

2025/26

Budget Summary

Proudly delivering results



\$369.1M

Total Budget
(excl interest)



\$320

Pensioner
Concession



2.5%

Average increase in
general residential rate



10%

Discount when paid
in full on or before
due date



\$6.08

Average residential
utility charges per day

Connect. Innovate. Diversify.



From The Mayor

This year's \$369M budget focuses on improving the region's liveability and sustainability in a practical and well-thought-out manner.

We have focused on striking the balance between ensuring that our community has access to reliable infrastructure across our roads, water and sewerage networks, while ensuring our open spaces and community facilities meet the needs of our growing community.

This budget, and its theme – *Proudly delivering results* – emphasises these essential services, ensuring that Council plays its part in making our region a great place to live, work, invest and play.

Service delivery in 2025/26 will see Council invest:

- \$79.4M on Water Services
- \$77.9M on Roads, Bridges, Footpaths and Drainage
- \$63.4M on Sewerage Services
- \$26.4M on Waste Services
- \$11.5M on Economic Development and Strategic Projects
- \$9.6M on Arts, Culture and Entertainment; and
- \$6.3M on Community Development and Support.

Council's budget includes a Capital Works program of \$105M that has received support by both State and Federal Governments to the value of \$27M, bringing the total amount of external funding received to \$41.7M.

Receiving this external funding demonstrates our continued effectiveness in seeking funding from other tiers of government, and importantly, not from ratepayers.

This investment will assist Council in delivering projects such as upgrades to the Gladstone Wastewater Treatment Plant, Round Hill Reservoir, pavement rehabilitation along Tableland Road in Calliope, and plenty of other projects.

I am also pleased to say that \$4M of external funding will be used towards bringing the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Centre closer to reality.

Another exciting announcement is Council's move towards the introduction of a Garden Organics kerbside bin service.

To achieve this, we are putting the necessary infrastructure and operational agreements in place to make sure all residents have access to a Garden Organics bin from the first of July 2026.

As a Council, we take our financial responsibility seriously, and, once again, I am proud to declare that for a 13th consecutive year – and my 10th as Mayor – that we have no new borrowings.

This responsible approach will see interest-bearing debt decline to \$74.3M by June 2026, a reduction of \$6.4M from last year.

Council has kept its general rates low for the new financial year, with an average residential rate increase of 2.5 per cent.

We are continuing to implement a user-pays pricing model for service charges, with differentiated rates for residential, state-owned, and major industrial users.

A similar pricing structure has been applied to water access and consumption charges.

Overall, our focus for the 2025/26 Budget and Operational Plan is about being responsive to our region's needs, with a deliberate focus on our essential services to ensure we are delivering in a manner that is responsible and sustainable into the long term.

This budget has been developed with the long term in mind and provides a solid foundation for the region's future.

As a Council, we will continue in Proudly delivering results for the Gladstone Region and this budget is designed to do just that.

Matt Burnett
Mayor Gladstone Regional Council



Budget by the numbers

Total Budget \$369.1M



\$3.0B

Value of Assets

Total value of Council owned assets



\$10.88M

Sport, Recreation and Community Wellbeing

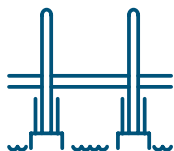
On capital projects



\$105.2M

Capital Works

To maintain and upgrade key assets and community projects



\$5.5M

Bridges

Upgrades renewals and replacements



\$51.9M

Water and Waste Water Supply

Infrastructure upgrades, renewals and replacements



\$4.8M

Parks and Open Spaces

On capital projects



\$41.7M

Grant Funding

From State and Commonwealth



\$2.3M

Waste Disposal

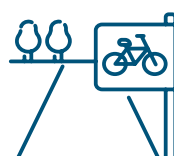
On capital projects



\$17.7M

Roads

On capital roads projects



\$1.2M

Footpaths and Cycleways

Upgrades, renewals and replacements

Key Services

\$79.4M

Water Services

\$77.9M

Roads, Bridges, Footpaths and Drainage

\$63.4M

Sewerage Services

\$28.4M

Parks and Environment

\$26.4M

Waste Services

\$11.5M

Economic Development and Strategic Projects

\$9.6M

Arts, Culture and Entertainment

\$6.3M

Community Development and Support

\$4.2M

Library Services

\$4.1M

Local Laws

\$4.0M

Development Services

\$3.8M

Pest and Environmental Health

\$1.1M

Disaster Management



2025/26 Budget Highlights

Agnes Water/ Seventeen Seventy

\$2,791,927

Agnes Water - Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Upgrade

\$2,285,662

Round Hill Road - Stage 2 (Pavement Renewal)

