



Cr Russell Milligan, Cr Kate Kunzelmann, Cr Marnie Doyle, Mayor Teresa Harding, Cr Paul Tully, Cr Sheila Ireland, Cr Nicole Jonic, Deputy Mayor Jacob Madsen and Cr Andrew Fechner (inset) with the 2022-2023 Budget

Welcome to the Budget edition of your council newsletter Community Matters.

Council's 2022-2023 Budget sets the direction of Ipswich's future and outlines the critical infrastructure, exciting projects, new programs and continuing services council will deliver for the community.

Despite economic challenges such as two major flood events earlier this year, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, inflation and rising costs, your council has worked hard to maintain a strong financial position.

The record \$621 million budget will focus on flood recovery, delivering first-class services and keeping pace with the rapid growth and transformation of our special region.

Over the next 12 months, council will deliver a \$229 million capital works program including \$41.5 million for the Nicholas Street Precinct

redevelopment, \$41 million on strategic transport projects, \$47 million on asset rehabilitation and \$13 million on parks, sport and the environment.

With Ipswich's population set to double by 2041, we are investing now to keep the city moving. Council will spend \$78 million maintaining, upgrading and expanding the road network, and \$31 million has been set aside for rehabilitation of sealed and gravel roads, plus new and upgraded kerb and channels.

Ipswich was hit extremely hard by twin weather events earlier this year, and many suburbs are only just recovering.

That is why council has allocated \$30 million for flood recovery to support residents, businesses, clubs and community groups that still need help to get back on their feet.

Council will invest significant time and money into getting our city back into top condition, including many of our parks and sporting fields.

This financial year will also see the arrival of 22 new sidearm waste

collection vehicles to replace the current council fleet, improving household waste collection across the city.

The Budget includes a total rates and charges rise of 4.49 per cent or \$1.48 per week, with the average general rate increase for residential properties about 3.95 per cent.

Council has struck a balance between limiting the financial impact on ratepayers and residents, while preparing the city for future growth and opportunities.

Through good governance driven by listening to our community, council's Budget will continue to address our community's needs in our rapidly growing city with financial responsibility.

For information about the 2022-2023 Budget, including Divisional highlights, visit the Transparency and Integrity Hub on [Open.ipswich.qld.gov.au](https://open.ipswich.qld.gov.au) or ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget

Mayor Teresa Harding

NEW PART-PENSION RATES RELIEF

Rates relief for pensioners has been extended in council's 2022-2023 Budget with the introduction of a new part-pension remission.

Residential owner-occupiers who receive a part-pension will be eligible to receive a pensioner remission of \$120 per annum, regardless of the level of their pension.

The remission, alongside the existing full pension remission and early payment discount, is recognition of challenging economic times for residents

after recent floods, COVID-19 pandemic and concerns of a global recession.

The part-pension remission provides some relief for residents that may be greatly impacted by rising living costs.

About 3,500 part-pensioners will be provided the remission, with the new program costing council \$430,000.

The new part-pension remission is a first for council, and 7,500 maximum rate pensioners will continue receiving a remission of \$245 per annum.

NEW PLANNING SCHEME TO MANAGE GROWTH

More than 241,400 residents call Ipswich home, and we are growing at an annual rate of about 3 per cent – the highest in the state. The population of the city is projected to grow to 520,000 people by 2041.

To manage this growth, Ipswich will need to generate at least 61,000 extra jobs and provide for an extra 112,000 dwellings.

This presents many opportunities and challenges, and we want to make sure we are growing sustainably and responding to issues that impact on development and the community to maintain our values and way of life.

The 2022-2023 Budget includes more than \$850,000 to progress a new Planning Scheme and the Local Government Infrastructure Plan to guide development and infrastructure planning.



Our current planning scheme is one of the oldest in the State and needs to be renewed so it continues to keep up with planning for our rapidly growing community.

This funding will ensure council can undertake comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement to put residents at the forefront of the planning process.

The new Ipswich Planning Scheme will ensure we have the right framework and overall policy direction for the city moving forward.

CITY'S FLOOD RECOVERY CONTINUES

Hundreds of residents, businesses and community groups are still recovering from the February and May flood events, and there is still a long way to go as the community gets back on its feet.

