

Photo: iStock

Backing Jobs for Darling Downs



Building our Regions

\$46.8 million allocated to 24 projects to provide funding for critical infrastructure in Darling Downs to support economic development, including generating jobs.

(March 2015 to March 2019)



Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$19.7 million allocated to provide training to 2,603 people, including 1,512 people who have now been employed.

(July 2015 to May 2019)



Works for Queensland

\$18.9 million provided to regional councils to undertake 76 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Darling Downs.

(February 2017 to April 2019)



Drought Relief Assistance Scheme

\$9.6 million in financial assistance provided to 1,049 farms to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to April 2019)

Restoring frontline services in Darling Downs

Growth from March 2015 to March 2019



381 extra nurses
up 21.7%



101 extra doctors
up 30.6%



248 extra teachers
up 8.9%



94 extra teacher aides
up 12.9%

budget.qld.gov.au

The Queensland Budget will directly support the Darling Downs with significant expenditure in 2019-20 including:

Infrastructure

\$731.5M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around

2,300

jobs in this region in 2019-20.

Health

\$1B

for Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$32M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Darling Downs.

550 estimated businesses in Darling Downs will benefit from an increase to the payroll tax free threshold and the regional discount as part of the **\$885 million Payroll Tax Package**

The Darling Downs will also benefit from:

Warrego Highway

\$257M

for upgrades to the Warrego Highway, including safety improvements in the Darling Downs region, in partnership with the Australian Government.

Toowoomba Range capacity and clearance upgrades

\$77.3M

to continue to construct new track and upgrade tunnels between Brisbane and Toowoomba.

Queensland Feral Pest Initiative

\$32.7M

to support the management of invasive plants and animals in regional Queensland.



**Queensland
Government**

Backing Jobs for Darling Downs

1 Roma State College - Middle Campus
\$2 million in 2019-20 out of a \$2.1 million total spend to replace air-conditioning.

2 Roma Hospital redevelopment
\$56.4 million in 2019-20 out of a \$98.1 million total spend to redevelop and replace facilities to support contemporary models of care. The redevelopment will deliver 18 single rooms, including palliative care and mental health care, two two-bed patient rooms, and two birth suites, a perioperative suite including two operating theatres, and parking. Part of the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

3 Student nurse accommodation - Roma
\$1.5 million in 2019-20 out of a \$6 million total spend for a nurses accommodation precinct. Part of the Growth Area and Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund.

4 The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk
\$1,230,000 to enhance the existing Big Rig to incorporate the Bigger Big Rig with the installation of a 30 metre high observation tower and deck allowing visitors to climb up along the famous Big Rig. The observation tower will feature highlights from throughout Outback Queensland, including the Great Artesian Spa in Mitchell, Carnarvon Gorge National Park, Charleville, Quilpie, Birdsville and Longreach. A 150 metre Tree Walk (including audio-visual elements) will be developed from the Big Rig connecting the existing Oil Patch Museum and the native vegetation along the Bungil Creek. The project celebrates Australia's oil and gas industry.

5 Roma Saleyard multi-purpose facility
\$1.8 million in 2019-20 out of a \$3.7 million total spend for a new facility. Part of the \$515 million Building our Regions Program.

6 Warrego Highway, Chinchilla rail crossing upgrade
\$12.1 million in 2019-20 out of a \$19 million total spend to improve safety at the open level rail crossing in Chinchilla. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9 Hopeland (Linc Energy) mine site
\$16.2 million in 2019-20 out of a \$38.1 million total spend to manage the disclaimed Linc Energy Mine Site as part of the Abandoned Mine Lands Program.

10 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$480,000 in 2019-20 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in the Bunya Mountains, as part of the \$12 million 2019-20 Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.

13 New England Highway (Yarraman to Toowoomba)
\$8.1 million in 2019-20 out of a \$9.3 million total spend to replace the existing timber Emu Creek Bridge. Part of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

14 Tara Shire State College
\$557,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to construct an early years service.

15 Highfields new police facility
\$2.1 million in 2019-20 out of a \$2.8 million total spend for a new police facility.

16 Charlton Queensland Fire and Emergency Services headquarters and fire and rescue station
\$11.1 million in 2019-20 out of a \$17 million total spend for replacement of the regional QFES headquarters and a new fire and rescue station at Charlton.

