

2020–2021 Budget at a glance



\$232 million
in capital works, including:



\$124 million

Nicholas Street – Ipswich Central
Redevelopment



\$39.5 million

for asset rehabilitation



\$14.9 million

on parks, sport and environment



\$13 million

for strategic transport projects

TOTAL 2020–2021 BUDGET IS \$603.4 MILLION

Council's 2020–2021 budget, delivered by a new mayor and councillors, is measured and reflective of current economic times. Like last year, the overall budget tops \$600 million and focusses on a high level of core services to the community.

The budget has been impacted by Australia's first recession in almost three decades and the severe financial pressures caused by the coronavirus pandemic on the local, state and national economy.

Council has been faced with a significant number of tough decisions, but the budget seeks to deliver community value during uncertain times, sustain jobs and stimulate the economy.

AVERAGE INCREASE

The average general rate increase for residential properties is 2.75 per cent. The average increase in total rates and charges is \$0.98 cents per week. The commercial rate rise is 2.4 per cent.

CONCESSIONS

Pensioners can continue to claim the concession of up to \$245 per year for 2020–2021. Discounts on early payment continue at \$132 per year.

RESIDENTIAL NET RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2020–2021*

Average residential owner occupier general rate	\$1,375
Wheelie bin collection charge	\$371
Enviroplan Levy	\$46
Rural Fire Levy (separate charge)	\$3

**Based on average residential property*

CITY BY NUMBERS

The City of Ipswich covers an area of more than 1,090 square kilometres. With an area of this size, it is often surprising the sheer amount of infrastructure needed to keep our city advancing.

\$4.5m

to maintain
26,000+
streetlights

\$5.3m

to maintain 6
aquatic centres

\$7.0m

to maintain over
400 parks and
219 nature reserves

\$3.2m

to repair our
network of 1,500km+
of sealed roads

\$1.1m

to maintain our
network of 260km
of gravel roads

\$2.5m

to maintain 135ha
of sports fields
over 40 sites

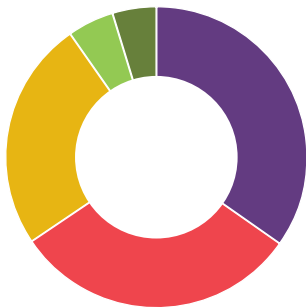
\$1.1m

to repair
5,000+
potholes

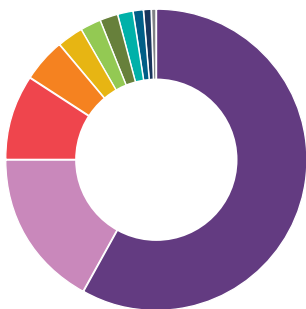


INCOME		\$'000
Net rates and utility charges		214,789
Developer donated assets		67,685
Other revenue		41,161
Government grants and subsidies		27,411
Fees and charges		25,080
Developer cash contributions		15,565
Interest revenue		2,224

Note: Includes Capital and Operational Revenue



OPERATING EXPENSES		\$'000
Employee expenses		105,636
Materials and services		93,575
Depreciation		75,411
Other expenses		15,283
Finance costs		13,527



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		\$'000
Corporate projects (inc. CBD)		134,881
Asset rehabilitation		39,572
Transport and traffic		21,440
Parks, sport and environment		10,711
Information technology		6,663
Fleet		4,870
Other		4,638
Local amenity		4,175
Corporate facilities		2,519
Flood mitigation and drainage		1,680
Resource recovery		1,122

MAJOR INITIATIVES

\$850,000

for COVID-19 relief and recovery packages to help stimulate economy, promote jobs and bring investment back to region

\$4.3 million

for road maintenance

\$3.5 million

for gravel, pavement and traffic signs

\$1.5 million

for Small Creek naturalisation

\$1.3 million

for Denmark Hill improvement works

\$500,000

to finalise Marsden Parade realignment

CAPITAL PROGRAM

\$232 million

\$1 million

Library services

\$18.2 million

Sealed road rehab

\$2.6 million

Kerb and channel rehab

\$2.6 million

Gravel road rehab

\$5.4 million

Bridge, culvert and drainage

\$1.8 million

iGo Active Transport Plan

\$2.6 million

Community safety and innovation

\$10.6 million

Lions Stadium

\$2.8 million

for Redbank Plains Road upgrade stages 3 and 4

\$5.9 million

for Springfield Parkway and Springfield-Greenbank Arterial