\$1,949,117

Agnes Water Skate Park

\$1,525,876

Air Sea Rescue Park - Boardwalk Renewal

\$803,179

Agnes Street, Agnes Water - New Carpark

\$100,000

Seventeen Seventy Marina Precinct - Carpark Upgrade

Ambrose/Raglan

\$100,000

Drainage maintenance and roadside vegetation works

Baffle Creek

\$250,000

Maintenance, drainage and road repairs

Benaraby

\$1,500,000

Benaraby Landfill - Cell 3b

\$96,200

Advanced Water Meter Infrastructure

Bororen

\$560,788

WTP - Site Asset Upgrade and Optimisation

\$493,770

Bororen Memorial Park Septic System Capacity Upgrade

\$87,834

Bororen Cemetery - New Columbarium Wall

Boyne Island/ Tannum Sands

\$9,166,331

Boyne Tannum Aquatic Centre

\$1,840,509

TAN04 Sewer Pump Station Renewal and Upgrade

\$1,690,067

Tannum Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Inlet Works Upgrade

\$58,200

Millennium Esplanade - Middle Amenities Upgrade

Boyne Valley

\$486,893

Dalga Road - Renew Culvert Structure

Calliope

\$1,556,000

WWTP - Review Aeration Capacity

\$1,420,000

WWTP - Plant Inlet Screening Replacement and Grit Removal

\$1,173,714

Tableland Road - Pavement Rehabilitation

\$230,000

WWTP Irrigation (Calliope District Golf Club Inc) Stowe Road

\$616,367

Calliope River Rest Area Amenities

Captain Creek

\$220,000

Murphy Road - Stabilise Pavement

Colosseum

\$4,245,341

Lowmead Road - Safety and Sealing Upgrade

\$728,000

Blackmans Gap Road - Spiral Wound Pipe (SWP) Culvert Replacement

Curtis Island

\$252,152

Curtis Island Air Valve Chamber Modifications

Deepwater

\$1,895,518

Deepwater National Park Fire Trail Stage 1 - Maude Hill Road to Palm Grove Road

\$50,000

Deepwater Road - Rehabilitation/Strengthen/Widen Pavement

Gladstone

\$8,326,998

Gladstone WWTP - Inlet Distribution Structure Replacement

\$3,254,120

Auckland Street - Water Main Renewal

\$2,168,717

Gladstone Sewer Mains Renewal

\$1,170,000

Harvey Road Sports and Events Precinct - Design Development

\$1,000,000

A01 Sewer Rising Main to Gladstone WWTP - Replace Section of Main

\$522,826

Harbour Arbour

\$399,528

Gladstone Aquatic Centre - 50m Pool Retiling

\$220,000

Lions Park - Pedestrian Bridge Repair/Replacement

\$238,550

Lake Awoonga Scheme Water Mains Renewal - Glenlyon Road

\$1,538,584

Red Rover Bridge (NRG Loop) - Bridge Upgrade

Lowmead

\$1,059,111

Lowmead Road - Stage 3 Road Renewal

\$115,897

Lowmead Road - Pavement Rehabilitation

Miriam Vale

\$633,968

Alf Larson WWTP Upgrade

\$120,000

Trunk Water Main Renewal

Mount Larcom

\$139,567

Rural Transfer Station Refurbishment

\$55,925

The Narrows Road - Pavement Rehabilitation

Mount Tom

\$236,000

Bindaree Road, Mount Tom Realignment

Rosedale

\$425,500

McPherson Street - Replace Kerb and Channel, Rehabilitate between Diamond Hill Road and James Street

\$246,375

Diamond Hill Road, Rosedale - Pavement Rehabilitation

Rules Beach

\$194,000

Road maintenance

Turkey Beach

\$125,000

Maintenance, drainage and sealed road repairs

Yarwun

\$3,167,000

Yarwun WWTP Diversion to Gladstone WWTP

Whole of region

\$1,830,000

Garden Organics (GO) Infrastructure

\$4,500,000

Gravel Re-sheeting

\$2,500,000

WWTP Optimisation

\$600,000

Footpath Renewals

\$300,000

Waste Infrastructure

\$141,845

Stormwater Pipe Relining

\$110,000

Playground Shade Renewals