



Moreton Bay Regional Council

BUDGET & OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021 - 2022

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES VALUING LIFESTYLE



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Moreton Bay Region is one of the fastest growing areas in Queensland. Good planning by Council will ensure that our growth will be the basis of future prosperity for generations to come. Budget 2021-22 is a coming of age budget. It steps up to address the two key challenges facing our region: Responsible fiscal management and the need to deliver services that protect the character of this great place we call home. This financial year we will deliver better planning for local neighbourhoods, greater protections for our environment and increased spending in local parks and playgrounds. We will build on the foundations laid in 2020 with the launch of our new Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) by delivering a breadth of visionary projects to address tomorrow's challenges today.

“**Our objective is to put Moreton Bay Region on the national map, by attracting major investment and jobs growth to sustain future generations.**”

We've already commenced this ambitious agenda by taking long awaited projects out of the “too hard basket” and making them a reality. Like the construction of two new bridges over Youngs Crossing, thanks to an additional \$25 million funding from the Australian Government and a commitment from the State Government to work to secure a \$10 million contribution for this upgrade. Our strengthened relationships with other levels of government have secured Council around \$100 million in State and Federal grants to fund more than 150 projects across our region. At our inaugural Leaders' Forum all 27 of our region's elected representatives agreed to tackle critical infrastructure needs including an upgrade of the Bruce Highway, a new western road corridor, the Moreton Connector road, and the Knowledge and Innovation Centre at The Mill.



Not only are we working to improve our relationship with governments, we're working to improve our relationship with you - the residents of Moreton Bay Region. In 2021-22 we will continue our commitment to community engagement and being responsive to community concerns by ensuring every action of Council is aligned with the values of our region. This will be achieved through the Moreton Says Survey, the largest community engagement campaign ever undertaken in our region. We are currently analysing your responses and I can't wait to report back with the findings from this survey.

I'm proud to say we're already listening. In fact, we have redesigned and realigned the Youngs Crossing Bridge project to reflect the expectations of locals who provided invaluable insights through more than 4,000 survey responses. We've also made key structural changes to the way we operate by hiring additional staff to provide you with a better standard of service and have guaranteed pensioner rebates on rates. We've acted on calls to give more council contracts to local businesses. Since launching our 'Local Preference Policy' last year, we've recorded a 9% increase in the proportion of Council's spend flowing to local businesses, 47% of orders are now being raised to local suppliers, and 62% of Council tenders invited at least one local business.

This Budget rises to the challenges of tomorrow with the confidence of knowing there's nothing we can't achieve together. Just as we are responding to COVID-19 together, this year we begin the next stage in Moreton Bay Region's transformation together.

Peter Flannery

Mayor - Moreton Bay Regional Council

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council's \$743 million budget will deliver a record \$245 million capital works program with a focus on healthy and active lifestyles. Here's a snapshot of the 2021-22 budget:



\$174m

Road and transport networks



\$61m

Parks and the environment



\$59.6m

Waste management



\$20.1m

Sport and recreation



\$20.1m

Libraries, arts, community facilities and history



\$25m

Waterways and coastal areas



\$1.6m

Planning better communities and managing growth



120

New CCTV cameras throughout the region



148,000+

Trees planted

RATING INFORMATION

- General rate increase for an owner-occupied house is 3.6% with the minimum general rate increasing by \$36 per annum from \$1,013 in 2020/21 to \$1,049 in 2021/22.
- Average total rate increase for an owner-occupied house is 3.9% or \$62.37 per annum (\$1.20 per week).
- Council's pensioner remission will continue at \$250 per eligible property per annum where the pensioner is in receipt of the maximum rate of pension, and \$100 per eligible property per annum where the pensioner is in receipt of a part pension. The remission will provide a benefit to approximately 26,200 pensioner owned properties across the region.
- The regional infrastructure and environment charge has increased by \$6 per annum from \$84 in 2020/21 to \$90 in 2021/22.
- Residential waste management utility charges increased by approximately 4.5% per annum with the most popular service, a 240L Refuse Bin and a 240L Recycling bin, increasing by \$11 per annum from \$237 to \$248.

