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MAJOR COMMITMENT TO RENEWING AGEING INFRASTRUCTURE

A key focus of the 2017/2018 Budget is the need to maintain and replace ageing infrastructure. Council has budgeted in 2017/2018 to spend a very significant \$4.718 million on Roads, Bridge Replacement and Drainage Projects and \$360,000 on Kerb and Channel upgrades. In addition \$720,000 will be spent on Sewerage projects, \$1.635 million on Water projects and \$300,000 on further footpath enhancement works.

Some of the notable projects are:

- \$300,000 Sewerage pump station upgrades
- \$100,000 Smoke testing of sewer mains to identify and remedy stormwater infiltration points
- \$200,000 Water main renewals
- \$500,000 focusing on bridge rehabilitations including Baillies Road Bridge
- \$200,000 to rehabilitate the Lucinda Groynes
- Continue to Progress the remaining stages of the Q2100 QCoast Coastal Hazard Adaptation Scheme, which focuses on identifying and managing impacts forecast from climate change driven sea level rise.

Mayor Ramon Jayo said that "in determining the nature of works to be funded, regard was had to designing, packaging and delivering jobs that can be delivered by local contractors and workforce so as to provide much needed economic stimulus within the community".

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