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ZOO AND POUND BENEFIT THROUGH BUDGET FUNDING

A need to meet regulatory requirements and community expectation regarding animal control has resulted in Bundaberg Regional Council allocating \$250,000 in its budget for preliminary works in establishing a new pound.

Council's Health & Regulatory Services portfolio spokesperson, Cr. Wayne Honor said the time had arrived for Council to upgrade its current pound which had served its purpose but was showing the ravages of time.

Cr. Honor said animal control was just one aspect of several broad initiatives contained within the budget and serviced through his portfolio.

"Council, through this last budget year funded a consultants report and identified a strategy to upgrade the Alexandra Park Zoo and the new budget will contain \$235,000 to facilitate the construction of a new enclosure."

Cr. Honor said a pair of Spotted Tail Quolls had already been delivered to the zoo and additional animals will be delivered in the near future.

"I was pleased to see the Bundaberg Cemetery in receipt of much needed funding of \$125,000 to allow the addition of the Ashes Garden and also to construct appropriate access roads within the Lawn Cemetery."

Cr. Honor said the Ashes Garden provided an additional dimension to the services currently offered at the Bundaberg Cemetery and he felt it was one that would be welcomed by bereaved families.

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