

# WOORABINDA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY NOTICE - BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2018-2019

The *Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council* formally adopted its budget for 2018-2019 on 30 July 2018. The following is a snapshot of the budget highlights for the 2018-19 financial year.

### CAPITAL WORKS

The Director General Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs (DLGRMA) advised that Council's allocation for Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program Funding (ICCIP) is \$2,900,000. The funding is for assets requiring repair, maintenance and upgrade to improve the condition, quality and lifespan of Council owned capital (essential services) assets.

Council has been advised that seven water projects for \$812,500 and two waste water projects for \$625,000 have been approved by DLGRMA, totalling \$1,437,500 or 49.6% of the total of \$2,900,000 in funding.

The Works for Queensland (W4Q) Program 2017-19 has allocated \$1,090,000 to Woorabinda. This program is the continuation of the successful W4Q 2016-2017 program. A key objective of the program is to support Councils in job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects relating to assets owned or controlled by local governments. Funded projects must be delivered by 30 June 2019.

### HOUSING

Council will not receive funding for new housing construction as the NPARIH program has expired. Council will be contracting to the Department of Housing and Public Works to under-take planned and responsive maintenance at a cost of \$2.0 million.

### ROADS AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

Works to repair roads and infrastructure damaged due to natural disaster events from Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie will continue with funding of \$2,120,911 approved under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs (DLGRMA). This funding will repair and raise Mimosa Bridge, repair and upgrade Lilly Creek Crossing and Bore 3 Access Road. Works will commence in August 2018.

### OPERATIONAL AREAS

#### Health and Social Programs

An amount of \$2,340,296 will be made available for day to day expenditure in Health and Social Programs such as Child Care and Pre-Prep, Community Support, Public and Animal Health,

Domestic Violence, Justice Group and the new Ranger Program.

In addition, Council will provide extra funding from its own cash resources to support Community services such as the Swimming Pool (\$79,198), Boongarra, Radio (\$55,772) and Indigenous Knowledge Centre (\$56,861) as grant funding and fees paid do not cover all operational costs.

#### Essential Services Programs

An amount of \$862,000 has been allocated for essential services being water supply, sewerage and waste collection plus \$508,958 for Parks & Gardens. This ensures essential services are maintained to a standard that provides Woorabinda residents with a utilities service equal to any town in Queensland.

#### Councillors, Management and Administration

Councillors, Management and Administration across all operations of Council will receive an allocation in terms of the budget. This will be funded through State (FAGS and SGFA) grants.

### GENERAL OVERVIEW

The budget overall reflects forecast revenue of \$16.181m and expenditure of \$16.137m (before depreciation). This represents a balanced operational budget for Council.

