



BUDGET 2011-2012

Planning and Delivering FOR THE FUTURE



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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR FUTURE

The development of a new region-wide Planning Scheme is a focus in this year's Budget, according to Council's Planning and Development Spokesperson, Cr Ross Sommerfeld.

"This current budget allows our staff to proceed with the implementation and upgrading of essential infrastructure as well as funding for the preparation and adoption of our new Bundaberg Region Planning Scheme which Council is hoping to have completed in 2013" said Cr Sommerfeld. "This new Scheme is necessary for the future of the Region and will negate the current situation of 4 different Schemes operating in the Region".

Key operational expenses include:

- \$1.3 million for Sustainability Planning;
- \$3.6 million for Planning and Development Assessment including commencing work on the New Regional Town Planning instrument; and
- \$2.1 million for Building and Plumbing Services.

"Council continues to strive to improve our development assessment methods to provide a more streamlined service for the development and construction industries" said Cr Sommerfeld. "The introduction of electronic lodgement services for Development Applications will enhance service delivery and approval response times".

For more details on Bundaberg Regional Council's 2011 – 2012 Budget, visit Council's website: 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.