



Capital investment focus on core services

Critical infrastructure upgrades and improvements are being delivered in Bundaberg Regional Council's 2026 – 2027 budget with a focus on core services.

In an overall capital budget of \$116.3 million a total of \$97.3 million will be invested across core services of roads (including pathways and stormwater networks), rubbish, water and wastewater.

The capital investment program has undergone a rigorous prioritisation process to focus Council funds and investment on delivering the best value for money and the highest possible community benefit.

Here's just some of the highlights:

Roads spend improves safety, resilience

A more than \$47 million investment in the roads and transport network will improve safety and flood resilience and respond to growth.

For more, read the budget information for [motorists](#).

Pathways deliver greater connection

Over the next 12 months Council will invest \$2.9 million into upgrading and renewing pathways across the region.

This will include:

- Saltwater Creek footbridge restoration
- Maryborough and Boreham Streets accessibility improvements
- Ocean View Drive footbridge renewal in Woodgate
- Bargara Road, Bargara
- North Street, Childers



Funds have also been set aside to allow for minor disability access improvements to be undertaken as required.

Stormwater investment flows

Stage three of the Washpool Creek naturalisation is the headline for Council's \$5.1 million investment in its stormwater network.

Significant funds will also be invested in the stormwater underground network renewal program, ensuring infrastructure is appropriately maintained.

Drainage improvements will be undertaken in Brieschke Street, Elliott Heads.

Investment in waste and recycling

More than \$10 million will be invested in waste and recycling as Council continues to meet high standards for its landfill and resource recovery practices.

A new dual weighbridge system and associated facility upgrades will be constructed at the Bundaberg Waste Management Facility on University Drive.

The major infrastructure upgrades, which are designed to improve traffic flow, are set to kick off this year.

Fresh investment in water supply

Upgrades and improvements are on tap for Council's water network with a \$13.9 million investment.

Project highlights include:

- Elliott Heads Growth Precinct water main
- Telegraph Road distribution main
- Branyan Water Treatment Plant upgrade
- Bulk filling station upgrades
- Finalisation of remaining elements to commission the Gin Gin to Wallaville pipeline for the Wallaville Water Treatment Plant

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Wastewater

Upgrades which respond to the region's growing population and need for increased housing feature in a \$16.9 million investment in wastewater infrastructure.

This includes:

- Elliott Heads Growth Precinct rising sewer main
- Membrane replacement for Rubyanna Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Planning for the Childers Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade
- Millbank sewerage inlet works upgrade
- Hartnell Street sewer pump station and rising main upgrade

Funds will also be invested in the sewer relining program for gravity and pressure mains.

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.