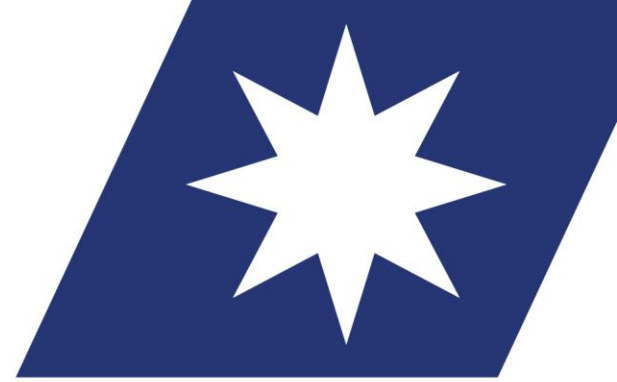


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Roads, schools and infrastructure projects delivered for Hill

The 2020/2021 State Budget has delivered critical funding for the Electorate of Hill with roads, schools and community groups set to benefit but there was still more that needed to be done.

Member for Hill Shane Knuth said it was an unusual budget as the world is dealing with a once in a lifetime pandemic especially with a budget being handed down halfway through the financial year which included funding already announced.

Mr Knuth said there was only one way to go forward to dig ourselves out of debt which was to invest in revenue-generating projects such as water infrastructure, power generation and bioenergy. However, there were some positives for schools and road infrastructure in the Hill Electorate.

"It is great to see the budget will deliver more than \$6m in funding to various schools in the electorate, including \$50,000 for Innisfail State College, \$220,000 for Innisfail State School, \$1.1m for Atherton State High School, more than \$1m for Ravenshoe State School, \$205,000 for Babinda State School, \$713,000 for Walkamin State School and \$400,00 for Goondi State School," Mr Knuth said.

"I am pleased to see plenty of road works in the Hill Electorate, which is great news for local jobs and delivering safer and more efficient roads.

"More than \$200m has been budgeted for roads the Hill Electorate, which includes \$7m for Boogan Rd, \$6m for the East Feluga/Bruce Highway intersection, \$18m for the Gillies Range and \$12m for the Burke Development Road from Dimbulah to Normanton.

"Many of these road projects are a direct result of locals raising the issue."

Mr Knuth said he was extremely happy to see \$114,000 allocated to the ETTY Bay Surf Life Saving Club for a new roof which needed to be replaced.

In the next year's budget, he said he would continue to push for more funding for the region, especially for water infrastructure.

"This budget allocated \$13.324m towards the Mareeba-Dimbulah Water Supply Scheme efficiency improvement project," he said.

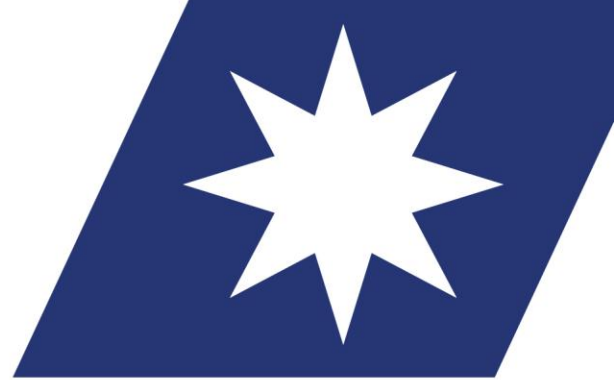
"The project is modernising the current water supply scheme, including the replacement and installation of around 14km of pipeline, construction of an off-stream storage and the installation of automated control gates, which will free up over 8,000ML to local irrigators."

Mr Knuth said while this is great to see he would continue to lobby for the allocation of funds for the North Johnston Irrigation Project.

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He said he was already working with a number of organisations, councils and community groups to secure more funding for projects such as the Kurrimine Beach Boat Ramp, Innisfail, Silkwood to Japoon road and Ootan Road along with many other additional projects for the 2021/2022 state budget.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the constituents of Hill over the next four years to improve the quality of life for all those living and working in my electorate," Mr Knuth said.

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