REINVENTING OUR ECONOMY, RESPONDING TO OUR COMMUNITY

Key community projects across the region include:

- \$12.5 million to improve safety, increase traffic capacity and reduce delays on Old Gympie Road (Alma Road to Goodwin Road), **Dakabin**
- \$11.6 million to begin construction on the new Queensland Centre of Excellence for Women's Football, home to Brisbane Roar women and youth teams at South Pine Sporting Complex, **Brendale***
- \$7.5 million for the construction of a signalised intersection, pedestrian crossing and shared pathways on Old Gympie and Boundary Roads, **Dakabin**
- \$5 million to finalise detailed design and commence construction of a new four lane bridge and road construction to improve flood immunity at Youngs Crossing, **Joyner/Petrie***
- \$5 million to improve traffic flow and road safety at the entrance to Bunnings **North Lakes** with upgrades intersections at Flinders Parade-Cook Court and Torres Crescent-Diamond Jubilee Way*
- \$4.9 million for road improvements and traffic signals including signalised pedestrian crossing on Beeville Road, **Petrie**
- \$4.5 million to rebuild a new Community Hall at **Deception Bay***
- \$4 million for stage 1 construction of new rugby union and touch football clubhouse and amenities at Petersen Road Sportsgrounds, **Morayfield**^**
- \$3.35 million to upgrade the existing two lane cross section to 4-lanes at Graham Road, **Morayfield***
- \$2.7 million to design and build a pedestrian and cycle bridge over the South Pine River at Percy Cash Bridge, **Samford Valley#**
- \$2.3 million for the widening and reconfigured intersection at Chelmsford Road, **Mango Hill**
- \$1.85 million for the relocation of services to allow construction to commence to improve safety on Old Gympie Road (Whitehorse Road to Alma Road), **Kallangur**
- \$1.56 million in improvements to the road and intersection at William Berry Drive, **Morayfield**
- \$1.5 million for the renewal of the skate park at Sheep Station Creek Park, **Morayfield***
- \$1.46 million road rehabilitation and new pathway on Warroo Drive, **Deception Bay**
- \$1.25 million for stage 1 facility improvements at Redcliffe PCYC, **Kippa-Ring***
- \$1.25 million for stage 1 building upgrade to the Pine Rivers PCYC, **Bray Park***
- \$1.2 million for the design renewal and upgrade of the skate park at **Albany Creek***
- \$1.08 million for road improvements to Victoria Avenue, **Woody Point**
- \$1.02 million for rehabilitation works at Old North Road, **Brendale***
- \$1 million to upgrade the intersections at Mount Samson Road/Kobble Creek Road/Postman's Track, **Armstrong Creek**
- \$1 million for road improvements and intersection upgrade at Oakey Flat Road (Ashbrook to Lakeview), **Morayfield**
- \$950,000 for the renewal and extension of Soccer Field 3 at James Drysdale Reserve, **Bunya***
- \$940,000 towards road rehabilitation on Endeavour Drive, **Banksia Beach**
- \$900,000 for a 950m missing link pathway along Bribie Island Road (Bestmann Road to Aylward Road), **Ningi***
- \$335,000 to resurface John Street, **Redcliffe**

* This project is also supported by the Australian Government

This project is also supported by the Queensland Government

^ This project is also supported by the Caboolture Sports Club

FEDERAL & STATE FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

Moreton Bay Regional Council has a strong track record of working in partnership with the Australian and Queensland Governments to deliver projects that address regional challenges and capitalise on opportunities. In 2020-21, Council worked in close collaboration with each government to help the region recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the Australian and Queensland Governments have provided Council with \$45.4 million in economic stimulus funding for community infrastructure projects. Together with Council's own contribution of \$41.9 million, a total of 144 projects have been delivered and 1360 jobs supported. That support will continue in 2021-22 for broader road and infrastructure projects; below is a snapshot of funding that has been and will be received on our road to recovery.



Australian Government

\$95.85 million

in federal funding to date

800+

Number of jobs supported to date

Programs & Projects

Roads to Recovery

Blackspot Funding

Local roads and Community Infrastructure

Building Better Regions Fund

Community Development Grants

Youngs Crossing Bridge



Queensland Government

\$25.13 million

in state funding to date

560+

Number of jobs supported to date

Programs & Projects

COVID Works for Queensland

Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Funding

Cycling Network Grants

South East Queensland Community Stimulus

Youngs Crossing

The Youngs Crossing Road transport corridor is a critical link to South East Queensland's road network, and constructing this major new bridge will be one of the largest road infrastructure projects ever delivered by Council.