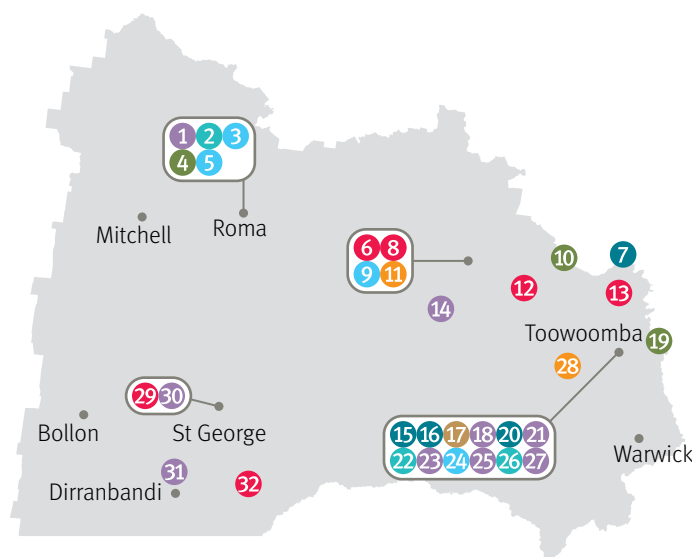
17 Wilsonton neighbourhood centre
\$371,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to design and construct a replacement neighbourhood centre to deliver community services.

18 Toowoomba State High School
\$5.7 million in 2019-20 out of a \$10.5 million total spend for refurbishment and upgrade works to improve education.

19 Cahill Park Sports Precinct
\$266,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$500,000 total spend to construct an amenities block including toilets, showers and change rooms to support female participation in Australian football at Gatton. Part of the Female Facilities Program.

20 Newtown new police facility
\$700,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$900,000 total spend for a new police facility.

21 Toowoomba TAFE
\$5 million in 2019-20 out of a \$7 million total spend to refurbish and expand the training facilities.

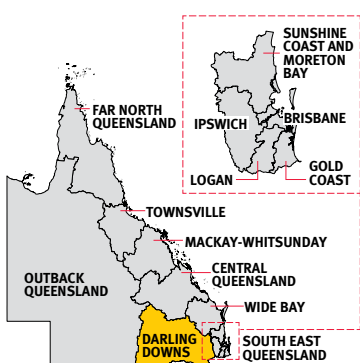


7 Yarraman replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station
\$1.4 million in 2019-20 out of a \$1.5 million total spend for a replacement station.

11 Kogan Creek power station
\$84.6 million in 2019-20 for overhaul, enhancement and refurbishment to ensure the plant's long-term reliability and safety.

8 Warrego Highway (Dalby to Miles)
\$28.6 million in 2019-20 out of a \$63.6 million total spend to widen and apply wide centre line treatment to various sections. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

12 Warrego Highway (Oakey to Miles)
\$8.2 million in 2019-20 out of a \$43.5 million total spend to improve safety. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



22 Toowoomba Hospital
\$12.4 million in 2019-20 out of a \$18.5 million total spend towards implementation of the integrated electronic Medical Records program (ieMR), refurbishment of the existing renal unit, a detailed business case for Toowoomba Hospital and other improvements.

23 Harristown State High School
\$1.9 million in 2019-20 out of a \$13.4 million total spend to construct a new building with 14 learning areas and four specialist areas.

24 Toowoomba Escarpment Parks upgrades
\$270,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to deliver new tourism infrastructure that capitalises on Toowoomba's Great Dividing Range escarpment parks to unlock nature-based and sports (mountain biking) tourism opportunities as part of the \$515 million Building our Regions Program.

25 Centenary Heights State High School
\$929,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$10 million total spend to construct a new performing arts centre and refurbish existing classroom blocks.

26 Drayton new ambulance station
\$1.8 million in 2019-20 out of a \$4.6 million total spend for a new station.

27 Wyreema State School
\$1.3 million in 2019-20 out of a \$5.1 million total spend to construct a new building with five general learning spaces and administration.

28 Yarranlea substation
\$3.6 million in 2019-20 out of a \$8.1 million total spend for refurbishment work to improve network performance.

KEY

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture
-  Statewide/region-wide
-  Election commitment

29 Carnarvon Highway (St George to Surat)
\$2.5 million in 2019-20 out of a \$4.4 million total spend for pavement widening on a 7.25 km section and four culvert extensions. Part of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

30 St George State High School
\$689,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$2.1 million total spend to replace air-conditioning.

31 Dirranbandi P-10 State School
\$365,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$454,000 total spend to replace air-conditioning.

32 Noondoo-Thallon Road
\$6.5 million in 2019-20 out of a \$7.6 million total spend to construct a new bridge and approaches 1km north of Thallon over the Moonie River.

33 Toowoomba Range capacity and clearance upgrades
\$6.3 million in 2019-20 out of a \$77.3 million total spend to continue to construct new track and upgrade tunnels between Brisbane and Toowoomba.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives for Darling Downs visit budget.qld.gov.au

Please note: Not all Government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

Roma Hospital redevelopment

The \$98.1 million Roma Hospital redevelopment project, an integral part of the Palaszczuk Government's Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program, is currently the single largest Government investment in south west Queensland.

Construction of the state-of-the-art hospital building commenced in early 2019 and will provide an economic boost to the Roma community by creating around 100 jobs during construction. The new three-level building, which is being constructed adjacent to the existing hospital, will meet the health care needs of the Roma, Maranoa and broader communities.

