



*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*

# Brisbane City Council BUDGET SUMMARY 2025-26







# Foreword

## Our 2025-26 Budget strikes the right balance between keeping costs down and keeping Brisbane moving.

With many households still feeling the pressure of higher living costs, we've worked hard to deliver a balanced Budget that helps keep costs down for Brisbane residents.

By keeping costs down, we will deliver the cheapest rates in South East Queensland.

We've done this while investing a record amount into subsidising public transport and delivering Brisbane Metro and Brisbane's New Bus Network.

We're also rolling out green bins to every eligible household that wants one, installing new decking on the Story Bridge footpaths and developing a long-term plan to protect and enhance the much-loved Mt Coot-tha precinct.

This Budget is about delivering real value for Brisbane residents, with 85% of this year's Budget to be spent in the suburbs - enhancing our incredible lifestyle and building a better Brisbane.



Adrian Schrinner  
**Lord Mayor**



# Brisbane Budget by numbers

**We're committed to keeping costs down so we don't add unnecessary costs on to Brisbane residents now and in the future.**

Brisbane is Australia's largest local government, home to 1.3 million residents and forecast to grow to 1.72\* million by 2046.

We're striking the right balance between keeping costs down and keeping Brisbane moving.

We're driving down net debt by 21% to \$2.9 billion from the current year to 2028-29, while other levels of government are on track to increase net debt by up to 287%.

Our Suburbs-First Guarantee will once again ensure 85% of our \$4.1 billion Budget is invested in the suburbs.

