



## Budget delivers family-friendly spaces and programs

More shade for playgrounds, upgraded parks plus literacy and learning programs at local libraries are just some of the ways Bundaberg Regional Council's 2026 – 2027 Budget is supporting families.

This financial year, Council continues to deliver projects and programs designed to support active lifestyles, improve accessibility and create welcoming community spaces for residents of all ages.

These include:

### **More shade planned for playgrounds and recreation areas**

Additional shade structures are in the works for parks and recreation spaces across the region to improve comfort and usability for families year-round.

Priority projects include:

- new shade structures at Childers Kindergarten
- new shade over the fitness equipment area at Banksia Park, Woodgate
- an additional shade sail over the Banksia Park playground

Further locations will be announced as planning progresses.

The upgrades are aimed at improving sun safety while encouraging outdoor recreation and community connection.



## **Wallaville Park and playground upgrade**

A major upgrade will continue at Wallaville Park to create a more accessible and family-friendly recreation space for kids of all ages – plus the young at heart!

The project includes:

- a multi-use court featuring a half basketball court
- barbecue
- a new playground
- two new replacement shelters and tables
- a 1.5-metre-wide pathway connecting the front park gate, accessible toilet and play facilities and more.

The upgrades are designed to improve accessibility while creating more opportunities for outdoor play and community gatherings.

## **Continued support for First 5 Forever program**

Council will continue delivering the First 5 Forever initiative through the Bundaberg Regional Libraries network, supporting early childhood literacy and learning opportunities for families.

Supported by the Queensland Government and coordinated through the State Library of Queensland, the program provides more than \$78,000 in annual grant funding.

The initiative encourages families to Talk, Read, Sing and Play every day to support early childhood development and lifelong learning.

Programs delivered through First 5 Forever across the region include:

- Baby Rattle and Rhyme at Bundaberg Library
- Toddler Sing and Smile at Bundaberg Library

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- Learn and Play Storytime at Bundaberg Library
- Story Time at Childers Library
- Story Play at Gin Gin Library

Additional initiatives such as the First 5 Forever giveaway provide free literacy toolkits, books and educational toys to families through local library branches without bookings or registrations.

Find out more about what Bundaberg Regional Council's 2026 - 2027 Budget will offer [here](#).

There are also budget education resources available which further explain Council's capital investment planning.