

# 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

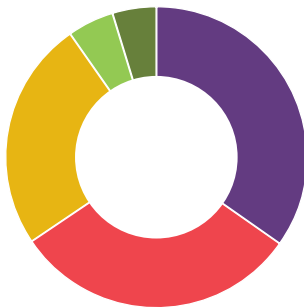
**\$1.1m**

to repair  
5,000+  
potholes

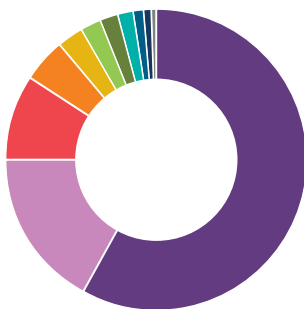


INCOME		\$'000
Net rates and utility charges		214,789
Developer donated assets		67,685
Other revenue		41,161
Government grants and subsidies		27,411
Fees and charges		25,080
Developer cash contributions		15,565
Interest revenue		2,224

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