*\*SEQ Regional Plan*

**\$4.1**

billion  
Budget

**\$298**

million surplus

**21%**

reduction in net debt,  
from \$3.7 billion  
to \$2.9 billion

**\$210**

million record  
public transport subsidy

**\$226**

million to deliver better  
customer services

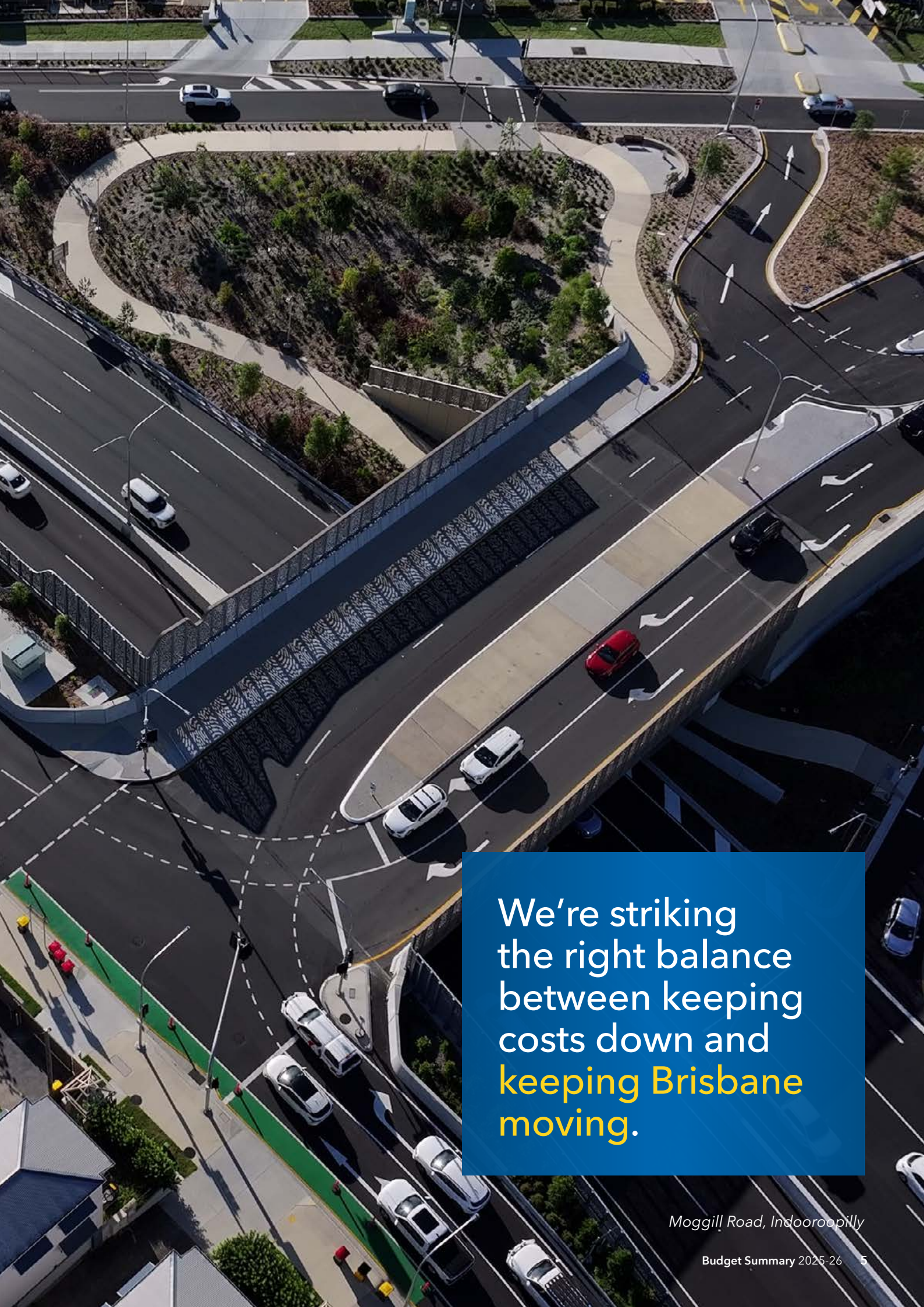
**\$47**

million in discounts  
and rebates

**85%**

Suburbs-First Guarantee





We're striking  
the right balance  
between keeping  
costs down and  
**keeping Brisbane  
moving.**

*Moggill Road, Indooroopilly*





Fish Lane, South Brisbane



**\$164.7** million

City Planning,  
Suburban Renewal  
and Economic  
Development

**\$141.3** million

Community  
and the Arts

**\$226.4** million

Customer Services

**\$733.5** million

Environment, Parks  
and Sustainability

**\$508.8** million

Finance and City  
Governance

**\$899.8** million

Infrastructure

**\$1.428** billion

Public Transport

## Keeping costs down

**By keeping costs down, ratepayers will pay just \$1.14 extra in general rates per week. That's 3.87% for the average owner occupier\* across the year, delivering the cheapest rates in South East Queensland.**

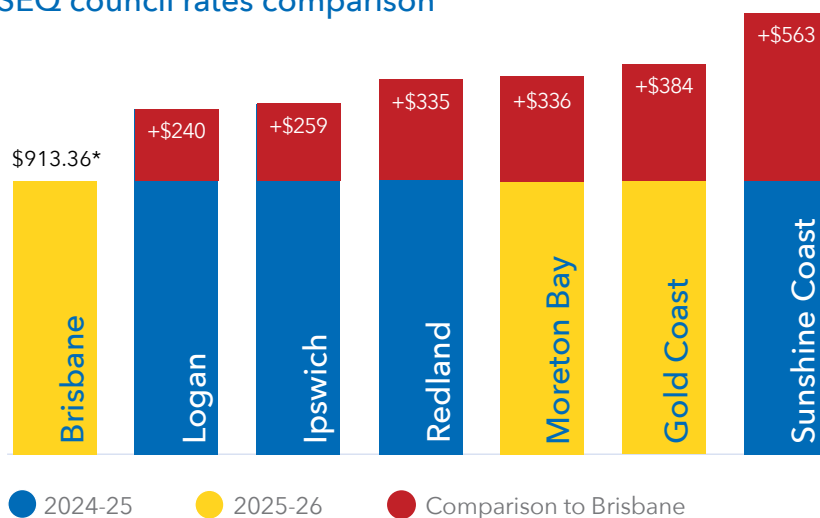
Brisbane residents will pay up to \$563 less per year than other South East Queensland councils.

Brisbane will continue to have the most generous pensioner rates rebate in South East Queensland, increasing by \$50 to \$1,298 per year.

The \$60 on-time rates payment discount will continue in 2025-26, which saved residents more than \$16 million in 2024-25.

By striking a balance, we are delivering a balanced Budget that ensures Brisbane residents pay less than other councils but get more.

