Services (companion animals, parking and traffic control)

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Prepare a Local Growth Management Strategy - Rural Lands Component	Section Leader Local Planning	28/12/2018
Prepare the North Boambee Valley Residential Planning Proposal	Section Leader Local Planning	30/11/2017
Finalise the Deferred Lands Planning Proposal	Section Leader Local Planning	31/08/2017
Complete the Woolgoolga WOW Town Centre Masterplan	Section Leader Local Planning	29/09/2017
Prepare a Public Realm Strategy	Section Leader Local Planning	30/06/2018
CBD Masterplan - Brelsford Park Precinct Analysis and revised Masterplan	Section Leader Local Planning	30/06/2018
CBD Masterplan – Implement the Library and Gallery Precinct Analysis Plan (Riding Lane and	Section Leader Local Planning	30/06/2018

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	<b>Completion Date</b>
Gordon Street enhancements)		
Complete a CBD Heights and Built Form Analysis	Section Leader Local Planning	21/12/2017
CBD Masterplan - Loveable Laneways CBD Analysis	Section Leader Local Planning	30/06/2018
CBD Masterplan - Complete a City Centre Laneways Seed Fund Project for Public Art	Section Leader Local Planning	30/06/2018
Undertake a 4-year review the Biodiversity Action Strategy	Section Leader Local Planning	29/09/2018
Commence participation in the Ecohealth Program	Section Leader Local Planning	30/06/2018
Open Space Strategy Review	Section Leader Local Planning	30/06/2018
Conduct a review of Section 149 Planning Certificates	Section Leader Development Assessment	30/06/2018

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Develop coastal and estuary strategies	Section Leader Local Planning
Undertake flood and drainage studies	Section Leader Local Planning
Develop land use based growth strategies	Section Leader Local Planning
Prepare amendments to Coffs Harbour DCP 2015	Section Leader Local Planning
Prepare planning proposals to amend LEP 2013	Section Leader Local Planning
Develop planning place-making strategies	Section Leader Local Planning
Develop natural resource strategies	Section Leader Local Planning
Undertake the Health Inspection Program	Section Leader Compliance and

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
	Regulatory Enforcement
Undertake compliance parking patrols	Section Leader Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement
Respond to roaming dogs and companion animal complaints	Section Leader Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement
Investigate building, landuse, vegetation, health and environmental compliance matters	Section Leader Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement
Undertake the onsite sewage management system inspection program	Section Leader Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement
Process Development Applications received	Section Leader Development Assessment
Process 'Fast track' Development Applications received	Section Leader Development Assessment
Process Construction Certificates received	Section Leader Development Assessment

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Respond to 85% of swimming pool compliance related matters within 3 business days	Compliance Officer - Swimming Pool Inspector	85%
Respond to 85% of companion animal complaints within 2 business days	Compliance Coordinator	85%
Conduct Parking Patrols on at least 85% of the designated patrol days available within the reporting period	Compliance Coordinator	85%
% of swimming pool compliance certificates/complaints received during the quarter required further action	Compliance Officer - Swimming	NIL

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
	Pool Inspector	
'Fast track' DAs processed within 21 days	Section Leader Development Assessment	80%
Construction Certificates issued as % of the total certificates issued for the local government area	Section Leader Development Assessment	70%
Conduct 100% of Health Inspection Program (Public Pools; Skin Penetration premises; Warm Water systems - Legionella) reviews that fall due within the reporting period	Regulation Coordinator	100%
Undertake 90% of Onsite Sewage Management System Inspection Program reviews that fall due within the reporting period	OSSM Plumbing and Drainage Regulation Officer	90%
Conduct 100% of "Scores on Doors" food inspections that fall due within the reporting period	Regulation Coordinator	100%
Respond to 85% of complaints relating to the unauthorised removal of vegetation within 2 business days	Senior Compliance Officer	85%
% of DAs processed within 40 days	Section Leader Development Assessment	90%
% building certificates (formerly s172) actioned within 21 days	Group Leader Customer Services	100%

## **ENABLING BUSINESS SERVICES**

#### What Council Delivers

#### **Business Systems Group:**

• Provide information and related technology support to the organisation

Responsible Officer – Group Leader Business Systems

#### **Customer Services Group:**

• Provide the best possible service for both internal and external customers with a focus on customer resolution at the first point of contact

Responsible Officer – Group Leader Customer Services

### Financial Services and Logistics Group:

- Expenditure, revenue and corporate financial support services
- Facilitate plant management to assist Council to deliver cost-effective outcomes to the community
- Provision of goods, works and services via tenders or quotations

Responsible Officer – Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics

#### **Governance Group:**

• Facilitate Council's compliance with legal and governance requirements, including risk and insurance

Responsible Officer – Group Leader Governance

#### **Organisation Development Group:**

- Ensure that the skills, knowledge and abilities of the workforce meet the current and future organisational needs
- Development and execution of activities and programs addressing employee learning, health and wellbeing, performance management, recruitment and retention, relations, and health and safety

Responsible Officer - Group Leader Organisational Development

#### **Executive Management:**

- Provide leadership and direction for Council in delivering outcomes for Coffs Harbour local government area
- Oversee the administration of Council as a transparent and responsible organisation
- Champion Coffs Harbour at Federal, State and Regional level

Responsible Officer – General Manager

#### **Community Strategic Plan objectives addressed**

Objective	Strategy
	We foster informed and inspired leadership in our community
Our leaders inspire confidence in the future of the Coffs Harbour area	We collaborate to achieve the best possible future for Coffs Harbour
	We undertake effective engagement and are informed
We have effective use of public resources	We collaborate to achieve the best possible future for Coffs Harbour

