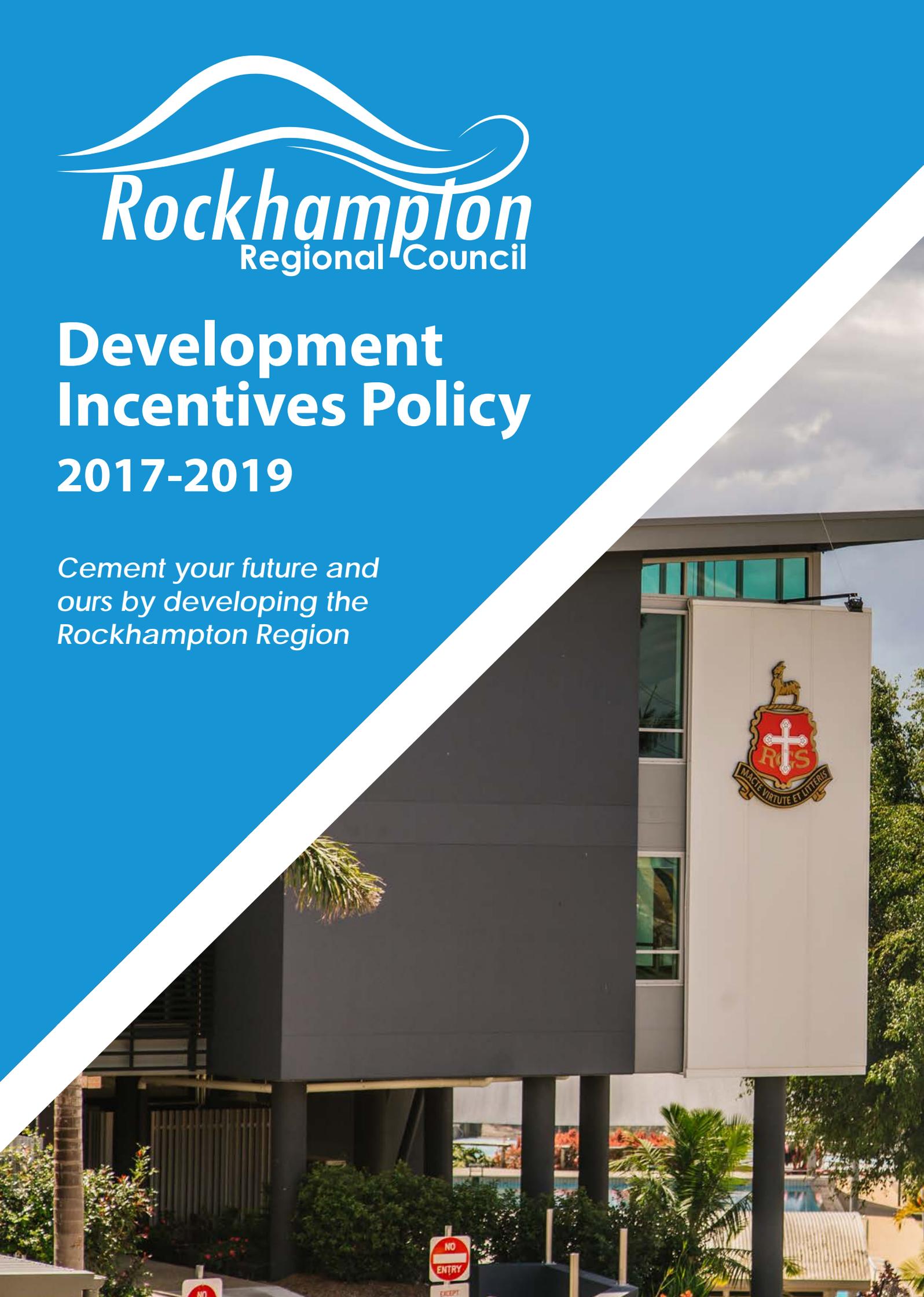




Development Incentives Policy 2017-2019

*Cement your future and
ours by developing the
Rockhampton Region*



Build your business with us as we build our Region's capacity

CENTRAL

Rockhampton and Gracemere are central to the major mining, agricultural and infrastructure developments occurring across Central Queensland. The Bowen, Galilee and Surat coal basins are all within 500km of Rockhampton, making the Region an ideal logistics and services hub. The Rockhampton Region also provides high-level retail, services, health and education centres for the wider Central Queensland Region.



The Rockhampton Region offers one of the most diverse economies in regional Queensland, boasting a sustainable and stable base for new and existing businesses to invest in and grow.

The 2017-2019 Development Incentives Policy has the potential to turbocharge our economy and give even more industries like Farm Stay Accommodation, Medical, Health and Community Services, Educational and Training Establishments, Aged Care and Retirement Facilities and Destination Tourism facilities an incentive to invest in our Region.