### SEQ council rates comparison



*\*Minimum rates for owner occupier house*





# Brisbane Budget highlights

Long-term plan to protect and transform the **Mt Coot-tha precinct**

Rehabilitation of the **Pine Mountain Quarry** around the operational depot

\$500,000 donation to help **Emmanuel City Mission** establish a 24/7 homeless shelter in South Brisbane







Citywide rollout of **green waste recycling bins** to every eligible household that wants one

**New Coffee Carts in Parks program**, encouraging coffee carts and food trucks in 100 park locations

\$1.9 million for a two-year **Olympic Corridors** tree planting program





# Keep Brisbane moving

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing cities. In 2025-26, we're keeping Brisbane moving with a record public transport subsidy and investing even more into building better roads.

## Did you know?

Brisbane is the only council in Australia to subsidise public transport and an additional 160,000 bus services will be delivered every year as part of Brisbane's New Bus Network.

*Adelaide Street tunnel*





Increasing funding for **road resurfacing**, including Ipswich Rd, Toombul Rd, Vulture St and Waterworks Rd

**Busting congestion** by reviewing suburban clearways, including Lutwyche Rd, Bowen Bridge Rd, Abbotsford Rd and Wynnum Rd

\$4.4 million to progress the rollout of **Smarter Suburban Corridors**

\$6.9 million to install a replacement deck on the **Story Bridge footpath**

\$6.2 million for **Safer School Precincts** in Kedron, Mansfield, Indooroopilly and Wynnum-Manly

**Suburban intersection upgrades**, including Croydon St and Sylvan Rd in Toowong, and Azalea St, Pine Rd and Archerfield Rd in Inala

The commencement of the next stage of **Brisbane Metro and Brisbane's New Bus Network**

Completion of the new **Adelaide Street tunnel**

Progressing the business case into the **expansion of Brisbane Metro**



# Australia's lifestyle capital

Brisbane's community clubs and suburban festivals are really important for bringing our community together and providing free and affordable fun in all corners of our city.

Brisbane has the best lifestyle in Australia and we're determined to keep it that way.

The 2025-26 Budget will invest \$3.49 billion as part of our Suburbs-First Guarantee to create even more to see and do in the suburbs and ensure Brisbane's lifestyle keeps getting better.



*Brisbane Powerhouse markets, New Farm*





**25% increase** in funding for 128 suburban and multicultural festivals

Continuing the **Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs** grant program

Standing up for Brisbane on crime with a \$16.1 million investment for **safer suburbs**

**Upgrading suburban pools** in Newmarket, Runcorn and Parkinson, as well as the Valley Pool

\$69.5 million for **Brisbane libraries**, including the commencement of the Bulimba Library upgrade

Continuing our **\$2 Summer Dips** initiative

\$2.89 million for **Community and Sports Partnerships**, including Annerley Football Club, Brighton District Football Club, Football Queensland, Souths Sports Club and Holland Park Hawks

**Suburban community spaces** in Wavell Heights, Moggill and Keperra to help growing clubs store equipment



# Better suburbs

Brisbane is Australia's lifestyle capital and continues to capture global attention as one of the best places in the world to visit.

Our record supporting vibrant precincts like Howard Smith Wharves, West Village, South Bank and Fish Lane have helped shape Brisbane's incredible lifestyle.

Parks and playgrounds like Bradbury Park, Hanlon Park and Archerfield Wetlands have created more to see and do in the suburbs.

With Brisbane riding a wave of international popularity as a tourism destination and 7 years until the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, now is the time to start planning for the next chapter of Brisbane's transformation.



*Bradbury Park, Kedron*





**\$5.2 million for new district sports parks** in Pallara and Ellen Grove

Progressing the **Brighton Foreshore upgrade**

\$89.4 million towards **better parks** across the suburbs, including a new park in Greenslopes

Commence planning for a **new destination playground** in Carindale

**New visitor facilities** at Brisbane Koala Bushland in Burbank

**Expansion of Queen Street Mall** along Albert Street in conjunction with Cross River Rail

Finalising the **Wynnum, Manly and Lota foreshores** Master Plan

**Reviewing low-medium density** residential areas to deliver more homes, sooner

Maintaining 100% infrastructure charge waivers for community housing providers that deliver **social and affordable housing**

**Upgrading suburban shopping strips** in Nundah, Salisbury and Indooroopilly



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