HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

2026-2027

BACK TO BASICS BUDGET

Delivering essential services responsibly in a time of rising costs

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THOSE WHO SHAPED THE HINCHINBROOK WAY

Hinchinbrook Shire Council acknowledges the many people and cultures who have helped shape our community over time. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands across the Shire — the Nywaigi, Warrgamay, and Bandjin peoples — and recognise their deep and enduring connection to country. Their stories, knowledge, and custodianship continue to enrich the identity of our region.

We also pay tribute to the generations of people from diverse backgrounds and cultures who have made Hinchinbrook their home, bringing with them traditions, skills, and values that contribute to our shared way of life.

We recognise the service and sacrifice of our local defence personnel — past and present — whose commitment has helped safeguard the freedoms and values we uphold today. Council is committed to fostering an inclusive, respectful, and resilient community — one that values all those who have helped shape the Hinchinbrook of today and continue to contribute to its future.

ENDORSEMENT

Adopted by Council on 25 June 2026
Resolution #2562026-6

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Introduction

Hinchinbrook Shire Council is proud to present the 2026–2027 Budget, outlining Council's financial plan and priorities for the year ahead.

This Budget details how Council will responsibly allocate resources to deliver essential services, maintain and improve infrastructure, and support the needs of our community. It reflects the actions within Council's Annual Operational Plan and aligns with the strategic direction set out in our five-year Corporate Plan.

This document serves as a clear and transparent guide to how your rates will be invested — showing where funding is directed, which projects are prioritised, and how we are balancing immediate community needs with long-term financial sustainability.

The 2026–2027 Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Local Government Regulation 2012, which govern the preparation and content of local government budgets in Queensland.

It is designed to inform all stakeholders — residents, ratepayers, businesses, employees, community organisations, and government agencies — and to support informed decision-making.

This Budget reflects Council's ongoing commitment to accountability, transparency, and responsible financial management, as we work together to support the lifestyle, prosperity, and future of Hinchinbrook Shire for generations to come.

51
average age[1]

4.01
persons per sq km[1]

11,194
people live in 32 unique communities[1]

200km
length of coastline[1]

20%
is Wet Tropics World Heritage Area[1]

We're proud to be home to some truly remarkable wonders — from the Victoria Sugar Mill, one of the largest in Australia, to the Lucinda Sugar Wharf, the longest service jetty in the southern hemisphere, stretching an incredible 5.8km into the Coral Sea.

Add to that the breathtaking Wallaman Falls, Australia's highest permanent single-drop waterfall, and the internationally recognised TYTO Wetlands, where more than 230 bird species make their home.

TYTO Wetlands have a bird species diversity that rivals Kakadu National Park in a space 18,000 times smaller.

Our region also offers some of the best fishing in the country, with the Hinchinbrook Channel and surrounding waterways considered a world-class fishing destination.

And we're especially proud that Hinchinbrook is a wonderful place to retire — with our warm climate, strong sense of community, and exceptional natural beauty making it the perfect place to enjoy life at any age.

Our region's output generates

$0.76B[1]

Agriculture and manufacturing

are our largest industries

4,823[1]

local jobs

1,286[1]

businesses registered

5,162

employed residents[1]

[1] FNQROC 2025 Shire of Hinchinbrook https://economy.id.com.au/fnqroc/

Mayor's Message

Hinchinbrook Shire Council has always endeavoured to keep annual rate increases as low as possible in recognition of the unique pressures our community faces, including recurring natural disasters and an ageing population. Whilst this philosophy has not always enabled Council to recover the true cost of delivering services, Council has managed to absorb costs; however, this is no longer proving possible.

Costs are escalating at levels significantly above past growth and creating budget overruns that cannot be accommodated. In the past financial year alone, the cost of providing fundamental services has increased by 30 per cent across the board and, across most areas, rapid cost escalation due to external impacts have resulted in significant unplanned expenditure.

The longer this is left unaddressed, the harder it becomes to remain financially sustainable.

To respond, and while continuing our past approach as far as possible, Council has been required this year to rethink its rating strategy. User-pays is not a new concept for Council, but this budget places greater emphasis on applying it consistently across services to better reflect actual usage and the cost of delivering those services.

To this end, Council considered a number of strategies and implemented key changes, including increasing the rate capping threshold from 10 per cent to 30 per cent, introducing a single residential rating category, increasing the minimum general rate, and adjusting multi-unit rates to better reflect the true cost of service delivery and align more closely with comparable strata-titled properties.

Council will adopt a general rate increase of 4.5 per cent, with most households experiencing an increase of $1.70 per week or less. Across all rates, levies and charges, the overall increase is 5.21 per cent, equating to around $4.01 per week for a typical household. This supports essential services such as water supply, waste collection, sewerage systems and the infrastructure that keeps our community functioning.

While most ratepayers will see the general increase, those who have experienced significant valuation changes, were previously subject to rate capping, or own multi-unit properties may see a higher adjustment.

The removal of rate capping was not a decision taken lightly; however, it was a necessary step.

While capping has helped soften the impact of increasing land valuations over time, it has also shifted the true rating liability away from the benefitted property and onto others. This means properties not subject to rate capping have effectively been subsidising those that are.

At the same time, Council is facing rising costs across all areas of operation. Like households and businesses, we are dealing with higher fuel prices, materials and service delivery costs, many of which are outside of our control. In response, Council is tightening operations, reducing non-essential spending, and focusing on what is necessary. This is a back-to-basics budget focused on delivering essential services responsibly in a time of rising costs.

Council's operational budget for the coming year is $53.1 million. This funding supports the day-to-day services that keep the community running, including roads and drainage maintenance, water and sewer operations, waste services, and the upkeep of parks, public spaces and community facilities.

A significant part of this investment is in Council's workforce, who deliver these services on the ground — maintaining infrastructure, operating essential systems, managing public spaces, and supporting day-to-day service delivery across the Shire.

Council also continues to invest in environmental management and sustainability, including waste education programs, landfill management, and biosecurity initiatives to protect our natural environment and agricultural land. Ongoing work in flood recovery and drainage improvements also supports long-term community resilience.

At the same time, Council is improving how services are delivered through stronger asset management, maintenance planning, and targeted upgrades to systems and processes to improve efficiency and customer outcomes.

Not everything can be delivered at once. There are real constraints around resources, capability, time, materials and funding, and Council must remain focused on its core responsibility — delivering essential services, maintaining infrastructure, and supporting the day-to-day needs of the community.

Overall, this budget represents a $67.2 million investment in the community, including a $14.1 million capital works program delivering 49 projects across the Shire.

This includes around $4 million in roads and drainage upgrades, $6.1 million in water and sewer infrastructure, $700,000 in fleet and equipment, $1.2 million in buildings and facilities, and $2.1 million in community and sustainability projects. These works focus on road improvements, drainage upgrades, water and sewer reliability, facility upgrades, and enhancements to parks and public spaces.

More than half of these projects are funded through external grants, allowing Council to deliver essential infrastructure while reducing the impact on ratepayers.

Council also continues to support the community through targeted assistance, including approximately $110,000 in rate discounts for not-for-profit organisations, a 20 per cent pensioner rebate up to $200, and around $130,000 in community grants and arts development funding. These measures help support vulnerable residents and strengthen community life.

Council continues to fund services that are provided free or subsidised for the benefit of the community, including libraries, community facilities and local events, all of which carry ongoing operational costs.

Importantly, the community also plays a role. Reducing waste, recycling, saving water and making everyday choices that reduce demand on services can help manage long-term costs.

Looking ahead, the financial outlook will remain challenging. Acting now allows Council to take a balanced and responsible approach, ensuring services continue. Local government is the closest level of government to the community, yet we are increasingly being asked to do more with limited resources, and funding has not kept pace with demand. This is a back-to-basics budget focused on what matters most — delivering essential services, maintaining infrastructure, and putting Council on a sustainable path for the years ahead.

