



DIVISION 7 - MIDDLEMOUNT & SURROUNDS



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.

Large components of Middlemount's budget focuses on rehabilitating and re-sheeting our local rural roads and drainage remediation.

\$170,000 of the region wide \$1.9 million rural road rehabilitation program and \$380,000 of the region wide \$4.1 million rural road re-sheeting program will be spent in Division 7.

Likewise, \$160,000 of the \$490,000 rural drainage renewal program will be spent in our division.

\$160,000 of the \$1.6 million bitumen surfacing renewal program will be spent in Division 7 to improve road conditions.

Our tennis courts will receive a lighting and switchboard upgrade for \$88,000.

\$40,000 will be spent on a caravan dump point in Middlemount to promote road-based tourism in our region.

\$560,000 to upgrade elements of Middlemount's sewer network.

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.

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SIGNIFICANT 2020-2021 BUDGET DECISIONS AND COMMITMENTS

ISAAC REGION

0% RATES INCREASE*

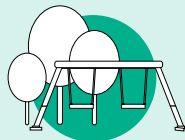
* rates frozen for residential households, farmers and small businesses



\$560,000 for sewer network works

20% LOCAL WEIGHTING*

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



\$88,000 tennis court lighting and circuitry

\$1M COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND

funding to support community with pandemic and recession recovery



\$40,000 dump point to promote road based tourism



\$320,000 drainage renewal and local road surfacing

SHOP ISAAC CAMPAIGN

buy local program, supporting local businesses builds stronger communities



\$380,000 rural road rehabilitation

DIVISION 7



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