



HOODS LAGOON



## DIVISION 6 - CLERMONT

In this year's budget, the freeze on rates for residential householders, farmers and small businesses has

been reflected in control of Council spending. However, while the emphasis is on maintenance of existing assets and amenities, Council has been able to utilise grant funding from the Queensland and Federal Governments to initiate new work as well.

Clermont's big-ticket budget items form part of Clermont's much needed Water Quality Response Plan, to improve the quality of our town's drinking water.

\$1.39 million has been allocated for a water mains replacement program, \$1 million has been allocated for desilting the area around the raw water offtake structure at Theresa Creek Dam, and \$2 million has been allocated to finish Clermont's 5 megalitre treated water reservoir.

Clermont's Aquatic Centre will receive a makeover with \$25,000 to equip the pool with disability access, \$95,000 to refurbish the amenities block, and \$125,000 to remediate the dive blocks.

A new \$315,000 multi-facility amenities block for our netball courts to demolish and replace the damaged toilet block.

The Clermont Saleyards will see an injection of \$165,000 to renew existing pens and gates, making it safer for users and stock.

\$125,000 towards bitumen surfacing renewal program and \$100,00 investment in engineering designs to upgrade Pioneer Rd.

\$244,000 of the region-wide \$585,000 cycle network program will be invested in creating safer, more enjoyable cycling paths around Clermont.

Upgrades of \$300,000 will be made to our sewerage treatment plant to rehabilitate areas at the plant to comply with environmental legislation.

Work will continue on Clermont's sewer network with \$660,000 allocated to reline mains and upgrade manholes.

A further \$650,000 will be spent on Clermont landfill's stormwater management to improve compliance with the Environmental Protection Act and ensure waste is managed sustainably and responsibly.

This budget also facilitates Council's drive to assist local businesses, for example increasing from 10% to 20% weighting in local procurement as a further investment in assisting community recovery and our Shop Isaac program endorsing local businesses.

Council has a strong focus on COVID-19 community recovery, with its significant \$1 million investment. We look forward to finding ways to utilise this extra source of funding to activate all our Isaac communities, along with our usual Community Grants.

CR LYN JONES

### SIGNIFICANT 2020-2021 BUDGET DECISIONS AND COMMITMENTS

ISAAC REGION

**0% RATES INCREASE\***

\* rates frozen for residential households, farmers and small businesses

**20% LOCAL WEIGHTING\***

\* local preference weighting doubled to 20% for Isaac based businesses

**\$1M COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND**

funding to support community with pandemic and recession recovery

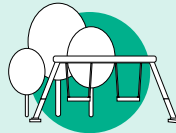
**SHOP ISAAC CAMPAIGN**

buy local program, supporting local businesses builds stronger communities

DIVISION 6



**\$4.39 million water quality and sustainability**



**\$315,000 replace netball amenities block**



**\$245,000 Clermont Aquatic Centre makeover**



**\$244,000 cycle network program**



**\$1.3 million network upgrades and plant works**



Our 2020-21 annual budget is delivered in extraordinary times. Our world is dealing with the worst health crisis in a century and Isaac is not immune.

This is my ninth annual budget as Mayor, and because of the uncertainties

created by COVID-19, it has been the most difficult.

The qualities of innovative, responsive, compassionate leadership are those reflected in this budget.

Rates for our families and domestic rate payers have been frozen.

Capital works program totaling \$54.9 million is 6.8% higher than last year's.

This investment will further boost critical infrastructure and will support active and attractive communities across the Isaac region.

Ours is a region that builds, powers and feeds the world, and we recognise the unprecedented pace of change across the globe.

We will continue to embrace innovation in everything we do.

MAYOR ANNE BAKER