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MAYOR RAMON JAYO
HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

Budget Snapshot

5.21%
overall rates, waste, water, and sewerage charges increase which is
$4.01 per week

4.5%
general rate increase with **84%** of **5,195** residential ratepayers will see increases of **$1.70 per week or less**

Multi unit properties higher increase applied to better reflect service costs Rates aligned more closely with strata-titled equivalents

$67.2M
overall budget including:
$53.1M
operational budget and
$14.1M
capital works budget for 49 projects

User-pays water system
Pricing based on actual water use
Supports cross-subsidy between low and high users

Community's role to help keep maintenance costs down:

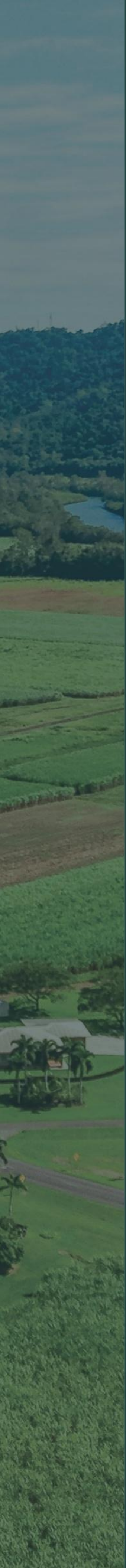
Reduce waste, recycle and save water

30%
capping for sugar cane, forestry and rural land

$110K
rates discounts for not-for-profit organisations

$130K
for local community grants and art development support

20% rebate
for eligible pensioners in addition to state concession



Project highlights

$4M roads and drainage

$990,000 Bridge replacement at Macknade Creek
$810,000 Kerb and Channel Renewal Program
$367,816 Gravel Resheeting Program
$300,000 Annual Bitumen Reseal Program
$300,000 Cooks Lane, Cordelia
$300,000 Lannercost Extension Road, Lannercost

$6.1M water and sewerage

$5.11M Extension of reticulated sewerage along Townsville Road and Sir Arthur Fadden Parade, Ingham
$500,000 Sewer rising main duplication for pump station
$265,000 Water Main Replacement Program
$70,000 Design to extend sewer line from Ingham Showgrounds to Warrens Hill
$70,000 Repair and replace water monitoring bores

$2.1M community and sustainability

$1M Enterprise resource platform review
$250,000 Pump track at Merv Whacker Park, Ingham
$86,000 Cassady Creek boat ramp studies
$75,000 Development of waste master plan
$68,000 Design of leachate management

$1.2M buildings and structures

$579,750 Infrastructure upgrade at Vince Corbett Park
$166,000 Macknade water reservoir roof replacements
$100,000 Facilities Roof Renewal Program
$100,000 Lighting upgrades at Hinchinbrook Shire Library
$100,000 Foyer refurbishment at JL Kelly Theatre

$0.7M fleet, plant and equipment

$500,000 Fleet Replacement Program
$183,437 Technology infrastructure uplift
$40,570 Replacement of playground equipment at Leo Park, Trebonne

This budget will help us maintain our operations...

- 32km footpaths and cycleways
- 726km roads
- 6,591 rateable properties
- 24,000 tonnes of waste processed
- 184 employees
- 10,923 consumers delivered drinking water
- 9,908 customer service requests
- 278km water mains
- 80 parks and playgrounds
- 16,197 patrons to TYTO Regional Art Gallery
- 21 tenders awarded
- 429 development and building applications
- 11 community faciliites
- 2,847 sewage connections
- 2,835 permits for travellers to stay at 3 RV parks
- 2 landfills

The above figures are based from the 2024-2025 Hinchinbrook Shire Council Annual Report

HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

Budget Summary

The *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) and Local Government Regulation 2012 require local governments to consider the longer term when managing their finances.

Copies of the relevant sections of the legislation and the requirements of Council have been included in this document for the purpose of informing the community of this obligation.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council has taken this responsibility seriously and has been working to ensure that while this is a legislative requirement, it is also a good governance and management practice to ensure that Council remains financially viable and planning becomes part of the way that we regularly do business.

The Act provides for autonomy when preparing our budgets. However, with autonomy also comes accountability, and a set of local government principles are contained within Chapter 1 Section 4 of the Act.

To ensure the system of local government is accountable, effective, efficient and sustainable, Parliamentary Counsel requires:

(a) anyone who is performing a responsibility under this Act to do so in accordance with the local government principles; and

(b) any action that is taken under this Act to be taken in a way that —

  (i) is consistent with the local government principles; and

  (ii) provides results that are consistent with the local government principles, in as far as the results are within the control of the person who is taking the action.

The local government principles are —

(a) transparent and effective processes, and decision making in the public interest;

(b) sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services;

(c) democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement;

(d) good governance of, and by, local government; and

(e) ethical and legal behaviour of Councillors, local government employees and Councillor advisors.

Council's 2026-2027 Budget has been prepared in accordance with these guiding principles.

Visit https://www.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au/our-council/policies-and-procedures/ for the Revenue Statement Policy.

Our Objectives

The Budget for the financial year is derived from the key strategies defined in our 2035 Hinchinbrook Liveability Strategy, 2025-2030 Corporate Plan, and our Annual Operational Plan.

The 2025-2030 Corporate Plan will act as a building block towards successfully delivering these objectives through the identification of key goals, strategies and performance indicators to achieve our vision.

The Annual Operational Plan is a framework for our operational delivery and targets over the next 12 months. Council's key themes across our suite of strategic planning documents adopted on 26 June 2025 are:

Connected Resilient Authentic Aspirational

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Statement of Income and Expenditure

	Amended Budget (BR3) 2025-26 *$000*	Budget 2026-27 *$000*	Forecast 2027-28 *$000*	Forecast 2028-29 *$000*
Income				
Recurrent revenue				
Recurrent revenue				
Gross rates, levies and charges	31,578	33,223	34,332	35,623
Discounts and remissions	(323)	(353)	(244)	(244)
Net rates, levies and charges	31,255	32,870	34,088	35,379
Fees and charges	1,731	1,748	1,811	1,879
Interest received	1,740	2,181	2,095	1,902
Rental income	222	216	224	232
Sales revenue	1,431	1,415	1,466	1,521
Other income	2,387	23	24	25
Grants and subsidies	22,196	2,964	3,071	3,186
Total recurrent revenue	60,962	41,417	42,777	44,123
Expenses				
Recurrent expenses				
Employee benefits	(20,544)	(20,870)	(21,693)	(22,610)
Capitalised wages	743	596	669	706
Net Employee benefits	(19,800)	(20,274)	(21,024)	(21,904)
Finance costs	(87)	(77)	(80)	(83)
Materials and services	(24,636)	(18,780)	(19,456)	(20,186)
Depreciation	(12,114)	(14,027)	(14,654)	(14,929)
Total recurrent expenses	(56,637)	(53,158)	(55,214)	(57,102)
Net operating result profit/(loss)	**4,325**	**(11,741)**	**(12,436)**	**(12,978)**
Capital revenue				
Grants and subsidies	6,941	8,687	4,938	5,096
Contributions from developers	-	-	-	-
Total capital revenue	6,941	8,687	4,938	5,096
Capital expenses	(105)	57	-	-
Net result	**11,161**	**(2,997)**	**(7,498)**	**(7,882)**
Movement in asset revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	**11,161**	**(2,997)**	**(7,498)**	**(7,882)**

Rates, Levies and Charges

Rates, Levies and Charges include amounts invoiced for general rates, sewerage, water, water consumption, waste management and cleansing. The total change in gross rates and utility charges between 2025-2026 Budget and 2026-2027 Budget is 5.21%.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

	Amended Budget (BR3) 2025-26 *$000*	Budget 2026-27 *$000*	Forecast 2027-28 *$000*	Forecast 2028-29 *$000*
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	47,788	47,776	47,696	43,913
Trade and other receivables	4,868	3,225	3,335	3,470
Inventories	730	835	835	835
Contract assets	997	997	997	997
Other assets	1,812	1,328	1,328	1,328
Total current assets	56,194	54,160	54,191	50,544
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	446,742	444,621	438,261	435,721
Total non-current assets	446,742	444,621	438,261	435,721
Total assets	502,936	498,781	492,452	486,265
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	4,146	3,361	3,473	3,617
Provisions	13,469	13,469	13,469	13,469
Contract liabilities	20,574	20,574	20,574	20,574
Other liabilities	428	54	54	54
Total current liabilities	38,617	37,458	37,570	37,714
Non-current liabilities				
Provisions	22,911	22,911	22,911	22,911
Total non-current liabilities	22,911	22,911	22,911	22,911
Total liabilities	61,528	60,369	60,481	60,625
Net community assets	441,408	438,412	431,971	425,640
Community equity				
Asset revaluation surplus	288,778	288,780	289,837	291,388
Retained surplus/(deficiency)	152,630	149,632	142,134	134,251
Total community equity	441,408	438,412	431,971	425,640

