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2025-2026

Smart Planning, Strong Future

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Outcomes for 2025-26

Focus

- Continuing investment in community-facing infrastructure to support active lifestyles and enhance liveability across Weipa, including the Rocky Point Community Youth Precinct
- Strengthening community participation through the commencement of an inclusive and forward focused 5-year corporate plan review
- Prioritising environmentally responsible planning and delivering projects that support a sustainable future for Weipa

Budget

Adopted a budget for 2025-26 with a modest increase to rates, utilities charges and fees for:

- Capital plan delivery of \$1.25 million
- Operating budget of \$10.6 million

Highlights

- Targeting greening initiatives, including irrigation infrastructure and strategic vegetation programs
- Hosting and supporting new and exciting events that celebrate community spirit and local culture
- Reviewing and refining statutory town planning frameworks to align with future growth and development aspirations for Weipa
- Implementing water management strategies that support long-term sustainability and responsible usage across the community
- Ongoing investment for our learning environments, including acquisition of equipment to support STEAM literacy at the Hibberd Library
- Broadening access to financial support through an enhanced grants and sponsorship program, helping local groups and initiatives thrive



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WHAT EVERY POOL OWNER NEEDS TO KNOW

Owning a pool is a great way to enjoy our tropical lifestyle - but it also comes with important responsibilities. Keeping your pool safe helps protect your family, friends, and the wider community.

Pool Fencing – It's the Law

Queensland's pool safety laws require all pools, regardless of when they were built to be enclosed by a compliant safety barrier.

Pool safety laws apply to all spas and pools that:

- Hold more than 300mm of water; or
- Have a volume of more than 2000L; or
- Have a filtration system

It's your responsibility to ensure that the pool (including the barriers for the pool) is properly maintained at all times to comply with the pool safety standard under The Building Act 1975.

Even if your pool uses a boundary fence or building wall as part of the barrier, it must still comply with these standards. If it doesn't, an additional internal barrier may be required

Why It Matters

A non-compliant pool barrier is not only a legal issue— it significantly increases the risk of serious especially for young children. Fines may apply, but more importantly, a secure pool can save a life.

How to get a pool safety certificate

It is recommended you engage a licensed pool safety inspector to inspect your pool and confirm it is compliant. Only a pool safety inspector—licensed by the QBCC— can issue pool safety certificates.



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