

# Priority Advocacy Projects

2024



Fraser Coast  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Building better communities *together.*



**112,078**  
RESIDENTS



ABS ERP, 2021

**21.8%** OF THE WORKFORCE EMPLOYED IN HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, 11.1% IN RETAIL TRADE.

NIEIR, 2021

**38.4%**

OF THE POPULATION IS OVER THE AGE OF 60. THE MEDIAN AGE OF FRASER COAST RESIDENTS IS 51.

ABS, 2021

**144,011**

FORECAST POPULATION IN 2041

**25% INCREASE**

2023-2041

Forecast.id, 2023

**912** SEIFA INDEX OF DISADVANTAGE

**10.8%** OF THE POPULATION NEED ASSISTANCE FOR A PROFOUND OR SEVERE DISABILITY

**6.8%** OF THE POPULATION AGED 16+ RECEIVE CARER ALLOWANCE

ABS, QGSO

**7.1%**  
UNEMPLOYMENT (SEP 22)

**14.5%**  
YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT (WIDE BAY - JAN 23)

ABS & QGSO 2023



**30.8%**  
DEVELOPMENTALLY VULNERABLE CHILDREN

**20.3%**  
CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WITH NO PARENT IN EMPLOYMENT

AEDC, ABS 2021



**13**

SMALL COMMUNITIES IN OUTLYING AND HINTERLAND AREAS

KEY INDUSTRIES BY OUTPUT (2020-21)

CONSTRUCTION \$1.7B

MANUFACTURING \$999M

HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE \$929M

NIEIR, 2021

**43.4%**

OF HOUSEHOLDS EARN LESS THAN \$1,000 PER WEEK

ABS, 2021

OVER **7,100KM<sup>2</sup>** COUNCIL AREA, FIVE TIMES THE AREA OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE

**\$357M**

FCRC BUDGET - 2022/23

**\$118M**

CAPITAL WORKS

LIBRARIES

**47,220** ACTIVE MEMBERS

**770,335** TOTAL LOANS

**1,495** PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

\*FY2022/23

**2,700KM** OF ROAD AND FOOTPATHS

**293KM** OF COASTLINE AND FORESHORE MAINTAINED

**549** NUMBER OF COUNCIL OWNED AND OPERATING BUILDINGS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

**1,419** SEPARATELY MAINTAINED OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENT AREAS INCLUDING PARKLANDS, WHICH ARE LOOKED AFTER BY COUNCIL