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Amended Budget (BR3) 2025-26 $000	Budget 2026-27 $000	Forecast 2027-28 $000	Forecast 2028-29 $000
Total equity movement				
Balance at beginning of period	430,246	441,408	438,412	431,971
Net result for the period	11,161	(2,997)	(7,498)	(7,882)
Revaluations/transfers	1	2	1,057	1,552
Total comprehensive income for the year	11,162	(2,995)	(6,442)	(6,331)
Balance at end of period	441,408	438,412	431,971	425,640
Retained surplus/(deficit) movement				
Balance at beginning of period	141,469	152,630	149,632	142,134
Net result for the period	11,161	(2,997)	(7,498)	(7,882)
Balance at end of period	152,630	149,632	142,134	134,251
Asset revaluation surplus movement				
Balance at beginning of period	288,777	288,778	288,780	289,837
Revaluations/transfers	1	2	1,057	1,552
Balance at end of period	288,778	288,780	289,837	291,388

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Amended Budget (BR3) 2025-26 $000	Budget 2026-27 $000	Forecast 2027-28 $000	Forecast 2028-29 $000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Receipts from customers	56,993	40,878	40,573	42,086
Payments to suppliers and employees	(44,253)	(40,021)	(40,447)	(42,029)
Interest received	1,740	2,181	2,095	1,902
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	**14,481**	**3,038**	**2,220**	**1,959**
Cash flows from investing activities				
Capital grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	11,941	8,687	4,938	5,096
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(15,707)	(11,737)	(7,238)	(10,838)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	**(3,766)**	**(3,050)**	**(2,300)**	**(5,742)**
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	-	-	-	-
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	-	-	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent held	10,715	(12)	(80)	(3,783)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year	37,073	47,788	47,776	47,696
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	**47,788**	**47,776**	**47,696**	**43,913**

PROJECT PLAN

PROJECTS	PROJECT CLASS	COUNCIL FUNDING	GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL COST
Cold room replacement at Hinchinbrook Shire Hall	Buildings and structures	$75,000	$0	$75,000
Facilities Roof Renewal Program	Buildings and structures	$100,000	$0	$100,000
Lighting upgrades at Hinchinbrook Shire Library	Buildings and structures	$100,000	$0	$100,000
New disability platform lift for 25m pool at Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre	Buildings and structures	$65,000	$0	$65,000
Macknade water reservoir roof replacements	Buildings and structures	$166,000	$0	$166,000
Foyer refurbishment at JL Kelly Theatre	Buildings and structures	$0	$100,000*	$100,000
Infrastructure upgrade at Vince Corbett Park, Forrest Beach	Buildings and structures	$0	$579,750*	$579,750
Culvert Renewal Program	Drainage	$60,000	$0	$60,000
Design for Drainage Improvement Program	Drainage	$30,000	$0	$30,000
Fleet Replacement Program	Fleet	$500,000	$0	$500,000
Leachate storage tanks	Land and land improvements	$190,000	$0	$190,000
Ingham Memorial Gardens pathway improvement	Land and land improvements	$5,000	$0	$5,000
Walking track upgrade at Taylors Beach foreshore	Land and land improvements	$11,011	$0	$11,011
Half basketball court at Merv Whacker Park, Ingham	Land and land improvements	$0	$50,000*	$50,000
Half basketball court at Leo Park, Trebonne	Land and land improvements	$0	$40,000*	$40,000
Pump track at Merv Whacker Park, Ingham	Land and land improvements	$0	$250,000*	$250,000
Playground revamp design for Borello Park, Lucinda	Land and land improvements	$0	$40,000*	$40,000
Enhancement of Riverview Park, Halifax	Land and land improvements	$0	$10,000*	$10,000

PROJECTS	PROJECT CLASS	COUNCIL FUNDING	GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL COST
Hinchinbrook Shire Council 150th anniversary publication	Non-asset related	$20,000	$0	$20,000
Cassady Creek boat ramp studies	Non-asset related	$86,000	$0	$86,000
Development of waste master plan	Non-asset related	$75,000	$0	$75,000
Enterprise resource platform review	Non-asset related	$1,000,000	$0	$1,000,000
Kopper log bollards at Leo Park, Trebonne	Non-asset related	$7,900	$0	$7,900
Design of leachate management	Non-asset related	$68,000	$0	$68,000
Legal claim management of Warrens Hill Resource Recovery and Landfill Centre's cell one landfill capping design	Non-asset related	$309,120	$0	$309,120
Replacement of playground equipment at Leo Park, Trebonne	Plant and equipment	$40,570	$0	$40,570
Technology infrastructure uplift	Plant and equipment	$183,437	$0	$183,437
Kerb and Channel Renewal Program schedule for: • Gorton Street, Trebonne • Miles Street, Ingham • Trebonne Road, Trebonne	Roads	$810,000	$0	$810,000
Design of Kerb and Channel Renewal Program	Roads	$30,000	$0	$30,000
Macknade Creek bridge replacement, Old Wharf Road, Macknade	Roads	$198,000	$792,000**	$990,000
Design of Pavement Renewal Program	Roads	$40,000	$0	$40,000
Stallans Lane road widening	Roads	$120,000	$0	$120,000
Annual Bitumen Reseal Program	Roads	0	$300,000***	$300,000
Gravel Resheeting Program	Roads	0	$367,816***	$367,816
Cooks Lane, Cordelia	Roads	$150,000	$150,000****	$300,000

PROJECTS	PROJECT CLASS	COUNCIL FUNDING	GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL COST
Lannercost Extension Road, Lannercost	Roads	$150,000	$150,000****	$300,000
Menzies Street, Ingham	Roads	$110,000	$110,000****	$220,000
Taylors Beach Road drainage review	Roads	$15,756	$15,756****	$31,512
Upgrade of Venables Crossing Road, Lannercost	Roads	$79,924	$79,924****	$159,848
Car park upgrade at Ingham Showgrounds	Roads	0	$65,000*	$65,000
Improved parking at Merv Whacker Park, Ingham	Roads	0	$50,000*	$50,000
Detailed planning for Taylors Beach Seawalk	Roads	0	$125,000*	$125,000
Design to extend sewer line from Ingham Showgrounds to Warrens Hill	Sewerage	$70,000	$0	$70,000
Extension of reticulated sewerage at Sir Arthur Fadden Parade, Ingham	Sewerage	$10,000	$974,365*****	$984,365
Extension of reticulated sewerage along Townsville Road, Ingham to Toobanna	Sewerage	0	$4,132,538*****	$4,132,538
Sewer rising main duplication for sewer pump station 1	Sewerage	$500,000	$0	$500,000
Sewerage Pump Replacement Program	Sewerage	$60,000	$0	$60,000
Repair and replace water monitoring bores	Water	$70,000	$0	$70,000
Water Main Replacement Program	Water	$265,000	$0	$265,000
TOTAL		**$5,770,718**	**$8,382,149**	**14,152,867**

* *The Works for Queensland Program is proudly funded by the Queensland Government in partnership with Hinchinbrook Shire Council.*

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LONG-TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Long Term Financial Forecast

