

Brisbane City Council

Budget Overview 2020-21



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COVID-19 budget impacts



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\$40 million wiped
from Council revenue
in 2019-20

\$142.5 million
reduction in revenue
for 2020-21

6,000 ratepayers
defer \$38.7 million in
rates payments

Response:

Focus on controlling
costs and delaying
non-essential projects

Two-year pay freeze
for all councillors,
managers & staff



Backing Brisbane during COVID-19



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Council's support for residents, business and community organisations during COVID-19 crisis:

\$19.9 million in rates rebates

From March 20, up to 9 months' rates deferrals for hardship cases

\$15.8 million in waived business fees and charges

\$4.5 million in waived rents and reimbursements

\$1 million water rebate grants to clubs and organisations in 2019-20



Supporting the recovery



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Economic Recovery Taskforce formed to drive initiatives to support Brisbane's recovery:

\$9.2 million to revitalise suburban precincts

Re-tasking Brisbane Marketing to become Brisbane Economic Development Agency

\$3 million in direct assistance payments to community groups

\$7 million boost for Suburban Footpath & Park Projects across all wards

Develop Brisbane Business Hub

Incentivising green buildings



Building a Better Brisbane



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“Building to help Brisbane rebuild”

Investing \$840 million in capital works in 2020-21 to support jobs growth and local supplier opportunities:

Gearing-up
Brisbane Metro
project – 2600 jobs

Fast-track Kangaroo
Point & Breakfast Creek
Bridges – 500 jobs

\$83 million over
4 years for Victoria
Park Vision

Indooroopilly
Riverwalk under
construction

New & Upgraded
Ferry Terminals

\$37 million over 4
years for
Locally-built
double-decker CityCats



Relief for residents



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First rates freeze in 35 years
No change in rates during 2020
2.5% adjustment in 2021

Rates relief through:

One-off \$250 rebate for
JobSeeker recipients
who live in their home

6 months' rates
deferrals from July 1
for those in need

Continue support for
pensioners with an up
to 40% rates rebate

100% rates rebate for a year
from October 1 for first home
owners who buy a new home

50% rates rebate for a
year for first home buyers
buying an existing home



New initiatives



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For the 2020-21 financial year:

Free Tip Vouchers for every Brisbane household, including renters

Larger yellow top recycling bin available at no charge

Free native plants for every household & Rebate for compost or worm farms

Major investment in parks, inc. Sherwood Arboretum

Water Assistance Program for community and sports clubs



Prioritising Basic Services



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For the 2020-21 financial year:

Smoother Streets
Resurfacing
\$90 million

Mosquito and Pest
Control
\$5.3 million

Footpath Reconstruction
and Maintenance
\$26.5 million

Community Hall
Facilities
\$8.1 million

19 Grass cuts
in parks

Graffiti Removal
\$3.1 million

Customer Service
Delivery
\$26.5 million

Support for
the SES
\$3.5 million



Transport and Mobility



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For the 2020-21 financial year:

\$38.2 million Better Roads for Brisbane

\$33.5 million to purchase another 60 buses, including delivery of 10 high capacity 18m articulated buses

Electric Bus Trial on City Loop

Safer Paths to Schools

Safer Paths for Seniors

Suburban bikeway and path upgrades



A Greener Brisbane



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For the 2020-21 financial year:

Victoria Park Vision

New Recreation
Reserves

Suburban
Playgrounds

Dog Off-leash
Upgrades

Walking trail
upgrades in council
reserves

\$2.1 million Greener
Suburbs program

Brisbane's biggest
ever street tree
planting scheme



Fast facts



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For the 2020-21 financial year:

Budget \$3.1 billion

\$840 million
Infrastructure
Investment

Asset Base
\$28.3 billion

Balanced Budget with
a modest surplus

Well positioned to
maintain our strong
credit rating

Lowest minimum
residential rates
in SEQ



SEQ Council Rates Comparison

Owner Occupier Residential Minimum Rates



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