



## Council gives back to Gin Gin SES

The Gin Gin SES is used to offering the community support but in this year's Bundaberg Regional Council budget they'll receive it to redevelop the organisation's headquarters.

The local emergency services organisation forms an important part of the region's Local Disaster Management Group and plays an integral role in assisting the community during natural disasters and events.

Council's disaster management portfolio spokesperson Cr Greg Barnes said after a recent review it was highlighted that [Gin Gin SES](#) headquarters was in need of an upgrade.

"Under Queensland's disaster management arrangements each Council is required to have capability to respond to disasters in their community," he said.

"Councils do this with the support of the SES and their dedicated volunteer workforce.

"Bundaberg Regional Council has a Memorandum of Understanding with the SES which includes Council maintaining and upgrading the SES depots in our council area."

To assist in the maintenance of the current depot, Cr Barnes said a Queensland Fire and Emergency Services SES Support Grant was applied for with \$41,751 approved for the building project.

He said Council had put forward the remainder of the funds to complete the work.

"This project will greatly benefit both the Gin Gin SES and the PCYC Emergency Service Cadets as members are currently sharing one bathroom as a unisex system," Cr Barnes said.

"The work will include the completion of a new amenities area which will provide two separate amenities and toilet and shower cubicles.

"The fit-out will also ensure the areas are disability compliant."

Cr Barnes said the Gin Gin SES headquarters were an integral location during times of emergency.



"During operational times the Gin Gin SES HQ is utilised as an emergency operations centre," he said.

Cr Barnes said Gin Gin SES was regularly called on to support various operations including land and search rescues, traffic management, storm damage assistance and more.

"Gin Gin SES members, like all of our wonderful disaster management volunteers, are a vital part of our community," he said.

"Council is pleased to take this opportunity to return that support."