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## **Region to benefit from major project funding**

As part of the 2018/2019 budget, Gympie Regional Council will dedicate resources to major community projects around the region.

The \$2.8 million youth precinct at Nelson Reserve and the old Gympie Memorial Pool site will become a hub for local youth and families, with a skate bowl, pump track and bouldering wall.

Council will deliver the Kilkivan Equestrian Centre for \$2.065 million which will add an invaluable piece of sporting and community infrastructure.

The Mary Valley will see the \$300,000 Mary Valley Rail Trail from Imbil to Brooloo and \$340,000 is allocated to the Our Towns project at Rainbow Beach which will include the undergrounding of power in the main street.

A further \$175,000 is allocated for the Rainbow Beach viewing platform.

Stage 2 of the River to Rail Trail and the upgrade of the Sands Riverside Parkland has been budgeted for \$940,000 as has the Upper Mary Street Revitalisation project with \$3 million allocated over two years.

The Gympie Aerodrome and the iconic One Mile sports complex will also undergo upgrades to the tune of \$1.35 million and \$1.275 million respectively.

A number of the projects have attracted funding from the state and federal government.

"Council's approach in developing positive working relationships with both levels of government has paid dividends for the community," Gympie Mayor, Mick Curran said.

"The projects that are planned in this budget not only positively impact the community but also provide for future growth.

"And like we experienced with the ARC; they will foster economic, social and community benefits.

"Council is committed to continue its investment in these community focused projects," he said.

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