It is an honour for me to present the 2019-20 Brisbane City Council Budget.

Brisbane is a great place to live, work and relax, and I know that together we can make it even better.

We’re working hard every day to grow your Brisbane lifestyle and get you home quicker and safer. That means a better transport network and less time on the road so you can spend more time connecting with family and friends, and enjoying the incredible places and events that our city has to offer.

We’re giving you more travel options and getting more cars off the road by building five new green bridges across Brisbane. Linking Kangaroo Point and the CBD, Toowong and West End, St Lucia and West End, as well as new crossings at Bellbowrie and Breakfast Creek will mean more convenience, better access and more choice when it comes to travel.

We’re turning Victoria Park Golf Course into Brisbane’s biggest park in 50 years with more events and better facilities, giving you more to see and do in a clean and green Brisbane.

We’re creating a city of neighbourhoods by bringing new life to retail precincts in the suburbs while backing small business with more support and lower fees. Better use of local shopfronts will mean more to see and do locally, right across Brisbane.

We’re providing free off-peak travel for seniors to create more opportunities for older residents to move around the city and connect with family and friends.

By providing a one-year 50 per cent rates discount for first home buyers, we’re making housing more affordable so more residents will have the opportunity to own their own home and plan for the future.

We’re greening Brisbane’s suburbs by increasing tree planting in suburban parks and creating tree-lined boulevards. We’re growing your Brisbane lifestyle by creating a clean and green Brisbane with more to see and do.

I want the Brisbane of tomorrow to be even better than the Brisbane of today, and that’s what this budget is all about.

Adrian Schrinner
LORD MAYOR
Brisbane City Council
Budget Summary 2019-20

GETTING YOU HOME QUICKER AND SAFER

- $6.1 M Green Bridges
- $27.2 M Bikeways
- $24.6 M Wynnum Road upgrades
- $64.9 M Kingsford Smith Drive
- $315,000 Electric bus trial

FREE
Off-peak travel on buses and ferries for seniors

$125.3 M Brisbane Metro
$1.6 M Safer paths to schools
$21.2 M Suburban intersection improvements

NET RATES

- 2.5% Average annual increase to total rates (owner-occupied households)
- $10 Average quarterly increase to total rates (owner-occupied households)
- $0.77 Average weekly increase to total rates (owner-occupied households)

PLANNING FOR BRISBANE’S FUTURE

- $14.2 M Village Precinct Projects
- $2.1 M Attracting investment
- $2 M Supporting innovation
- $6.9 M Attracting tourism and major events
- $2 M Reduction in fees and charges
- $55,000 Supporting start-ups in the suburbs
- $1.7 M Business Hotline
- $165,000 Supporting suburban small business
- $284,000 Small Business Liaison Officers
- $550,000 Suburban Renewal Taskforce

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

- $2 M Reduction in fees and charges
- $165,000 Supporting suburban small business
- $284,000 Small Business Liaison Officers
- $550,000 Suburban Renewal Taskforce

RATES REMISSIONS & REBATES

- 50% OFF Total rates for first home buyers (for the first year)
- $1,040 Full Pension Rebate, increase from $1,015 (excluding water)
- $486 Part Pension Rebate, increase from $474 (excluding water)