

From the Mayor



Welcome to the December edition of the Galilee Gazette.

I take this opportunity to thank all Barcaldine Regional Council staff for wading through a very busy six months.

We have an enormous amount of work on at the moment with most jobs on schedule and that is a real credit to our team.

It is almost time for a break over the Christmas period and as such, on behalf of Council and our senior staff, I wish everyone a very special time with family and friends, and a merry Christmas and a wet and happy New Year.

Keep safe and look out for your mates.

Cheers, Rob.



Council videos on facebook

Did you know that Council is now featuring videos on our facebook page?

You can hear directly from the Mayor, CEO and staff about important Council projects taking place in our region, and see footage of meetings and events.

Definitely worth watching
www.facebook.com/BarcaldineRegionalCouncil



Council shutdowns over Christmas and New Year

Administration Offices from 12.30pm on Friday 21 December 2018 and reopening on Monday 7 January 2019 with essential staff only, working on these dates

Alpha, Jericho and Barcaldine Depots from 12.30pm on Thursday 20 December 2018 and reopening on Monday 21 January 2019 with essential staff only, working on these dates

Aramac and Muttaborra Depots from 12.30pm on Friday 14 December 2018 and reopening on Monday 14 January 2019 with essential staff only, working on these dates.

Any emergencies during the Administration shutdown should be directed to 0428 683 465.



2018 Christmas Lights Competition

Celebrate the Christmas spirit with the annual Christmas Lights Competition. The countdown to Christmas has begun so it's time to deck the halls, untangle the tinsel and light up the neighbourhood for your chance to win.

Judging for the Christmas Lights Competition will take place between Wednesday 12 and Tuesday 18 December 2018 and the winners will be announced on Wednesday 19 December 2018.

Vouchers will be awarded for residence, commercial/community group and people's choice. We ask residents to keep your Christmas display on between 7.00pm to 9.00pm during December.

If you would like to have a Christmas display but not be included in judging, please contact your local Council office and you will be excluded from judging.



2019 Australia Day Nominations

Nominations are open for the Barcaldine Regional Council 2019 Australia Day Awards.

See page 4 for details.

Drought Communities Program: extension of funding

On 19 August 2018, the Australian Government announced it would boost the Drought Communities Program by \$75 million and provide initial support of \$1 million to 60 eligible councils in 2018-19 to support local infrastructure and other projects for communities and businesses who have been impacted by drought.

On 26 October 2018, the program was further broadened to reach even more communities suffering through drought, by adding a further 21 eligible councils and increasing the funding to \$81 million in 2018-19.

To date Barcaldine Regional Council has received \$1m and will be spending it on the following projects:

- Aramac Showground Amenities - Solar Panels on Council facilities \$280,000
- Muttaburrasaurus Interpretation Centre – Stage 3 - \$150,000
- Barcaldine Campdraft Arena Fencing - \$80,000
- Automatic Watering Systems – 5 communities - \$220,000
- Vehicle Sheds – Aramac, Barcaldine, Jericho - \$70,000

Barcaldine Regional Council Deputy Chief Executive Brett Walsh has won the inaugural Butch Lenton Memorial Bush Councils Innovation Award.

The award, sponsored by Peak Services, is aimed at encouraging innovation among bush councils to ensure they identify and act on opportunities to improve their local communities.

It is named in honour of former Winton Mayor Butch Lenton, who passed away in October 2017. Mayor Lenton, a much loved and respected member of the local government family in Queensland, was known for his commitment to innovation.

Mr Walsh said he would use the award, which comes with a \$10,000 bursary, to help pay for a study tour to the United States to discover how small rural communities were adopting smart growth opportunities to ensure their future survival. He said he wanted to translate what he found on the tour to opportunities for western Queensland communities.

Butch Lenton's widow, Ros, and daughter, Carly Cox, presented the award to him at the LGAQ's annual conference for 2018 in Brisbane.

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From Left: Peak Services Chair Teresa Handicott, Ros Lenton, Brett Walsh, Carly Cox, Peak Services CEO Brent Reeman

There will be no Qantas flights from Barcaldine to Brisbane or return on:

- 25 December 2018
- 31 December 2018
- 1 January 2019

Alpha Men's Shed Opens

The Alpha Men's Shed was officially opened on Saturday 17 November 2018.



