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#### **IPSWICH BENEFITS FROM BEATTIE BUDGET**

Ipswich had secured a sizeable portion of funds from today's State Budget across many departments and agencies, the Member for Ipswich, Ms Rachel Nolan, said today.

Ms Nolan said she was proud to be a member of the third-term Beattie Government for getting straight down to the business of delivering for the whole of Queensland.

"We wasted no time at all after the election this year in making good on our election commitments to Queenslanders, including the people of my electorate," Ms Nolan said.

"Treasurer Terry Mackenroth has prepared a Budget that shows Queensland's strong economy and equally strong balance sheet.

"As a result, this Government will deliver on all of its commitments and go further with additional significant initiatives.

"Also, for the first time Queensland will see a capital works program that exceeds \$6 Billion.

"It is the highest amount of capital works ever committed by a government in the history of Queensland."

The 2004-05 State Budget funds for the Ipswich electorate and surrounding suburbs include:

- \$3.7 Million shared with Bundamba to construct the two lane South West Arterial between Springfield and Ripley with a total project cost of \$120 Million.
- \$100,000 for improvements to the intersection of the Ipswich - Cunningham Highway Connection Road and Chermside Road / Glebe Road.
- \$15,000 towards the cost of improvements to the pedestrian crossing at Silkstone State School.
- \$200,000 shared with Ipswich West to repair the Bremer River Bridge to original condition on the Ipswich - Warrego Highway Connection Road with a total project cost of \$1.63 Million.
- \$30,000 towards the land acquisition studies and pre-construction development approvals for the proposed "Amberley Aerospace Park".

- \$30,000 towards planning the next stage of development at the Carole Park Industrial Estate.
- \$170,000 towards the cost of major infrastructure planning for industrial land at Swanbank and Ebenezer.
- \$29.57 Million for the refurbishment of public housing in the Greater Brisbane region.
- \$232,000 to the Churches of Christ in Queensland for the Community Rent Scheme.
- \$1.45 Million for the construction of a Women's Shelter.
- \$130,000 in total to Ipswich Community Youth Service, Ipswich Regional Family Resource Centre, Ipswich Women's Shelter and Churches of Christ in Queensland - Careworks for the Crisis Accommodation program.
- \$172,000 to the Ipswich Home Modification Service.
- \$412,000 to Ipswich Home Assist Secure.
- \$139,000 to the Ipswich Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Service for the Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Service Program.
- \$1.47 Million for the construction of 21 medium density units of public housing with a total project cost of \$2.23 Million.
- 162 grants totalling approximately \$6.23 Million to support people with disabilities and their families in the Ipswich electorate. This includes \$2.545 Million in general funding to organisations to support individuals with a disability; \$1.243 Million to assist adults with disabilities to maintain their living arrangements and participate in their community; and \$980,000 to support school leavers with a disability making the transition to adult life.
- \$450,000 for additional respite services catering for people with a disability in Ipswich at the Jeffris Turner Centre.
- \$200,000 through the Smart State Building Fund for relocation and refurbishment of the Disability Services Queensland area office for Ipswich with a total project cost of \$998,000.
- \$292 Million will be invested by Energex to upgrade the capacity and performance of the distribution network infrastructure in the Greater Brisbane region. This includes new powerlines, new zone substations and increased capacity of existing equipment.
- \$2.09 Million for 51 new ambulance paramedics to help save lives, maintain emergency response times and enhance the health and safety of paramedics in the Greater Brisbane region.
- \$2.02 Million to community organisations in the Ipswich electorate under the Home and Community Care program. This program provides support and maintenance services for people in their home, and their carers, so they can remain living in their community and avoid premature admission to residential care.
- \$1.5 Million for the electorates of Inala, Bundamba, Ipswich, Ipswich West, Lockyer, Beaudesert and Nanango in additional funding to The Park to manage existing demand and pressures.



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- An extra \$3 Million for the West Moreton Health Service as well as \$1.22 Million to purchase essential medical equipment including an operating table, a phacoemulsifier, a surgical drill and three surgical hand drills.
  - \$301,000 in regional tourist organisation funding for Brisbane Marketing for various activities including destination-based marketing across Greater Brisbane.
  - \$3.58 Million for the ongoing management of The Workshops Rail Museum.
  - \$130,000 for a play ground upgrade at Bundamba State School, classroom upgrades at Clermont Special and Ipswich East State Schools and reflooring at Bremer State High School and Blair, Bundamba and Silkstone State Schools and Clermont Special School under the High Priority Maintenance Program.
  - \$123,000 for the Tactical Crime Squad which was established in Ipswich with a strength of 14 officers in April 2003. Tactical Crime Squads target known crime hotspots with a strong emphasis on investigating property crime and drug offences.
  - \$175,800 for a police radio tower at Yamanto with a total project cost of \$200,000.
  - \$148,000 for the purchase of LiveScan fingerprinting technology at the Ipswich Watchhouse at a total project cost of \$236,000. This technology allows immediate processing and cross checking of a national database to assist in identifying offenders.
  - \$2.68 Million towards the cost of the fire ant eradication campaign in South East Queensland, with a total State Government contribution of \$15.2 Million.
  - \$3,000 for the implementation of strategic pest and weed control projects in the Ipswich area that takes account of national programs such as Weeds of National Significance and link to state and local government pest planning processes.
  - Approximately \$25.4 Million to create an estimated 4,073 jobs through the Government's Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative for the Greater Brisbane region including:
    - \$13.85 Million through a range of apprenticeships and traineeship incentive programs which provide jobs in crucial, skills-shortage industries and the public sector.
    - \$11.54 Million for assistance to long-term unemployed people and people at risk of long-term unemployment through a range of community employment programs.
  - Approximately \$305 Million will be invested in more than 20 Million hours of training in the Greater Brisbane Region. This will underpin the social and economic development of the region by creating in

excess of 126,000 training places. Activities include \$23.085 Million for manufacturing industry related training in support of the Manufacturing Industry Initiative.

Ms Nolan said the local electorate would also benefit in other Budget initiatives across the State.

“For instance, our solid finances mean the Beattie Government will abolish credit card duty, reduce the rate of insurance duty and raise the concession threshold for home-buyers purchasing their principal-place-of-residence,” she said.

Ms Nolan said the Budget also demonstrated the Beattie Government’s unwavering focus on core service delivery with record recurrent spending in Departments such as Health (\$5.1 Billion), Education (\$4.8 Billion), Transport and Main Roads (\$4 Billion), Police (\$1.1 Billion) and Disability Services (\$454 Million) and the new Department of Child Safety (\$269 Million).

“Today’s Budget has been framed around making a real difference to people’s everyday lives as well as delivering on the Beattie Government’s commitment to building every region of this great State,” she said.

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