Once completed, the redevelopment will deliver facilities including 18 single rooms (including palliative care and mental health care), two birth suites, emergency department, radiology department, pharmacy, morgue and a perioperative suite including two operating theatres. Free carparking will be provided via a dedicated staff carpark and public car spaces.

The new building will also include six accommodation units for families with patients in hospital or people having to travel long distances for day surgery.



Construction site at Roma Hospital

Upgrading Cobb+Co Museum

The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$57,000 in 2019-20 to Cobb+Co Museum in Toowoomba for important maintenance upgrades that will deliver strong tourism outcomes for the Darling Downs region.

With its proud history, Cobb+Co Museum is an iconic destination delivering record numbers in visitor growth. With assistance from the Palaszczuk Government, funding for air-conditioning and fire services will ensure Cobb+Co Museum remains one of Australia's most famous and well-loved transport icons.

Home to the National Carriage Collection, Cobb+Co offers free local entry in partnership with Toowoomba Regional Council for local residents.



Cobb+Co Museum

Jobs supported by infrastructure

40,500

Total infrastructure program over four years

\$49.5B

Total spend on road and transport in 2019-20

\$5.6B

Youth Justice Investment over five years

\$332.5M

Education and training in 2019-20

\$14.9B

Health in 2019-20

\$18.5B

Additional justice system investment over five years

\$847.9M

Lowering cost of living

\$5.7B

Payroll Tax Package

\$885 million of targeted payroll tax initiatives to support business and create employment, including:

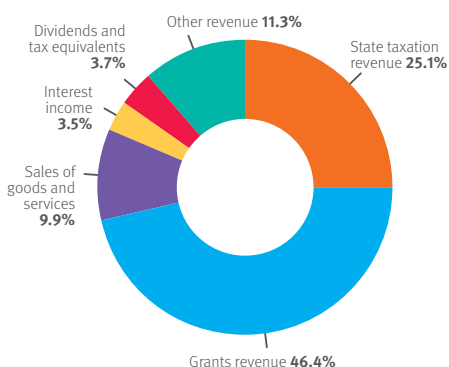
- ⊕ an increase to the payroll tax free threshold for small business from \$1.1 million to \$1.3 million
- ⊕ a discount of 1 percentage point on the relevant payroll tax rate for employers with more than 85% of their employees residing outside SEQ
- ⊕ a rebate for taking on additional full-time employees of up to \$20,000
- ⊕ an extension of the 50% payroll tax rebate for businesses that employ apprentices and trainees.

Backing Queensland Jobs

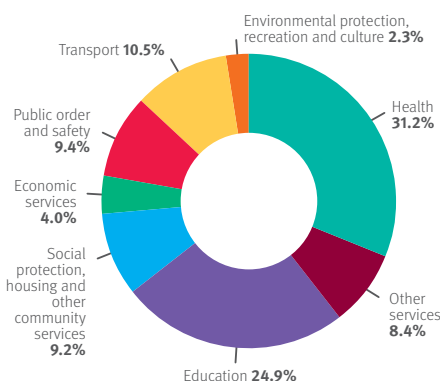
Queensland's diversified economy provides a unique business environment that places the State ahead of the pack. The Palaszczuk Government continues to work with and support businesses to create employment opportunities and community prosperity.

- ⊕ \$12.9 billion capital works program to directly support 40,500 jobs across Queensland in 2019-20.
- ⊕ \$250 million to CleanCo for new renewable energy generation, creating more jobs on top of the 4000 Queensland jobs in the solar, wind and hydro sectors.
- ⊕ \$2.7 billion to support safe, secure, reliable and cost-effective energy and water, and to enhance the productive capacity of businesses, industries and communities.
- ⊕ \$420 million towards Skilling Queenslanders for Work, to help eligible Queenslanders get the skills, qualifications and direct assistance they need to enter and stay in the workforce.
- ⊕ \$2.4 billion police operating budget as well as \$69.8 million capital for new, upgraded and replacement police facilities, including \$28 million to continue work on the \$52.2 million Counter-Terrorism and Community Safety Training Centre at Wacol.
- ⊕ \$254 million in joint funding with the Australian Government for additional natural disaster recovery packages.
- ⊕ \$1.2 billion education portfolio capital program, including new schools, education facilities, and refurbishments.
- ⊕ \$777.7 million for health infrastructure to support service delivery.
- ⊕ \$479.3 million for new social housing and upgrades.
- ⊕ From joint commitments totalling \$39 million for business and industry, the Queensland and Australian governments will provide a \$22 million Beef Recovery Package, to tackle devastation from the North and Far North Queensland monsoon trough. The Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority will administer Australian Government funding of \$300 million over three years to assist primary producers and their stock get back on their feet.

2019-20 Revenue



2019-20 Expenses



Economic Growth

