

Scenic Living

SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL



Scenic Rim Regional Council's 2024-2025 Budget has aimed to balance the delivery of key services and infrastructure to meet the needs of our community while keeping rate rises to a minimum.

This is a budget that takes account of cost of living pressures for our community and, for a vast majority of residential property owners in the Scenic Rim, rates increases will be below the current CPI of 3.4 per cent, the smallest increase seen in this region in many years.

Much of the budget planning was well in train before the swearing in of the new Council, which has meant limited time for the incoming Council to significantly adjust the budget settings for the next 12 months.

However, we were committed to ensuring that the draft budget aligned with our ratepayers' needs and expectations and, through face-to-face community consultation and online surveys, we were able to gather feedback that will continue to inform our budget priorities.

The response to the community consultation was greatly appreciated given the shortened timeframes between the swearing in of the new Council in April, the public forums in May and the adoption of the budget in June.

At a Special Meeting prior to the budget adoption, we heard from nine of the 31 submitters who accepted Council's invitation to share their ideas on what matters to them as members of our Scenic Rim community.

The community consultation has been a valuable process and I thank everyone who took the time to participate in helping to shape our budget by prioritising Council services.

This process will be ongoing over the next 12 months, as we will be continuing to engage with members of our communities across the Scenic Rim to ensure that our objectives meet ratepayers' needs

Clearly, the local transport infrastructure network is a top priority for our community and this is reflected in our 2024-2025 Budget which has focused on consolidating infrastructure programs and community services to reflect current economic conditions.

The \$119 million 2024-2025 Budget provides for total capital spending of \$37.1 million, with a focus on roadworks which have been allocated \$17.88 million.

This includes Australian and Queensland Government capital grants funding of \$7.04 million, enabling Council to deliver key infrastructure projects for our community.

Council continues to pursue funding opportunities that reduce, as much as possible, the financial burden on our ratepayers and we are grateful for the ongoing support of our external funding partners.

By establishing a baseline of services, identifying and eliminating waste and achieving improved efficiencies we will continue to work to achieve the best outcomes for the Scenic Rim.

This is a budget based on the delivery of key services and infrastructure, the key priority for the people of this region.

Mayor Tom Sharp

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JOIN THE GREAT KOALA PATROL

In response to the growing threats faced by endangered koala populations, Council has launched the Saving Koalas Through Community Action in the Scenic Rim project.

Council is calling on community members to join the Great Koala Patrol by reporting sightings which will provide valuable information about koalas, their genetics and the health of these much-loved marsupials.

To report a koala sighting, please fill out the form on Council's website, scenicrim.qld.gov.au or contact environmental organisation Watergum via email projects@watergum.org or by phoning **0478 929 987**.



Scan the QR code for the full story.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government under the Saving Koalas Fund.

BUDGET

highlights



\$119M

Total Budget



\$35.7M

Transport infrastructure network



\$13.46M
WASTE SERVICES



\$17.88M
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON ROADS



\$1.8M
BRIDGES



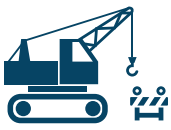
\$2.54M
LIBRARY SERVICES



\$1.39M
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



\$933K
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON FOOTPATHS



\$12.93M
ROAD MAINTENANCE



\$7.63M
COMMUNITY FACILITIES OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE



\$4.29M
PARKS AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE



0.4%
BUDGET SURPLUS



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EAT LOCAL MONTH

reaps another bumper harvest



Congratulations to all of the growers, producers, flavour-makers and members of the community who contributed to the success of Scenic Rim Eat Local Month 2024, either by staging or attending one of the more than 120 events throughout the region in June.

Scenic Rim Eat Local Month served up a smorgasbord of flavours and fun from luxurious long lunches to decadent dinners, farm gate experiences, tastings, tours, talks, and masterclasses and workshops for all ages, tastes and budgets.

The highlight of the month-long program, the Winter Harvest Festival, was held for the first time at Kalbar drawing thousands of visitors to the township.

Scenic Rim Eat Local Month was proudly presented by Council with support from major partner Moffatt Fresh Produce, and supporting partners Kalfresh Vegetables, Urban Utilities, Community Bank Kalbar, Brisbane Economic Development Agency, and ABC Radio Brisbane.

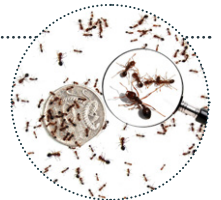
The event was also supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland and featured on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar.

SCENIC RIM
EAT LOCAL MONTH
JUNE 2024



HELP STOP FIRE ANTS

spreading in the Scenic Rim



Scenic Rim residents are urged to remain vigilant and ready to do their bit to help stop the spread of fire ants.

As well as presenting a risk to community health and wellbeing, fire ants pose a major threat to the Scenic Rim's economy and environment, primary industries and the survival of many native wildlife species.

