



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

# CREATING JOBS ON THE GOLD COAST

The Queensland Budget will directly support job creation in the Gold Coast region with significant expenditure including:

Infrastructure

**\$1.134B**

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,500 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

**\$1.7B**

for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

Education

**\$133.5M**

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools on the Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast region will also benefit from:

Social housing

**\$63.6M**

in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing, including \$3.7 million Works for Tradies Initiative contributing to Queensland's economic recovery.

Gold Coast TAFEs

**\$28.7M**

to redevelop, refurbish and expand six TAFE facilities.

Growing Tourism Infrastructure Funds

**\$16.8M**

leveraging funds to build resilient businesses and partner with local governments, not-for-profit organisations and private tourism operators for new tourism infrastructure, which will also help accelerate the State's recovery from COVID-19.

## Delivering for the Gold Coast region

### Advance Queensland

\$21.9 million of grants awarded to 818 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise Gold Coast's profile as an attractive investment destination. Part of the \$755 million Advance Queensland initiative.

(July 2015 to September 2020)

### Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate

\$9.3 million of rebates claimed by 694 businesses to reinvest into their business and support employment.

(July 2015 to October 2020)

### Payroll tax relief

1,436 employers on the Gold Coast received a total of \$50 million in payroll tax refund, holiday or waiver under the Queensland Government's payroll tax initiative to alleviate the impact of COVID-19 on businesses.

(as at 11 November 2020)

### Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$27.3 million allocated to provide training to 4,191 people, including 2,463 people who have now been employed.

(July 2015 to October 2020)

## Restoring frontline services for the Gold Coast

(March 2015 to September 2020)



**1,225 extra nurses, up 44.3%**



**288 extra doctors, up 31.5%**



**655 extra teachers, up 14.7%**



**45 extra police officers, up 4.3%**



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**1** **Pacific Motorway (M1) (Exit 41 Yatala South)**  
 ✓ \$10.2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$82.1 million total spend to upgrade the interchange at Exit 41 on the Pacific Motorway at Yatala South. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**2** **Ormeau Woods State High School**  
 \$3.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$9.8 million total spend to construct a new building with additional classrooms.

**3** **Pacific Motorway (M1) (Exit 49 Pimpama)**  
 ✓ \$5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$110.5 million total spend to upgrade the interchange at Exit 49 on the Pacific Motorway at Pimpama. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**4** **Pimpama new police facility**  
 \$1.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$6.1 million total spend to continue the new police facility at Pimpama.

**5** **Picnic Creek State School**  
 ✓ \$4.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$11.1 million total spend to construct a new building with additional classrooms.

**6** **New special school in Coomera**  
 ✓ \$22.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$46.1 million total spend to construct a new special school.

**7** **Coomera Connector (stage 1), Coomera to Nerang, Queensland Government funding commitment**  
 ✓ \$12.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$1.531 billion total spend towards the Coomera Connector, to provide additional crossings of the Coomera and Nerang Rivers. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**8** **Helensvale North Train Station**  
 ✓ Commitment to build a new station in Helensvale North.

**9** **Pacific Motorway (M1), (Exit 57)**  
 \$6.2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$25 million total spend to upgrade the interchange at Exit 57 on the Pacific Motorway at Oxenford.

**10** **Pacific Pines State High School**  
 \$10 million in 2020-21 out of a \$26 million total spend to construct a new building with additional classrooms.

**13** **Gold Coast Parklands Health and Knowledge Precinct**  
 \$4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$33.4 million total spend to develop a 9.5 hectare Health and Knowledge Precinct within the Parklands Priority Development Area.

**15** **Good Money Store**  
 \$582,046 in 2020-21 and ongoing spend to continue the Good Money store in Southport. Delivered in partnership with Good Shepherd Microfinance and National Australia Bank.

**16** **Southport Ambulance Station**  
 \$749,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$10.2 million total spend for the upgrade of the Gold Coast Ambulance Operations Centre and the redevelopment of the Southport Ambulance Station.

**17** **Nerang State High School**  
 ✓ \$5 million over three years for the refurbishment of the existing multi-purpose hall.

