

Message from Mayor Tony Foster:

THIS week's State Budget announcement contained important funding for two projects of vital significance to the Brighton Municipality – the new Brighton High School and the replacement Bridgewater Bridge.

With successive Councillors and our officers, I have worked long and hard to bring these two major projects to fruition and it is heartening to see the funds outlined in the budget for both initiatives to become a reality.

Some \$40 million is provided in the current and forward estimates up to 2023/24 for the construction of the new high school, with the total cost now listed at \$50 million. As well, \$4.22 million is allocated for the redevelopment of the Jordan River Learning Federation School Farm at Brighton in the budget for this financial year.

Funding of more than half a billion dollars is provided for the construction of the replacement Bridgewater Bridge over the next four years.

These major public infrastructure projects will bring valuable economic and employment opportunities to our municipality over the coming years and the State Government, as well as the Commonwealth for its contribution to the Bridgewater Bridge funding, must be commended for honouring the commitments made over recent years.

I must particularly commend Deputy Premier and Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff for his effort in securing the Brighton High School and the School Farm funding.

Both the new high school and the Bridgewater Bridge will support our municipality's growth and development that sees Brighton as one of the fastest growing regions in the State.

These major capital works follows Council's biggest ever works' program announced at the beginning of the financial year ago and will ensure we continue the progress that we have strived to achieve over the past two decades and more.

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