- Capture, maintenance and analysis of spatial information
- Computer hardware and software support and investigation
- Capture, management, retention and disposal of corporate information
- Promote and market the policies, events, services, community engagement and programs of Council through the use of available media resources and to provide a reactive media response and strategic media resource
- Maintain Council's profile through the regular use of media channels
- Promote and educate customers to use self-serve and online service platforms
- Co-ordinate Council's resources and attention to Council, LGA and regional emergency response planning and resourcing
- Payroll and accounting functions
- Leasing and Property Management leasing of Council owned / managed land and buildings
- Commercial Property Purchase / Disposal / Development / Advice in relation to Council property
- Maintenance and repair of Council buildings
- Provision of public swimming pool facilities
- Undertake a program of audits and provide advice on risk and control, economy, efficiency and effectiveness across all service elements of Council
- Instil risk management principles across the organisation

- Administer and process all aspects of insurance (excluding workers compensation)
- Act as Public Officer, general governance services including, information access, complaints, legal services, delegations, policy/procedure
- Facilitate the administration of Prosper Coffs
- Facilitate business improvement principles across the organisation

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	<b>Completion Date</b>
Northern Beaches Fibre Project	Group Leader Business Systems	17/11/2017
Implement new telephony solution	Group Leader Business Systems	06/11/2017
Acquire aerial photography to assist with asset identification, planning, land use and environmental protection	Group Leader Business Systems	30/05/2018
Development of knowledge management systems and associated staff training	Group Leader Customer Services	30/06/2018
Implementation of e-requests/web forms	Group Leader Customer Services	31/03/2018
Development of an external communications strategy	Group Leader Customer Services	30/06/2018
Undertake land and buildings revaluation	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	30/04/2018
Undertake a review of Council's property portfolio	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	28/02/2018
Implement Council's Workforce Plan	Group Leader Organisational Development	30/06/2018
Develop a Volunteer Management and Support Strategy	Group Leader Organisational Development	30/06/2018

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	<b>Completion Date</b>
Review Council's Revenue Policy	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	30/06/2018
Undertake Masterplan for master key system	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	30/06/2018
Public Amenities Program:		30/06/2018
Urara Park amenities		
York St amenities	Group Leader Financial Services	
Saltwater Park amenities	and Logistics	
Hills Beach, Korora amenities		
Lakeside, Woolgoolga amenities		

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Implement the Commercial Asset Management Strategy	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics
Condition assess Council's buildings	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics
Swimming Pools benchmarking annual survey	Section Leader Logistics
Manage the development and review of the annual Environmental Levy Program	Section Leader Financial Planning
Manage processes related to the annual Developer Contributions Program	Section Leader Financial Planning
Manage the grants system processing	Section Leader Financial Planning

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Manage the preparation and audit of the annual financial statements	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics
Annual comparison of internal versus external plant hire costs	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics
Audit Reports completed according to Corporate Audit Schedule	Group Leader Governance
Emergency plan tested and reviewed annually	Group Leader Governance

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Requests recorded via Request Management responded to within 7 business days	Group Leader Customer Services	95%
Customer satisfaction with level of customer service	Group Leader Customer Services	90%
Customer request responses delivered within service time frames	Group Leader Customer Services	90%
Increase in online corporate newsletter subscriptions	Group Leader Customer Services	1%
Increase in corporate social media subscriptions	Group Leader Customer Services	1%
Change in corporate website visitation	Group Leader Customer Services	1%
Compliance with legislative requirements in relation to key dates	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	100%
Creditor accounts paid within business terms	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	90%
Outstanding Rates and Charges ratio (Annual only)	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	6.5

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Suppliers in Preferred Supplier Arrangements to total suppliers	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	75%
Suppliers responsible for 80% of spend	Group Leader Financial Services and Logistics	20%
Number of Public Liability Claims accepted in period	Group Leader Governance	0
Number of professional indemnity claims accepted in period	Group Leader Governance	0
Number of motor vehicle claims accepted in period	Group Leader Governance	0
Number of property claims accepted in period	Group Leader Governance	0

# **COMMERCIAL BUSINESS UNITS**

#### **What Council Delivers**

#### Airport:

• Manage and develop the airport, servicing the air travel, airfreight and general aviation needs of the region

Responsible Officer - Manager - Airport

### CitySmart Solutions:

• Supply and develop network infrastructure and integrate new technology

Responsible Officer - Manager - Telecommunications & New Technology

#### **Coastal Works:**

• Provision of a profitable civil contracting capacity to Council

Responsible Officer - Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance

#### **Environmental Laboratory:**

• Operation of a NATA accredited laboratory

Responsible Officer - Manager - Environmental Laboratory

#### **Holiday Parks and Reserves:**

- Operation of tourist accommodation, services, products and facilities in holiday parks
- Strategic Management, leasing and licensing of Crown Reserves

Responsible Officer - Manager – Holiday Parks and Reserves

# **Community Strategic Plan objectives addressed**

Objective	Strategy			
A Theiring and Sustainable Legal Fooners	We champion business, innovation and technology to stimulate economic growth and local jobs			
A Thriving and Sustainable Local Economy	We attract people to work, live and visit in Coffs Harbour			
Our leaders inspire confidence in the future of the Coffs Harbour area	We collaborate to achieve the best possible future for Coffs Harbour			
We have effective use of public resources	We collaborate to achieve the best possible future for Coffs Harbour			

# **Continuing Activities**

- Tender and undertake civil contracting works
- Provision of Airport infrastructure and services required for domestic air services and general aviation operations
- Develop and supply switchboards, CCTV networks and fibre optic projects and services commercially
- Laboratory testing and calibration procedures
- Operation of holiday park accommodation, services, products and facilities
- Leasing and licensing of Crown Reserves

