Coastal protection, roads and environment drive Division 1 in 18/19 Budget

Critical coastal protection and stormwater infrastructure projects together with a multi-million dollar commitment to roads are the highlights for Division 1 in Moreton Bay Regional Council’s 2018/19 Budget.

Division 1 Councillor Brooke Savige said she was pleased to announce more than $877,000 would be invested in critical stormwater and coastal waterway projects to improve and preserve Bribie’s foreshore areas, together with $3.28 million towards resurfacing priority roads in the local area.

Projects include seawall and embankment stabilisation works, boat ramp upgrade, ongoing sand recycling to replenish Woorim Beach, as well as support for shellfish habitat restoration project and conservation park remediation works.

“This budget will see council invest $150,000 to replace lintel and grates across 340 catchpits in the Bellara area to improve stormwater capture, and a further $175,000 to fill, re-batter and revegetate the Sandstone Point Foreshore cliff embankment,” Cr Savige said.

“$70,000 has also been announced to commence works on the Welsby Parade Park seawall stabilisation project. This funding will help stabilise a 200m section of the park to reduce coastal impacts on the foreshore and popular local park.

“In keeping with council’s commitment to improving stormwater infrastructure in Division 1, I’m proud to announce $185,000 will go towards the construction of a new flow path along Analie Street, Ningi to help improve local flood mitigation.

“Following beach nourishment works along Woorim Beach, council has allocated $250,000 in the 18/19 budget for the operation of the sand back-pass system helping to restore the Woorim foreshore.

Cr Savige said $90,000 will also go towards designs for various road improvements in Toorbul and $20,000 would be injected into coastal protection design works along Kal-ma-kuta Drive Park in Sandstone Point.

“There’s no denying Division 1 is one of the most picturesque areas in South East Queensland to get outdoors and enjoy our region’s beautiful natural environment.

“That’s why council’s budget will also deliver critical environment works, including $250,000 for vital remediation works at Buckleys Hole and $10,000 for the restoration of shellfish habitats on Pumicestone Passage.

“Community facilities will also receive a boost, with the Bribie Community Arts Centre to receive $300,000 for new car parking facilities, the Bribie Island Caboolture SES Depot to receive $40,000 for storage planning and $70,000 for the Sandstone Point Sports Ground Master Plan.

“As our population continues to grow, it’s important that we plan and provide the necessary infrastructure, which is why council has also secured $425,000 for upgrades to the Caboolture Waste Management Facility and $200,000 for the Toorbul Caravan Park Treatment Plant.

“This is a budget that ensures critical road, waste and stormwater infrastructure is delivered for our community, while also preserving our environment for all to enjoy.”
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