

## Moreton Bay Regional Council Stimulus Package

On 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) approved a \$15 million emergency interim package to assist those in the region experiencing financial distress from the COVID-19 crisis. This support package targets at-risk groups including ratepayers, community groups & clubs as well as businesses in the hospitality sector.

### What does the package cover?

- \$7 million in **rates relief** for recipients of the Federal Government's Coronavirus Supplement. Those receiving the supplement will have a \$200 rebate applied to future rates. Additional information will be posted to ratepayers with their next rates notice.
- \$5 million in **grants for community groups & clubs** focusing on infrastructure revitalisation & assistance to community organisations experiencing hardship, seeking to provide additional services for business continuity or providing support to vulnerable residents effected by this crisis. These grants are open to not for profit organisations & applications open **30 March 2020**.
- \$2 million for **accelerated asset maintenance** works to keep locals employed on local projects. Where possible the engagement of local suppliers & contractors will occur to provide stimulus to the Moreton Bay economy.
- \$1 million in refunds to businesses for **food licencing fees**. This will be automatically refunded to businesses & no application will be required.

We will provide further information around the grants announced as part of this package. If you have any questions regarding this package or any other business matter, please contact **SRJ Walker Wayland** on 07 3490 9988.