

Ipswich City Council

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Council invests in community infrastructure for Division 3

Footpath improvements at Eastern Heights and Silkstone, road resurfacing at Woodend, Bundamba and Redbank and a new dog off leash area at Limestone Park are among the works to be delivered across Division 3 suburbs as part of council's 2025-2026 Budget.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the list of projects in the capital works program would improve the liveability of the suburbs for the division's 60,000 residents.

"Council continues to invest in the future of our suburbs – enhancing roads, revitalising public spaces and supporting local heritage and community wellbeing," Cr Doyle said.

Campbell Street at Woodend will be resealed as part of a \$945,000 spend in the division to improve road safety.

"We're delivering for the community by getting the essentials right. Our roads will be resurfaced, our culverts, drainage, kerbs and channelling will be strengthened for the future."

Half a million dollars is allocated towards preliminary works to install a roundabout at the intersection of Blackstone Road, Thomas Street and Creek Street in Silkstone, as part of an overall \$5.5 million three-year project.

"In addition to intersection upgrades, navigating the footpaths on Cemetery Road, Eastern Heights and Prospect Street, Silkstone, will become easier for residents and visitors when \$460,000 works are complete in the coming year," Cr Doyle said.

"Funds have also been set aside to commence design work for an upgrade of Goupong Park at Collingwood Park to a District Recreation Park."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Antonioli said the jewel in Ipswich's tourism crown – Queens Park – would receive \$300,000 for a memorial/healing place, adding to its appeal for the thousands of visitors to the park each year.

"This will be a peaceful area for reflection in one of the oldest parks in Queensland.

"The nearby Ipswich Nature Centre, which is co-located in Queens Park and is the state's only council-owned zoo, will get \$2 million for boardwalk upgrades and improvements to its animal husbandry and biosecurity area, which will help protect the centre's 200 animals and wildlife from diseases and pests.

"While Limestone Park has long been a place of choice for residents and their pooches, the park will get a new dog off leash area thanks to \$150,000 of funding as part of \$600,000 over two years.

"We know how much our residents love their dogs and this centrally-located off leash area will offer a new, convenient and safe space for owners to enjoy quality time with their furry companions."

Division 3 2025-2026 Budget highlights:

- \$2.5 million for drainage rehabilitation works at East Ipswich, Coalfalls, Sadliers Crossing and Woodend
- \$2 million for improvements at Ipswich Nature Centre, including upgrades for the boardwalk and to the centre's animal husbandry and biosecurity area
- \$950,000 for ongoing Ipswich Central Revitalisation – including streetscape improvements and greening up East St to improve walkability, connectivity and accessibility between David Trumpy Bridge and Court Street, Ipswich; and creative wayfinding and place identity across Ipswich Central
- \$945,000 for sealed road rehabilitation at Woodend, Bundamba and Redbank
- \$720,000 for facility rehabilitation
- \$500,000 towards upgrade of intersection of Blackstone Road, Thomas Street and Creek Street, Silkstone to a roundabout
- \$495,000 for kerb and channel rehabilitation
- \$450,000 to upgrade sports field lighting at George and Eileen Hastings Sporting Complex Diamond 2, One Mile.
- \$150,000 to start refurbishment of the floor at Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall
- \$150,000 towards a new dog off leash area in Limestone Park

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