	Amended Budget (BR3) 2025-26 $000	Budget 2026-27 $000	Forecast 2027-28 $000	Forecast 2028-29 $000	Forecast 2029-30 $000	Forecast 2030-31 $000	Forecast 2031-32 $000	Forecast 2032-33 $000	Forecast 2033-34 $000	Forecast 2034-35 $000	Forecast 2035-36 $000
Income and Expenditure											
Operating income											
Net rates, levies and charges	31,255	32,870	34,088	35,379	36,719	38,016	39,263	40,550	41,777	43,041	44,342
Fees and charges	1,731	1,748	1,811	1,879	1,949	2,018	2,083	2,151	2,215	2,282	2,350
Interest received	1,740	2,181	2,095	1,902	1,776	1,635	1,372	1,356	1,452	1,323	1,173
Rental income	222	216	224	232	241	249	257	266	274	282	290
Sales revenue	1,431	1,415	1,466	1,521	1,578	1,633	1,686	1,741	1,793	1,847	1,902
Other income	2,387	23	24	25	26	27	27	28	29	30	31
Grants and subsidies	22,196	2,964	3,071	3,186	3,305	3,421	3,532	3,647	3,756	3,869	3,985
Total operating income	60,962	41,417	42,777	44,123	45,593	46,998	48,221	49,738	51,297	52,673	54,075
Operating expenditure											
Employee costs	(19,800)	(20,274)	(21,024)	(21,904)	(22,928)	(24,109)	(25,468)	(27,027)	(28,812)	(30,857)	(33,198)
Finance Costs	(87)	(77)	(80)	(83)	(86)	(89)	(92)	(95)	(98)	(101)	(104)
Materials and services	(24,636)	(18,780)	(19,456)	(20,186)	(20,943)	(21,676)	(22,380)	(23,107)	(23,801)	(24,515)	(25,250)
Depreciation	(12,114)	(14,027)	(14,654)	(14,929)	(15,291)	(15,652)	(16,172)	(16,609)	(17,146)	(17,481)	(17,988)
Total operating expenditure	(56,637)	(53,158)	(55,214)	(57,102)	(59,247)	(61,526)	(64,112)	(66,838)	(69,856)	(72,952)	(76,539)
Operating surplus/(deficit)	**4,325**	**(11,741)**	**(12,436)**	**(12,978)**	**(13,654)**	**(14,528)**	**(15,891)**	**(17,099)**	**(18,559)**	**(20,279)**	**(22,465)**
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	6,941	8,687	4,938	5,096	5,259	5,427	5,601	5,780	5,965	6,156	6,353
Capital income/(expenses)	(105)	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net result	**11,161**	**(2,997)**	**(7,498)**	**(7,882)**	**(8,395)**	**(9,100)**	**(10,290)**	**(11,319)**	**(12,594)**	**(14,123)**	**(16,111)**
Movement in asset revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	**11,161**	**(2,997)**	**(7,498)**	**(7,882)**	**(8,395)**	**(9,100)**	**(10,290)**	**(11,319)**	**(12,594)**	**(14,123)**	**(16,111)**

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Long Term Financial Forecast

	Amended Budget (BR3) 2025-26 $000	Budget 2026-27 $000	Forecast 2027-28 $000	Forecast 2028-29 $000	Forecast 2029-30 $000	Forecast 2030-31 $000	Forecast 2031-32 $000	Forecast 2032-33 $000	Forecast 2033-34 $000	Forecast 2034-35 $000	Forecast 2035-36 $000
Financial Position											
Current assets	56,194	54,160	54,191	50,544	46,765	42,299	36,798	40,369	42,814	38,685	32,670
Non-current assets	446,742	444,621	438,261	435,721	433,305	431,384	429,831	428,759	428,101	428,102	428,630
Total assets	502,936	498,781	492,452	486,265	480,071	473,683	466,629	469,128	470,914	466,787	461,300
Liabilities	61,528	60,369	60,481	60,625	60,768	60,914	61,052	71,223	81,387	86,563	91,741
Equity	441,408	438,412	431,971	425,640	419,303	412,769	405,577	397,905	389,527	380,223	369,558
Cash Flow											
Operating revenue	58,733	43,059	42,668	43,988	45,462	46,871	48,110	49,602	51,177	52,550	53,959
Capital revenue	11,941	8,687	4,938	5,096	5,259	5,427	5,601	15,780	15,965	11,156	11,353
Operating expenditure excluding depreciation	(44,253)	(40,021)	(40,447)	(42,029)	(43,813)	(45,728)	(47,802)	(50,058)	(52,546)	(55,295)	(58,374)
Capital expenditure	(15,707)	(11,737)	(7,238)	(10,838)	(10,818)	(11,164)	(11,521)	(11,890)	(12,271)	(12,663)	(13,069)
Bank increase/(decrease)	10,715	(12)	(80)	(3,783)	(3,910)	(4,593)	(5,612)	3,434	2,325	(4,253)	(6,130)
Bank balance at end of year	**47,788**	**47,776**	**47,696**	**43,913**	**40,003**	**35,410**	**29,798**	**33,232**	**35,556**	**31,304**	**25,173**

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Long Term Financial Forecast Cont.

Type	Measures of Financial Sustainability	Target (Tier 5)	Amended Budget (BR3) 2025-26	Budget 2026-27	Forecast 2027-28	Forecast 2028-29	Forecast 2029-30	Forecast 2030-31	Forecast 2031-32	Forecast 2032-33	Forecast 2033-34	Forecast 2034-35	Forecast 2035-36
Financial Capacity	**Council controlled revenue ratio*** (Net rates, levies and charges + fees and charges) / total operating revenue	N/A	54.1%	83.6%	83.9%	84.4%	84.8%	85.2%	85.7%	85.9%	85.8%	86.0%	86.3%
	Population growth ratio* (Prior year estimated population / previous year estimated population) less 1	N/A	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)	(0.9%)
Operating Performance	**Operating surplus ratio** Operating result / total operating revenue	Grater than -2%	7.1%	(28.3%)	(29.1%)	(29.4%)	(29.9%)	(30.9%)	(33.0%)	(34.4%)	(36.2%)	(38.5%)	(41.5%)
	Operating cash ratio (Operating result + depreciation + finance costs) / total operating revenue	Grater than 0%	27.1%	5.7%	5.4%	4.6%	3.8%	2.6%	0.8%	(0.8%)	(2.6%)	(5.1%)	(8.1%)
Liquidity	**Unrestricted cash expense cover ratio** (Total cash and equivalents + current investments + available ongoing QTC working capital facility limit - externally restricted cash) / (total operating expenditure - depreciation - finance costs) x 12	Greater than 4 months	11.2	13.1	12.6	11.1	9.5	7.9	6.2	6.7	6.9	5.7	5.2
Asset Management	**Asset sustainability ratio** Capital expenditure on replacement of infrastructure assets (renewals) / depreciation expenditure on infrastructure assets	Greater than 90%	60.4%	20.0%	30.0%	30.3%	30.5%	30.8%	31.1%	31.4%	31.7%	32.1%	32.4%
	Asset consumption ratio Written down replacement cost of depreciable infrastructure assets / current replacement cost of depreciable infrastructure assets	Greater than 60%	66%	64%	64%	63%	62%	60%	59%	57%	56%	54%	53%

**The Council-Controlled Revenue and Population Growth measures are reported for contextual purposes only and are not audited by the QAO.*

REVENUE STATEMENT SUMMARY

General Rating

Council raises revenue through general rates to fund services, maintain assets, and support the ongoing governance and administration of the Shire. In line with the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council applies a differential general rating scheme.

This approach ensures a fair distribution of rates by taking into account differences in land values, land use, and the level and cost of services provided to different properties.

Properties are grouped into rating categories based on defined criteria, with each category assigned a rate in the dollar, a minimum general rate, and any applicable limits on increases.

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RATING CATEGORY	RATING CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	IDENTIFICATION	RATE IN THE $	MINIMUM GENERAL RATE ($)	LIMITATION (CAP)
2. Residential	Land used, or capable of being used for purpose of a single residential dwelling.	Land having the land use codes of 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09 or 72.	0.011212	1,272.60	No limit
4. Multi units – 2 units	Land used for the purpose of multiple residential units with 2 dwelling units within the one title.	Land having the land use code of 03.	0.017269	2,095.00	No limit
5. Multi units – 3 units	Land used for the purpose of multiple residential units with 3 dwelling units within the one title.	Land having the land use code of 03.	0.017269	2,947.00	No limit
6. Multi units - 4 units	Land used for the purpose of multiple residential units with 4 dwelling units within the one title.	Land having the land use code of 03.	0.017269	3,800.00	No limit
21. Multi units – 5 plus	Land used for the purpose of multiple residential units with 5 or more dwelling units within the one title.	Land having the land use code of 03.	0.017269	4,652.00	No limit
7. Community purposes	Land used for community purposes, including as a sports club or facility, cemetery, library, educational facility, religious institution, showground, racecourse, airfield, park, garden or for commonwealth, state or local government purposes.	Land having the land use codes of 48, 50-59, 96, 97 or 99.	0.011173	1,691.20	No limit
8. Commercial	Land used for commercial purposes, other than land included in category 10.	Land having the land use codes of 01, 04, 07, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 91 or 92.	0.019862	1,658.90	No limit

10. Drive-in shopping centre	Land used for the purposes of a shopping centre with a gross floor area greater than 3,500 sq. Metres.	Land having the land use code of 16.	0.025861	19,447.00	No limit
11. Industrial	Land used for industrial purposes other than land included in category 12, 14 and 15.	Land having the land use codes of 01, 04, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.	0.019986	1,723.80	No limit
12. Quarries	Land used for the purpose of extractive industries or quarrying licensed for more than 5,000 tonnes of material other than land included in category 11.	Land having the land use code of 40.	0.034487	8,323.10	No limit
13. Island land	Land located on Pelorus Island or Orpheus Island.		0.011792	1,691.20	No limit
14. Harbour industries	Land used for the purpose of harbour industries including a bulk sugar terminal with a land area greater than 5 hectares.	Land having the land use code of 39.	0.060911	65,352.30	No limit
15. Sugar mills	Land used for the purposes of sugar milling operations.	Land having the land use code of 35.	0.106450	130,697.90	No limit
18. Sugar cane and forestry	Land used for the purposes of growing sugar cane, or for forestry or logging.	Land having the land use code of 75 or 88.	0.031876	1,688.30	30%
19. Other rural land	Land used for rural purposes, other than land included in category 18.	Land having the land use codes of 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78 ,79, 80, 81 ,82 ,83 ,84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 93, 94, 95.	0.010060	1,770.50	30%
20. Other land	Land not included in any of the above categories		0.010060	1,770.50	No limit

Council has delegated authority to the CEO to determine the appropriate rating category for each property, in line with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

In doing so, the CEO may refer to the identification guidelines in the rating table, including land use codes issued by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development.