President Jim McDonnell said it was three years since Vicki Zahl first approached him about starting a shed in Alpha.

"We've had a ball for the past three years, with a group of dedicated members who are keen to have a go at anything - whether it be to help on projects or just come for a coffee and a chat", he said.

The group's first project was to clean up the native garden in Hooper Street, then the restoration of a billiard table that was donated by the Peckett family.

They then painted the netball shed which is where the billiard table is now housed.

Other projects include repairing and painting a school desk that belonged to Hubie and Rhonda Everingham, and painting two cupboards for the Alpha Hospital. They have also been assisting the Tourism Committee update the museum.

"We'd like to thank Mayor Rob Chandler and Barcaldine Regional Council for their help and the builder Robert Anderson from Emerald,"



President Jim McDonnell (right) with Reverend Ian Proctor, Uniting Church Minister who blessed the shed.

Aramac's little adorabulls

A herd of eight little white bulls has taken up residence in Aramac along with the town's iconic Harry Redford white bull.

The little bulls live in front of five local businesses, the Bowls Club and the school; and all have an appropriate bull name.

Next time you're in Aramac take an enjoyabull drive around and see if you can find them all. They are quite incredibull and destined to be yet another tourist attraction in the town.



Meet Frank

The newest addition to the Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail is ready to take his place.

Local artist Milynda Rogers is the creator of this now iconic tourist attraction and has just completed Frank - the frilled neck lizard.



Milynda said she really enjoyed making Frank.

"I called him Frank because most of the scrap metal I used in the sculpture was kindly donated to me by Frank Finlayson of Aramac," she said

Frank will be placed on the trail in November, so keep a look out for him.

LGAQ recognises long service



Barcaldine Regional Council's Cr Gary Peoples was awarded a length of service certificate at the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference in Brisbane last month.

Cr Gary Peoples was presented with a Certificate of Service recognising his 20 years plus in local government in the Barcaldine Region.

Gary said it didn't seem like twenty one years and that he's had a lot of enjoyment, satisfaction and sense of achievement during his time in local government.

"It's nice to have your length of service recognised and I really appreciated receiving the award on the night.

"I've met a lot of good people, both as co-councilors, other councilors and a lot of great people on our staff.

QANTAS discounts extended to Barcaldine

QANTAS has extended its discounted fare scheme to include Barcaldine.

The company introduced the program in November last year, offering 20-30% discounts for eligible passengers in Mount Isa and Cloncurry.

The number of flights residents can book has been increased - from four return trips a year to 12.

The scheme has also been extended to Longreach, Blackall and Barcaldine residents, for return travel to Brisbane.

The changes to the program are effective immediately. To access the discount, residents need to book a return flight and be a member of the Frequent Flyer program. Qantas is waiving the usual joining fee for residents who aren't already members.



Do you need to contact Council after hours?

Did you know that Barcaldine Regional Council has an after hours contact number?

If there is a matter that requires Council's urgent attention outside ordinary business hours, you can contact the

On Call Officer on 0428 683 465

Please use this number instead of contacting individual Council employees directly.



Realising the RAPAD Big Vision

RAPAD invites community members to participate in a survey for their Realising the RAPAD Big Vision project.

The project intends to provide a structured framework, with a core process that enables the realisation of the Central West Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) Vision: For our region to generate Queensland's electricity needs from renewable energy, in turn facilitating transformative economic and social benefit for our region, while becoming an energy superpower of the low carbon world.

To participate in the survey please go to: <https://www.ourregionourfuture.com/>.

For more information please go to:

<https://www.rapad.com.au/assets/Uploads/Public-consultation-RAPAD-Big-Vision-1.pdf>

Remembrance Day 2019 - Barcaldine



Clockwise from above: 1. Mayor Rob Chandler lays a wreath on behalf of Council. 2 Liz Pumpa. 3 John Bennetts

Snap Send Solve

Have you noticed damage to footpaths or roads or faulty Council assets, such as public toilets and playground equipment?

During the busy festive season, Snap Send Solve makes reporting these issues to Council quick and easy. This free, user-friendly app for iPhone and Android users allows people to report incidents to Council from the palm of their hand.

