

Budget at a Glance

Budget 2011-2012 – Moving forward together

- Community and sporting partnerships enhanced to create healthy lifestyle activities
- Sustainable growth and forward planning to prepare the city for the future
- Kerners Road deviation to link Deebing Heights and Yamanto
- Creating employment opportunities within Ipswich
- Kerbside Cleanup
- Significant expansion of Conservation Estates for future generations
- New green bins from September 1

Average increase:

- Average residential owner occupied increase for rates and charges is 4.9%
- Residents owner occupied average rates and charges increase is \$1.26 per week

Concessions continue:

- Continuation of maximum pensioner concession on general rates of up to \$245 per year
- \$120 early payment discount on general rates and special charges

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

- Wheelie bin collection charge - \$272
- Average residential owner occupied general rate - \$1053.00
- Enviroplan Levy - \$38

Major benefits:

- \$252 million for all capital spending
- \$100.4 million for planning, construction and refurbishment of roads and drainage
- \$12.8 million for maintenance and operations to parks and reserves
- \$8.2 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
- Riverheart Parklands - Stage 2
- Miners memorial
- Brassall Bikeway - Stage 2
- Streets Ahead program for improvements to roads, kerbs and gutters in older suburbs
- Further expansion of the Safe City public safety camera surveillance program
- Further expansion of conservation areas preserved for future generations
- Free Wi-Fi access for library members during opening hours - at the Ipswich city branch