Limitations on Increases in Rates and Charges

Council has applied a cap on rate increases for certain rating categories, as outlined in Column 6 of the table above. From 1 July 2026, the general rates for eligible properties will not exceed the previous year's rates plus a percentage increase determined by Council.

This cap applies to:

- Category 18 – Sugar Cane and Forestry land used for growing sugar cane, forestry or logging; and
- Category 19 – Other Rural land used for rural purposes not included in Category 18.

Capping is subject to the minimum general rate for each category and the provisions below.

Provisions for Capping of General Rates

- Properties sold during the 2025–2026 financial year are not eligible for capping in 2026–2027. Capping may be reapplied in 2027–2028; and
- Capping does not apply in the year, or the following financial year, where land use changes from an uncapped category to a capped category.

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Waste Management

Council applies a Waste Management Levy to help fund the delivery of waste services across the Shire. This includes the operation and management of waste facilities, transfer stations, green waste processing, site remediation, and meeting environmental standards and regulatory requirements.

The levy is based on a full cost recovery model, ensuring the costs of providing waste services, including overheads, are shared fairly across the community.

For 2026–2027, a **Waste Management Levy of $222.78 per annum** will be applied equally to all rateable properties. This approach recognises that all properties benefit from waste services and ensures transparency in how these services are funded, separate from general rates.

Residents can also play their part by reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill and making the most of recycling opportunities. Guidance on what goes in each bin is available on Council's website, and schools or community groups are encouraged to contact Council on (07) 4776 4600 to learn more about available programs and involvement opportunities.

Water Charges

Council charges for water services under a two-part pricing structure, in line with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

This approach supports water conservation, provides an equitable and user-pays system, and ensures the full cost of delivering water services is recovered.

Water charges include:

- **A consumption charge** based on actual water use; and
- **A base charge** which applies to each property or connection.

For 2026–2027, the consumption charge is **$1.29 per kilolitre**, with water meters read twice yearly.

A minimum charge applies per meter, and higher-use customers may have negotiated rates.

The **annual base charge is $523.98**, calculated based on the size and number of water meter connections or, where applicable, the number of residential uses on a property.

Charges apply regardless of whether the property is occupied.

Ratepayers can sign up to Hinchinbrook H20 (https://h2o.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au/). This is a handy tool that provides water consumption information. Email and SMS alerts can be set so ratepayers are notified of water leaks and high consumption within days of occurrence.

Sewerage Charges

Council applies sewerage charges on a per-tenement basis to fund the construction, operation, maintenance and management of sewerage services across the Shire. These charges are based on a full cost recovery model, ensuring the cost of providing sewerage services, including overheads, is shared fairly. For 2026–2027, the sewerage charge is **$993.70 per tenement, per annum**.

Charges apply to all properties within sewered areas where Council is prepared to accept sewage, regardless of whether the property is connected or occupied. Where multiple dwellings or uses exist on a property, each is charged on an individual tenement basis. Council retains discretion to determine the number of tenements applied in cases where land use does not align with standard classifications.

Council works hard to maintain and protect the sewerage system and keep operating costs as low as possible for the community. One of the simplest ways to support this is by only flushing the three Ps — pee, poo and paper — and placing all other items in the general waste bin. Items such as disposable nappies, sanitary products, incontinence pads, disinfectant wipes (including so-called flushable wipes), paper towels, gloves, cloths, bandages, fats, grease and oils do not break down in the sewer network. Instead, they can cause blockages and damage infrastructure. When blockages occur, Council crews must manually clear pipes and repair pumps, resulting in costly and time-consuming work. These costs ultimately impact service delivery across the community. Blockages in private plumbing can also result in additional costs for property owners who may need to engage a plumber. In addition, sewer blockages can lead to overflows, which pose risks to the environment, waterways, wildlife and public health. Maintaining the system relies on everyone doing their part to use it correctly.

Cleansing Utility Charge

Pursuant to section 99(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will levy a utility charge for domestic refuse services. Charges apply from the earlier of the service commencement date or the issue of a final inspection certificate (Form 21) and/or classification certification. Waste services are not provided to non-residential properties.

A kerbside service is provided to occupied residential properties within the declared waste area, consisting of:

One 240-litre general waste bin (weekly); and

One 240-litre recycling bin (fortnightly).

Charges are set to recover the full cost of service provision, including overheads.

2026–2027 Charges

- Rateable land: $333.40 p.a. (standard service)
- Non-rateable land (first service): $535.90 p.a.
- Additional standard service: $333.40 p.a.
- Additional general waste (weekly, 240L): $259.52 p.a.
- Additional recycling (fortnightly, 240L): $182.14 p.a.

Application of Charge

Land is deemed occupied where:

- A service existed at 1 July 2026;
- Council or an authorised officer requires a service;
- A service is requested; or
- A building is present and suitable for occupation.

No refund applies where premises are unoccupied.

Charges for non-rateable land are levied on the service beneficiary. Each separate residential use on one assessment will be charged individually.

Unserviceable Properties

Where a kerbside service cannot be provided, no charge will be levied. Owners must dispose of waste at nominated Council facilities. Determination is made by Council.

SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

BROWN LANE SPECIAL RATE

OVERALL PLAN 2026-2027

1. **Description of Facility to which Overall Plan Applies**

   This Overall Plan applies to the construction of Brown Lane Ingham as a rear access to the benefitted properties.

   The construction provides a sealed access with entrance from Euclid Street Ingham, culminating in a circular cul-de-sac with the total area of the new road comprising 442m^2.

   Prior to construction the benefitted properties have agreed in writing to give up land identified for the road purposes to Council and contribute $40,000 per property to capital costs of construction to be paid over a 20-year period.

2. **The Rateable Land to which the Special Charge Applies**

   - Lot 1110 on SP272679, Parish Trebonne;
   - Lot 11 on SP288756, Parish Trebonne; and
   - Lot 12 on I22433, Parish Trebonne.

3. **Estimated Cost for Implementing the Overall Plan**

   The agreement with the benefitted property owners for a $40,000 contribution per owner to the capital costs of construction was based on the estimated cost for carrying out the Overall Plan of $120,000. The final construction cost exceeded the estimated amount.

4. **Estimated Time for Implementing this Overall Plan**

   The construction of Brown Lane Ingham was completed and added to the Hinchinbrook Shire Asset Register on 10 July 2015.

   A Special Rate adopted in conjunction with this Overall Plan is payable by the owners of the identified rateable land at $2,000 per annum over 20 years with the first payment due in 2017-2018 and the last in 2036-2037.

5. **Legal Parameters**

   - *Local Government Act 2009; and*
   - Local Government Regulation 2012.

6. **Associated Documents**

   - 2026-2027 Revenue Statement Policy.

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BAMBAROO RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

OVERALL PLAN 2026-2027

1. Key Activities

The Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade area covers properties in the locality of Bambaroo in the Hinchinbrook Shire. The Brigade's key activities/services include:

- Targeting areas to burn and hazard reduction burns to the main road of property owners. These areas are Helens Hill Plains to Bambaroo Hills on the Bruce Highway;
- To have a brigade meeting before the start of the fire season;
- To keep in touch with fellow brigade members throughout the year;
- To hold training sessions during the first six months of the year; and
- To discuss fire hazards before the season so the hazard reduction scheme is effective.

