



## **BUDGET MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **MAJOR WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ON WAY**

Water and Wastewater facilities are a major priority in this year's Budget, according to Council's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Spokesperson, Cr Alan Bush.

"\$6 Million will be allocated over the next two years for the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant at Gin Gin and major upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plants at Thabeban and Millbank" said Cr Bush. "Council will also begin design work to construct a major new Wastewater facility to service the coastal areas between Burnett Heads and Elliott Heads and the eastern suburbs of Bundaberg..

The water treatment plant at Gregory River will be upgraded to improve water quality and Council is also providing for current and future development by the allocation of \$3.5m for construction of a new 6 megalitre water reservoir at the Hummock.

"I'm happy that Council can go ahead with our extensive capital works programme despite losing the 40% State Government subsidy" said Cr Bush. "We're looking positively to the future, even though we have been hampered by funding the entire capital works programme ourselves, as well as having to budget \$3 million for the fluoridation programme that the State Government has dictated, despite widespread public disapproval".

Water and Wastewater Highlights of this Budget include:

- \$11.6 million for Sewer Plant and reticulation upgrades including:
  - \$500,000 for Bourbon Street Sewer pump station upgrade;
  - \$1 million for Sewerage pump station and rising main in the Bargara / Coral Cove scheme;
  - \$2 million for the Commencement of Stage 1 of 2 at the Gin Gin Sewerage Plant Upgrade;
  - \$2 million for commencement of Millbank Sewerage plant upgrade;
  - \$2 million for commencement of Thabeban Sewerage plant upgrade;
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- \$9.8 million for Water Treatment Plant upgrades and Reticulation including;
  - \$3 million for the implementation of the fluoridation program as required by State Government legislation;
  - \$3.5 million for the construction of a 6 megalitre reservoir at the Hummock.

For more details on Bundaberg Regional Council's 2011 – 2012 Budget, visit Council's website: [bundaberg.qld.gov.au](http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au); view the Budget at Council Centres at Bundaberg, Barga, Childers and Gin Gin; or phone the Call Centre: 1300 883 699.