\*FCRC 2021/22 Annual Report

WATER SUPPLY SERVICE

**1,154KM** OF WATER MAINS

**20** PUMP STATIONS

**40,882** WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS

SEWERAGE SERVICE

**810.3KM** OF SEWERAGE MAINS

**123** PUMP STATIONS

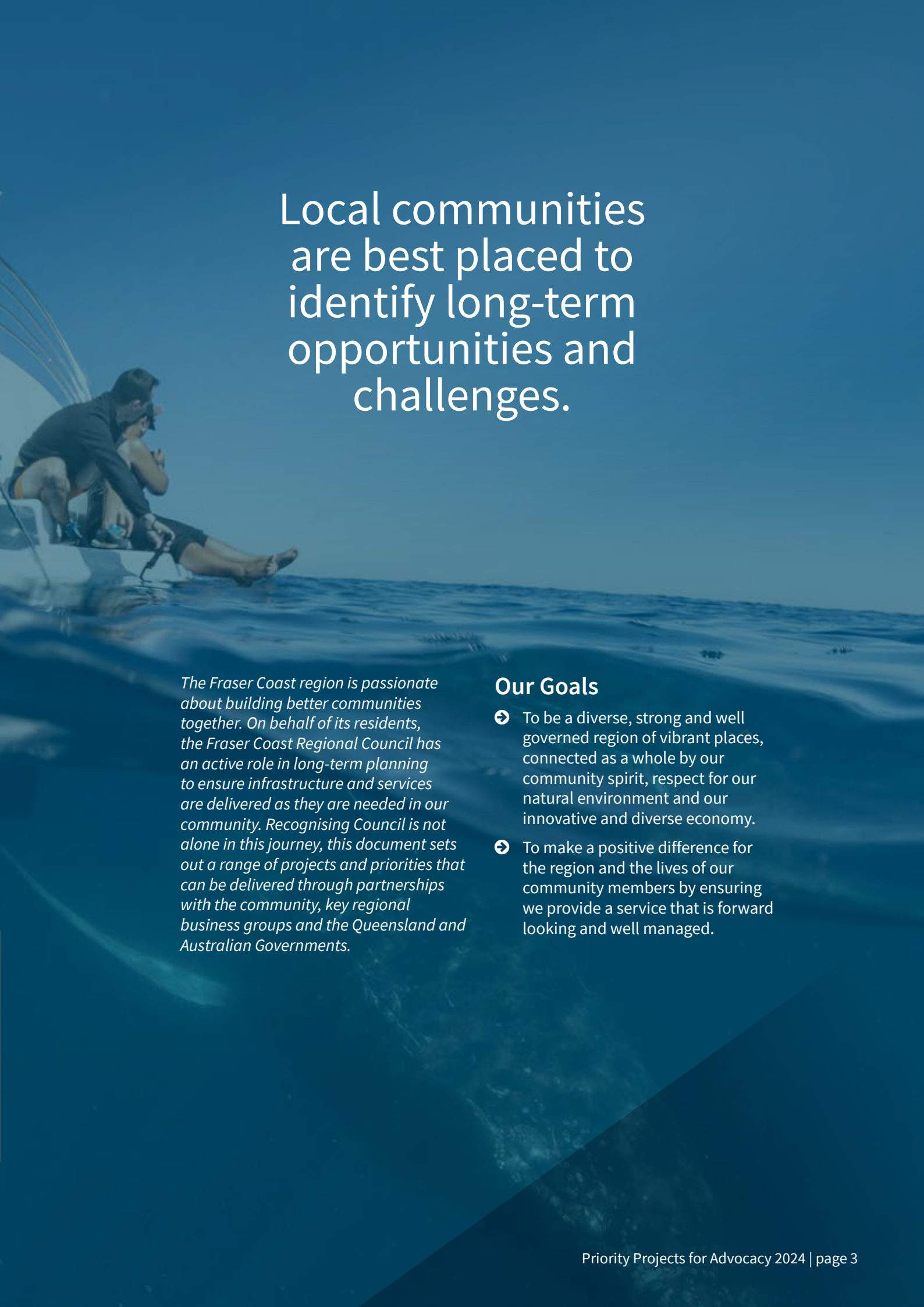
**8** SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS

WASTE NETWORK

**147,538** TONNES OF WASTE

**69,486** TONNES OF WASTE

RECYCLED



# Local communities are best placed to identify long-term opportunities and challenges.

*The Fraser Coast region is passionate about building better communities together. On behalf of its residents, the Fraser Coast Regional Council has an active role in long-term planning to ensure infrastructure and services are delivered as they are needed in our community. Recognising Council is not alone in this journey, this document sets out a range of projects and priorities that can be delivered through partnerships with the community, key regional business groups and the Queensland and Australian Governments.*

## Our Goals

- ➔ To be a diverse, strong and well governed region of vibrant places, connected as a whole by our community spirit, respect for our natural environment and our innovative and diverse economy.
- ➔ To make a positive difference for the region and the lives of our community members by ensuring we provide a service that is forward looking and well managed.





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# PRIORITY PROJECTS

## 1 | Hervey Bay City Centre – Placemaking + Public Realm Vision Implementation

**\$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000**

Estimated project cost over 10 years

This project provides for the design and delivery for streetscape improvements in Main Street, Pialba between Old Maryborough Road and Torquay Road as well as providing raised pedestrian crossing facilities at the intersection of Main Street and Torquay Road along with a mid-block raised pedestrian crossing facility between Torquay Road and the Esplanade and consideration for off-street parking. The project is a key initiative of Council's City Centre Masterplan.

