



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL

BUDGET
MEDIA PACK
2022/23



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Paroo Shire Council adopted its 2022/23 budget at the Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2022.

The Council has set a budget that will maintain the level of services it currently provides to the community whilst keeping any increases to a minimum. The budget will also provide for new infrastructure to assist with the economic growth of the Shire.

Primary changes to the Rates & Charges are:

- A 2% increase will apply to general rates
- No increases will apply to the utility charges of water, sewerage and refuse
- No increase will apply to the minimum general rate charge
- A decrease of approximately 16% will apply to the Dingo Barrier Fence levy

The budget will generate revenue of \$27.9M of which \$20.7M represents Grants, Subsidies and Contributions as Council actively seeks external funding to support major capital projects.

Council is investing significant resources in road construction projects to maintain serviceability of critical infrastructure. Road projects are funded through a number of programs as well as Council contributions.

The total to be spent on roads is \$11.6M of which \$9.74M will be spent on Shire roads and \$1.86M on Main Roads maintenance.

Within this spend on Shire road expenditure is:

- Construction of \$2.095M under the TIDS scheme funded 50/50 by the State Government and Council
- Roads to Recovery funding of \$750,000
- Grading maintenance of \$618,000
- Food Damage repairs of \$6.075M
- Betterment Project on the Jobs Gate Road of \$203,130

The major projects being undertaken that will continue over the next twelve months include:

- Hot Springs & River Walk
- Pontoon, Jetty and River Boat
- Cluster Fencing

We are also happy to have had the opportunity to increase the budget for community donations, which includes both cash and in-kind support to ensure Paroo's community groups receive the support they require to continue the fantastic work they do in our Shire.










Paroo Shire Council's long term focus is on maintaining financial sustainability. It is not expecting to take out any external borrowings and through responsible spending and monitoring, the 10 year forecast projects that Council will maintain a strong cash position in order to meet ongoing operating expenses.



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2022/23 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

WHERE WILL WE GET OUR INCOME?

	OTHER OPERATIONAL GRANTS	26.32%
	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS	24.55%
	CAPITAL GRANTS	23.03%
	GENERAL RATES	8.55%
	SALES & RECOVERABLE WORKS	8.13%
	USER CHARGE/SPECIAL LEVIES	6.56%
	FEES & CHARGES/RENTAL INCOME	1.64%
	FUNDED COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	0.89%
	INTEREST	0.33%

Total budget of \$27.9 million	\$20.7 million of the budget comes from external grants, subsidies and contributions	General rates increase of 2%
Major projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Springs & River Walk Pontoon, Jetty & River Boat Cluster fencing 	KEY BUDGET POINTS	\$11.6 million to be spent on roads
Decrease of approx. 16% to the Dingo Barrier Fence levy	No increases to the minimum general rate charge	No increases to water and sewerage, and waste services

COUNCIL PENSIONER RATE SUBSIDY SCHEME

20% off general rates up to \$1,000 is only available to eligible holders of Age, Invalid or Service Pension Cards.

This is in addition to the 20% subsidy the Queensland Government provide to approved pensioners.

DISCOUNT

Discount for prompt payment has been retained and is 10% (*general rates only*)

WHERE IS COUNCIL'S BUDGET SPENT?