Council has spent close to \$5 million to-date on flood recovery over the past four months, from filling thousands of potholes, repairing and reopening more than 100 roads, bridges and parks, and completing urgent works to fix the Ipswich Civic Centre.

There is still a range of support services in place to assist those impacted by flooding.

If your home was flooded, you can register interest in the Resilient Homes Fund with the Queensland Government. This funding is available for a range of options including retrofitting or house raising to improve resilience, or the voluntary buy-back of homes in severe cases.

If you have issues with an insurance claim or repair job, you can raise concerns with the insurer directly to allow them the opportunity to rectify the issue. You can also contact Insurance Council of Australia's consumer hotline on 1800 734 621.

Impacted residents and community groups can access flood recovery information at ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodrecovery

A range of support and information is also available for Ipswich businesses impacted by recent rainfall and floods at Businessipswich.com.au or contact council's Office of Economic Development.

Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 241,000 residents and counting making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



INVESTMENT IN ROADS KEEPS CITY MOVING

As Ipswich prepares to more than double its population in the coming decades, council is driving the community towards a better future with eyes on our road network.

Council's 2022-2023 Budget invests heavily in our three-year capital plan, with the capital works program set at \$229 million to address critical infrastructure needs to ensure we continue to deliver for the Ipswich community.

We are spending \$41 million on strategic transport projects, \$47 million on asset rehabilitation and \$78.3 million maintaining, upgrading and expanding our local road network.

This includes further work on the upgrading and duplication of the Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial Road – council's

largest ever road construction project – with \$23 million allocated.

Another \$15 million will be spent on the stage three and four upgrades of Redbank Plains Road, to better link the Ipswich CBD to Redbank Plains, Springfield and Goodna.

Between 2022-2025, council will also spend \$4.5 million upgrading Ripley Road in Ripley to a four-lane urban standard.

More than \$31 million has been set aside for rehabilitation of 1,710km of sealed roads and 268km of gravel roads.

We will spend \$14.5 million over three years on kerb and channel works, and an additional \$5.9 million will be spent on bridge and culvert work.

To make our roads safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike, council will spend \$4.8 million

to maintain more than 27,000 streetlights.

Potholes will again be a focus with a further \$1.1 million set aside to fix about 6,030 potholes over this financial year.

Council has spent more than \$4.3 million on flood recovery efforts in 2022 to date, which has seen the filling of about 3,000 potholes, plus the repair and reopening of more than 100 roads and bridges.

I am immensely proud of the work council road crews have done, and continue to do, to make sure our city's road network was back operating as soon as possible and safe for all road users.

The lights will be shining bright and our roads will be smoother, easing congestion and helping our community get to work, school or home safer and quicker.



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Mayor Harding at Springfield Parkway construction site

NEXT STAGE STARTING FOR REDBANK PLAINS ROAD

Big changes to Redbank Plains Road will kick off from next month as the major road upgrade project enters its third stage.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said Stage 3 would transform the section from Kruger Parade to Keidges Road.

“Redbank Plains is consistently one of our city’s fastest growing suburbs, so we need to ensure the infrastructure is in place to cater for more and more road users,” Cr Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the biggest change for locals will be the removal of the Kruger Parade roundabout and replacing it with traffic signals.

“This important project will convert a 1.5km section into a four-lane carriageway with features such as a shared use pathway, on-road cycle lanes and more traffic signals,” Cr Ireland said.

Stage 3 of Redbank Plains Road upgrade has been funded by the Queensland Government through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme and Ipswich City Council.

HARDINGS PADDOCK HUT READY FOR BOOKINGS

Groups are now able to book the new Hardings Paddock Community Hut, located on the doorstep of the sprawling Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the new off-the-grid facility was perfect for meetings and small functions.

“The building was constructed to be self-sufficient with a wastewater treatment system, solar power, kitchen and disability access,” Cr Madsen said.

“The design of the hut, with gable roof, large northern veranda and corrugated cladding, is in keeping with the farm style of other buildings in Hardings Paddock.”

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said Hardings Paddock was one of the best access points to explore



Deputy Mayor Cr Jacob Madsen and Cr Ireland at Hardings Hut

the estate’s rugged volcanic peaks and was fantastic for bird watching, family-friendly walks along the Bush Tucker Trail, mountain bikes and horse riding as well as affordable camping facilities.

“The new hut will complement these estate uses and provide a base for related environmental education, conservation work and nature-based activities,” Cr Ireland said.