# **Deliverables 2017/18**

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Stage 1 Woolgoolga Beach Reserve Redevelopment	Manager - Holiday Parks and	
Note: the projected delivery of this project is dependent on a successful grant application to the Building Better Regions Fund.	Reserves	30/06/2018
Finalise the Botanic Garden Strategic Plan	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	30/06/2018

PROJECTS	Responsible Officer	Completion Date
Undertake expression of interest for short and long-term use of the former Deep Sea Fishing Club	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	30/03/2018
Relocation of Marine Rescue Woolgoolga to Arrawarra Headland	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	15/12/2017
Review strategies within Park Beach Reserve Plan of Management and Sawtell Reserve Plan of Management	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	30/03/2018

ONGOING ACTIVITIES	Responsible Officer
Report on development of opportunities for non-RPT revenue-generation at the airport	Manager – Airport
Airport upgrade works	Manager – Airport
Holiday Parks Sustainable Improvement Program	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves
Reserves Plans of Management implementation	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves
Report on Laboratory productivity increases	Manager – Environmental Laboratory
Laboratory annual customer survey	Manager – Environmental Laboratory
Laboratory participation in National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) audits	Manager – Environmental Laboratory
Laboratory participation in National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) proficiency rounds	Manager – Environmental Laboratory

METRICS	Responsible Officer	2017/18 Target
Increase in passenger traffic	Manager – Airport	2%
Profitability achieved in accordance with forward Financial Plan	Manager – Airport	100%
Return on Investment	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	1%
Site occupancy across all holiday parks	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	44%
Revenue growth across all business operations	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	4.5%
Increase on room nights sold across all products	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	1.5%
Villa occupancy across all holiday parks	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	66%
Profitability as a percentage of gross revenue	Manager - Holiday Parks and Reserves	3.5%
Commercial Works achieved 2017/18 - KPIs as set by the Coastal Works Advisory Board	Group Leader Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance	100%

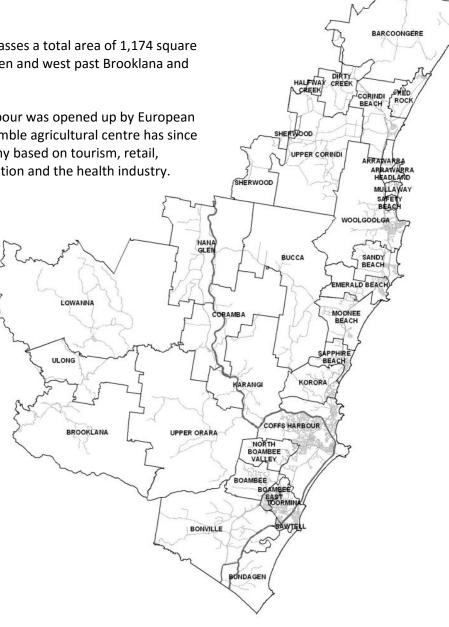
**Coffs Harbour** local government area (LGA) is on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, about midway between Sydney and Brisbane.

With a population of approximately 73,000, the LGA encompasses a total area of 1,174 square kilometres of land stretching from Red Rock south to Bundagen and west past Brooklana and Lowanna.

The traditional home of the Gumbaynggirr people, Coffs Harbour was opened up by European settlers in the second half of the nineteenth century. The humble agricultural centre has since evolved into a vibrant, coastal city with an expanding economy based on tourism, retail, manufacturing and construction, government services, education and the health industry.

The region is renowned for its ecological diversity: half of the LGA is dedicated as reserves, parks, National Parks and State Forest holdings – and is bounded offshore by the Solitary Islands Marine Park.





# **Council Executive**

There are nine elected representatives on Coffs Harbour City Council. They are:

- Councillor Denise Knight, Mayor
- Councillor George Cecato, Deputy Mayor
- Councillor Michael Adendorff,
- Councillor Paul Amos,
- Councillor John Arkan,
- Councillor Keith Rhoades,
- Councillor Jan Strom,
- Councillor Tegan Swan,
- Councillor Sally Townley.

Council has four Senior Staff. They are:

- Steve McGrath General Manager
- Andrew Beswick Director, Business Services
- Chris Chapman Director, Sustainable Communities
- Mick Raby Director, Sustainable Infrastructure



Back row from left: Councillors Keith Rhoades, Michael Adendorff, John Arkan, George Cecato and Paul Amos. Front row: Councillors Jan Strom, Tegan Swan, Denise Knight (Mayor), and Sally Townley.



From left: Chris Chapman, Steve McGrath, Andrew Beswick, Mick Raby.

# **Our Vision and Values**



#### **Council Vision:**

Committed to the To deliver excellent services that are desired and Pursuit of Excellence valued by our community, now and into the future.

### **Corporate Values**

Innovation
 We deliver excellence in our services through innovation.
 Customer Centric
 Our customers are at the heart of everything we do.
 Collaboration
 We work together to seek solutions both internally and externally.
 Empowerment
 We support our people and provide them the scope to deliver outcomes.

5. Accountability We are transparent and responsible in all that we

do.

Our aim is to assist Coffs Harbour in fulfilling the city's motto: "Progress and Prosper"

# **Statement of Council's Revenue Policy 2017/18**

#### 2017/18 Rating Structure

#### Impact on Residential Ratepayers

In November 2016, IPART set a **1.5%** rate peg increase in 'General Income' for 2017/18. In accordance with the February 2015 Council Resolution to implement a three-year price freeze on water and sewer annual charges to 2017/18, the 'average' residential property can expect a total rates and charges increase (including annual and usage charges) of approximately **\$52.55** per annum (or \$1.01 per week), which is an approximate **1.5%** overall increase from 2016/17.

The following table shows the impact on the total rates and charges payable for the 'average' residential property in 2017/18 with the rate peg and water and sewer charges freeze in place.

