



## Message from the Mayor

I'm proud this Budget delivers the lowest rate-revenue increase in Council's 11-year history while also investing in much-needed infrastructure and community services.

Council has balanced cost-of-living pressure with new works to improve neighbourhoods and stimulate economic activity.

The Bundaberg Region is now poised for an exciting new era.

Our broader economic outlook is brighter than ever, with agriculture and innovation at the forefront.

We still face many challenges but the building blocks are in place.

Highlights of #BRCbudget19 include raising the pensioner discount from \$140 to \$165 at an additional cost of \$259,000 to provide relief for 10,360 pensioner ratepayers.

The budget commits nearly \$108 million for capital projects, up from \$102 million in the current financial year.

This investment will build better roads and bridges, improve drainage, upgrade our parks and create more footpaths.

Council continues to support arts and culture, sport and recreation, waste disposal, environmental management, food health and more through ongoing operational funds.

I'd like to thank Councillors and staff for their input to the Budget.

I also acknowledge contributions from the State and Federal Governments, which have enabled us to undertake many projects through programs such as Works for Queensland.

You can see my entire Budget message and budget documents here: [bundaberg.qld.gov.au/BRCbudget19](http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/BRCbudget19)

