

Budget at a Glance

Budget 2009-2010 – Planning for the Future

- Sustainable growth and forward planning to prepare the city for the future.
- Creating new jobs by promoting green industry and encouraging new partnerships with local, state and international business investment.
- Community and sporting partnerships enhanced to encourage more participation in healthy lifestyle activities.
- Continuing to build on the strength and solid foundation of previous budgets.

Average increase without water:

- Average residential owner occupied increase for rates and charges is 3.29%.
- Residential owner occupied average rates and charges increase is \$0.99 per week.

Average increase with water:

- Average residential owner occupied increase for rates and charges is 5.74%.
- Residential owner occupied average rates and charges increase is \$2.37 per week.
- Increases in water consumption costs are largely the result of the increased price paid for water by council.

Concessions continue:

- Continuation of maximum pensioner concession on general rates of \$235.00 per year.
- Continuation of 10% early payment discount on General Rates and Special Charges.

Residential net rates and charges: (based on average residential property)

- Wheelie bin collection charge - \$224.00.
- Average residential owner occupied general rate - \$950.38.
- Average total water charges - \$595.50.
- Average sewerage pedestal charge - \$498.00.
- Enviroplan Levy - \$36.00.

Major benefits:

- \$263 million for all capital spending.
- \$48.8 million for planning, construction and maintenance of roads and drainage.
- \$47.8 million for water supply new works and rehabilitation.
- \$28.5 million for improvements to new parks and reserves.
- \$12.3 million for improvements to sports grounds and facilities.
- \$2.2 million for Streets Ahead program.

Special initiatives:

- Active partnership between state government and council to ensure Ipswich Central fulfils its role as the principal centre of the western corridor.
- Masterplanning for Ipswich City Square.
- Ipswich 150 celebrations in 2010.
- Civic Hall improvements including shade sails on patio.
- Redbank Plains Reserve masterplan and new clubhouses.
- Springfield Central Parklands.
- Streets Ahead program for improvements to roads, kerbs and gutters in older suburbs.
- Further expansion of the Safe City public safety camera surveillance program.