**18** **Miami State High School**  
 \$10 million over four years to construct a new indoor sports facility.

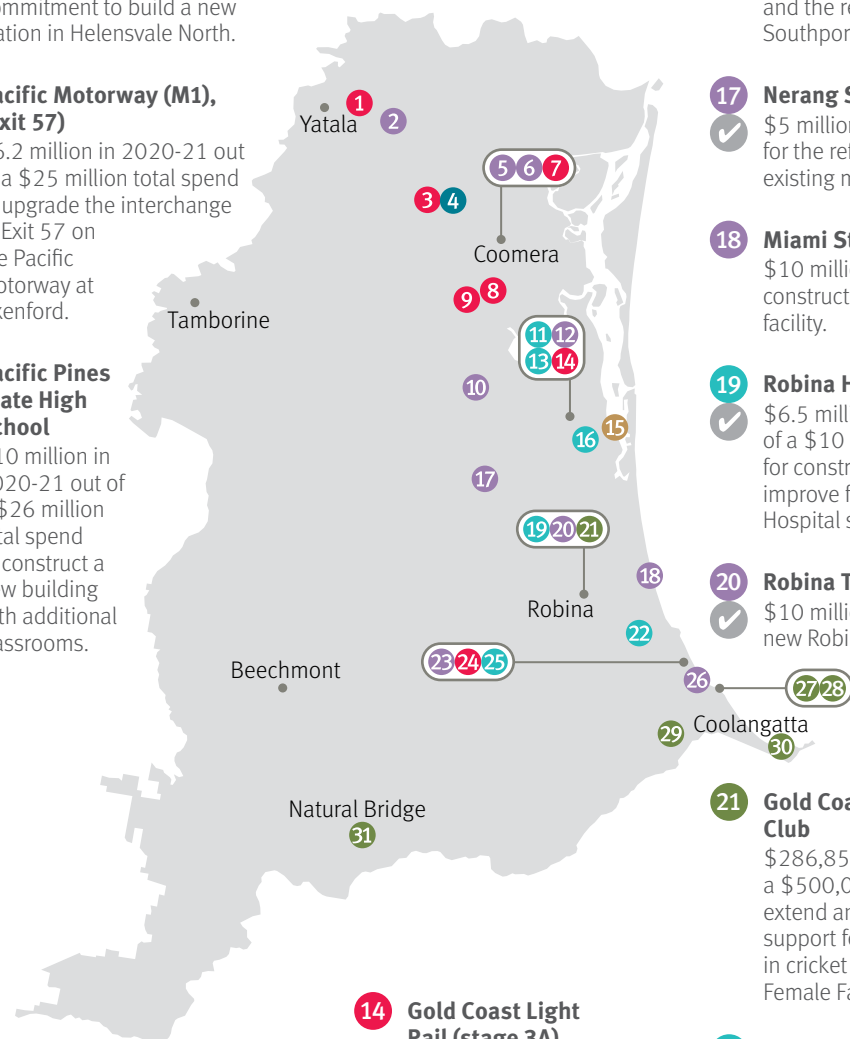
**19** **Robina Hospital**  
 ✓ \$6.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Robina Hospital site.

**20** **Robina TAFE campus**  
 ✓ \$10 million for a fit-out at the new Robina TAFE campus.

**21** **Gold Coast District Cricket Club**  
 \$286,858 in 2020-21 out of a \$500,000 total spend to extend an amenities block to support female participation in cricket at Robina. Part of the Female Facilities Program.

**22** **Southern Gold Coast Satellite Hospital**  
 ✓ Part of a \$265 million total spend for the delivery of seven Satellite Hospitals to enable our acute hospitals to continue safely managing patients via alternative models of care.

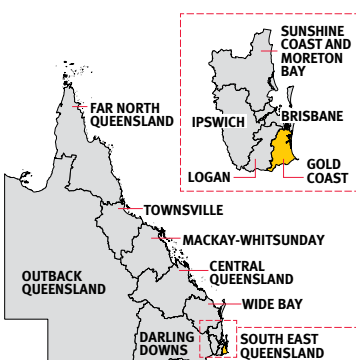
**23** **Palm Beach State School**  
 \$4.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10.6 million total spend to construct a new building with additional classrooms.



**14** **Gold Coast Light Rail (stage 3A), Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads, construct light rail**  
 \$50.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$709.9 million total spend to extend the light rail transit system from Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the Gold Coast City Council.

**11** **Gold Coast University Hospital**  
 ✓ \$2.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$111.4 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Gold Coast University Hospital site, including a new Secure Mental Health Unit.

**12** **Southport Special School**  
 ✓ \$1 million in 2020-21 to improve the school entrance to incorporate bus and taxi set down.



**24 Pacific Motorway (M1) (Varsity Lakes to Tugun)**

\$145 million in 2020-21 out of a \$1 billion total spend to widen the Pacific Motorway to six lanes between Varsity Lakes and Tugun, to reduce congestion and travel times. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**25 Palm Beach Community Health Centre**

\$920,260 in 2020-21 out of a \$1.4 million total spend for the replacement of two passenger lifts and the existing chillers, air conditioning units, duct work, diffusers, pumps, piping and related components.

**26 Palm Beach Currumbin State High School**

\$10 million over four years to construct a new multi-purpose hall.

