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**Community safety a priority for Ipswich in State Budget**

Funding for the completion of the new Ipswich Magistrates and District Court – along with a new ambulance station, police station and watchhouse are the priority of the State Budget for Ipswich.

The funding for Ipswich was announced today by Treasurer Andrew Fraser as part of the 2009-10 State Budget.

In presenting the State Budget to Parliament, Mr Fraser emphasised the Bligh Government's commitment to protecting jobs, meeting election promises and delivering front-line community services.

Ipswich MP Rachel Nolan said the state budget had announced \$27.24 million for completion of the new Ipswich Magistrates and District Court in the budget as part of the Bligh Government's massive building program.

"A further funding allocation of \$5.13 million for replacement of the Ipswich Police Station and Watchhouse had also been announced," Ms Nolan said.

"This project represents the biggest capital works project in Ipswich's CBD in more than a decade and will create hundreds of jobs for the local community.

"\$2.88 million has also been allocated to complete the new ambulance station in Ipswich.

"This is a real investment in community safety for the people of Ipswich," she said.

Ms Nolan also acknowledged the millions of dollars of investment in health, housing, sport and community services providing frontline services for the people of Ipswich.

**Funding for the Ipswich electorate announced in today's budget includes:**

**Jobs:**

- \$28.1 million across greater Brisbane for the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative including Queensland's Green Army to create 3,560 jobs for young people and those disadvantaged in the labour market. An additional \$7.1 million is to promote social inclusion through increasing economic participation in low socio-economic urban fringe communities.
- \$3.51 million for the proposed Nanango and Kholo Creek Hard rock Haulage Roads corridor.
- \$4.16 million contribution towards the Ipswich Multifunction Development.
- \$3.59 million to develop South East Queensland's Regional Recreational Trails at Brisbane Valley, Boonah to Ipswich and Maroochy River Canoe Trail.
- \$1.57 million at Booval to replace transformer and switchgear for increased network capacity.
- \$1.24 million at Raceview to upgrade existing high voltage feeder.
- \$1.79 million at Raceview for feeder works to improve network capacity.
- \$14.32 million investment in biosecurity prevention, preparedness, surveillance, response, recovery and management to protect south east Queensland from the risks and impacts of pests and diseases.

### **Police and Emergency Services:**

- \$902,000 across South Coast and Greater Brisbane to reduce the level of drug dependency in the community with ongoing recurrent funding.
- \$200,000 to commence construction of a new permanently staffed 24-hour, 7-day urban fire station to meet changing population and community risk profile at a total cost of \$3.58 million.

### **Transport and Main Roads:**

- \$3.4 million to complete asphalt resurfacing on Warwick Road between Parker Avenue and the Cunningham Highway, Raceview and Yamanto.
- \$1.1 million to continue asphalt overlay on Swanbank Road between South Station Road and 100m past Sussex Street.
- \$449,000 to complete concept planning for the Cunningham Highway between Dinmore and Mutdapilly.
- \$650,000 in federal Black Spot funding towards traffic signal installation at the Whitehill Road and Edwards Street intersection, Raceview, with a total Federal Government contribution of \$650,000.

### **Health:**

- \$4.15 million for the expansion of Ipswich Hospital and provide an additional 84 beds to meet growth and service demand.
- \$495,000 for the Palliative Care Program State in Ipswich f to provide a range of palliative care services.

### **Community:**

- \$133,814 to provide a community centre-based development and support service.
- \$989,620 to provide intensive support services designed to improve the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families.
- \$204,541 to provide a support service for young people through the Education system with a total State Government contribution of \$613,622.
- \$255,666 to provide a support service for young people through the Education system with a total State Government contribution of \$766,998.
- \$40,763 to provide outside school hours care activities for young people (13-15yrs) with a total State Government contribution of \$122,290.
- \$63,059 to provide outside school hours care activities for young people (13-15yrs) with a total State Government contribution of \$189,178.
- \$920,000 towards the Q150 Steam Train, which will cross the state on six journeys and visit more than 30 communities, assisting these communities to remember the glory days of pioneering rail as they celebrate Queensland's 150th anniversary with events and activities.

### **Arts:**

- \$605,000 towards the purchase of Bookstock for Public libraries in the Ipswich region.
- \$3,300 to present 'Namatjira to Now' at Ipswich Art Gallery.

### **Housing:**

- \$471,000 to Complete construction of 2 dwellings in the Ipswich electorate.
- \$357,000 to Churches of Christ in Queensland through the Community Rent Scheme to provide transitional accommodation (short to medium- term) for low-income social housing applicants with a severe and immediate housing need.

- \$69,000 to Churches of Christ in Queensland through the Drug Court program which is a whole-of-Government approach to reduce illicit drug use and break the cycle of drug addiction and crime by providing supported accommodation to participants referred under the Intensive Drug Rehabilitation Order by the Drug Court Magistrate.
- \$427,000 to Ipswich City Council under the Home and Community Care (HACC) Home Modification Service which assists frail aged people and people with a moderate or severe disability who need support with home modifications to prevent premature entry into a hostel, nursing home or similar institution.
- \$546,000 to Ipswich City Council through the Home Assist Secure program which aims to remove some of the practical housing-related difficulties experienced by older people and people with a disability who wish to remain living in their homes.
- \$1.71 million to Commence and complete construction of 8 dwellings in the Ipswich electorate.
- \$80,000 to Ipswich City Council through the Spinal Cord Injury Response program which aims to reduce hospital stays and assist people with a newly acquired spinal cord injury who are being discharged following their acute care and rehabilitation from the Spinal Injuries Unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.
- \$120,000 to Ipswich Tenancy Advocacy Services Inc through the TAAS(Q) program which provides information, advice and advocacy to tenants and residents, especially those experiencing difficulties with their tenancies or residential services.

#### **Sport:**

- \$50,000 to improve the health and wellbeing of Indigenous communities with increased sport and recreation opportunities.
- \$15,562 towards the installation of eight fitness stations at Limestone Park, Ipswich.
- \$30,133 towards the construction of cricket nets including lighting at Ipswich.
- \$25,000 to deliver the Eat Well and Be Active program promoting and organising regular sports activities and social events and increase awareness about a lack of healthy eating and exercise at Ipswich.
- \$25,000 to encourage the parents and caregivers of school aged children to increase their physical activity and general nutrition at Ipswich.
- \$12,000 to deliver Healthy Lifestyles Education and Activities Workshops including cooking and nutrition workshops, movement workshops and sport workshops for people with disabilities in Ipswich.
- \$88,000 towards the costs of maintaining racing track training facilities.

#### **Education:**

- \$23.25 million for a new school by relocation for Amberley State School.
- \$35.86 million for State Schools of Tomorrow renewal at Bremer State High.
- \$9.23 million for State Schools of Tomorrow renewal at Bundamba State School.
- \$150,000 towards the multi purpose hall - stage 1 at Ipswich East State School.
- \$13.73 million for State Schools of Tomorrow renewal at Silkstone State School.
- \$500,000 for the planning of the redevelopment at The Bremer Institute of TAFE - Bundamba.
- \$6,000 for maintenance work at Blair State School.
- \$8,200 for maintenance work at Ipswich East State School
- \$7,400 maintenance work at Ipswich West State School
- \$51,300 maintenance work at Raceview State School
- \$28,500 for maintenance work at Claremont Special School
- \$24,000 for maintenance work at Ipswich Central State School

