

Ipswich City Council

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Division 2 highlights: On the move with a focus on road and park upgrades

Major investments in the local road network and parks in the Ipswich City Council 2022-2023 Budget will propel improvements across Division 2.

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

"More than \$38 million will be invested in this financial year on design and construction across these major projects," Cr Tully said.

"These are key arterial road links that will see traffic benefits flow across the whole of Division 2 and the city of Ipswich."

Cr Tully said road safety on the local network, particularly in Goodna, was another important focus for Division 2 in the 2022-2023 Budget.

"The intersection at Queen Street and Albert Street has been a community concern, and council has committed \$850,000 towards an upgrade that will include installing traffic lights," Cr Tully said.

"Design work will also be undertaken for a future upgrade to the Queen Street and Alice Street intersection.

"Brisbane Terrace will also see significant improvements through a \$750,000 upgrade."

Cr Tully said the 2022-2023 Budget also had a big win for the community, with \$350,000 committed to installing carpark lighting at Woodcrest College.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said sports fields, parks and playgrounds would also see enormous benefit in the 2022-2023 Budget.

"These green spaces are vital for the community in providing opportunity for healthy activity and as places to relax and unwind," Cr Jonic said.

"Over the financial year residents will see works happening across Division 2 playgrounds, such as Jane Gorry Park and Grande Park, to replace ageing infrastructure with new and modern amenities.

"An exciting upgrade to Richardson Park will launch with \$520,000, secured through a State Government grant, committed this financial year to extend the existing playground and upgrade the facility.

"An investment of \$40,000 for sport field irrigation at Camira Recreation Reserve will provide huge benefit to the maintenance of these fields and a safer playing surface."

Councillor Jonic said community safety was also a priority for Division 2 in the 2022-2023 Budget.

“Two new flood gauges will be installed at Springfield Lakes. Currently, the storage levels of the lakes are monitored monthly during routine inspections and daily during a flood event,” Cr Jonic said.

“These new stations will provide constant monitoring of storage levels and rainfall events with the data relayed in real-time to the Bureau of Meteorology.”

Cr Jonic said the 2022-2023 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.

Division 2 2022-2023 Budget highlights:

- Springfield Greenbank Arterial Road: \$23.44 million including detailed design and preliminary works for next stages of project
- Redbank Plains Road - \$14.96 million including Stage 3
- Queen Street – Albert Street intersection - \$850,000 for upgrade construction including traffic lights
- Brisbane Terrace - \$750,000 for road safety improvements
- Richardson Park - \$520,000 including playground extension and upgrade
- Woodcrest College - \$350,000 for carpark lighting
- Springfield Lakes - \$180,000 for flood gauges
- Camira Recreation Reserve - \$40,000 for sport field irrigation
- Robelle Domain - \$10,000 for vehicle deterrents including fencing and bollards

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