The importance of this project can't be understated, in order for us to have the infrastructure we need delivered ahead of our region's forecast population growth. Already more than 20,000 vehicles use this road every day and an additional 240,000 people are expected to call Moreton Bay Region home within the next 20 years.

This \$68 million transport project will support 515 jobs in total and has been made possible thanks to \$32.75 million in Federal Government support. The State Government has committed to working to secure a \$10 million project contribution. Construction will see two new 84 metre-long bridges built across the North Pine River and Sideling Creek, with a rock armour protected embankment located between the two bridges/watercourses.

Construction is expected to be complete in December 2023.



The Moreton Bay Region's inaugural Leaders' Forum proved an enormous success. It brought together all three levels of government to plan and advocate for major projects to advance our region, including support for the Dolphins NRL bid.

WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT TO PROGRESS OUR REGION

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Leaders' Summit



Moreton Bay Region Leaders' Forum 2021

Communiqué

The inaugural Moreton Bay Region Leaders' Forum was held today, Friday 7 May 2021, at Eatons Hill, Moreton Bay Region.

The Leaders' Forum, a joint initiative by Peter Flannery, Mayor of Moreton Bay Regional Council, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Federal Member for Dickson, and the Hon Steven Miles MP, State Member for Murrumba, brought together the region's 27 elected representatives across local, state and federal government (3 federal MPs and one region-based Senator, 10 state MPs and 13 Moreton Bay Region Councillors) to discuss key challenges and opportunities for the region.

Leaders thanked Ms Madonna King for facilitating the discussions.

Collaboration by all tiers of government to service the needs of Moreton Bay residents

The Moreton Bay Region, Australia's third largest local government area by population, is expected to grow from currently 470,000 residents to close to 700,000 residents by 2041. Leaders acknowledged the opportunities and challenges arising from this growth and committed to continuing to work together in the interests of their joint constituents, the people of the Moreton Bay Region, to provide the infrastructure and services required to support a prosperous and growing region.

Regional roads and transport initiatives

Leaders recognised the vital need to build new, and upgrade existing, road and transport infrastructure in the region if it was to accommodate the expected population growth, and that this task was beyond the funding capacity of any single tier of government.

Leaders agreed to fast-track the \$68.5 million Youngs Crossing Road upgrade at Joyner and welcomed the Morrison Government's announcement at the Forum of a \$25 million funding boost, bringing its total commitment to \$32.75 million to improve the flood immunity, safety and vehicle carrying capacity of this important regional transport corridor. Leaders also welcomed the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to invest \$350,000 to progress planning for an intersection upgrade at Youngs Crossing Road and Dayboro Road, and the prospect of securing a \$10 million contribution from the State Government to the upgrade.

Leaders recognised that the region's sections of the Gateway Motorway, Bruce Highway and Gympie Arterial Road were insufficient to cater for increased demand, with traffic levels predicted to increase by approximately 50 per cent by 2041. Leaders remain committed to progressing integrated upgrades to this network, including the Moreton Connector.

Knowledge and Innovation Centre at The Mill

Leaders recognised the potential for an innovation precinct located in the region to accelerate its long-term education, jobs, innovation and investment prospects.

Leaders committed to establishing a Knowledge and Innovation Centre as part of the Mill Priority Development Area (PDA) as the first step in developing an innovation and advanced manufacturing precinct to create high-value jobs in the region and ensure residents have the necessary skills and knowledge to access these.

Leaders reaffirmed their support for delivering the Centre, estimated to cost \$125 million, via the South East Queensland City Deal.

Council committed to providing an initial \$12.5 million and land for the project, and to delivering a Knowledge and Innovation Centre and flexible maker spaces at the site.

An NRL Team for Moreton Bay

Leaders recognised the significant opportunity to capitalise on the popularity of rugby league within South East Queensland and provide Moreton Bay and the Sunshine Coast as areas of significant population growth with a National Rugby League (NRL) team to support. They recognised the potential for an NRL team to crystallise a regional identity for Moreton Bay residents, and to put Moreton Bay on the national map and encourage visitors to the region for both rugby-related trips and broader tourism opportunities.