2. The Rateable Land to which the Special Charge Applies

The special rate will apply to all rateable land situated within the area identified on the map numbered 2025/4.

3. Estimated Cost for Implementing the Overall Plan

The Brigade has advised Council that implementation of the Overall Plan for 2026-2027 is likely to cost $6,265 for operational costs. Unused funds will be set aside towards purchasing a new generator and installing a training room and toilet and shower facilities.

The Brigade has requested Council to levy each parcel of rateable land an amount of $10 per annum for at least the next year. This charge will raise $1,190.00 per annum to be contributed to the Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade.

4. Estimated Time for Implementing this Overall Plan

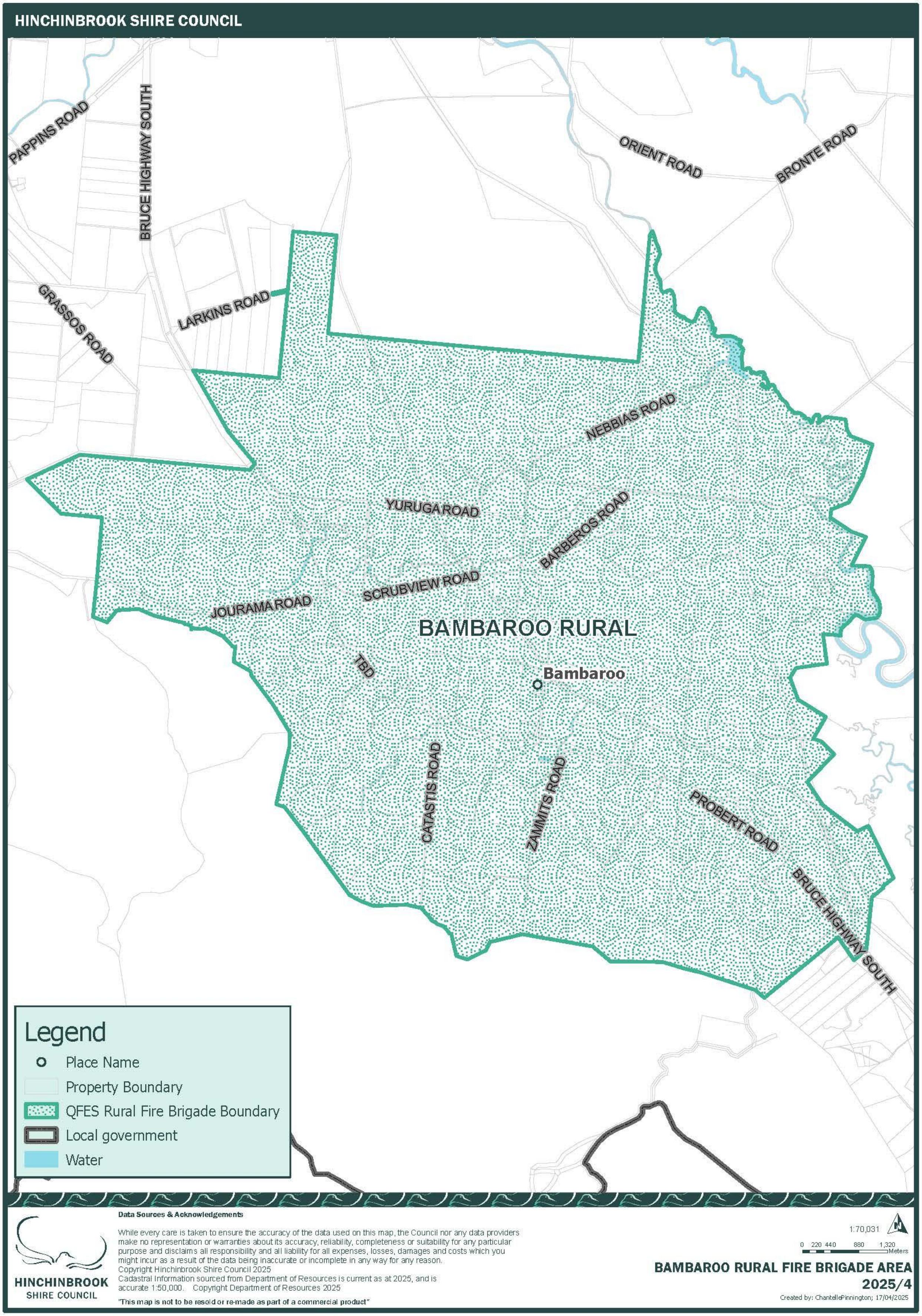
This Overall Plan covers the 2026-2027 financial year. It is reviewed, and updated as required, on an annual basis.

5. Legal Parameters

- *Local Government Act 2009;*
- Local Government Regulation 2012; and
- *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*.

6. Associated Documents

- 2026-2027 Revenue Statement Policy; and
- Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade Area Map 2025/4.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CRYSTAL CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

OVERALL PLAN 2026-2027

1. **Key Activities**

   The Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade area covers properties in both Hinchinbrook Shire and neighbouring Townsville City Council rural areas.

2. **The Rateable Land to which the Special Charge Applies**

   The special rate will apply to all rateable land situated within the area identified on the map numbered 2025/4.

3. **Estimated Cost for Implementing the Overall Plan**

   The Brigade has requested Council to levy each parcel of rateable land an amount of $0 per annum for at least the next year. This charge will raise no income to be contributed to the Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade.

4. **Estimated Time for Implementing this Overall Plan**

   This Overall Plan covers the 2026-2027 financial year. It is reviewed, and updated as required, on an annual basis.

5. **Legal Parameters**

   - *Local Government Act 2009;*
   - Local Government Regulation 2012; and
   - *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990.*

6. **Associated Documents**

   - 2026-2027 Revenue Statement Policy; and
   - Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Area Map 2025/4.

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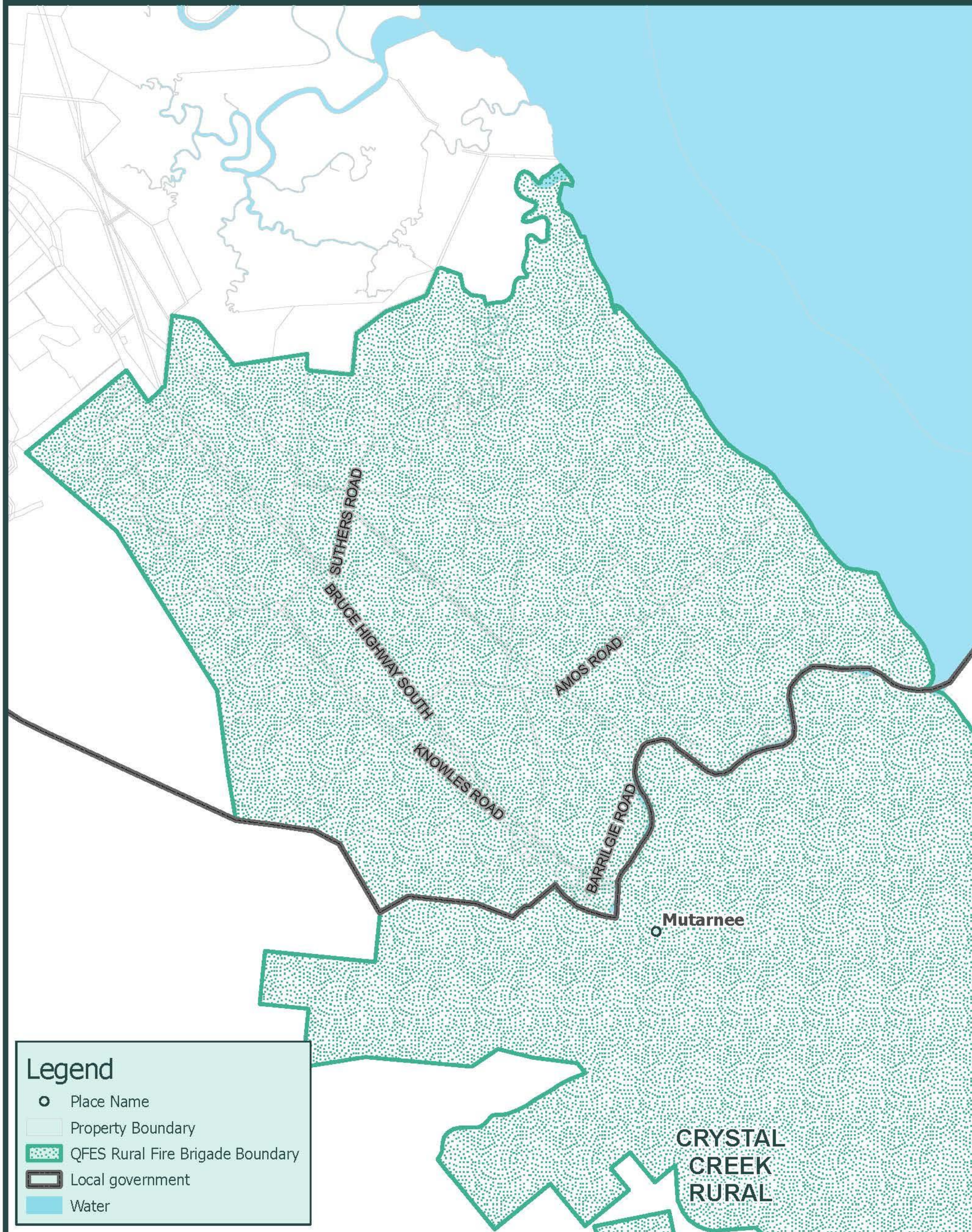

