New Builds, Renewals and Planning core of Division 10 Budget

Moreton Bay Regional Council’s budget has delivered funding to renew old infrastructure, build new infrastructure and plan for future projects in 2018/19.

Councillor for Division 10 Matt Constance made the announcement following council’s budget meeting on June 1.

“Council recently awarded a $2 million tender for the construction of a new SES depot at James Drysdale Reserve in Bunya and this budget delivers vital funds to make that project a reality,” Cr Constance said.

“Volunteers give up their time to protect the community often risking their own lives; so I am pleased to see council delivering much-needed funds to ensure our SES has the very best of facilities and equipment to carry out their training and emergency responses.

“I’ve been working closely with local SES to make sure its design can accommodate the group’s growth. It’s a great result for our community and for our local SES volunteers.”

Construction is expected to commence early June 2018, and completed by mid-2019, weather permitting.

“To further support our local SES volunteers and firefighters, I am pleased to announce $100,000 in funding for a fire trail network within Tyler Reserve, Surrey Farm, Wilga Drive Park between Retreat Court and Blue Hills Drive in Bunya to increase protection for the houses in the area and enable crews and their vehicles to access fires safely and quickly,” Cr Constance said.

As part of council’s 2018/19 Budget, major road upgrades will also be undertaken to improve local roads across Division 10.

“Road safety is a priority for me as a local councillor and I am pleased to see local road improvements delivered for our community,” Cr Constance said.

“More than $600,000 will be spent on reducing traffic congestion at the intersection of South Pine Road, Camelia Avenue and Pimelea Street in Everton Hills that will see an upgrade of the traffic signal to include an advanced single controller and improving the road surface.

“More than $1 million will also be invested in Camelia Avenue Everton Hills, which will also see a major road upgrade project between Drosera Street to Pavonia Street.

“The 2018/19 Budget will also focus on ongoing local road improvements, with over $1.2 million to be invested in road resurfacing across Division 10 and $80,000 allocated for design work to upgrade the Gordon Road and Ferny Way intersection to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety.

“Active and healthy lifestyles will be encouraged with more than $2.3 million invested in to projects improving connections from Ferny Hills to the Samford Rail Trail and recreation space at Wahminda Park, including a new three-metre wide pedestrian cycle and pedestrian bridge linking to Lanita Road in Ferny Hills.”
“This project will include 300 metres of connecting pathways, signage and lighting to ultimately create a link for cyclists to the Samford Cycle way that connects Samford to Ferny Hills and Ferny Grove Railway Station,” he said.

Funding has also been allocated for detailed design of a new all ages, all abilities play and picnic space and new accessible amenities block at Leslie Patrick Park.

Cr Constance also announced a $3.7 million for the construction of three landfill cells to continue the life of the Waste Management Facility at Bunya.

“This is a strong Budget for our community that ensures council continues to make Division 10 a better place to live, work and play.”

Other key projects for Division 10 include:

- $20,000 to upgrade Arana Hills Library
- $25,000 for the design of a new community purpose building at James Drysdale Reserve
- $50,000 planning study for a cycle connection from Dinterra to Kedron Brook
- $10,000 towards the detailed design of the upgrade of Pine Hills Park.

Ends.