

I am pleased to present the
Aurukun Shire Council's
2016/2017 Budget.



This budget is based on responsible financial management. It focuses on the provision of core services at their current levels and on improvement of local roads infrastructure, while at the same time allowing for Council's community service obligations.

The decline in both federal and state funding means that Council will have to continually rely on its own revenue sources to sustain its operations. Council is facing increasing challenges to balance the budget and to keep operating costs down. As Council has a very low revenue base, it will have to learn to live within its means. Spending on capital works is confined to roads infrastructure and replacement of motor vehicles and minor items plant and equipment. Planned new housing, replacements and refurbishment of Council's ageing infrastructure will proceed if funding can be sourced.

We have set ourselves an exciting and challenging programmes to complete numerous goals. Council efficiencies will be vigorously pursued. Our ongoing commitment is to attract business to generate vital economic growth and employment for our local residents.

In preparing this budget, we had to deal with increasing costs of goods and services resulting in extra burden for Council. To partially offset these costs, the fees and charges have been reviewed, resulting in an increase of 3% to 10% for most items with some remaining at their 2015/16 level

I thank our Chief Accountant Marina Schaefer, the CEO, ASC Directors and other officers for the preparation of the budget.

I look forward to three budget reviews throughout the year. These reviews will provide a comprehensive explanation of reasons for under and over expenditure and revenue. I urge Council members to ask questions and better understand the process.

Cr Dereck Walpo
Mayor



Aurukun Shire Council Budget 2016/2017 as adopted on 21 July 2016

At a glance...

Operating Budget

- \$818K - Maintain existing water and sewerage infrastructure
- \$3.15M - General Administration
- \$1.67M - Workshop and Plant Operations

Major Budget Initiatives

- \$381K - Community Arts and Crafts
- \$1.145M - Aged Care
- \$258K - Community Services (Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Indigenous Broadcasting Program, Bank, Post Office)
- \$969K - Childcare Services
- \$9.491M - Restoration of roads infrastructure
- \$1.0 M - Community Police and Security Operations

Capital Works

- \$4.852M - Aurukun Access Road
- \$632K - Replacement of motor vehicles and plant and equipment
- \$600K - Upgrade of two sewerage pump stations
- \$1.184M - Upgrade of building infrastructure

Proposed Capital Works - Subject to Funding

- \$1.0M - New staff housing
- \$1.0M - Relocation of airport contractors camp to MacKenzie Drive
- \$2.0M - Re-establishment of airport contractors camp and adjoining allotment as visitor accommodation
- \$500k (Part cost) - Establishment of Three Rivers Community Centre as community as a engagement/socialization venue
- \$150K - New financial management system
- \$50K - Upgrade to diesel fuel storage (Council stores)
- \$40K - Additional kitchen plant for Pikkuws Restaurant



Rate increases

Average of 10% for utilities charges

- Garbage collection charge per bin - \$1,220 PA
- Contractors' dumping fee - \$100 PW
- Sewerage charge per pedestal - \$1,680 PA
- Sewerage connection (one-off charge) - \$2,720
- Water charge per unit - \$1,460 PA
- Water connection (one-off charge) - \$1,925

Have your say...

Residents can read details of the adopted Budget on Aurukun Shire Council (ASC) website or at ASC main administration office (Aurukun).

Your feedback will be appreciated as ASC strives to provide better services for Aurukun community.



Aurukun Shire Council Vision

Growing Community, Growing Respect, Growing Leaders.

Aurukun Shire Council Mission

Strong leadership and excellence to our community.



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