## 2 | Boundary Road Upgrade (Robert Street to Booral Road)

**\$30,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

This project provides for the reconstruction of Boundary Road between Robert Street and Booral Road on a new alignment as the existing roadway has reached the end of its useful life. Boundary Road is a major east-west transport corridor providing access to the Hervey Bay CBD, major shopping centres, tourist destinations and the medical precinct. It is planned to reconstruct the road on a new alignment to the north of the existing carriageway to enable the future upgrade of this link from single to dual carriageway. With the completion of Council's Boundary Road Extension Project and Transport and Main Road's Boundary Road and Booral Road intersection upgrade, traffic volumes on this vital east west link are forecast to significantly increase. The project will provide for the construction of 1,160m of two lane roadway and the conversion of the existing roadway to a service road along with intersection improvements.

## 3 | Hervey Bay Esplanade

**\$5,000,000**

Funding to deliver master plan, including footpath widening and underground works

A Master Plan was adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting dated 26 October 2022 to guide the detailed design for significant upgrades to the Hervey Bay Esplanade. The first stage identified for delivery is Point Vernon from Parraweena Park, Point Vernon to the driveway of The Pines playground, Pialba. This presents an opportunity:

1. For enhanced pedestrian connection along the lower ring road (to be relocated from the ocean side of the road);
2. To create a one-way loop to reduce vehicle traffic and reduce road width and deliver a mobility corridor;
3. For a gathering space in Parraweena Park - connection to the waters edge;
4. To maintain and protect mature trees in Point Vernon that are of cultural and environmental significance and create shady connector streets;
5. To undertake dune rehabilitation - succession planting to enhance dune vegetation; and
6. Provide an enhanced recreation hub.







Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct





## 4 | Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct

**\$50,000,000**

Funding to undertake detailed design and construction of indoor sports facility

In 2006, the Fraser Coast Sport Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2006-2025 report was prepared by Tredwell Management. This report was jointly commissioned by the (then) Maryborough City Council, Hervey Bay City Council, Tiara Shire Council and Woocoo Shire Council. With the precinct now open, Fraser Coast Regional Council is looking to begin its planning exercise to encompass the remaining site, or parts thereof, to facilitate the inclusion of interested peak sporting bodies, clubs and codes into the precinct utilisation mix.

The precinct has already hosted the Brisbane Roar football team on multiple occasions for training camps and exhibition games attended by thousands of people, while the Queensland Reds rugby union squad recently held a pre-season training camp there. Council recently endorsed the Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct Master Plan 2022, which is the strategic vision for the future staged development of the Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct, and is seeking funding to proceed with Stage 1 of the Updated Master Plan - Basketball, Athletics & Oval 1.

This would comprise of the following works:- Car park to the south of the existing access road to service existing facilities and athletics - undercover basketball courts - Athletics Precinct including grass track, field events (with synthetic run-ups), amenities building and spectator mound - Car park and ring road extension to service basketball courts and Oval 1- Oval 1 including clubhouse, amenities and playground - Pathways, shade, water to service basketball, athletics and oval 1.

## 5 | Moonaboola Industrial Estate

**\$10,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

Fraser Coast Regional Council owns a parcel of partially developed land neighbouring the Moonaboola Industrial Estate in Maryborough West. This district is a key industrial site servicing Maryborough and the Fraser Coast more broadly, which Council has proposed to develop across three stages to enable the sale of land to businesses looking to establish in the Fraser Coast.

Stage 1 of the development has commenced which has enabled two lots to be developed for sale to manufacturing businesses. In order to proceed with further development of the site, Slaughterhouse Road will need to be upgraded and extended to enable sufficient road access to the remaining lots. There is very limited supply of high impact industrial land within the Fraser Coast, and enabling this land to be developed for sale is crucial to ensure future growth and economic opportunities for the Fraser Coast region.