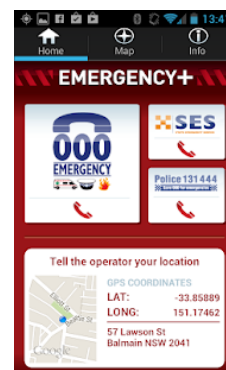


Emergency+ app

The Emergency+ app is a free app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners. If you are traveling or in an unfamiliar location and have to call for emergency help, it can be hard to know exactly where you are.

The Emergency+ app provides your phone's GPS coordinates so you can give the Emergency Dispatcher your exact location and help the ambulance find you.

It also gives you all the important phone numbers to call in emergency and non-emergency situations. Remember, in an emergency always call Triple Zero (000).



2019 Australia Day Awards

Nominations are open for the Barcaldine Regional Council 2019 Australia Day Awards.



The Barcaldine Regional Council Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievement and contribution of individuals and community groups in our region. These awards are an opportunity to publicly acknowledge those who have made an outstanding contribution or an exceptional achievement. If you know of a person or community group dedicated to making the Barcaldine Region a better place, help us recognise their efforts and nominate them for a 2019 Australia Day Award.

Categories include:

Regional Awards

Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year

Community Awards - Alpha | Jericho | Barcaldine | Aramac | Muttaborra

Volunteer of the Year
Senior Sports Award
Junior Sports Award
Cultural Award

Nominations close at 12.00pm on Friday 21 December 2018.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the Barcaldine Regional Council Administration offices or downloaded from the website, www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au.

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018



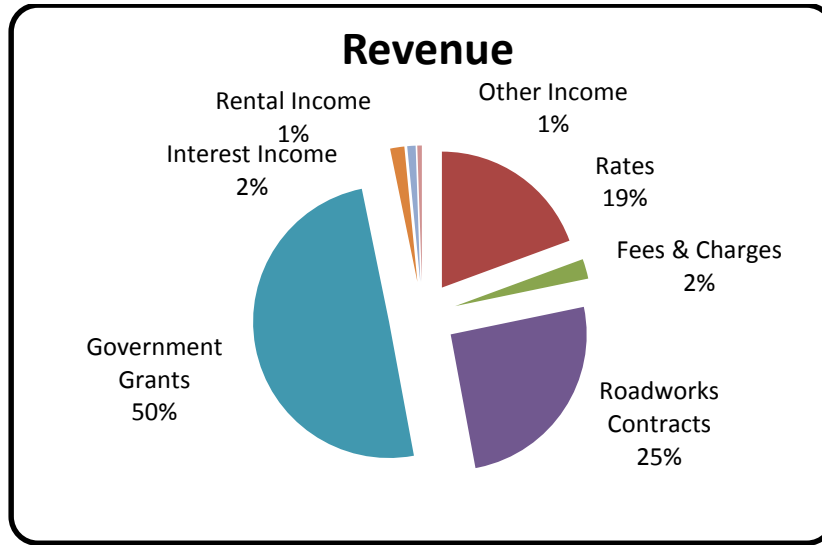
BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL 2018 COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

This report is an easy to read version of the Council's Financial Statements

Revenue: Where did our money come from?

Revenue for year ended 30 June 2018

Rates	\$6,368,606
Fees & Charges	\$774,832
Roadworks Contracts	\$8,317,548
Government Grants	\$16,325,773
Interest Received	\$554,158
Rent Received	\$325,549
Other Income	\$177,762
Total Revenue	\$32,844,228