Queensland Government modelling has shown that fire ants have the potential to cost the state an estimated \$45 billion in South East Queensland alone.

Under the Biosecurity Act 2014 everyone, including individuals and organisations, is responsible for taking all reasonable steps to stop this invasive pest.

Queenslanders are legally required to report suspected sightings of fire ants

within 24 hours of their discovery and, depending on the nest's location, take action to treat it.

Scenic Rim residents are encouraged to continue to inspect their yards and paddocks for fire ants and report fire ant sightings directly to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries online or by phoning **13 25 23**.

Fire ant biosecurity zones are also in place to help manage the movement of materials known to spread fire ants such as soil, hay, mulch, manure, quarry products, turf and potted plants.

Before moving any of these items it is important to check for the presence of fire ants and that the movement is lawful. For further information on fire ants visit the **fireants.org.au** website.

CONNECTING

our Community

The launch of Council's Creative Scenic Rim website creativescenicrim.com has set the stage for 2024-2025's cultural events and programs including exhibitions showcasing local talent and workshops, concerts and movies for all ages and tastes.

More than just books, Scenic Rim Libraries are community hubs providing tech savvy sessions for seniors, engaging school holiday activities and educational after-school programs for students. Located in Beaudesert,

Boonah, Canungra, and Tamborine Mountain, our library programs truly offer something for everyone.

Council's custom Mobile Library van is on the road weekly to service the many towns and villages across the Scenic Rim, and is a regular at our Cuppa in the Communi-tea events.

The free, accessible and inclusive Cuppa events connect residents with different service providers, Council departments, offer technology support and free Wi-Fi, plus much more.

There's something for all ages and abilities in Council's Be Healthy and Active program. Residents can access a range of free and low-cost activities to support their journey to becoming healthier and happier.

It takes just five minutes to sign up to Council's free disaster dashboard to receive vital information to protect your family before, during and after a disaster. Have you signed up?



CREATIVE SCENIC RIM

An insight into what's happening across our vibrant and thriving cultural community.

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WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY!

Find your next book, e-book or audiobook, free workshops, and community activities.

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LIBRARIES



BE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

Access free and low-cost activities to support your health and wellbeing.

Be
HEALTHY
and **ACTIVE**



WHAT'S ON SCENIC RIM

Your go-to guide for everything to see and do in the Scenic Rim.



CUPPA IN THE COMMUNI-TEA

Find out where you can join us for a free cuppa and a chat.



DISASTER DASHBOARD

Keep your family safe by signing up today.

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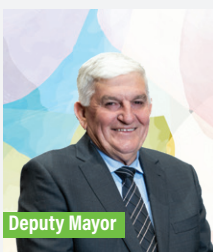
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Divisional Map



COMMUNITY INPUT

key to transport plan

Community feedback will be key in shaping Council's Integrated Transport Plan to cater for the Scenic Rim's growth in coming decades.

The projected increase in the Scenic Rim's population to 67,000 by 2041 will place additional pressures on local transport networks and connections requiring a plan to ensure they grow with the region and are efficient, safe, reliable, accessible, and sustainable.

To develop the Integrated Transport Plan, Council is asking residents to have their say on the local transport network, including active transport, such as walking and cycling routes, in addition to roads.

The plan will not only provide a framework for the development of future transportation needs within the Scenic Rim but also Council's decision making to enhance transport outcomes across the region.

Join the conversation about the road ahead through the **letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au** online community engagement platform or scan the QR code.



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THERE'S VALUE

in your free tree voucher

There's great value for Scenic Rim ratepayers in Council's free tree vouchers.

Scenic Rim property owners are entitled to two free trees each year per rates assessment, up to a maximum of 10 trees for those who own multiple properties. Council has a great variety of plants to choose from, with something for every size yard or property.

Make the most of your free tree voucher included with this rates notice by collecting your plants either from Council's nursery at Beaudesert or during one of the distribution days across the region in coming months.



JOIN THE JOURNEY

towards zero waste



Top marks to the early childhood education centres and schools which have accepted Council's invitation to receive on-site visits by its Towards Zero Waste Education Officer or use its fully developed lesson plans for teachers to deliver at their own pace.

Scenic Rim householders' efforts to get their recycling right has been shown by the results of Council's random 'lift of the lid' inspections of bins, with two out of three residents receiving green happy tags on their bins.

The bin health checks have also highlighted the need for residents to be aware that soft plastics cannot be recycled and must be disposed

of in the general waste bin to reduce the number of contaminants which make recyclable materials difficult or impossible to process.

Council's handy How to Reduce Waste guide offers great money-saving tips as well as information on what can and cannot be recycled and can be downloaded from the **scenicrim.qld.gov.au/reducing-waste** website.

Scenic Rim Regional Council supports a range of national waste reduction and recycling initiatives including National Recycling Week, to be held from 11 to 17 November 2024 and the Garage Sale Trail to be held over two weekends, 9 to 10 November and 16 to 17 November 2024.