## 6 | Active Travel Signature Projects

**\$2,500,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

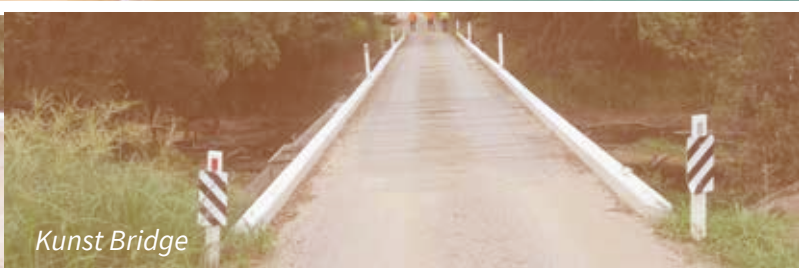
The delivery of signature projects from the Active Travel Strategy including Ann Street between Ferry Street and Fort Street and Denmans Camp Road between Boundary Road and Doolong Road.

## 7 | Circular Economy - Glass Recycling Facility

**\$6,000,000**

Funding to undertake design and construction of a glass recycling facility to service the Wide Bay Burnett and Central Queensland region

The glass beneficiation facility would produce bedding sand to normal quality standards out of recycled glass. This would be reducing glass transport out of the region and reducing the use of virgin materials.





## 8 | Hervey Bay / Maryborough Water Grid

**\$31,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

In March 2022 Council endorsed the Fraser Coast Water Supply Security Strategy – Planning Report as a guiding document for future investment and planning. One of the short term initiatives recommended in this report was the design and construction of Maryborough to Hervey Bay interconnector by 2026. Council seeks to undertake the construction of infrastructure (pipeline and plumbing stations) for transferring treated water through a bi-directional pipeline connecting Maryborough and Hervey Bay. This work will improve the reliability of water supplies to provide water security for urban water supply in the Hervey Bay region and improve treated water reliability at Burgowan and Teddington water treatment plants.

## 9 | Replacement of Kunst Bridge

**\$5,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

Due to recent Level 1 and Level 2 bridge inspections, the load limit on Kunst Bridge has been reduced to 10 tonne due to undersized bridge components. Funding assistance is sought to replace Kunst Bridge to a 44 tonne load limit bridge.

Kunst Bridge located on Blowers Road, Munna Creek services a large number of primary producers and will also be the only access to a proposed solar farm in this area. Due to the 10 tonne load limit now applied to this bridge, heavy vehicles and machinery will no longer be permitted to cross this bridge. This load limit will have significant impacts on the primary producers in this area with cattle and logging trucks restricted from using this route. The load limit also impacts the ongoing maintenance of Blowers Road with Council unable to traverse the bridge with the heavy machinery required to undertake road maintenance activities.

## 10 | Pulgul Creek Sewage Treatment Plant

**\$50,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

Hervey Bay is continuing to experience population growth and to accommodate this population growth there is the need to increase the capacity to treat sewage. This is to be achieved through a major capacity increase of the existing sewage treatment facilities including the recycled water system.

Currently the Pulgul STP performs well, however the plant is currently approaching its design capacity. The proposed plant upgrade is required to increase the overall treatment capacity to 10ML/day.

## 11 | Coastal Protection Plan

**\$6,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

Council's adopted Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (Coastal Futures) supports investigation of viable sand source for large-scale beach nourishment. Investigations are currently underway to secure approvals, however capital investment will be required to undertake the works.

Additionally, priority revetment walls have been designed as last lines of defence in priority locations to protect essential public infrastructure.







# ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR ADVOCACY

## 12 | Maryborough Library

**\$20,000,000**

Funding to undertake detailed design and construction

The Fraser Coast Regional Council intends to refurbish the Library in Maryborough, strengthening Council's presence within the city's CBD. Following a structural investigation in 2018, the old Maryborough Administration Building, "Demaine House" at 431-433 Kent St Maryborough had reached its end of life and has subsequently been demolished.

