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LOCAL RESIDENTS REAP REWARDS IN STATE BUDGET

The Beattie Government's eighth State Budget contained a number of exciting initiatives which would benefit the local community, the Member for Ipswich, Ms Rachel Nolan, said today.

Ms Nolan said every local resident would share in tax cuts as well as extra money for services and infrastructure.

She said specific projects for the local electorate included:

- \$2.2 Million to purchase land and commence design of a new court house at Ipswich.
- \$6.4 Million invested by ENERGEX to establish a new zone substation using one in South Ipswich and a 110kV supply to new Qld Rail substation at Wulkuraka with a total value of \$15.6 Million.
- \$1.38 Million to provide an accommodation and support service for women and children escaping domestic and family violence and to provide counselling and support for people, young people and families at risk of homelessness at a total State Government contribution of \$4.13 Million.
- \$5.07 Million to community organisations under the Home and Community Care program. This program provides support and maintenance services for eligible people at home to prevent early admission to residential care.
- \$5,000 to the Ipswich City Council to conduct a week of sport and active recreation activities at Queens Park in Ipswich under the Local Government Development Program 2005.
- \$66,000 to the Ipswich City Council to construct a walk/cycleway at Limestone Park in Ipswich under the Local Government Development Program 2005.
- \$22,000 to the Ipswich City Council to install irrigation to a soccer and cricket field at Yamanto, Ipswich under the Local Government Development Program 2005.
- \$44,000 to the Ipswich City Council to construct stage one of a walk/cycleway at Flinders View, Ipswich under the Local Government Development Program 2005.

- \$14,080 to the Ipswich City Council to construct shade structures at 16 sport facilities across Ipswich under the Local Government Development Program 2005.
- \$145,000 to provide school aged care at Blair State School, Churchill Primary School, Raceview State School, Sacred Heart, Silkstone State School and St Marys, at a total project cost of \$434,000.
- \$634,000 for domestic violence prevention to provide a counselling, referral and support for women and children affected by domestic and family violence and for women accessing court services at a total project cost of \$1.9 Million.
- \$159,000 to community organisations to provide mental health services.
- \$435,000 to community organisations to provide palliative care services.
- \$86,000 to community organisations under the National Drug Strategy for alcohol and drug prevention campaigns.
- \$417,000 to the Ipswich City Council to upgrade eight grass netball courts to hard courts and relocate and upgrade all existing lighting at Limestone Park, 42 Chermside Road, Ipswich under the Major Facilities Program 2006.
- \$8,911 to the Central Districts Cricket Club of Ipswich Inc to install sight screens for cricket at Ipswich under the Minor Facilities Program 2005.
- \$12,006 to the Ipswich Basketball Association Incorporated to install four extraction fans for basketball at Ipswich under the Minor Facilities Program 2005.
- \$326,000 to continue construction of a police radio tower at Yamanto with a total project cost of \$374,000.
- \$1.17 Million towards the construction of a women's shelter at a total project cost of \$1.5 Million.
- \$3.23 Million for public housing to commence and complete construction of five detached houses and five medium density units at a total project cost of \$3.85 Million.
- \$1 Million acquire land for construction of rental accommodation for low income single people.
- \$394,000 to continue pavement rehabilitation works on Ipswich - Rosewood Road with a total project cost of \$852,000 (shared with the electorate of Ipswich West).
- \$928,000 for continued bridge repairs over the Bremer River on the Ipswich - Warrego Highway Connection Road with a total project cost of \$1.63 Million (shared with the electorate of Ipswich West).
- \$416,000 for traffic management devices on the Ipswich - Warrego Highway Connection Road between East Street and the Warrego Highway (shared with the electorate of Ipswich West).
- \$387,000 for route lighting on the Ipswich - Warrego Highway Connection Road between Brisbane Street and the Warrego Highway (shared with the electorate of Ipswich West).
- \$150,000 for at-grade intersection improvements on the Ipswich - Cunningham Highway Connection Road at Moffat Street.