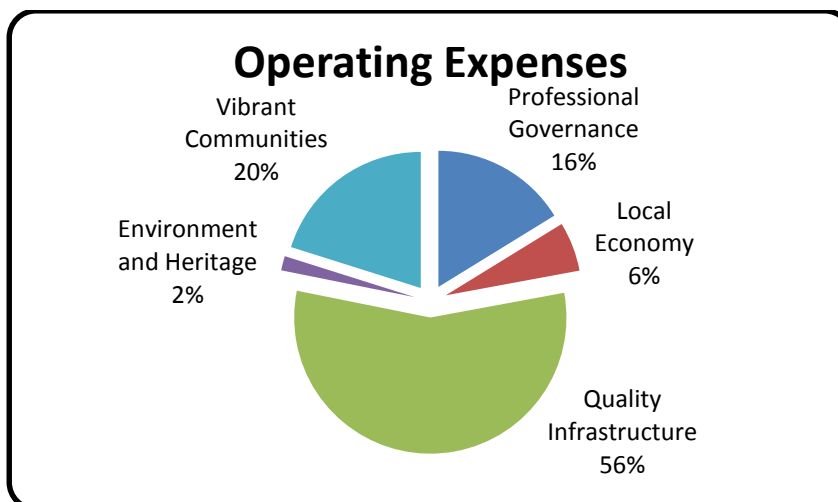
Expenses: Where was our money invested?

Operating Expenses:

Operating expenses includes employee costs, materials and services, depreciation, finance costs and other expenses.

Operating Expenses for the year ended 30 June 2018

Professional Governance	\$5,147,804
Local Economy	\$1,860,641
Quality Infrastructure	\$17,791,529
Environment and Heritage Protection	\$541,253
Vibrant Communities	\$6,389,253
Total Operating Expenses	\$31,730,480



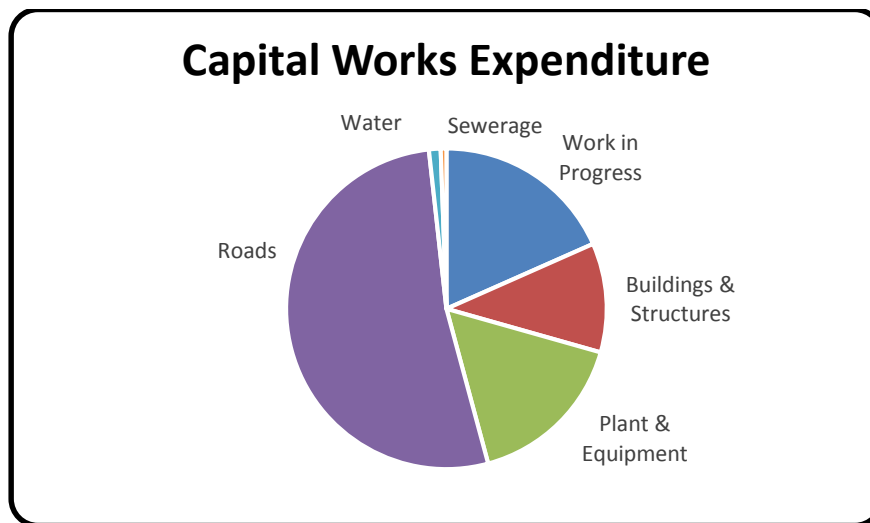
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Capital Works Expenditure:

Capital works expenditure includes construction of new assets and renewal of existing assets.

Capital Works Expenditure for year ended 30 June 2018

Buildings & Structures	\$1,741,983
Plant & Equipment	\$2,597,178
Road Infrastructure	\$8,290,611
Water Infrastructure	\$186,566
Sewerage Infrastructure	\$91,133
Work in Progress	\$2,904,195
Total Capital Works Expenditure	<u>\$15,811,666</u>



Assets: What do we own?

Assets as at 30 June 2018

Cash	\$21,686,414
Receivables & Inventories	\$3,901,725
Land	\$11,411,204
Buildings & Structures	\$81,617,262
Plant & Equipment	\$13,287,602
Roads Infrastructure	\$188,184,297
Water Infrastructure	\$19,614,181
Sewerage Infrastructure	\$15,232,920
Work in Progress	\$11,410,137
Total Assets	<u>\$366,345,742</u>

Liabilities: What do we owe?

Liabilities as at 30 June 2018

Accounts Payable	\$2,080,803
Loans from Queensland Treasury Corporation	\$3,098,599
Employee Benefits	\$2,688,214
Provision for Waste Landfill Rehabilitation	\$495,000
Total Liabilities	<u>\$8,362,616</u>

Community Equity: What is our net worth?