Leaders signed a joint letter of support to the Australian Rugby League Commission (ALRC) for the Redcliffe Dolphins to be granted the next NRL licence.

Next Leaders' Forum

Leaders agreed to hold the Moreton Bay Leaders' Forum as a biennial event.

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Dear Mr V'Landys

MORETON BAY REGION - NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE BID

As the leaders elected to represent the people of the Moreton Bay Region, we are writing to express our united support for the Moreton Bay Region to become the 17th team in the National Rugby League (NRL).

Although we may wear different political colours, the Redcliffe Dolphins is one team that we are all proud to stand behind and support their bid to join the NRL.

The Moreton Bay Region is the third-largest local government area in Australia by population. It is represented by 27 elected members across local, state and federal government and accounts for approximately 10% of seats in the Queensland Parliament alone.

The Region's population is forecast to grow from 460,000 to approximately 690,000 by 2041. The neighbouring Sunshine Coast Region is also experiencing similar growth, with an expected population increase of 24 per cent over the next 10 years. The combined catchment area by 2041 will be more than 1.2 million people.

A Moreton Bay NRL team would take advantage of this anticipated growth and tap into an audience of league supporters clamouring for their own team to support from the northern suburbs of Brisbane to the Bundaberg region. The 11-hectare Dolphins' precinct is only a 30-minute drive from the Brisbane CBD.

When comparing a Moreton Bay bid to a Western Corridor bid, the difference is stark. The Dolphins Corridor bid catchment:

- has **333,100 more residents** than the Western Corridor bid catchment;
- has **134,900 more households** than the Western Corridor bid catchment;
- has **40,200 more families** with children than the Western Corridor bid catchment;
- has **68,600 more 15-44 year olds** than the Western Corridor bid catchment; and
- has **1,000 more businesses** that have an annual turnover of \$2 million or more than the Western Corridor bid catchment.



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The Dolphins are the most successful team in the history of the Queensland Cup competition, having reached 11 grand finals and winning six. This sustained success has translated into an established supporter base, with the Redcliffe Leagues Club currently boasting over 40,000 members.

Regional support for rugby league is also demonstrated at the junior level, with more than 5500 registered players spread across 17 local rugby league clubs. As the region enters a period of considerable population growth the opportunity exists now to ensure junior players have a local NRL team to aspire to, locking in their commitment to the sport rather than pursuing pathways elsewhere or exploring cross code alternatives.

It is clear the Dolphins' bid has access to more resources needed to support and sustain a thriving NRL team. Unlike competing bids, the Dolphins are prepared for almost immediate entry to the NRL. Their diversified business profile is more impressive than most existing NRL clubs and they do not have many of the start-up costs that would be faced by competing bids.

The Dolphins' bid is further bolstered by the recent upgrades to the \$24 million Dolphin Stadium which has been supported by all levels of government. This includes \$8.4 million by Council, \$7.5 million from the Federal Government and approximately \$3.4 million from the State Government. The new stadium has 10,000 seats and a full capacity of 11,500, ensuring the club possesses an NRL-ready venue for games not held at Suncorp Stadium. The club also has a proven ability to host significant events, including NRL preseason trial matches, the 2018 Rugby League Commonwealth Championships and the sold out 2019 Intrust Super Cup Grand Final. The newly upgraded facility is also serving as the home ground for the Brisbane Roar for the current A-League season.

From a regional perspective, an NRL licence would deliver a myriad of social and economic opportunities and provide new pathways for local talent to pursue rugby league careers, including players already at the NRL level but contracted interstate.

We encourage you to consider the case put forward by the Redcliffe Dolphins favourably and note our support for the Moreton Bay Region's bid. A successful Dolphins' bid brings peace of mind to the Australian Rugby League Commission in knowing the club is ready for immediate introduction to the NRL, with a strong business case, established infrastructure and a growing supporter base.

Moreton Bay Region is already the home of grassroots rugby league in South East Queensland. We're now ready to become home to the NRL's next team.

Yours Sincerely

The Elected Representatives of Moreton Bay Region



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Peter Dutton

Hon Peter Dutton MP
Minister for Defence
Federal Member for Dickson

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Go DOLPHINS!
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State Member for Morayfield



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Minister for Rural Communities
State Member for Ferny Grove

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Member for Pumicestone

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