



# BUDGET 2011-2012

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

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES HIGHLIGHTED IN BUDGET**

Council has given a strong commitment to community development, participation and service delivery by allocating \$16.3 million towards community, cultural and sporting facilities around the region, according to Bundaberg Regional Council's Community and Arts Spokesperson, Cr Judy Peters.

*"There will be improved services and service delivery across a wide range of community programs and initiatives, including Home and Community Care; Neighbourhood Centres in Gin Gin and Childers; and Child and Family Support in Childers"* said Cr Peters. "We will also start on the design for a Home and Community Care Respite facility in Gin Gin and upgrade the region's Respite Centres, which is great news for our Seniors".

Affordable housing for Seniors continues to be a priority for Bundaberg Regional Council. A further 8 Seniors units will be built in the coming 12 months at Margaret Olsen Place in Bundaberg; while 4 more units at Kolan Gardens in Gin Gin will be completed by late August.

"Not only are these units a tremendous boost for residents, but also create employment and economic benefits to local suppliers during construction" said Cr Peters.

"Our new Dementia Café run monthly by Gracie Dixon Respite Centre staff at Café 1928 will also receive funding for the year and will be of tremendous assistance for dementia patients, their families and carers" said Cr Peters.

Community and Social Services Highlights include:

- \$1.2 million for operation of Art Centres;
- \$5.3 million for Community Care, HACC and Respite Centre operations across the region;
- \$1.35 million for the construction of eight (8) Seniors Units at Margaret Olsen Place
- Increase in maintenance at Council's Seniors Housing villages, including finalisation of Laundry upgrades and commencing carport construction (Margaret Olsen Place); and driveway repairs Kolan Centenary Seniors

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, Bargara, Childers and Gin Gin; or phone the Call Centre: 1300 883 699.