“We encourage school and community groups to make use of this wonderful new facility nestled amongst our special natural surrounds.”

Find booking information by searching for ‘Hardings Paddock’ at ipswich.qld.gov.au/parksearch

FLOOD SPREADS FIRE ANT NESTS

Residents are warned to be vigilant with dangerous fire ants on the march in the region after recent floods.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said multiple fire ant nests were reported along the road reserve on Mount Juillerat Drive at Redbank Plains.

“Council investigation found about 250 fire ant nests on the road reserve,” Cr Madsen said.

“Thanks to the report and fast response this infestation has been treated. It will take a whole-of-community response for us to stay on top of fire ants in Ipswich.”

Fire ants are known to use floodwaters to ‘raft’ and colonise new areas.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said it was important for families to be alert as nests are usually found in open areas such as lawns, roadsides, pastures and unused cropland.

“Nests often appear as dome-shaped mounds that can be up to 40cm high or may be flat and look like a small patch of disturbed soil,” Cr Ireland said.

Check your property for fire ant nests and report any sightings through Fireants.org.au or call 13 25 23.

Division 1 stretches from Mt Mort in the west to White Rock in the east and includes Blackstone, Calvert, Deebing Heights, Ebenezer, Flinders View, Goolman, Grandchester, Jeebropilly, Lower Mount Walker, Mount Forbes, Mount Walker West, Mutdapilly, Peak Crossing, Purga, Raceview, Redbank Plains, Ripley, South Ripley, Swanbank and Willowbank.



IN BRIEF

Camping and hiking areas reopen

Crews are still repairing the region's parks and hiking areas damaged by recent severe weather and flooding. Sections of White Rock-Spring Mountain Conservation Estate, Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve and Hardings Paddock Day Use Area and Campground are now open. Council will reopen other parks and reserves as they are deemed safe. Check the status of parks, estates and reserves at lpswich.qld.gov.au/parkssearch

Grants up for grabs

Council funding and support is available to your community group, project or partnership, from Minor Funding to Events Sponsorship. Council is committed to supporting local initiatives and partnerships that encourage participation in community life, celebrate our culture and diversity, foster social cohesion and contribute to a vibrant, healthy and sustainable city. For more information visit lpswich.qld.gov.au/services/funding-and-support

Join our Community Panel

Residents are invited to lend their voice to council's decision-making and help shape our city now and into the future by joining the Community Panel. Panellists do not need to be experts or familiar with council policy or process, just passionate about Ipswich and prepared to put in a pinch of their own time. For more information visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au

URBAN AND RURAL AREAS REAP BUDGET BENEFITS

A diverse range of projects for Division 1 will match the diverse communities in the Division, which covers more than half of the city.

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said council's 2022-2023 Budget had a variety of essential projects in growing suburbs and traditional rural areas.

One of the largest projects in the Ipswich Local Government Area for 2022-2023 will be the continuing Redbank Plains Road Stage 3 with \$14.96 million committed for construction, in Ipswich's booming eastern suburbs.

"The budget has also committed \$250,000 towards designing an upgrade of Ripley Road, and upgrades are funded for high-growth areas including the Ripley Road and Reif Street intersection in Flinders View and School Road in Redbank Plains," Cr Madsen said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the Budget made strong commitments to projects that provide greater opportunity for active lifestyles.

"We are excited to continue construction on the Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve regional-level skate and youth facility, with \$2.1 million funded this financial year," Cr Ireland said.

"Ironbark Park will have a new \$1.5 million clubhouse and infrastructure built this financial year, while Fernbrooke sports fields will get a boost with \$600,000 to install field lighting.

"Council will also invest \$1.8 million to construct boardwalks and lookouts with interpretive signage to ensure valuable areas in White Rock - Spring Mountain Conservation Estate are protected."

For more information about council's Budget visit lpswich.qld.gov.au/budget



Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland and Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen at Fernbrooke Oval

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STADIUM CONSTRUCTION RIGHT ON SCHEDULE

Construction of the new world-class stadium and sports complex at Springfield Central is progressing well despite weather setbacks.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said despite recent prolonged wet weather, construction progress is on schedule and the stadium is expected to be ready for major events in November.

