



📍 Maryborough Materials Recovery Facility

Budget focuses on the basics

Council's 2025/26 Budget focuses on the basics – delivering reliable roads, water, sewerage, waste and public spaces while keeping pace with a growing population.

The cost of materials and services Council relies on, such as gravel, concrete and road construction, has risen sharply in recent years. At the same time, external funding has fallen, including a \$5 million reduction in Council's Financial Assistance Grants over the past three years.

This year's \$527 million budget balances those financial pressures while continuing to invest in the infrastructure and services that support daily life – from safer roads and reliable water to upgraded parks and community facilities.

Council expects to collect about \$4.5 million in rates from new properties in 2025/26, but will spend more than \$7.2 million delivering services and infrastructure to those areas.

Developer charges will increase to the maximum level set by the Queensland Government to help reduce the funding gap, but Council needs more help from other levels of government to deliver priority projects for our growing population.

For most households, the increase to the total rates bill – including rates, levies and utility charges – will be between \$6 and \$9 a week. Council is maintaining the residential rates cap to help soften the impact of last year's sharp land valuation increases, providing a \$12 million subsidy for more than 32,000 properties.

Every **\$100** of your rates and charges enables Council to deliver a range of services



\$30.81

Roads, bridges and drainage



\$29.86

Water, sewerage and waste



\$13.09

Parks, streetlights and foreshores



\$12.51

Customer service, community support and facilities



\$5.41

Libraries, galleries and the Brolga Theatre



\$4.12

Planning and development services



\$2.42

Animal management, rangers and public health



\$1.78

Economic development and major projects



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Pialba Caravan Park upgrade starting soon

Council is delivering a major upgrade to the Pialba Caravan Park to ensure it remains a safe, accessible and attractive place to stay for years to come.

The \$10.5 million project includes replacing underground services, improving internal roads and landscaping, building a new camp kitchen and BBQ area, upgrading toilet and shower facilities, and creating a new recreation zone.

Works will be carried out in stages so that parts of the park can remain open during construction. It follows recent improvements at the Scarness and Burrum Heads caravan parks.

Bookings for the Stage 1 area have been paused from 31 July so the contractor can access the site and start work.

The upgrade is expected to take around 18 months to complete, weather permitting.

For project updates, visit frasercoast.qld.gov.au/caravan-parks-upgrade



More flights to and from Fraser Coast

Jetstar is increasing flights in and out of Hervey Bay to meet growing demand, with more than 35,000 extra seats added to the network each year.

From July, an extra weekly return service is being added between Sydney and Hervey Bay, with daily flights scheduled over the busy Christmas and New Year period.

The Hervey Bay to Melbourne route will also increase to four return flights a week from late October.

These additional flights will make it easier for residents to travel and help attract more visitors to the Fraser Coast, supporting local tourism businesses and jobs.

Since the Melbourne–Hervey Bay route launched in June 2024, nearly 50,000 passengers have used the service, highlighting its popularity among both locals and tourists.

For more information about the flights and to book, visit jetstar.com

Jobs Ready Program extended



A free Council initiative helping local job seekers gain confidence, skills and support has been extended for another year, with the Jobs Ready Program now running through to June 2026.

Now in its third year, the program has supported more than 200 people across the

Fraser Coast to prepare for employment, build self-esteem, and reconnect with their community. Sessions cover resume writing, job applications, interview preparation and more.

Funded by the Australian Government, the program is open to participants aged 17 and over.

To learn more or register your interest, visit frasercoast.qld.gov.au/jobs-ready-program

New additions to Walk of Achievers

Four remarkable individuals with ties to Maryborough have been honoured with bronze plaques on the city's Walk of Achievers, recognising their outstanding contributions in health, journalism, and sport.

The latest inductees are:

Dr Lyndal Kearney, born in 1952, a globally respected leukemia researcher whose groundbreaking work has transformed childhood leukemia treatment worldwide.

Dr Douglas Gordon, born in 1911, a pioneering public health advocate who became the University of Queensland's first professor of social and preventive medicine.

Katrina Beikoff, born in 1969, an award-winning journalist and author recognised for her investigative reporting and contributions to Australian media.

Arthur "Artie" Lambourn, born in 1910, a celebrated All Blacks rugby player and World War II veteran known for his sporting excellence and community service.

The Walk of Achievers, established in 1999, now features over 100 plaques embedded along Wharf and Richmond Streets in Maryborough's heritage precinct. It celebrates locals who have made significant impacts in various fields, serving as an inspiration to the community.



Better Bin Program helping to recycle right

Council's Better Bin Program is now underway across the region, helping residents recycle better and support the region's new high-tech Materials Recovery Facility in Maryborough.



Recycling Support Officers do quick, visual checks of bins on collection day. The officers simply lift the lid to check for loose, clean recyclables and spot anything in the wrong bin. They won't touch or dig through the contents, and there are no fines or penalties involved.

Households receive helpful feedback in their letterbox, along with simple tips to improve recycling habits. Those doing a great job may even win a monthly Golden Bin Prize!

This education-focused initiative runs until November and is fully funded through the Queensland Government's Recycling and Jobs Fund.

Refresh your recycling knowledge!



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Your ultimate guide to what's on
across the Fraser Coast



Are your details up to date?

Ratepayers are reminded to ensure
that their postal address details
are correct with Council.

Did you know that it's possible for Council to
issue rates and charges notices by email?

 frasercoast.qld.gov.au/rates

ARRR!

MOBILITY SCOOTER AND WHEELCHAIR CONVOY!

9AM - 12NOON
Saturday 13 September

 **Scarness Park**

**Register on the day
from 9am**

**DRESS UP
& DECORATE
PIRATE
THEME!**
PRIZES TO BE WON



2025 Waste to Art COMPETITION

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TO
ENTER**

**NEW
wearable
art
category**

**\$5000
PRIZE
POOL**

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Hervey Bay

77 Tavistock Street, Torquay, Qld, 4655

Hours of operation: 8.15am to 4.30pm (Mon – Fri)

Maryborough

211-213 Adelaide Street, Maryborough, Qld, 4650

Hours of operation: 8.15am to 4.30pm (Mon – Fri)

Tiaro Library

Lot 1 Forgan Terrace, Tiaro, QLD, 4650

Hours of operation: 8.30am to 4.30pm (Mon – Fri)

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