

Gracemere's multi-million budget set to include new library

Gracemere residents will see major improvements across their community and will reap the benefits of new facilities with Rockhampton Regional Council's injection of more than \$6.3million over the next two years.

Mayor Margaret Strelow said the 2016/17 draft budget has again allocated several million dollars across recreation, infrastructure and waste ensuring facilities remain in step with Gracemere's growing community.

"Our headline announcement is the fitting out of the Gracemere Council Offices to become the long overdue Gracemere Library," Mayor Strelow says.

"This is great news for the many families who have made Gracemere their home.

"Gracemere is growing year in and year out, and more families are choosing the area as their home and work; it's vital that Council continues to inject funds into roads, infrastructure, parks and recreation areas, which we have done again this year to the tune of more than \$6.3million," Mayor Strelow said.

"In the next 12 months, residents will see significant change at Cedric Archer Park, with the new skate park and upgrade to the 'Touch of Paradise' with a further \$1.1million allocated to the project, ensuring it becomes Gracemere's premier outdoor sport and recreational space.

"The skate park, in particular, is a terrific project that will commence in May and will be a great attraction to get young people outdoors and active once it's complete.

"We'll continue to invest in the Gracemere Industrial Area encouraging businesses to expand and new businesses to set up, helping the local economy with definite flow on effects for the entire Region.

"Our Infrastructure teams will begin major reconstruction work along Capricorn Street to Gracemere Creek, and the Gracemere Sewerage Treatment Plant will have a major augmentation with \$3.6million over the next two years.

"These projects, along with the new library and the pound build on our solid investment of previous years, and now the community will be able to see the actual benefits of those investments - it really is an exciting time for Gracemere."

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