# Residential Rate Impacts for the 'Average' Residential Property with Rate Peg Increases (Based on a land valuation of \$204,800)

Rates and Charges	2016/17	2017/18	Increase	
			Amount	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	%
Residential Ordinary Rate	1,168.72	1,190.57	21.85	1.9%
Environmental Levy	41.26	41.96	0.70	1.7%
Sewerage Access Charge	806.00	806.00	0.00	0.0%
Water Access Charge	143.00	143.00	0.00	0.0%
Water Usage (250 KL pa)	677.50	697.50	20.00	3.0%
Domestic Waste Service	636.00	646.00	10.00	1.6%
Stormwater Management	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.0%
Totals	3,497.48	3,550.03	52.55	1.5%
Increase per Week			1.01	

The Rate Peg % does not apply to Sewer, Water, Waste or Stormwater charges. Water charges include 250 KL of water usage for a year.

#### 2017/18 Rating Structure (continued)

#### Impact on Non-Residential Ratepayers

The following table shows the impact on the 'Ordinary Rate' payable for the 'average' non-residential (Farmland and Business) property in 2017/18 with a 1.5% IPART Rate Peg increase in 'General Income' for 2017/18.

- The Ordinary Rate for Farmland properties has been based on an average land valuation of \$444,700
- The Ordinary Rate for Business properties (outside of the Coffs Harbour CBD) has been based on an average land valuation of \$435,600
- The Ordinary Rate for City Centre Business properties has been based on an average land valuation of \$641,900

#### Proposed Non-Residential Ordinary Rate Impacts for the 'Average' Non-Residential Property with Rate Peg Increase

Ordinary Rate	2016/17	2017/18	Increase	
	(\$)	(\$)	Amount (\$)	%
Farmland Ordinary Rate	2,143.00	2,123.66	-19.34	-0.9%
Business Ordinary Rate	4,027.97	4,094.42	66.45	1.7%
Business - City Centre Ordinary Rate	8,817.80	8,957.71	139.91	1.6%

#### 2017/18 Rating Structure (continued)

The following tables show the 'Ordinary and Environmental Rate' structure (with estimated yields) for 2017/18 with the IPART Rate Peg in place.

Council applies a 'base amount' and a rate in the dollar (ad valorem rate) to land valuations when determining 'Residential' and 'Farmland' ordinary rates. Council applies an ad valorem rate (with minimum) to land valuations when determining 'Business' and 'Business City Centre' ordinary rates.

#### **Ordinary Rate Structure for 2017/18**

Rating Category / Sub- Category	Number of Properties	Ad Valorem Rate (\$)	Base Amount (\$)	Minimum Amount (\$)	Properties on Minimum	Land Value	Land Value on Minimum	Estimated Yield (\$)
Residential	29,406.28	0.0038895	394.00	n/a	n/a	6,022,266,921	n/a	35,009,688
Farmland	713.00	0.0038895	394.00	n/a	n/a	317,106,200	n/a	1,514,307
Business	1,450.12	0.0093995	n/a	658.00	261	631,704,221	9,152,170	6,023,416
Business (Business City Centre)	322.60	0.0139550	n/a	639.00	4	207,062,721	53,720	2,891,367
Totals	31,892	n/a	n/a	n/a	265	7,178,140,063	9,205,890	45,438,778

Special Rate		Ad Valorem Rate (\$)	Base Amount (\$)	Minimum Amount (\$)	Properties on Minimum	Land Value	Land Value on Minimum	Estimated Yield (\$)
Environmental Levy	31,892	0.0001000	21.48	n/a	n/a	7,178,140,063	n/a	1,402,858

#### Annual Charges for 2017/18

A charge structure applies to annual Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Trade Waste, Waste Management and On-Site Sewage Charges. These charges are not subject to rate pegging restrictions.

#### Water Access Charges

Charges for Water Services are in accordance with the Pricing Policy mandated by the NSW State Government and were implemented by Council from 1 July 2006.

- Residential Water Access Charges for occupied land are based on the number of occupations at the property.
- Non-residential Water Access Charges are based on the number and size of water services at the property.

#### Sewer Access Charges

Charges for Sewerage Services are also in accordance with the Pricing Policy mandated by the NSW State Government.

The policy has a user-pays focus. Government guidelines set a Sewer Discharge Factor (SDF) for Non-Residential properties; the SDF determines the percentage of water each property is estimated to dispose of into the sewerage system.

- Non-residential properties are charged a Sewer Access Charge relative to the number and size of water meters and the SDF determined for the property.
- Residential properties are charged a flat sewer access charge per occupation.

#### Trade Waste Annual Charges

Non-residential properties are charged a trade waste annual charge based on the number of trade waste generators present on the property.

#### • Stormwater Management Service Charge

The Government, recognising the backlog of necessary stormwater management works, made amendments to the Local Government Act to allow councils to raise a stormwater management service charge on occupied land in urban areas. These funds for 2017/18 will be used towards a program of stormwater works across urban areas.

#### **Annual Charges for 2017/18** (continued)

#### • Waste Management Charges

These charges apply to properties serviced by the kerbside collection service or, in the case of vacant land, if the property is able to be serviced.

Charges are calculated on the number of 3-bin services provided to each property multiplied by the charge per service.

Non-Residential premises are charged a minimum of one garbage charge for each premise.

#### • Onsite Sewage Management Fees

Apply to properties where onsite sewage management systems are installed. The fee is calculated on the number of systems multiplied by the unit price. Unit prices vary depending on whether the system has been deemed high, medium or low risk.

#### Proposed Schedule of Annual Charges for 2017/18

To lessen the impact of the ordinary (general) rate increases (brought about by the 2015-2017 Special Rate Variation), for the 2017/18 year Council will:

- not increase water and sewer annual charges;
- reduce the increase in the water and sewer usage charges; and
- reduce inspection fees for onsite septic systems in rural areas.

