

Ipswich City Council

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Investment in local roads keeps city moving

The city of Ipswich is driving towards a better future with the 2022-2023 Budget delivering a \$78 million investment in the city's local road network.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said council was keeping the city moving by investing in the region's roads, with \$78 million to be spent on maintaining, upgrading and expanding our road network and an additional \$41 million to be spent on strategic transport projects.

"The 2022-2023 Budget will advance our economic recovery, while laying a strong foundation for future growth with improved transport infrastructure," Mayor Harding said.

"Strategic transport projects include the signalisation of the Queen Street and Albert Street intersection in Goodna and design works for Ripley Road upgrades at various locations.

"Further work on upgrading and duplication of the Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial Road – council's largest ever road construction project – will continue with \$23 million allocated over the next year.

"Another \$15 million will be spent on stages three and four upgrades of Redbank Plains Road.

"More than \$31 million has been set aside for rehabilitation of 1,710 kilometres of sealed roads and 268 kilometres of gravel roads, plus new and upgraded kerb and channels.

"An additional \$5.9 million will be spent on bridge and culvert works."

Mayor Harding said council had invested heavily in its three-year capital plan, with more than \$473 million allocated to significant projects between 2022 and 2025.

"Our capital works program for the next financial year is set at \$229 million," Mayor Harding said.

"Between 2022 and 2025, council will spend \$4.5 million upgrading Ripley Road in Ripley, to a four-lane urban standard road.

"We will spend \$14.5 million over three years on kerb and channel works."

Council has spent more than \$4.3 million on flood recovery efforts in 2022 to date, which has seen the filling of about 3,000 potholes, plus the repair and reopening of more than 100 roads and bridges.

"I am immensely proud of the work council road crews have done, and continue to do, to make sure our city's road network were back online as soon as possible and safe for all road users," Mayor Harding said.

Potholes will again be a focus with a further \$1.1 million set aside to fix about 6,030 potholes over the next financial year.

To make it safe for motorists and pedestrians alike, council will spend \$4.8 million to maintain more than 27,000 streetlights.

“The lights will be shining bright and our roads will be smoother, easing congestion and helping our community get to work, school or home safer and quicker,” Mayor Harding said.

For more information about Ipswich City Council’s 2022-2023 Budget, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget

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