This project seeks to revitalise the Maryborough CBD, by developing an adaptable, sustainable and flexible library, improving resource utilisation, service delivery efficiency within the CBD, and provide a modern customer service experience.

## 13 | Howard Upgrades

**\$3,500,000**

Funding to undertake necessary upgrades

This funding is being sought to provide improvements to the liveability of Howard via the upgrade of essential infrastructure. Upgrades include bitumen sealing of unsealed road shoulders to reduce dust nuisance, footpath upgrades to improve accessibility and drainage improvements to reduce existing ponding issues. These upgrades and improvements have the potential to be transformational for the residents of this rural township.

## 14 | Anzac Park Lighting

**\$2,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

This project provides for the staged installation of new LED pedestrian lighting along the existing activity/exercise track which offers a distance of 2800m around Anzac Park and the Maryborough Golf Course bordering Cheapside Street, Lions Drive, Queen Street, Neptune Street and Alice Street. Works will include the installation of new electrical conduits, electrical pits, concrete footings, lighting poles, electrical cabling, switchboards and LED luminaires.

## 15 | Urraween Road Upgrade (Maryborough Hervey Bay Road to hospital entrance)

**\$13,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

The upgrade of Urraween Road from the Maryborough Hervey Bay Road for a distance of approximately 850m to the entrance to the Hervey Bay Hospital to four lanes. The works also include the signalisation of the intersection of Pantlins Lane and Urraween Road to provide safety and capacity improvements. Funding to complete this project will improve travel times and provide safety and capacity improvements along Urraween Road.

## 16 | Urraween Road Upgrade (Maryborough Hervey Bay Road to Drury Lane)

**\$15,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

This Project provides for the reconstruction of Urraween Road between Blaxland Road and Drury Lane as the existing roadway has reached the end of its useful life. The scope of works includes 770m of road reconstruction along with the upgrade of the intersection of Scrub Hill and Urraween Roads.







## 17 | Scrub Hill Road Upgrade

**\$8,500,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

Upgrade to Scrub Hill Road, Dundowran from Empire Circuit to Urraween Road, including the upgrade of the Scrub Hill/Urraween Road intersection and a 2.5m shared pathway. Funding for the construction of road upgrades, intersection safety and capacity improvements and new shared pathways which will provide improved road safety and active travel connectivity for the emerging communities in this area. The project will also provide for linkages to employment generation areas and schools. The design for this project is currently in progress.

## 18 | Sempfs Road Shared Pathway

**\$2,600,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

The project provides for the construction of a shared pathway along Sempfs Road along with shared pathways along Sawmill Road and Ansons Road between Sempfs Road and the foreshore. The project includes the construction of a 2m wide footpath in Sempfs Road for a distance of 2.2km from Ansons Road to Sawmill Road, the construction of 2m shared pathway along Sawmill Road between Sempfs Road and the foreshore for a distance of 480m and the construction of a 1.5m pathway along Ansons Road between Sempfs Road and the foreshore for a distance of 650m along with crossing treatments. The delivery of this signature active travel project will improve accessibility for the Dundowran community.

## 19 | Mary to the Bay Rail Trail

**\$2,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

This project provides for the upgrade of sections of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail to provide improved all weather access through providing drainage improvements. Further, it is planned to upgrade sections of the trail to improve ride quality through sealing of the surface.

## 20 | Sawmill Road Upgrade

**\$5,500,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

Funding is being sought for the completion of the upgrade of Sawmill Road from the Pialba-Burrum Heads Road to Brennan Park to enable the construction of a new 2.5m shared pathway. These works will provide accessibility improvements for residents to the foreshore and aligns with Council's Active Travel Strategy.



Mary to Bay  
Rail Trail



21 | **River Heads Barge Ramp Reconstruction**

**\$2,300,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

The existing River Heads barge ramp, which services barges that travel between River Heads and K'gari, has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement. It is proposed to replace the River Heads barge landing with a new 8m wide reinforced concrete landing facility.

