Council budget focuses on roads in Division 8

Moreton Bay Regional Council will inject $8 million to upgrade a vital stretch of road in Warner as part of the 2018/19 Budget.

Councillor Mick Gillam said council would continue to deliver the stage two upgrade of Old North Road, from Kremzow Road to Everest Street in Warner.

“This congestion busting project will see the road widened, intersection upgrades including the signalisation of Russet Burbank Drive intersection and bicycle lanes.

“About 20,000 vehicles travel along Old North Road from Kremzow Road to Everest Street, each day to get to local shops, work and school and around so it’s important we keep up with the pace of the infrastructure needs of our local communities and give local residents and cyclists the best and safest road network possible to get around their community with ease.

“Road safety is a big priority for me and so I am pleased to announce $1.425 million for the upgrade of Samsonvale Road in Bray Park between Dundee Street and Elmwood that will include drainage improvements as well as intersection, pathway and street lighting upgrades at Kentwood to enable pedestrians, bicyclists and motorist to travel, walk and ride their bicycle to local shops.

“The project will also include upgrade line marking to link cycle facilities along Samsonvale Road.”

Councillor Mick Gillam also welcomed $1 million in the 2018/19 council budget to upgrade Les Hughes Sporting Complex PCYC

“Les Hughes [Sporting Complex] is hugely popular with local sporting groups as well as residents looking to keep healthy and active; this investment will ensure that our sporting facilities are of the highest standards to meet future demands of sport in the local area.

“In keeping with council’s commitment to active and healthy lifestyle, this budget will also feature more than $600,000 to upgrade playground equipment and picnic facilities at Leis Park, Lawnton.

Other projects in Division 8 include $25,000 for landcaping and interpretive signage to create an interpretive facility explaining the history of river crossings over the Pine River and $350,000 for an intersection upgrade in Cashmere at Samsonvale and Adams Roads.

Cr Gilliam said this budget delivers a strong focus on local roads and sporting facilities in Division 8.

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