



KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL



SNAPSHOT MUNICIPAL PLAN 2026-2027

ABOUT THIS PLAN

The Draft Municipal Plan 2026/27 outlines the services, projects and priorities Katherine Town Council will deliver over the coming year. It focuses on maintaining essential services, investing in community infrastructure and ensuring Council remains financially sustainable.

This is the first Municipal Plan developed by the newly elected Council and reflects feedback from the community gathered through consultations on Council projects and services.



WHAT THE COMMUNITY TOLD US

THE COMMUNITY TOLD US THEY WANT COUNCIL TO FOCUS ON GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT.

Key priorities included:

- Well-maintained roads and drainage
- Reliable waste services
- Safe and attractive parks and public spaces
- Community facilities that are practical and accessible
- Activities and spaces that bring people together
- Clear and honest communication from Council

This Draft Municipal Plan has been developed with these priorities in mind.



OUR FOCUS FOR 2026/27

THIS YEAR COUNCIL IS FOCUSED ON:

- Delivering core services efficiently
- Maintaining and improving community assets
- Investing in priority infrastructure projects
- Supporting a connected and inclusive community
- Managing public funds responsibly
- Planning for Katherine's long-term future

DELIVERABLES BY STRATEGIC PRIORITY

These graphics provide a snapshot of how Council's work program is delivered.

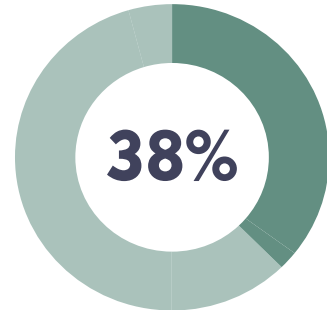
They show how this year's deliverables are distributed across the Strategic Plan priorities and how they are funded through a mix of the operational budget, capital investment, and external funding.

Together, they highlight the balance between maintaining day-to-day services and investing in projects that support Katherine's long-term growth and liveability.

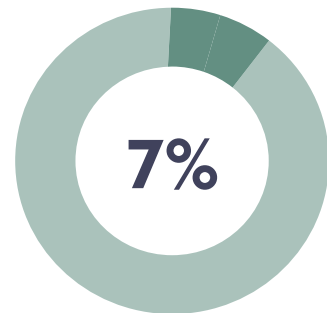


- STRONG LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES
- SPORTS AND CIVIC EVENTS
- GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY
- ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE
- BIG RIVERS INTER-GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION
- ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

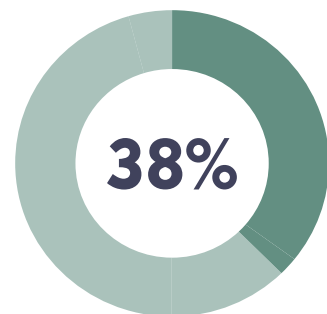
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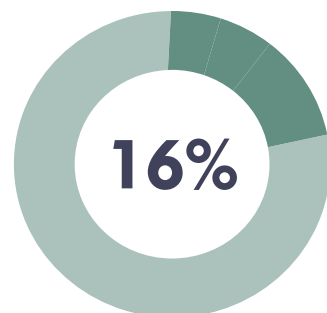
GRANT-ONLY FUNDING



CO-CONTRIBUTION



CAPEX BUDGET



OPERATING BUDGET

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

As Council reaches the final stages of the current Strategic Plan, this Municipal Plan provides an opportunity to pause, reset and realign our long-term direction. This transition period will allow Council to review current priorities, assess what is achievable, and strengthen the link between strategic planning, service delivery, infrastructure needs and financial capacity.



A key focus will be the Service Level Delivery Assessment and the future Asset Plan. Together, these bodies of work will help Council better understand the services it provides, the level of service the community needs and expects, and the infrastructure and assets required to support those services.

This reset is intended to provide a more stable and realistic foundation for long-term planning. By establishing clear, achievable budget forecasts and financial projections, Council will be better placed to plan, deliver and maintain services and infrastructure in a way that is responsible, sustainable and aligned with community needs.

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

SAFE COMMUNITY
SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING
Hot springs toilet upgrades to improve community access and comfort.

KATHERINE'S NATURAL BEAUTY
SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING
Cooling the Town Square initiatives including a permanent shade structure

HIGHLIGHT PROJECTS SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING



STRONG LEADERSHIP
Service Level Delivery Assessment

STRONG LEADERSHIP
Cemetery infrastructure improvements

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Waste Management Strategy

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Native Plant Giveaway event



RATES, WASTE CHARGES AND FEES

COUNCIL HAS WORKED TO BALANCE RISING COSTS WITH AFFORDABILITY FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.

FOR 2026/27:

- General rates will increase by an average of 4.8%. For most households, this equates to a median annual increase of \$159 for residential, \$96 for central business and \$75 for rural zoned properties.
- Waste charges will increase by 5.9%. The full waste management charge increase of \$26.00 equates to an increase of approximately \$0.50 per week. For properties where Council is unable to provide a regular weekly kerbside collection service, an increase of \$25.00 equating to approximately \$0.29 more per week.
- Fees and charges will increase by 3.3%

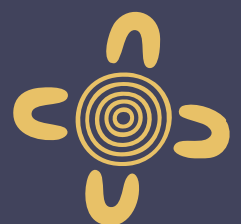
These increases help ensure Council can continue to provide essential services, maintain community facilities and invest in infrastructure while remaining financially sustainable.

YOUR MONEY AT WORK

COUNCIL'S BUDGET FUNDS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT EVERYDAY LIFE IN KATHERINE, INCLUDING:

- Roads, footpaths and drainage
- Parks, playgrounds and public spaces
- Waste management services
- Community facilities and recreation
- Libraries and community programs
- Planning and infrastructure projects

Have your say on the Draft Municipal Plan 2026/27 by visiting Your Say Katherine's website.



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