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SEYMOUR RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

OVERALL PLAN 2026-2027

1. Key Activities

The Seymour Rural Fire Brigade area is located at the northern end of the Hinchinbrook Shire and is bordered by Girringun National Park to the northwest, the Seymour River to the east and the Herbert River to the south. The Brigade's key activities/services include:

- Identify, map and monitor fuel load in the Seymour Rural Fire Brigade area. Identified risk areas will have plans developed to reduce the risk of uncontrolled wildfires;
- Brigade Training will be ongoing as is available from Division. The Brigade will take part in cross training with the Urban Fire Fighters, including training them in our methods. This is part of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service goal of a better understanding between the two divisions;
- Ongoing costs to maintain, repair and upgrade plant and equipment; and
- Response to wildfires.

2. The Rateable Land to which the Special Charge Applies

The special rate will apply to all rateable land situated within the area identified on the map numbered 2025/4.

3. Estimated Cost for Implementing the Overall Plan

The Brigade has advised Council that implementation of the Overall Plan for 2026-2027 is likely to cost $2,890 for operational costs. Unused funds will be set aside towards future building and maintenance repairs. The Brigade has requested Council to levy each parcel of rateable land an amount of $20 per annum for at least the next year. This charge will raise $3,080 per annum to be contributed to the Seymour Rural Fire Brigade.

4. Estimated Time for Implementing this Overall Plan

This Overall Plan covers the 2026-2027 financial year. It is reviewed, and updated as required, on an annual basis.

5. Legal Parameters

- *Local Government Act 2009;*
- Local Government Regulation 2012; and
- *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990.*

6. Associated Documents

- 2026-2027 Revenue Statement Policy; and
- Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Area Map 2025/4.

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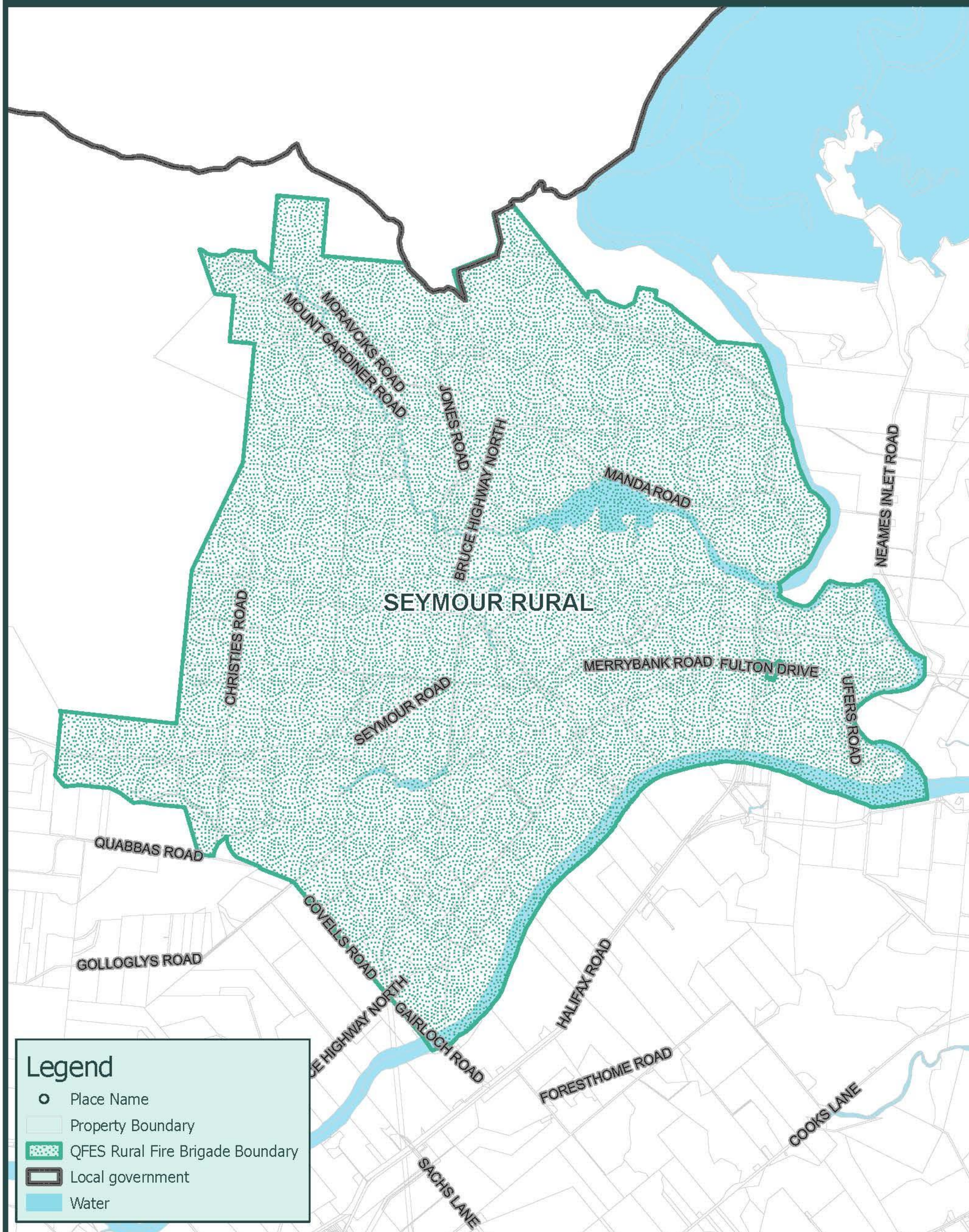

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STONE RIVER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

OVERALL PLAN 2026-2027

1. Key Activities

The Stone River Rural Fire Brigade area covers properties in the locality of Stone River in the Hinchinbrook Shire. The Brigade's key activities/services include:

- Put in place procedures for future shed maintenance;
- Carry out all necessary training to ensure all active members are competent in the use of all equipment;
- Continue to ensure all Brigade equipment is secure;
- Continue to advise new residents of the functions of the Brigade; and
- First Officer to liaise with Fire Wardens on areas that need attention.

2. The Rateable Land to which the Special Charge Applies

The special rate will apply to all rateable land situated within the area identified on the map numbered 2025/4.

3. Estimated Cost for Implementing the Overall Plan

The Brigade has advised Council that implementation of the Overall Plan for 2026-2027 is likely to cost $1,240 for operational costs. Unused funds will be set aside towards future building and maintenance repairs as well as a longer term plan to build a concrete driveway and shed loft.

The Brigade has requested Council to levy each parcel of rateable land an amount of $30 per annum for at least the next year. This charge will raise $5,430 per annum to be contributed to the Stone River Rural Fire Brigade.

