Division 9 makes a slam dunk in 2018/19 Budget

Moreton Bay Regional Council will invest in local roads, waterway and sporting infrastructure upgrades as part of its 2018/19 budget revealed today.

Division 9 Councillor Mike Charlton said $600,000 would be invested in expanding the indoor sporting complex at South Pine Sporting Complex in Brendale and more than $200,000 would be spent on expanding the existing Rugby Union Clubhouse.

“Sport plays a huge role in helping to keep our community fit and healthy and we’re seeing the demands placed on our local community groups continue to grow each year as more families move to our great region,” Cr Charlton said.

“It’s important that our local sporting infrastructure keeps pace with the increasing demands from local athletes and also help to attract larger sporting events to our region.

“The construction of three new indoor courts with lighting, a mezzanine spectator area, change rooms and first aid rooms among other enhancements will deliver much-needed enhancements to basketball, netball and volleyball at the South Pine Sport Complex,” Cr Charlton said.

Cr Charlton said in addition to investing in vital sporting infrastructure, council has also allocated more than $900,000 for the Road Resurfacing Program to upgrade local roads across Division 9.

“This investment reinforces council’s ongoing commitment to improving our local road network that local residents rely on to get to work, school and get around.

Council will also be allocating $700,000 for wetland construction at Pine Rivers Park to improve local water quality.

Cr Charlton said Albany Creek Library would also receive $400,000 in upgrades for new bathroom facilities, modernising the library interior by reconfiguring the desk and meeting room, replacing the existing tiles and improving the outdoor patio with new furniture to complement the surroundings of the local area along with new shelving to replace the existing shelves.

Other projects for Division 9 include:

- $50,000 for the design of a BMX facility at Nolan Park
- $100,000 for the construction of a playground at Louise Court Park, Cashmere
- $40,000 for the construction of dog-off leash area at John Leitch Memorial Park, Albany Creek
- $105,000 for footpath construction at Jacaranda Drive, Albany Creek

“Council’s 2018/19 budget focuses on local road and waterway projects, while continuing to promote a healthy and active lifestyle in our region through investment in sport and recreation facilities in Division 9.”

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