18/19 Budget kicks goals for Div 5

Moreton Bay Regional Council will inject more than $7 million into Division 5 public spaces and roads in its biggest ever Budget to-date.

Division 5 Councillor James Houghton made the announcement following council’s special Budget meeting on Friday, June 1 and said $5.5 million would be invested in the largest green space project on the peninsula: the 16.6ha Nathan Road Sporting Precinct.

“Once complete, the sporting precinct will feature two senior-grade AFL fields, a multi-purpose field for other sports as well as AFL, clubhouse with kitchen and club room, player and officials change rooms, playground and conservation wetland,” Cr Houghton said.

“It’s a great result for sport and recreation in our community, local clubs, the dedicated legion of fans who cheer them on and the entire community.

“Sport and recreation have been huge drivers of economic development in our region, and this project will be no different with hundreds of jobs to be created during construction and an ongoing benefit for local retailers and accommodation providers, once complete.

“As part of council’s commitment to healthy and active lifestyles, $400,000 will be invested in upgrades for the Moreton Bay Cycleway between Kennedy Esplanade and Landsborough Avenue at Scarborough.

“Many locals and visitors utilise the path along the Scarborough foreshore to access the park, local shops and other parts of the peninsula. This project will widen the footpath to 3m to improve user safety and bring it into line with the rest of the Moreton Bay Cycleway.

Cr Houghton said the Budget would focus on ongoing road works for Division 5, with $1.47 million to be invested in the local road resurfacing program.

“2017/18 saw ongoing road improvements and safety throughout Division 5 and I’m pleased council will continue this focus in the 2018/19 Budget year, with a number of priority roads in the local area to be resurfaced.

Cr Houghton announced $500,000 would allocated towards the Scarborough red cliffs preservation project.

“This investment will go towards the design and construction of a 380m-long armour rock protection along the bottom of the cliffs to stabilise and protect the landmarks and Landsborough Avenue.

Cr Houghton said the Redcliffe Aerodrome would also receive a boost, with council committing $320,000 towards lighting upgrades and ongoing resealing.

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