4. Estimated Time for Implementing this Overall Plan

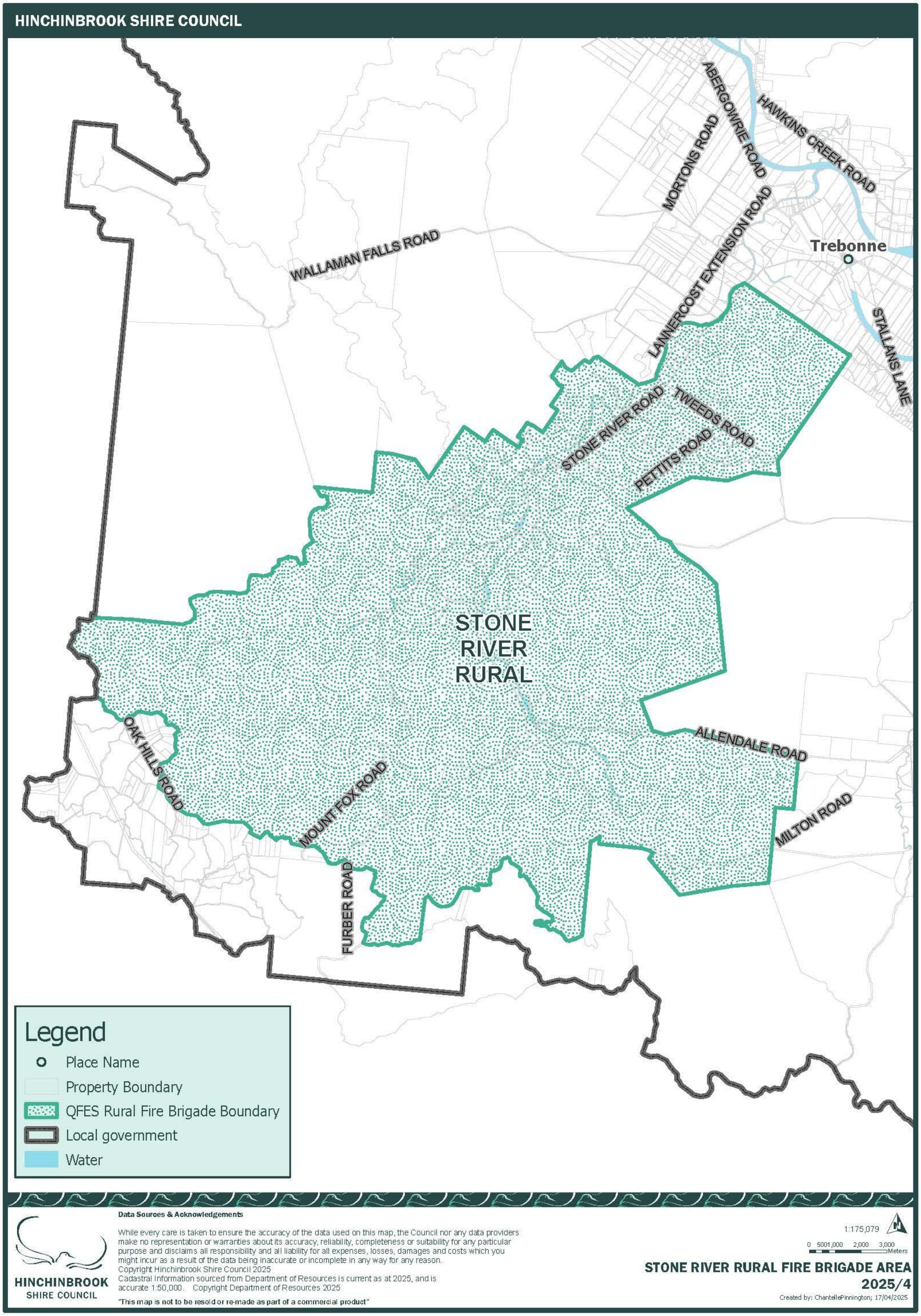
This Overall Plan covers the 2026-2027 financial year. It is reviewed, and updated as required, on an annual basis.

5. Legal Parameters

- *Local Government Act 2009;*
- Local Government Regulation 2012; and
- *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990.*

6. Associated Documents

- 2026-2027 Revenue Statement Policy; and
- Stone River Fire Brigade Area Map 2025/4.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TOOBANNA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

OVERALL PLAN 2026-2027

1. Key Activities

The Toobanna Rural Fire Brigade area covers properties in the locality of Toobanna in the Hinchinbrook Shire. The Brigade's key activities/services include:

- Fire prevention;
- Fire fighting;
- Hazard reduction burning;
- Public awareness and education;
- Assisting the community at times of emergencies and disasters; and
- Such other functions as the Commissioner may direct.

2. The Rateable Land to which the Special Charge Applies

The special rate will apply to all rateable land situated within the area identified on the map numbered 2025/4.

3. Estimated Cost for Implementing the Overall Plan

The Brigade has advised Council that implementation of the Overall Plan for 2026-2027 is likely to cost $1,690 for operational costs. Unused funds will be set aside towards future building and maintenance repairs.

The Brigade has requested Council to levy each parcel of rateable land an amount of $10 per annum for at least the next year. This charge will raise $3,280 per annum to be contributed to the Toobanna Rural Fire Brigade.

4. Estimated Time for Implementing this Overall Plan

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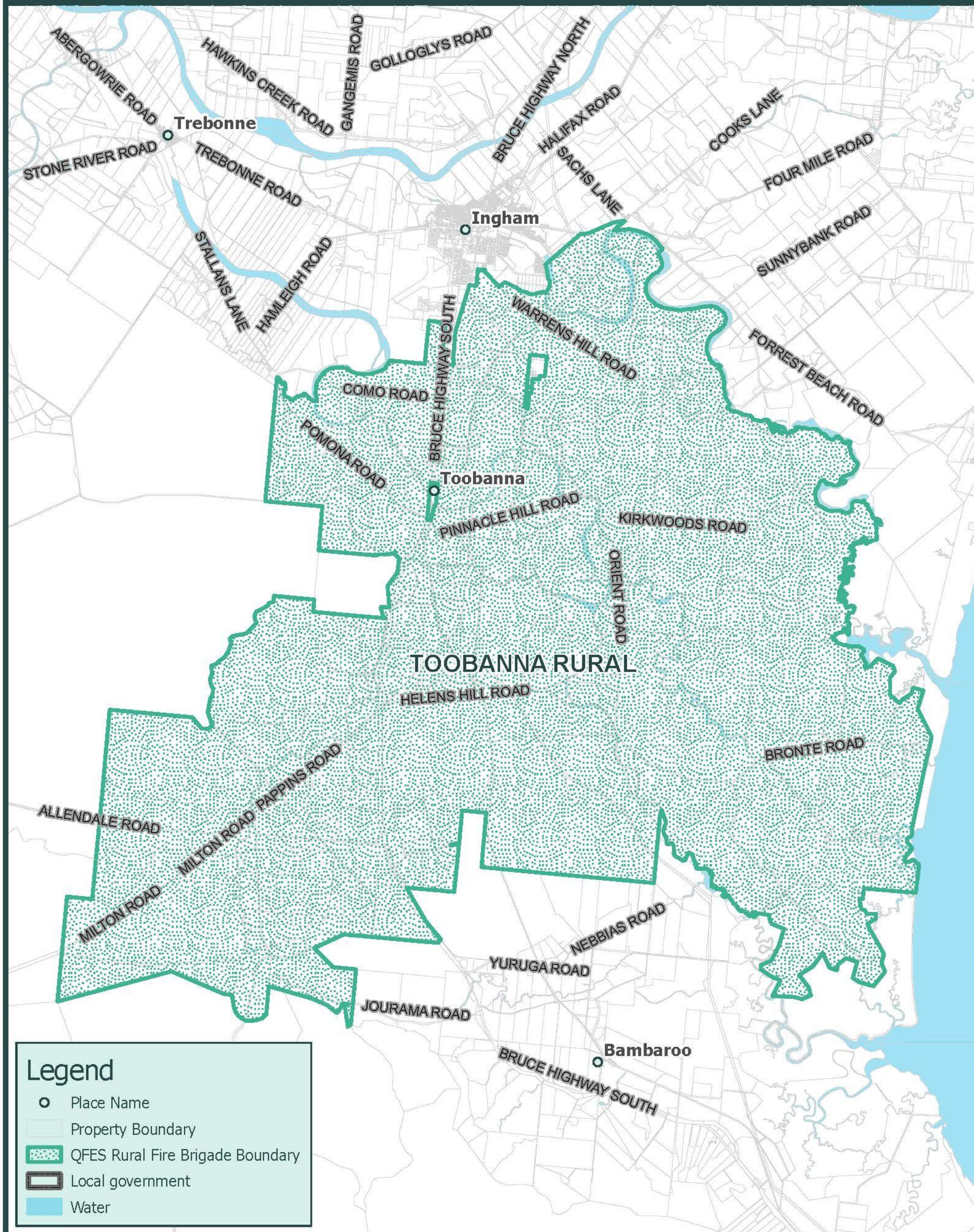

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