22 | **River Heads Barge Ramp Cluster Piles**

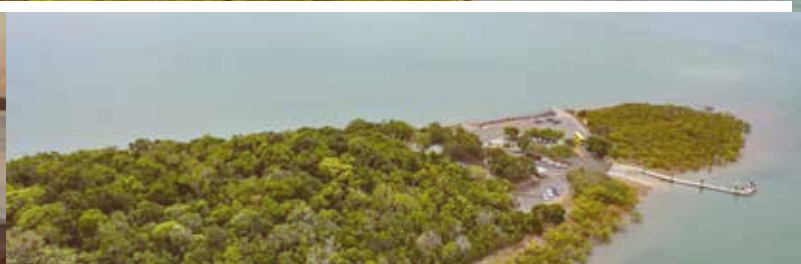
**\$4,800,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

The existing River Heads barge ramp, which services barges that travel between River Heads and K'gari, requires supplementary berthing guide infrastructure to assist with the safety of barges utilising this facility. The proposal is to install of six mooring pile clusters which will provide for safe berthing facilities especially during northerlies and rough sea conditions.



River Heads





<p>23   <b>Hervey Bay Theatre Business Case</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$150,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding to undertake business case and preliminary design</p>
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Council seeks funding to undertake a study to investigate the feasibility of a theatre/theatrette in Hervey Bay.

<p>24   <b>Desalination Plant</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$300,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding to develop business case</p>
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In March 2022 Council endorsed the Fraser Coast Water Supply Security Strategy – Planning Report as a guiding document for future investment and planning. One of the long term initiatives recommended in this report was to complete planning, design and construction of a desalination plant (or other identified bulk source of water) capable of supplying a minimum 7.5ML/day of treated water to the Hervey Bay system by 2036.

<p>25   <b>Bridge Replacement Program</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$40,000,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding to undertake capital works</p>
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Replacement of Burrum River Bridge including the inclusion of a pedestrian facility. The project includes removal of the old bridge structure and construction of a new reinforced concrete bridge. The work also consists of widening both approaches to the bridge, which will require both sides of the embankment to be widened and stabilised.

<p>26   <b>Glenwood Community Centre</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$6,000,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding to build new community centre</p>
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Funding to replace the existing hall with a new community hall which is designed to service the growing population of Glenwood and its surrounds.

<p>27   <b>Urangan Pier Refurbishment</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$3,500,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding to undertake capital works</p>
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This project provides for the works to maintain Urangan Pier including the replacement of timber decking boards, maintenance of connections and pylon maintenance.

<p>28   <b>Hervey Bay Esplanade Pedestrian Crossing Facilities</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$1,500,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding to undertake capital works</p>
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This project provides for design and delivery of two pedestrian crossing facilities along the Hervey Bay Esplanade along with associated safety improvements.

<p>29   <b>Crime Prevention</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$500,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funding to develop business case</p>
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Funding to implement a range of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) projects which stem from a recent audit of the Hervey Bay Esplanade.

Projects would advance the aim of the recently completed Hervey Bay Esplanade Masterplan and CPTED audit and include low cost interventions such as opening up sight lines, target hardening of public spaces to reduce crime, artworks and other low cost beautification projects to improve the sense of community safety.

# ADDITIONAL SMALL PROJECTS

## 30 | Coastal Beach Accessways

**\$200,000**

This project provides for design and construction of capital renewal and/or upgrade of two coastal beach access points with staircases.

## 31 | DDA Compliance for Active Travel Initiatives

**\$200,000**

This project provides for upgrading of active travel assets to be DDA compliant.

# QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

## 32 | Maryborough-Hervey Bay Transport Corridors

**\$150,000,000**

State Government upgrade this crucial transport infrastructure

The Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road is a critical road network connecting two major cities in the Fraser Coast. Upgrades would cater for increased trip demand and improved road safety to handle increasing heavy vehicle movements. A northern Maryborough bypass would provide a direct link/access to Hervey Bay from the Bruce Highway and would provide for a key regional strategic transport link to enable stronger connectedness between the Bruce Highway and major regional roads.

The Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road which is approximately 35km in length is predominantly 100kph and carries approximately 12,000 vehicles each day. These traffic volumes are generally on par or even exceed those experienced on numerous sections of the Bruce Highway within the Fraser Coast Region. Improvements to this corridor to cater for four lanes and the construction of the proposed Maryborough Bypass would reduce travel time to Hervey Bay, allow better access for heavy vehicles to industrial precincts and provide increased safety and amenity benefits for Maryborough with the reduction of through traffic volumes.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council wishes to advocate for the following:

1. Commence planning to construct a four lane Maryborough bypass to reduce traffic congestion in Maryborough, improve road safety, and shorten the time taken to travel to Hervey Bay.
2. Upgrade the Maryborough Hervey Bay Road to four lanes, for its entire length, to reduce congestion and improve road safety.
3. Upgrade access to the Bruce Highway North of Torbanlea.

## 33 | Granville Bridge

**\$60,000,000**

State Government to replace this crucial transport infrastructure

Replacement of the Granville Bridge including improvements to the approaches to improve flood immunity.

## 34 | Fraser Coast Industrial Land

**\$200,000**

State Government to develop new industrial land across the Fraser Coast.

Industrial land demand supply strategy including site identification and delivery strategy.



### 35 | Cambridge Street and Odessa Street Intersection Upgrade

**\$1,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

Upgrade Odessa/Cambridge Street intersection to improve efficiency.

### 36 | Urangan Harbour

**\$1,000,000**

State Government to progress masterplan and unlock development at the harbour

A new master plan is required to steer the long-term future development opportunities for the Harbour including how this will be reflected in the Fraser Coast. The Harbour (seabed lease) is at its capacity and there are a number of industry groups seeking to expand and/or diversify services. The existing master plan for the harbour was prepared as a joint effort between the State and Council and is dependent upon an extension of the seabed area. The extension area available would increase the seabed lease, however, would not meet long term growth and service demands. The Fraser Coast Regional Council is seeking the cooperation of all State and Federal Government stakeholders in the process to:

- ➔ Resolve constraints around land tenure;
- ➔ Explore feasibility for re-location or co-location of Government services located within the marina precinct;
- ➔ Facilitate expansion plans of existing tenants;
- ➔ Identification of development and investment opportunities.

### 37 | Booral Road - Main Street Floodway Upgrade

**\$1,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

The existing floodway at Booral Road near the intersection of Main Street is subject to frequent inundation resulting in road closures. The Fraser Coast Regional Council is advocating for the State Government to improve road flood immunity through providing drainage capacity upgrades and associated road reconstruction works along Booral Road and Main Street.

### 38 | K'gari - Promotion and support for reinstatement of traditional name

**\$10,000,000**

State Government to progress, and provide funding opportunities for local organisations

In June 2023, the State Government formally reinstated Fraser Island's indigenous name K'gari. The Fraser Coast Regional Council is advocating for the State Government to both lead and provide support for local organisations to undertake promotion, rebranding, and other activities to facilitate the official name change. Undertaking this work will be crucial to ensuring that the tourism brand equity in the Fraser Island name is transferred to the traditional name, and that K'gari is able to enter the common vernacular.

### 39 | Bruce Highway - Gympie Road Interchange - Torbanlea

**\$25,000,000**

Funding to undertake capital works

The project provides for grade separation of the current at-grade intersection to improve road safety. This is the main northern gateway to the growth coastal regions of Burrum Heads through to Hervey Bay and River Heads. Flood immunity works nearing completion on Pialba – Torbanlea Road will provide the primary evacuation route out of Hervey Bay, further enhancing the importance of this intersection. Gympie Street currently carries approximately 3,400 vehicles per day and due to the 100km/hr speeds on the Bruce Highway, crashes at this intersection are generally fatal or serious injury in nature. This project will also support the new Queensland Train Manufacturing Facility which has commenced construction at Torbanlea.



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