These incentives come at a significant cost to Council's budget, but we are committed to growing the economy, creating local jobs and attracting more private sector investment.

The generous concessions enclosed are deliberately aimed at promoting our Region as a place to invest and do business.

Your reward is our gain and that gives us new opportunities for economic expansion, job creation and growth within the Rockhampton Region.

We encourage you to take advantage of these incentives and give your business the opportunity to be a part of our exciting future that is on the brink of explosion.

CR MARGARET STRELOW
MAYOR ROCKHAMPTON REGION

COMPETITIVE

Rockhampton Region offers significant competitive advantages for new and expanding businesses. The Region has lower labour and property costs together with a lower cost of living than comparable regional Queensland cities.

FOCUSED

Supporting medical, education and tourism development that generates new investment and employment in the Region is a high priority for Rockhampton Regional Council. That priority is manifested in Council's own infrastructure investment and its Development Incentives Policy.

PROGRESSIVE

Major infrastructure investments have continued to be built by the Australian and Queensland Governments, including the \$170 million Yeppen South bridge over the floodplain between Rockhampton and Gracemere. Planning is being completed for the \$121 million upgrade of the Bruce Highway to improve Rockhampton's northern access, while \$75 million will be spent to provide a double lane highway between Rockhampton and Gracemere.

A 597 bay car park is being constructed at the Rockhampton Hospital and \$36 million has been spent revamping the CBD and \$14 million rebuilding Kershaw Gardens.



DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES POLICY

The purpose of Council's Development Incentives Policy is to provide tangible financial and non-financial support for projects with the following land uses:

- Aged Care & Retirement
- Destination Tourism
- Education & Training
- Farm Stay Accommodation
- Medical, Health & Community Services

The Development Incentives Policy seeks to attract and support projects that will deliver great economic benefits to the Rockhampton Regional Council Local Government Area.

This program does not replace the function or application of Adopted Infrastructure Charge Resolution (No. 5) as No.s 2-4 will not be applicable.

QUALIFYING DEVELOPMENTS

This policy applies to development applications received by Council from 1 August 2017 and, with the exception of Farm Stay Accommodation, to developments within Council's Priority Infrastructure Area.

The Development Incentives Policy applies to development applications made between 1 August 2017 and 31 December 2019. Projects must be completed within three years of the development application being approved by Council.

The policy applies to developments making a material change of use or carrying out building works that are consistent with the applicable planning scheme for an eligible land use.

Projects needs to come within the following land uses:

- Aged Care & Retirement Facility
- Destination Tourism Facility
- Education & Training Establishment
- Farm Stay Accommodation
- Medical, Health & Community Services



75%
CONCESSION
AVAILABLE ON
INFRASTRUCTURE
CHARGES*

*for qualifying land use



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STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

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POLICY FOCUS

To be eligible, proponents must demonstrate their project has the scale and standard to significantly increase employment in the Rockhampton Region, and attract residents, visitors, students, patients and clients from outside the Local Government Area.

It is not the purpose of this policy to enhance the viability of marginal and/or speculative developments. Council reserves the right to approve or refuse applications made under the Development Incentives Policy at its sole discretion.

To qualify for support under this policy there must be a separate application to Council. Developers who believe they may be eligible for assistance under the policy are encouraged to apply and assistance will be provided to complete the application, if required. All relevant application forms and information is available on Council's website at www.rrc.qld.gov.au.

INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES REPAYMENTS

The purpose of Part 1 of this policy is to repay the maximum of 75 per cent of the infrastructure charges for an eligible project.

This is done as an incentive for development in the following sectors that have the scale and standard to significantly increase employment in the Rockhampton Region, and attract residents, visitors, students, patients and clients from outside the Local Government Area:

- Aged Care & Retirement Facility
- Destination Tourism Facility
- Education & Training Establishment
- Farm Stay Accommodation
- Medical, Health & Community Services

GENERAL INCENTIVES

The purpose of Part 2 of the policy is to provide a range of general incentives to further support eligible developments.

The same eligibility criteria apply for Part 2 as for Part 1.

It is recognised the process of obtaining development approvals for significant projects can be complex. Council is committed to facilitating development that meets the requirements of this policy. Council's facilitation includes:

- Access to Council's Economic Development team to provide advice on applicability and incentives that may be available under this policy;
- Access to Council Planning Officers through the Duty Planner to provide advice in preparing development applications;
- Pre-lodgement meetings with all relevant Council officers free of charge; and
- Assistance with identifying and facilitating contact with State Government agencies with a view to facilitating the development.





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