"It is fantastic to see the grandstands and flood lights installed, and preparations are now being made for the grass to be laid among other construction milestones," Cr Jonic said.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said council's investment of \$20 million would help deliver incredible long-term value for the region's growing economy.

"Our investment into this complex is not only for AFL – it will also support Ipswich through its long-term viability to draw visitors from far and wide, provide economic benefits for local businesses and opportunities for young sporting stars," Cr Tully said.

The stadium will be known by both its official name, Springfield Central Stadium, and Brighton Homes Arena.

BOOK THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new community building is available to be booked by local community groups and associations for small meetings and gatherings at Augustine Heights.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said it was important for council to provide facilities that encourage the community to connect.

"We are very pleased to be able to open this facility, the Augustine Heights Community Hub, to the local community and not-for-profit organisations to meet in a central location," Cr Jonic said.

"The building is equipped with a basic kitchenette and toilet with disability access and is adjacent to a small children's playground and car park."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the facility was a house and land sales office previously occupied by a developer.

"As we manage the growth of our division, we welcome this new facility which improves our social infrastructure and provides an opportunity to strengthen our community by providing a cost-effective venue for groups to meet," Cr Tully said.

Bookings can be made by searching 'Jane Gorry Park' at ipswich.qld.gov.au/parkssearch

SPRINGFIELD ROAD UPGRADE DRIVES FORWARD

Council's largest road upgrade project, the \$46 million Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial duplication and upgrade, is progressing well as initial works continue to advance for Stages 1 and 3.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said Stage 1 early works and service relocations from Hymba Yumba Independent School to the Centenary Highway and Eden Station Drive to Springfield Parkway are nearing the finish line.

"The early works include earthworks, drainage works, retaining walls and the construction of a 20-metre bridge over Opossum Creek," Cr Jonic said.

"The next milestone for Stage 1 is the completion of remaining service relocations, followed by construction to complete road duplication on Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said Stage 2 on Springfield Parkway from



Division 2 Councillors Nicole Jonic and Paul Tully at Springfield Parkway construction site

Hymba Yumba Community Hub to Topaz Road is under design, with early works and service relocations planned for 2023.

"Stage 3 is also in the final design phase with some early works brought forward in preparation for service relocations on Springfield Greenbank Arterial, from Eden Station Drive to Sinnathamby Boulevard, including modifications to the Centenary Highway Bridge," said Cr Tully.

For more information about the project, visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

Division 2 stretches from Gables in the north to Spring Mountain in the south, and includes Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, Carole Park, Brookwater, Camira, Goodna, part of Redbank, Springfield, Springfield Central and Springfield Lakes.



IN BRIEF

Richardson Park, Goodna

Construction will begin early next year on significant upgrades to Goodna's Richardson Park after community feedback helped shape the design and features of the park and surrounding environment. Upgrades include modern amenities and exercise equipment, beautified landscaping and a 'river life' playground. For more information check out council's detailed concept design on [Shapeyouripswich.com.au](https://shapeyouripswich.com.au)

Check the mow map

Did you know council's mowing schedule is online? The interactive, colour-coded map allows residents to see when their local park is next scheduled to be mowed. Other area types such as natural areas or bushland are not captured by the schedule. For more information on the mowing map and to see when your favourite park last received a haircut visit

[Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing)

Kerbing roll-out continues

Council's citywide kerb and channel program continues to improve Ipswich's streets, with the recent completion of road resurfacing, kerbing and drainage improvements on Globe Street in Gables. It was one of hundreds of older urban streets identified as requiring contemporary kerb and channel upgrades that will be completed as part of a long-term program of works. For more information about the project visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

BUDGET UPGRADES FOR ROADS AND PARKS

Major investments in the local road network and parks in council's 2022-2023 Budget will propel improvements across Division 2.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said this year's Budget included the two biggest road improvement projects in the city, the Springfield Parkway and Springfield-Greenbank Arterial and the Redbank Plains Road upgrades.

"More than \$38 million will be invested on design and construction across these major projects, that will see traffic benefits flow across the whole of Division 2 and the city," Cr Tully said.

"Council has also committed \$850,000 to upgrade the intersection at Queen Street and Albert Street in Goodna, as well as \$750,000 for Brisbane Terrace to improve road safety."

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said sports fields, parks and playgrounds

would see enormous benefit in the Budget.

