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SOCIAL AND RECREATION FACILITIES BENEFIT FROM BUDGET

Social and recreation facilities around the region will benefit from Bundaberg Regional Council's 2011 – 2012 Budget.

An additional \$1.7 million in funding will be spent on Council's venues and facilities in the coming 12 months. Council manages 180 venues and facilities and this funding will ensure that they continue to operate effectively and efficiently as important community hubs and meeting places, according to Social and Recreation Spokesperson, Cr Lynne Forgan. "The community is the winner with funding for venues and facilities that will enable Council to maintain the level of excellence so all can enjoy" said Cr Forgan.

Following a funding announcement by the Federal Government, the new Athletics Facility adjacent to Bundaberg Regional Airport will be constructed this financial year. "This facility will not only be a huge boost to our local athletes, but will be a major catalyst in attracting major athletics events and training camps to the region" said Cr Forgan.

The development of the Recreational Precinct will also begin, with funding allocated for infrastructure works and an application submitted for further Federal Funding through the RDAF. This major project includes the relocation of the existing Bundaberg Showgrounds to the current Agrotrend site. While this will bring together many facilities used by community groups and the public, it will reduce maintenance costs and consolidate activities into one site.



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“Maximising the most of funding will enable Bundaberg to have the state of the art athletic facility, economising on resourcing and maintenance the new Bundaberg Recreation Precinct, will become the hub, hosting major community activities” said Cr Forgan.

Council’s successful and popular Libraries will be a priority this year, including Bundaberg Library, one of the busiest regional libraries in the State, with 60,000 visits in the last 12 months alone. Since the Bundaberg Library opened in 1994, there has been no major work on the library infrastructure, while the range and level of services provided have continued to grow. This internal refurbishment will bring the Bundaberg Library up to current standards and will also cater for future growth and technology to give library users the best possible services and facilities. “The library has entered new and exciting phase of innovation along with the revamping and the upgrading of technology that will bring the Library into the 21st century and beyond” said Cr Forgan. “These upgrades will make the Library a very exciting place to be for all residents.”

For more details on Bundaberg Regional Council’s 2011 – 2012 Budget, visit Council’s website: bundaberg.qld.gov.au; or phone the Call Centre: 1300 883 699.