The following table shows the proposed annual charge structure (with approximate yields) for 2017/18.

# **Annual Charge Structure for 2017/18**

Annual Charges	Amount (\$)	Unit of Charge	Estimated Annual Yield (\$)	Comments
Water Access Charges				
Residential	143	Per occupation	3,793,647	
Vacant Land	143	Per assessment	110,253	
Non Residential	143	Per occupation	637,780	
Non Residential Water Backflow	62	For first device	14,384	
Non Residential Water Backflow	15.50	Per additional device	713	
Sewer Access Charges				
Residential	806	Per occupation	20,472,400	
Residential – Vacant	556	Per assessment	403,100	
Non Residential	789	SDF x MF x \$789.00	2,683,409	SDF = Sewer Discharge Factor, MF = Meter Factor
Private Pump Stations Management Charge	125	Per station	3,375	
Stormwater Management Charges				
Residential Properties - Non Strata	25	Per assessment	428,125	
Residential Properties - Strata	12.50	Per assessment	75,625	
Business Properties - Non Strata	25	Per 350 sq. m (or part of)	189,840	Based on impervious land area
Business Properties - Strata Units	12.50	Per 350 sq. m (or part of)	7,365	Determined by unit entitlement (Min of \$5.00)
rade Waste Annual Charges				
L Generator	205	Number of Generators	81,795	
2 to 4 Generators	410	Number of Generators	14,350	
to 9 Generators	973.75	Number of Generators	6,816	
LO to 14 Generators	1,896.25	Number of Generators	3,793	
.5 to 19 Generators	2,818.75	Number of Generators	2,819	
20 to 24 Generators	3,690	Number of Generators	3,690	
25 to 29 Generators	4,510	Number of Generators	0	
30 to 34 Generators	5,330	Number of Generators	5,330	
> 34 Generators	6,150	Number of Generators	6,150	

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Appendix A

# Annual Charge Structure for 2017/18 (continued)

Annual Charges	Amount (\$)	Unit of Charge	Estimated Annual Yield (\$)	Comments
Onsite Sewage Charges				
Onsite - Low Risk	16	Per system	54,032	
Onsite - Medium Risk	47	Per system	98,841	
Onsite - High Risk	171	Per system	14,535	
Sullage / Effluent Charges				
Effluent Collection Charge	468	Per service	2,808	
Sullage Collection Charge	806	Per service	41,106	
Waste Charges (Domestic)				
Domestic Waste	646	Per service or tenement	18,928,446	3 Bin Service
Domestic Waste – Vacant	161	Per assessment	141,841	
Subsidiary Waste – General	274	Per service	84,666	
Subsidiary Waste – Organics	173	Per service	15,916	
Subsidiary Waste – Recycling	101	Per service	14,746	
Subsidiary Waste - Recycling Upgrade	37	Per service	6,475	Upgrade to 360 litre service
Waste Charges (Non-Domestic)				
Non Domestic Waste	646	Per service or tenement	1,244,842	
Non Domestic Waste - Vacant	161	Per assessment	16,744	
Non Domestic Waste - Non Rateable	646	Per service	451,554	
Non Domestic Subsidiary General Charge	274	Per service	181,936	
Non Domestic Subsidiary Organics Charge	173	Per service	32,524	
Non Domestic Subsidiary Recycling Charge	101	Per service	47,874	
Non Domestic Subsidiary Recycling Upgrade Charge	37	Per service	888	Upgrade to 360 litre service

#### Usage Charges for 2017/18

A charge structure applies to water, sewer and trade waste usage charges. These charges are not subject to rate pegging restrictions.

#### **Water Usage Charges**

#### **Residential Customers**

The water usage charge for residential customers is based on a two-step tariff, using the consumption recorded on the water meter(s).

- Tariff Step 1: For water usage less than 1 Kilolitre (KL) per day
- Tariff Step 2: For water usage greater than 1 KL per day

#### Non-Residential Customers

The water usage charge for non-residential customers is based on a single tariff, using the consumption recorded on the water meter(s).

#### **Sewer Usage Charges**

Sewer Usage Charges are levied in accordance with the mandated NSW State Government Pricing Policy. The policy has a user pays focus. Non-Residential properties have been inspected and, using Government guidelines, the percentage of water each is estimated to dispose of into the sewerage system has been determined. This is known as the sewerage discharge factor (SDF). Using this SDF, a sewerage usage charge will be included with the 'Water Account' issued each quarter for all non-residential properties.

#### **Trade Waste Usage Charges**

Non-residential properties that discharge trade waste into Council's sewer incur usage charges based on the category and volume of waste discharged into the sewerage system.

Non-Residential properties have been inspected and, using Government guidelines, each trade waste generator has been categorised into a charging category.

The estimated volume of trade waste disposed into the sewerage system has been determined and a Trade Waste Discharge Factor (TWDF) applied to relevant water services. The TWDF, in simple terms, is a percentage of the water usage (measured by the water meter) deemed to be discharged into the sewerage system as trade waste.

Using this TWDF, a trade waste usage charge will be included with the 'Water Account' issued each quarter for applicable non-residential properties.

#### **Trade Waste Usage Charges** (continued)

It is important to note that different businesses and commercial activities attract different trade waste charges. These differences are based on the determination of the 'Classification' and 'Charge Category' of the trade waste generator as well as the level of compliance with Trade Waste regulations.

#### Schedule of Usage Charges for 2017/18

As mentioned previously, to lessen the impact of the ordinary (general) rate increases (brought about by the SRV), for the 2017/18 year Council will:

- not increase water and sewer annual charges;
- reduce the increase in the water and sewer usage charges; and
- reduce inspection fees for onsite septic systems in rural areas.

The following table shows the proposed usage charge structure (with approximate yields) for 2017/18.

