

Ipswich City Council

Media Release

1 July, 2025

Division 4 highlights: Upgrades for roads, sporting facilities in 2025-2026 Budget

Upgrades to roads and sporting facilities – including Ipswich’s newest grandstand – are among the wins for Division 4 residents in Ipswich City Council’s 2025-2026 Budget.

Division 4 Councillor David Martin said the Budget allocated \$4.6 million to progress the construction of a new grandstand at Ipswich Jets’ home ground North Ipswich Reserve.

“With the Federal Government and Queensland Government promising \$20 million and \$10 million respectively, council is doing its bit to transform the ground into the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct,” Cr Martin said.

“This funding will progress the construction of a new western grandstand as part of Stage 1 of the development, helping to deliver the people of Ipswich the national-standard boutique rectangular stadium we so very much deserve.

“It’s not just our sporting superstars who are benefiting from this Budget, with millions of dollars also allocated for upgrades to suburban sporting grounds.

“There is a strong focus on improving lighting fixtures so our athletes can play and train into the night, with \$400,000 for Blue Gum Reserve in Karalee, \$160,000 for the cricket nets at Cribb Park in North Ipswich, and \$270,000 for Tivoli Sporting Complex.

“The multi-purpose Tivoli Sporting Complex will also receive an additional \$2 million in this Budget – as part of \$8.5 million over two years, partly funded through SEQ Liveability Fund 2024-2027 – to be expanded so more of our rising stars can benefit from this wonderful facility.

“I have always advocated for better facilities for Ipswich athletes and this Budget delivers for the sports-loving communities of Division 4.”

Division 4 Councillor Jim Madden said the Budget featured a range of important upgrades to local roads and footpaths, ensuring safer passage for travellers across Division 4.

“I’m delighted this Budget locks in \$2.5 million for the reconstruction of road pavement along Adelong Avenue in Thagoona,” Cr Madden said.

“Residents of our booming western suburbs have long advocated for this upgrade, which will re-pave more than 12,000 square metres of road to ensure this thoroughfare can accommodate increased traffic and be more resilient to severe weather.

“Enterprise Street in Wulkuraka, which services several large businesses including the Asahi Beverages plant, will be upgraded with \$765,000 allocated in the Budget.

“A city-wide allocation of \$2.9 million for kerb and channel works will also benefit Division 4 communities with the program to progress improvement projects for Walloon, Brassall, North Ipswich and Rosewood.

“Residents of North Ipswich will benefit from \$1.2 million of stormwater draining rehabilitation, focusing on Ferguson Street, Gulland Street, Lowry Lane, Colvin Lane, Pelican Street, Canning Street and Pine Street.

“Council will also spend \$750,000 to urgently address erosion issues on Surprise Avenue in Brassall, while \$100,000 has been allocated for planning and design to improve safety on the busy Lobb Street in Churchill.

“As Chair of council’s Environment and Sustainability Committee, I’m also pleased this Budget includes \$1.1 million to rehabilitate eroded streambanks of Ironpot Creek following damage from February 2022 floods, funded through the Federal Government’s Urban Rivers and Catchments Program.

“Council is also continuing to invest in improved resource recovery services.

“This year’s \$62.3 million allocation for Resource Recovery will allow for the commencement of the city’s standard three-bin service, completion of pit repairs at Riverview Resource Recovery Centre and the continuation of design work for the future Western and Southern resource recovery centres.”

Division 4 2025-2026 Budget highlights:

- \$4.6 million to progress the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct Stage 1 Western Grandstand as part of \$40 million project
- \$3.6 million for sealed road resurfacing
- \$2.5 million for upgrades to Adelong Avenue, Thagoona
- \$2 million to progress expansion of Tivoli Sporting Complex as part of \$8.5 million over two years
- \$1.1 million to rehabilitate eroded streambanks in Ironpot Creek
- \$765,000 for upgrades to Enterprise Street, Wulkuraka
- \$400,000 for lighting upgrades at Blue Gum Reserve, Karalee
- \$305,000 for bridge and culvert rehabilitation works at Rosewood and Barellan Point
- \$120,000 for new footpath on Thagoona Haigslea Road along the property frontage of Haigslea State School, partially funded through School Transport Infrastructure Program
- \$100,000 for design of road safety improvements on Lobb Street, Churchill

– ENDS –

Ipswich City Council media unit - media@ipswich.qld.gov.au, 0448 457 258