



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

### **ROADS AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE TOP PRIORITY**

In the coming 12 months, Bundaberg Regional Council will embark on the largest ever capital works programme for roads and drainage around the region, according to Council's Roads and Drainage Infrastructure Spokesperson, Cr Wayne Honor.

"Over \$40 million will be spent on transport infrastructure in the 2011-2012 Budget, focusing particularly on improving and maintaining footpaths and our road and drainage network, essential to supporting continued growth" said Cr Honor. "\$3.7 million has been allocated to address the urgent drainage issues across the region, ensuring a safer, more enjoyable and sustainable region in the long term" ..

Over \$20 million will be spent across the region as part of the ongoing program to repair flood-damaged roads and bridges. The repair work will be funded from the National Disaster Relief Program. "\$5 million has also been allocated in this budget for an extensive resurfacing program to strengthen the pavement on many of the major roads in our network" added Cr Honor.

Major initiatives include:

- \$20 million on flood damaged roads;
- \$2 million on additional works to flood damaged roads;
- \$5 million on bitumen resealing and overlays, and gravel re-sheeting;
- \$1.8 million for the Airport link road;
- \$1.6 million for the Geramanbulyan Creek Bridge on the Wallaville Goondoon Road;
- \$250,000 for upgrading a section of Barolin Esplanade;
- \$150,000 for the upgrade to a section of the Coonarr Road;
- \$675,000 Shell Street Burnett Heads Upgrade;
- \$275,000 Hume Street upgrade and drainage;
- \$400,000 for Traffic Signals at Maryborough and Crofton Streets;
- \$800,000 for upgrading of Targo Street between George Street and Normanby Square;
- \$400,000 for the upgrade of a section of Clayton Road;



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- \$600,000 for Preliminary Drainage in Bundaberg Port area Burnett Heads (Stage 1);
- \$750,000 for Drainage improvements in the Beach Milieu Estate;
- \$500,000 for Drainage Design and to commence works at Sandpiper Grove, Moore Park Beach;
- Additional \$2 million for drainage improvement to many areas across the region;
- \$725,000 for installation of Pathways - Mary Kincross Park coastal pathway upgrades, Hughes Road, Osprey Drive, Sylvan Drive Moore Park Beach, Bundaberg East, Norville, Childers Schools, and connecting Hinkler Avenue with the river pathway.

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.