# Usage Charge Structure for 2017/18

Usage Charge	Amount (\$)	Unit of Charge	Estimated Annual Yield (\$)	Comments
Water Usage Charges				
Residential - Tier 1 Residential - Tier 2	2.79 4.19	per kilolitre	11,018,826	Tier 1: 1KL per day per access charge Tier 2: Usage over Tier 1
Non-Residential	2.79	per kilolitre	2,706,300	
Non-Rateable - Tier 1 Non-Rateable - Tier 2 (Residential in nature)	2.79 4.19	per kilolitre	54,468	Tier 1: 1KL per day per access charge Tier 2: Usage over Tier 1
Non-Rateable (Non-Residential in nature)	2.79	per kilolitre	1,004,400	
Fire Service	8.37	per kilolitre	25,947	Applied to usage not used for fire fighting purposes
Raw Water - Tier 1 Raw Water - Tier 2	1.40 2.09	per kilolitre	14,020	Tier 1: 1KL per day per access charge Tier 2: Usage over Tier 1
Sewer Usage Charges				
Non-Residential	2.15	SDF x KLS x \$2.15	1,801,700	SDF = Sewer Discharge Factor, KLS = Water Usage
Non-Rateable	2.15	SDF x KLS x \$2.15	664,350	SDF = Sewer Discharge Factor, KLS = Water Usage
Trade Waste Usage (Category 1)				
Non-Compliant Charge	1.72	TWDF x KLS x \$1.72	10,630	TWDF = Trade Waste Discharge Factor, KLS = Water Usage
Trade Waste Usage (Category 2)				
Compliant Charge	1.72	TWDF x KLS x \$1.72	289,132	TWDF = Trade Waste Discharge Factor, KLS = Water Usage
Non-Compliant Charge	15.82	TWDF x KLS x \$15.82	105,519	TWDF = Trade Waste Discharge Factor, KLS = Water Usage

#### Pensioner Rebates for 2017/18

Rebates are available to eligible pensioners who are solely or jointly liable for the payment of rates and charges.

These rebates are as follows:

- 50% of Ordinary Rate up to a \$250.00 maximum rebate
- 50% of Water Charges up to a maximum \$87.50 rebate
- 50% of Sewer Access Charge up to a maximum \$87.50 rebate
- 50% of Domestic Waste Charges up to a maximum \$87.50 rebate
- 50% of the Environmental Levy

# **2017/18 Financial Estimates**

#### **General Fund**

The following result is projected for Council's General Fund for 2017/18:

Year	Financial Estimate (\$)		Financial Estimate before Capital Revenue (\$)		Operational incomes and expenditures are tightly budgeted and have been subject to constant scrutiny in recent years.  There are significant capital works planned which are funded from rate variations, trading operations, grants, loans, S94 contributions, reserves,
2017/18	17,850,000	Surplus	(\$181,000)	Deficit	etc.

- 2017/18 Funding from Levies and Special Variations to General Income is detailed in Appendix C (page 53) of this Operational Plan.
- Annual Charges for 2017/18 are detailed in Appendix A at page 43 of this Operational Plan.

#### **Water and Sewerage Funds**

Both the Water and Sewerage Funds have undertaken massive programs of capital works in recent years. Expenditure has been in excess of \$300m. These works have been essential to maintain the viability of our city. Work is soon to be completed on the final project: the decommissioning of the Sawtell Sewerage Treatment Plant and the construction of a sewerage trunk main from Sawtell to Coffs Harbour.

This unprecedented program has been funded by a combination of loan funds, developer contributions, reserve funds and grants. Loan funds have been the major source, with \$221m borrowed.

Water and Sewerage charges have been held to reasonable increases in recent years, despite the large increase in loan repayments. This has been achieved by using the cash reserves of each fund to meet annual budgeted deficits.

The Delivery Program provides for surpluses in the Water Fund to increase each year and a deficit in the Sewerage Fund which will slowly improve into a surplus in future years. The following results are projected for 2017/18:

Year	Water (\$)		Sewerage (\$)	
2017/18	1,067,000	Surplus	(658,000)	Deficit

#### Appendix B

The improvement in operating position is achieved primarily due to reducing loan repayments but also due to growth in assessments and increased developer contributions.

With the price freeze in water and sewer annual charges for the next year - the overall increase in annual rate bills will be limited to approximately 3.9% for the average urban ratepayer.

Updated financial modelling of Council's Water and Sewerage funds has revealed that we can sustain this reduction in revenue over coming year. This approach provides a balance between Council's need to maintain public assets appropriately while also being able to continue to provide services.

#### **Proposed Loan Borrowings for 2017/18**

A loan of \$4.72m will be sought to augment grant and reserve funding for the C.ex International Stadium - EPIC Stadium upgrade works (Project total: \$13,440,000)

#### **Delivery Program Budgets**

The full adopted Delivery Program Budgets 2017-2021 can be accessed online at <a href="www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au">www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au</a>

Printed copies will be available (in the full suite of IPR documents) at Council's administrative centre and the branches of the library at Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga and Toormina.

# 2017/18 Funding from Levies and Special Variations to General Income

Over recent years, Council has secured NSW Government approval on a number of occasions for Special Rate Variations (SRVs) to generate funding for specified priority projects.

It is Council practice to identify SRV allocations each year in the Operational Plan and then account for SRV expenditure in the subsequent Annual Report.

# 2014/15 to 2016/17 "Financial Sustainability" Program

Council applied for a Special Rate Variation – to be phased in over three years - to help meet a \$6.2m shortfall in annual funding for asset maintenance and renewal to support the delivery of services desired by the community.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) approved the SRV in two stages, the first year being 2014/15.