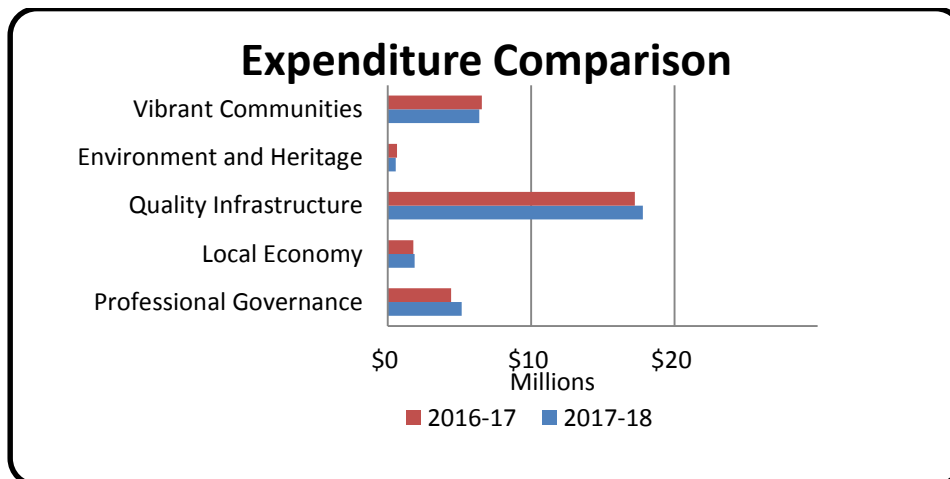
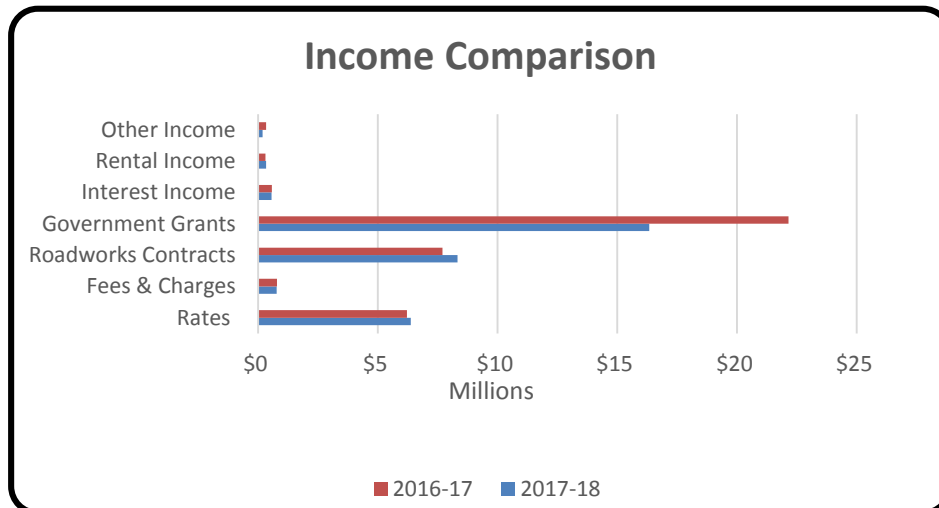
Council's community equity is defined as its net worth ie what Council owns less what it owes.

Council's community equity as at 30 June 2018 is:

\$357,983,126

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL 2018 COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditure Comparisons



Measures of Financial Sustainability

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that Council reports its results for the financial year against selected financial sustainability ratios.

Ratio	Target	2018	2017	2016
Operating Surplus Ratio	0-10%	-22.58%	-8.61%	-9.47%
Asset Sustainability Ratio	>90%	113.95%	142.98%	104.31%
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	<60%	-67.59%	-79.89%	-80.28%

Operating Surplus Ratio

This is the extent to which revenue raised covers operational expenses or is available for capital funding purposes or other purposes.

Asset Sustainability Ratio

This is an approximation of the extent to which the infrastructure assets managed by Council are being replaced as these reach the end of their useful lives. This ratio indicates whether a Council is renewing or replacing existing non-financial assets at the same rate that its overall stock of assets is wearing out.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

This expresses Net Financial Liabilities as a percentage of Total Operating Revenue. The measure also indicates the capacity of a council to meet its financial obligations from revenue streams.