"Residents will see works happening across playgrounds such as Jane Gorry Park and Grande Park to replace ageing infrastructure with new and modern amenities," Cr Jonic said.

"An exciting \$520,000 upgrade to Richardson Park will extend the existing playground and upgrade the facility, and \$40,000 is allocated to install irrigation at Camira Recreation Reserve to better maintain those fields and provide a safer playing surface."

Cr Jonic said the Budget would also address community safety concerns at the popular Robelle Domain parklands, with \$10,000 for fencing and bollards to prevent vehicles unlawfully driving onto footpaths and pedestrian bridges.

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Division 2 Councillors Nicole Jonic and Paul Tully at Richardson Park, Goodna

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CBD REVITALISATION GETS BOOST

Council has committed \$41.5m in its 2022–2023 Budget to the next phase of work in the Nicholas Street Precinct redevelopment.

Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee Chairperson and Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said a significant proportion of the funds will be spent delivering leisure, entertainment, food and beverage areas.

“Council has taken a derelict mall and delivered a revitalised, inclusive space for the local community to not only enjoy but be proud of, in the heart of Ipswich,” Cr Doyle said.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said council continues to open exciting new venues and provide the platform for services to operate centrally for the Ipswich community.

“Enticing residents and visitors back to Ipswich Central aligns with the ‘vibrant and growing’ concept of council’s iFuture document, our 20-year community vision and five-year corporate plan,” Cr Fechner said.

Work will also start shortly on the extension of the Commonwealth Hotel to the rear to increase its patronage space.

DENMARK HILL’S NATURAL BEAUTY ON SHOW WITH UPGRADES

About \$900,000 of Enviroplan funds have reactivated Denmark Hill Conservation Reserve, the hidden bushland gem in the heart of the Ipswich CBD.

Deteriorating structures have been replaced with modern facilities that celebrate the forested reserve including a disability-accessible bridge, a nature-based playground, shade shelters, barbecue area and upgraded lighting and pathways.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the upgrades have created a wonderful picnic area for families and people to take a stroll with their dogs on a lead.

“The fantastic new visitor facilities provide the starting point to explore more than eleven hectares of natural environment in Ipswich Central,” Cr Fechner said.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the site had a strong connection to Traditional Owners and part of the extensive construction project involved creating cultural totem landscape poles.



Division 3 Councillors Marnie Doyle and Andrew Fechner at Denmark Hill’s new playground

“One of the site’s uses was as a high location where Traditional Owners could communicate via smoke signals internally and with others seeking permission to travel through their homelands,” Cr Doyle said.

“The totem-style sculpture recognises the connection and importance of this site to Traditional Owners and will be painted in colours reflective of council’s Indigenous Signage Manual.”

BUDGET SUPPORTS CITY’S CREATIVES AND CULTURES

Council has continued its commitment to support the city’s community organisations and local artists in its 2022–2023 Budget, with a focus that builds on community strengths.

Community, Culture, Arts and Sport Committee Chairperson and Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said more than \$800,000 has been allocated to grants for not-for-profit organisations and creators through funding programs to support projects, events and activities that benefit the Ipswich region.

“We love our community groups, and this budget supports growing our creative, diverse and inclusive community,” Cr Fechner said.

“Council has also allocated \$10,000 to quick response grants and \$60,000 for In-Kind assistance to support dozens of community-led events.”

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council has increased the funding to available community grants as community groups restore their activities as COVID-19 social restrictions roll back.

“A further \$100,000 is committed to strengthen community groups, a key deliverable of council’s Community Development Strategy, including the development of a citywide inclusion and accessibility plan,” Cr Fechner said.

“The Budget continues our commitment to empower and strengthen the capability of the organisations at the heart of our community.”

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Division 3 stretches from One Mile and Leichhardt in the west to parts of Redbank in the east, and includes Basin Pocket, Booval, Bundamba, Coalfalls, Collingwood Park, Dinmore, East Ipswich, Eastern Heights, Ebbw Vale, Newtown, North Booval, Riverview, Sadliers Crossing, Silkstone, Woodend and more.



IN BRIEF

Children's Library accolade

For the second year in a row Ipswich Children's Library has been awarded for its outstanding excellence in innovation at the LGMA Queensland Awards for Excellence. The unique, purpose-designed space provides free interactive learning opportunities and a library experience unlike any other. Two other council initiatives, the Ipswich Central Partnership for 'community shaping' and Façade Improvement Program for 'teamwork', were also finalists.