The approval was subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That Council uses the additional income for the purposes of funding the program of maintenance, rehabilitation and renewal of infrastructure.
- 2. Council reports in its Annual Report for the period 2014/15 to 2023/24 on:
  - a) The program of expenditure that was actually funded by the special variation and the reasons for any significant differences from the program listed in Appendix A of IPART's Determination; and
  - b) The outcomes achieved as a result of the special variation.

In May 2015, IPART announced its approval of the remainder of the SRV package to be implemented in 2015/16 and 2016/17, with the following consent conditions:

- 1. The Council uses the additional income for the purposes of funding the proposed program of expenditure (Proposed Program) set out in Appendix A of "Coffs Harbour City Council's application for a special variation for 2015-16".
- 2. The Council reports in its Annual Report for each Year, from Year 2015-2016 to Year 2024-2025 (inclusive) on the following for that Year:
  - a. The program of expenditure that was actually funded;
  - b. Any significant differences between the Proposed Program and the program of expenditure that was actually funded and the reasons for those differences;
  - c. The outcomes achieved;
  - d. The Council's actual revenue, expenses and operating balance;

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- e. Any significant differences between the Council's actual revenue, expenses and operating balances and the revenues, expenses and operating balance forecasted in the Long Term Financial Plan and the reasons for those differences; and
- f. Any corrective action taken, or to be taken, to address any differences reported.

Year	Approved SRV*
2014/15	7.90%
2015/16	8.14%
2016/17	7.75%

<sup>\*</sup>Includes approved 'rate pegging' allowance

The SRV package generates additional ordinary rate funds to address Council's annual General Fund infrastructure maintenance and renewal gap. The following tables show the proposed allocation of works for these additional funds in 2017/18 across particular asset categories and expenditure. A four-year breakdown is detailed in the 2017-2021 Delivery Program.

Proposed Road Rehabilitation Works 2017/18	Estimated Cost
Special Rate Variation Funded Works:	(\$)
Coffs St, Coffs Harbour (at Pacific Hwy intersection)	85,467
Reid Dr, Coffs Harbour (Thompsons to Ferran) - stabilise	79,383
Mackays Rd/Bray St, Coffs Harbour (Vera Dr to Mackays int)	138,247
Centenary Dr, Woolgoola	99,586
Hi Tech Dr Toormina (Craft Close intersection)	53,626
Combine St, Coffs Harbour	145,732
Waterloo St, Woolgoolga (between Nightingale and Queen)	348,500
Gordon St, Coffs Harbour (from Vernon St to Coffs St)	464,698
Gordon St, Coffs Harbour (from Harbour Dr to Albany St)	153,854
North Boambee Rd	136,789
Toormina Bus Bay (off Armstrong) Linked to PIAS Grant	26,280
Contribution to R2R Projects	330,342
Total Special Rate Variation Funded Works	2,062,504

Please Note: This is a preliminary program only based on preliminary surface investigation. Changes may be required subject to geotechnical investigation and further asset deterioration.

# Other Transport Asset Works – 2017/18

Kerbing Works (\$)	Car Park Works (\$)	Footpaths and Cycleway Works (\$)	Guard Rail Works (\$)	Total Expenditure (\$)
246,877	92,700	154,500	113,300	607,377

# Open Space Asset Works – 2017/18

Fences and Accessway Works (\$)	Playground Works (\$)	Jetty Works (\$)	Total Expenditure (\$)
244,907	100,000	1,500,000 (\$1m funded internal loan)	1,844,907

Building Renewal Works for 2017/18	Estimated Cost (\$)
Botanical Gardens Entrance (hall and toilets)	400,000
Refurbishment of Rigby House Lift	260,000
Changing Places Facility Boronia St / First Av	99,828
Saltwater Park Amenities	170,000
Urara Park Amenities	150,000
York St Amenities	250,000
Bunker Gallery Improvements	130,000
Woolgoolga and Sawtell Pool Investigation	100,000
Total Expenditure	1,559,828

#### Additional Asset Maintenance Expenditure 2017/18

Funds from Approved Rate Increase	Total Funds (\$)
Road Maintenance	617,431
Building Maintenance	519,942
Asset Management	194,979

### **Environmental Levy for 2017/18**

The Environmental Levy (a Special Rate) is calculated with a 'base amount' to raise approximately 48.77% of the levy with the balance raised as an ad valorem rate applied to land values. The purpose of the Environmental Levy is to fund environmental works, and it is levied on all rateable land.

The 2017/18 Environmental Levy Projects schedule is to be finalised by Council in June 2017. The funds available for 2017/18 total \$1,263,113 (\$1,209,113 plus interest of \$4,000 and a Water Fund contribution of \$50,000).

### Flood Mitigation and Drainage Works (2010)

The NSW Government approved a special variation of 7.0% for Coffs Harbour City Council, for a period of ten years commencing in 2010/11, to fund flood mitigation and drainage works.

The approval was subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Council will raise \$1,373,358 of the increase by additional rates for the costs associated with flood mitigation and drainage works, as defined by Council; for a period of ten years; and
- 2. Council will reduce its general income for the 2021/22 rating year by \$1,373,358 plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2010/11 to 2020/21 rating years inclusive; and
- 3. Council clearly reports in its Annual Report for the period 2010/11 to 2020/21 information on the total income received, expenditure per project/program and outcomes achieved.

Funding for the program is augmented by the Stormwater Management Charge levied by Council and proposed grant funding.