- \$351,000 to Ipswich East State School to commence planning and construction of an administration upgrade, including \$28,000 for fit out, with a total project cost of \$760,000.
- \$77,000 to Bundamba State School to complete an electrical upgrade, including \$23,000 for fit out, with a total project cost of \$80,000.
- \$60,000 to Ipswich Central State School to commence planning for a major resource centre upgrade to support ICT initiatives, including \$4,000 for fit out, with a total project cost of \$603,000.
- \$25,000 to Churchill State School to commence planning for additional amenities, including \$1,000 for fit out, with a total project cost of \$275,000.
- \$18,000 to Blair State School to complete an electrical upgrade, including \$5,000 for fit out, with a total project cost of \$19,000.
- \$166,000 under the Triple R Maintenance and Asbestos Roof Replacement Program for repainting at Bremer State High School, Ipswich Central State School, Ipswich East State School, Ipswich Special School and Ipswich West State School, and for asbestos reroofing at Raceview State School.
- \$58,000 for high priority maintenance related to re-flooring at Ipswich East State School and Ipswich Special School, classroom maintenance at Bremer State High School and the tuckshop at Blair State School.
- \$6.84 Million to support people with disabilities and their families, including \$3.04 Million to organisations assisting people with a disability and \$1.31 Million to support adults with a disability maintain their living arrangements and participate in the community.
- \$3.02 Million under the National Action Plan - Salinity and Water Quality towards the funding of a regional investment strategy for the NRM Western Catchments body.

The Ipswich electorate will also benefit from:

- \$123,000 in continued funding for the Ipswich Tactical Crime Squad, which targets known crime hotspots with a strong emphasis on investigating property crime and drug offences.
- \$8 Million to continue replacing timber rail bridges with concrete bridges with a total project cost of \$30 Million.
- \$62,000 towards rolling out fluorescent signage at school zones in Ipswich.
- \$30.82 Million for general upgrades to public housing including kitchens, bathrooms, modifications for disability access and security/insect screens in the Greater Brisbane area.
- \$1.25 Million to upgrade Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rental housing including kitchens, bathrooms, modifications for disability access and security/insect screens in the Greater Brisbane area.
- \$900,000 to buy three dwellings for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rental housing in the Ipswich area.

- \$300,000 to buy vacant land for the construction of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rental housing in the Ipswich area.
- \$2 Million to buy five dwellings for public housing Ipswich area.
- \$1 Million to buy land for future public housing in the Ipswich area.
- Approximately \$318 Million will be invested in almost 20.6 Million hours of training in the Greater Brisbane region.
- Approximately \$24.4 Million to create an estimated 3,607 jobs through the Government's Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative during 2005/06 in the Greater Brisbane region.
- \$1.22 Million to the West Moreton Health Service District for medical equipment including a birthing bed, defibrillators, electrocardiographs, an examination table, physiologic monitors, a steriliser, a surgical drill, a theatre light, ventilators and an X-ray machine.
- \$1.35 Million allocated to manage demand for services in the West Moreton Health Service District.

Ms Nolan said it was an outstanding Budget with every core service agency receiving a funding boost, a record \$8 Billion capital program and massive tax cuts.

“The tax cuts alone are worth \$5 Billion over the next seven years,” Ms Nolan said.

“Land tax rates have been cut, thresholds lifted and the system simplified.

“In addition, six business duties will be progressively wiped out over the next seven years saving a total of \$3.5 Billion.”

Ms Nolan said her local electorate would also benefit from an additional 352 nurses, 228 police officers, 286 teachers, 70 paramedics and 151 Child Safety staff being employed across the State in 2005/06.

She said the capital Budget also included the first slice of the extra \$2 Billion promised over the next four years for the twenty year \$55 Billion South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan.

“This Budget again repays the trust Queensland taxpayers have put in the Beattie Government,” Ms Nolan said.

“We have used their money wisely to deliver projects and services that will provide jobs, boost our economy and deliver real benefits for families.”