Planning continues for bikeways

Council will continue its planning of the Ipswich Inner CBD Cycle Network after receiving important community feedback. The planned network will enable cyclists and pedestrians to enter Ipswich Central more safely from existing and planned bikeways to the north, south, east and west of the city. For more information visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au/projects

Council empowers Ipswich Central projects

Council is working with Ipswich Central Partnership – a collaborative volunteer group of passionate local business owners, property owners and residents – to deliver citizen-led projects supporting the revitalisation of Ipswich Central. Keep your eyes peeled for exciting art projects on Bell Street and a hands-on placemaking event planned for d'Arcy Doyle Place in August. For more information visit Ipswichcentral.com.au

BUDGET TO REINVIGORATE UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS AND SUBURBS

Some of Ipswich's oldest suburbs and most popular community attractions will receive a welcome boost in council's 2022-2023 Budget.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council's budget had committed \$3.5 million to road upgrade projects in long-established Division 3 suburbs.

"The projects include significant road rehabilitation works on Charlotte Street, Basin Pocket and Doyle Street, Silkstone," Cr Doyle said.

"Trumper Street, East Ipswich and Thorn Street, Ipswich will also benefit from kerb and channel rehabilitation works.

"It is really pleasing to see these projects in some of our oldest suburbs."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said council's budget would also invest in popular community attractions.

"There are \$600,000 of improvements for Queens Park, one of the oldest parks in Queensland, as well as \$320,000 for the Ipswich Nature Centre," Cr Fechner said.

"A key improvement to the centre will be coverings over selected paths and boardwalks.

"The centre is close to a roosting site for migrating flying fox colonies and these works will improve the visitor experience and ensure a safer environment.

"Community sporting and park facilities have also received a boost in the budget, with works ranging from new footpaths to clubhouses.

"Much needed investment in facilities at Willey Street Park and Jim Donald Parklands will benefit local sport groups and provide healthy lifestyle opportunities for the wider community."

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Division 3 Councillors Andrew Fechner and Marnie Doyle at Roseberry Parade, Woodend

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RURAL ROAD BITUMEN TRIAL A SUCCESS

The impressive results of a recent road treatment trial in Walloon could pave the way for more rural Ipswich roads to receive a bitumen seal to their existing gravel surface.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the trial site at Hodgsons Road was chosen to provide a better understanding of roads where this approach would be most appropriate.

"It is suitable for well-drained unsealed roads with low traffic volumes, such as 'no through roads'," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"The method provides a low-cost, smooth sealed surface to gravel

roads that are not appropriate for a full-sealed upgrade."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the low-cost road treatment method is good for the environment as gravel roads lose 10mm to 15mm annually under traffic.

"Thanks to the trial treatment, Hodgsons Road's new surface looks and drives great," Cr Milligan said.

"The cost-effective bitumen seal protects against the loss of valuable pavement material and reduces the dust nuisance to local residences."

MODERN AMENITIES BLOCK FOR HISTORIC SHOWGROUNDS

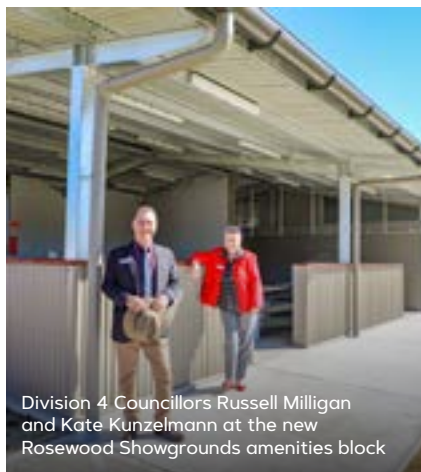
The Rosewood Showgrounds is proudly home to a new contemporary combined amenities block complete with a shelter full of barbecues, sinks and picnic tables overlooking the grass arena.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said construction had been delayed due to prolonged wet weather but was completed and able to open in time for last month's Rosewood Show.

"The significant recent wet weather as well as materials and labour shortages caused delays to the building footing and slab stages, and impacted when we could safely attach the roof," said Cr Kunzelmann.

"The \$200,000 purpose-built facilities are perfect for groups and are a fantastic modern addition to the historic showgrounds."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the showgrounds needed significant amenities upgrades to better serve the growing local community.