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# **Drainage / Flood Works Program (2017/18)**

Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$)
Flood Mitigation Works	
Unallocated	25,542
Creek Clearing	50,000
Drainage Improvements Investigation and Design	15,000
Upper Shepherds Lane	10,000
Flood Warning System	7,000
Orchid/Boulevarde, Mullaway (either side of Sun St)	250,000
Polwarth Dr, Coffs Harbour	80,000
Antaries Ave/Polaris Close Drainage	100,000
Wharf Lane	20,000
Wongala Estate Pipe Open Drain	120,000
55-57 Coramba Rd, Coffs Harbour	60,000
Coramba Rd, Coffs Harbour Creek Scour (Opp Bakers Close)	100,000
Total Flood Mitigation Works	837,542
Other Works	
Woolgoolga Flood Warning / Monitoring System	12,000
440 Coramba Rd, Coffs Harbour - Slip	120,000
47 Rutland Rd, Bonville - runoff issues	10,000
Loaders Lane Bridge- creek realignment	10,000
5 Trafalgar, St Woolgoolga - Kerb and gutter	7,000
Pade Lane, Sawtell - Stormwater improvements	40,000
4 Beach St/5 Hastings St, Woolgoolga	100,000
Total Other Works	299,000
Total Funding	1,136,542

# Business City Centre Special Rate Extension (2013/14 – 2022/23)

In June 2013, Coffs Harbour City Council secured Ministerial approval - via the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) – to increase its general income for 2013/14 by 5.43% to allow for the continuation of the CBD special rate for a further ten year period. This additional rate revenue (above rate pegging increases) funds the 10-year City Centre Works Program which has been developed through the City Centre Masterplan.

The approval was subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The council uses the additional income for the purposes of funding the program of city centre capital works, including improving city streetscapes and upgrading car parking and pedestrian and traffic flows.
- 2. The council reports in its annual report for each rating year over the period from 2013/2014 to 2022/2023 on:
  - a. The program of expenditure that was actually funded by the special variation and the reasons for any significant differences from the program listed in Appendix A of IPART's Determination; and
  - b. The outcomes achieved as a result of the special variation.
- 3. The council reports to the Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, by 30 November each year on its compliance with these conditions for each rating year over the period from 2013/2014 to 2022/2023.

CBD Masterplan Works for 2017/18	Estimated Cost (\$)
Landscaping	40,000
Lighting	50,000
Moonee Street Entry Statement	30,000
Contingency	10,000
Total Funding	130,000

# Capital Works Program 2017/18 (non-SRV funded)

Below are some of the key Capital Works Programs being delivered in 2017/18 – for full details of the capital works program please see Delivery Program Budgets 2017/18-2020/21.

Open Space	1,084,400
Roads	6,583,352
Bridges and Jetty Structure	900,602
Footpaths, Cycleways and Bus shelters	445,000
Parking	168,200
Water Operations	4,462,700
Sewer Operations	8,912,500

# **Community Engagement**

Council is committed to involving the community in the development of its strategic and operational plans.

Following their adoption by Council on 27 April 2017, the Draft 2017-2021 Delivery Program, Draft 2017/18 Operational Plan, Draft Delivery Program Budgets 2017-2021 and Draft Fees and Charges 2017/18 were placed on public exhibition for 28 days (from Monday, 1 May to Monday, 29 May 2017.) The draft documents were available for access on Council's website and hard copies were also displayed at Council's Administrative Centre and at the three branches of the City Library (Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga and Toormina).

The public exhibition process was promoted in the local media. The promotional material encouraged the community to consider the draft documents and provide feedback to Council.

Council considered all community submissions prior to the finalisation of the 2017-2021 Delivery Program, 2017/18 Operational Plan, Delivery Program Budgets 2017-2021 and Fees and Charges 2017/18.

# **Rate Category Maps**

#### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 405(4) - Local Government Act 1993 for the Rating Period - 12 months: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Section 405 (4) "During the period of public exhibition, the council must have for inspection at its office (and at such other places as it may determine) a map that shows those parts of its area to which each category and sub-category of the ordinary rate and each special rate included in the draft operational plan applies."

#### **ORDINARY RATE - RESIDENTIAL**

The Ordinary Rate - Residential will apply to all rateable land within the Council's area (Map "A") categorised "RESIDENTIAL".

#### **ORDINARY RATE - BUSINESS**

The Ordinary Rate - Business will apply to all rateable land within the Council's area (Map "A") categorised "BUSINESS", EXCEPT land sub-categorised City Centre Business.

#### **ORDINARY RATE – CITY CENTRE BUSINESS**

The Ordinary Rate – City Centre Business will apply to all rateable land, within the City Centre Business Area (being land within the heavy line shown on Map "B") and categorised/sub-categorised "CITY CENTRE BUSINESS".

#### **ORDINARY RATE - FARMLAND**

The Ordinary Rate - Farmland will apply to all rateable land within the Council's area (Map "A") categorised "FARMLAND".

#### **SPECIAL RATE - ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY**

The Special Rate - Environmental Levy will apply to all rateable land within the Council's area (Map "A").

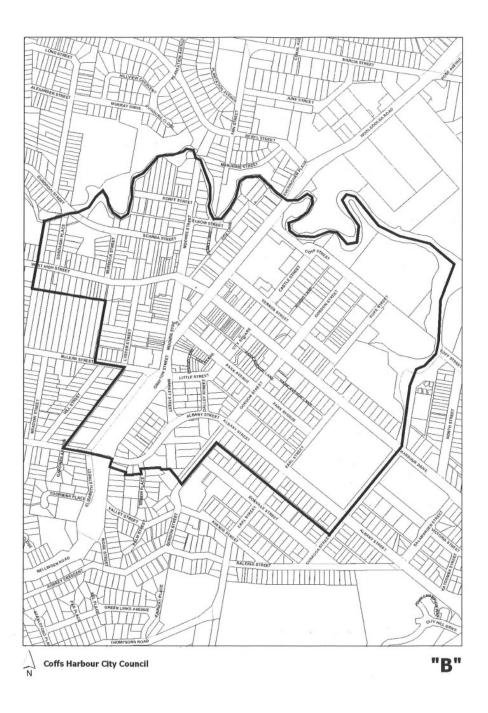
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