

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL

BUDGET
2024/25

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



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Paroo Shire Council adopted its 2024/25 budget at a Special Meeting on Tuesday 25th June, 2024.

In setting the 2024/2025 budget, Council has endeavoured to provide a schedule of works and services that meets community needs whilst keeping any cost increases to a minimum. The budget supports investment in the future of the Shire through upgrading or replacement of infrastructure that will assist with economic growth and improved liveability.

The budget total of operating and capital expenditure for the coming year is \$54M and includes the following items: -

- Plant (vehicle) Replacements \$1.5M
- Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Projects \$1.5M
- Works for Queensland Projects \$1.75M
- TIDS Road Construction \$2.1M
- Roads to Recovery \$1.7M
- REPA Flood Damage Roadwork \$22M
- Shire Road Maintenance \$1M
- RMPC Main Roads Maintenance \$2M

Council will undertake numerous projects with funding provided by the Federal Government through the LRCI Round 4 program and the State Government's Works for Queensland. New projects include –

- Renewal of the Water Security Monitoring System
- Cemetery Improvements (Cunnamulla & Yowah)
- Footpath Upgrades & Roadworks (town streets)

- Masterplan for the Swimming Pool and Stage 1 Upgrade
- Children's Bicycle Training Track
- Upgrades to Council Houses, Airport Fuel Facility & Wyandra Playground

The budget also provides for carry over projects that were not completed prior to 30th June, 2024. These include Eulo improvement works, the Robber's Tree project and continuation of the Cunnamulla Water Main Replacement scheme.

In setting the new budget the Council considered the current cost of living pressures on households as well as the increased cost of Council operations. We were mindful of Council's sustainability and the need to provide the community with a high level of service.

To this end, a 2.5% increase will apply to general rates and the minimum general rate charge. Water charges will remain the same, garbage charges will have a 2.2% increase and a 4.5% increase will apply to sewerage charges.

The 2024/2025 budget for Paroo Shire Council makes provision for extensive works and projects throughout the Shire that will require the employment of local contractors to deliver much of the flood damage repairs to Shire roads in addition to the roadworks that Council employees will undertake.

Councillors consider the new budget will allow the delivery of improved services to the community as well as providing for the Shire's future.



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