Division 4 Councillors Russell Milligan and Kate Kunzelmann at the new Rosewood Showgrounds amenities block

"These new facilities are part of council's asset rehabilitation program for replacement, which has provided a block with male, female and disabled toilets, plus showers and a laundry room," Cr Milligan said.

"A new concrete pathway also joins the block to the cultural hall and car park, greatly improving accessibility for all community members to our beloved showgrounds."

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM EXPLAINED

The Capital Works Program outlines how council plans to deliver and maintain the city's infrastructure and assets, as well as long-term financial forecasting.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the program is updated every financial year and reflects council's shared vision and priorities with the community.

"We are focused on planning, delivering and maintaining infrastructure to support Queensland's fastest growing city and ensure we build a safe, inclusive and connected Ipswich," Cr Milligan said.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said there are hundreds of projects on-the-go, from design for Stage 6 of the Brassall Bikeway to Rosewood Aquatic Centre upgrades and everyday road repairs.

"The program details priority projects as well as emerging works that strengthen Ipswich's economy and environment, and improve services and facilities for residents, businesses and visitors," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"Think of it as a one-stop-shop to see what vital projects council is delivering right now, and the forward planning to take advantage of opportunities on the horizon."

To view an interactive map of the Capital Works Program visit [Maps. Ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)

Division 4 stretches from Woolshed in the west to Barellan Point in the east, and includes Rosewood, Walloon, Brassall, Amberley, Pine Mountain, Yamanto, Karalee, Marburg and more.



IN BRIEF

Rosewood Library improvements

Council will continue to make functional improvements to the Rosewood Library as part of \$150,000 continuing works to the state-of-the-art community hub. These include the installation of a shade screen at the building's rear, assist with operation of smart lockers and improvements to the layout for more efficient maintenance. For more information about services available at the Rosewood Library visit ipswichlibraries.com.au

Brassall skate park reopens

One of Ipswich's oldest skate parks has reopened as a haven for skateboarders after months of modern upgrades were completed. There are now 750 square metres of skateable area with 20 new features including a quarter pipe, flat rail, ramps and ledges. The Sutton Park Skate Facility Upgrade was funded by the Queensland Government's Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package in association with council.

Mosquito Control Program boosted

Council has ramped up mosquito control measures as recent wet weather creates conditions for mosquitoes to thrive. Council's mosquito prevention program has been boosted with a post-flood treatment rate up to 10 times the usual volume of chemical as well as slow-release pellets used to prevent mosquito breeding in North Ipswich, Karalee and Marburg.

BUDGET FOCUSES ON FUTURE COMMUNITY GOALS

Division 4 is kicking goals with significant projects in the 2022-2023 Budget that will increase liveability on a local and regional scale.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said sports fans would get a major boost with \$180,000 committed to concept and design work for the Windle Road sports precinct.

"The empty block has an exciting future, especially with its connection to the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and Brassall Bikeway," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"The vision is for a regional-level sporting precinct featuring new irrigated fields, lighting and clubhouse which can bring together clubs to one location.

"We are also progressing important projects such as \$115,000 concept and design work for Adelong Avenue in Thagoona to replace the stormwater drainage and

pavement reconstruction that will have a minimum life of 20 years."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said council had ensured the voices of residents outside the urban footprint had been heard in the Budget with commitments to road upgrades.

"A highlight is \$520,000 to convert a 1.2km stretch of Borallon Station Road from gravel to a dual-lane sealed road, improving safety and reducing dust," Cr Milligan said.

"There are also initiatives to improve flood resilience and the environment, such as council's plan to stabilise the creek bed and reduce erosion and sediment around Ironpot Creek.

"Stage 1 performed very well during the recent floods, and \$910,000 has been committed to construct Stage 2 and begin Stage 3."

For more information about council's Budget visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget



Division 4 Councillors Russell Milligan and Kate Kunzelmann at the Windle Road site

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Catch up with your Councillors



Easily catch up with your Councillors in your local area.

- Invite your divisional Councillors to your next community, sport or club meeting.
- Book an appointment to meet at your local library branch – Springfield Central, Redbank Plains and Rosewood.
- Attend a local community catch up in your area.

To organise a meeting email council@ipswich.qld.gov.au or call (07) 3810 6666.

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