**27 Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Life Saving Club upgrade**

\$2 million to upgrade the clubhouse including disability access on the ground floor.

**28 Robina Raptors Junior Rugby League Football Club**

\$253,142 in 2020-21 out of a \$378,700 total spend to Robina Raptors to construct change rooms and amenities to support female participation in rugby league and football at Robina.

**29 Piggabeen Road eco-parkland**

\$500,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$15 million total spend to transform the Piggabeen Road site into a 148 hectare eco-parkland featuring recreational and eco-tourism facilities and protections for local koala habitats.

**30 Tweed Coolangatta Junior Australian Football Club**

\$286,858 in 2020-21 out of a \$500,000 total spend to construct an amenities block to support female participation in AFL at Coolangatta.

**31 Springbrook National Park visitor infrastructure upgrade**

\$746,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$750,000 total spend to replace visitor infrastructure at Natural Bridge - Springbrook National Park.

**KEY**

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

**32 Cultural engagement in Gondwana Rainforests**

\$275,000 to enhance awareness of First Nations culture in the Gondwana Rainforests in partnership with the Traditional Owners.

**33 Gold Coast TAFEs**

\$18.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$28.7 million total spend to redevelop, refurbish and expand six high-need Gold Coast TAFE facilities.

**34 Manufacturing hub on the Gold Coast**

\$500,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to deliver a manufacturing hub and grants program focusing on transport equipment and vehicles, food processing and metal products.

**35 Screen Queensland**

\$2.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$5 million total contribution towards a reality television hub on the Gold Coast.

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.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit [budget.qld.gov.au](http://budget.qld.gov.au)

## Second M1 funding to bust congestion and back jobs

A key focus of economic recovery in the Gold Coast region is investment in congestion busting infrastructure that also supports local jobs. The Queensland Government and Australian Government have committed \$1.53 billion towards Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector – also referred to as the ‘second M1’ – between Coomera and Nerang, estimated to support over 500 direct jobs over the life of the project.

Improving travel times, Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector project would take up to 60,000 vehicles off the M1 every day at its busiest section around the Coomera River.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will continue its work to complete the business case by mid-2021, to ensure community input feeds into the design.



## Extending Gold Coast Light Rail

Work has begun to prepare for construction of stage 3 of the Gold Coast Light Rail. The \$709.9 million project, jointly funded with the Australian Government and the City of Gold Coast, will extend light rail from Broadbeach to Burleigh.

This next stage is expected to support approximately 760 jobs and lessen congestion on the roads along the southern Gold Coast. By extending the existing light rail, alongside improved pedestrian and cycling facilities, the Queensland Government is supporting the delivery of world-class transport that will make the Gold Coast more connected and accessible for its residents and visitors.

The Queensland Government has also committed planning funding for a future light rail link to the Gold Coast Airport.

# BUDGET 2020–21 AT A GLANCE

Jobs supported by infrastructure investment in 2020–21	<b>46,000</b>
Total infrastructure program over four years	<b>\$56B</b>
Percentage of capital spend outside Greater Brisbane	<b>58%</b>
Total spend on road and transport infrastructure in 2020–21	<b>\$6.3B</b>
COVID-19 economic stimulus measures to date	<b>\$7B</b>
Education and training in 2020–21	<b>\$17.5B</b>
Health in 2020–21	<b>\$21.8B</b>
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	<b>\$6.3B</b>
Building trains in Queensland over 10 years	<b>\$1B</b>
Social housing improvements in 2020–21	<b>\$526.2M</b>

## Tax Relief Package

The Government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- Payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- A payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- Land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

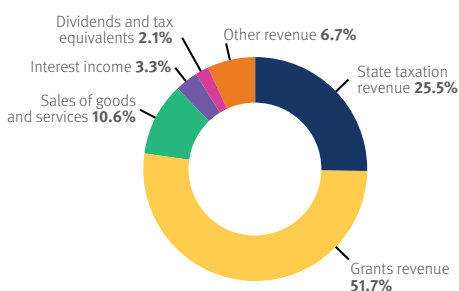
**An estimated 1,120 businesses in the Gold Coast will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.**

# STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

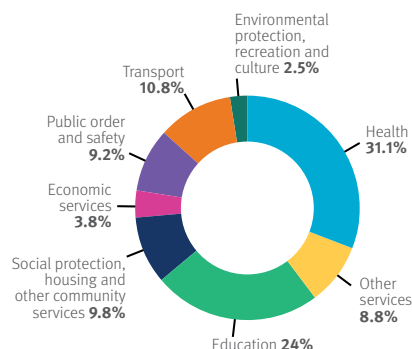
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- Driving the largest infrastructure program in over a decade - \$14.8 billion in 2020–21, directly supporting 46,000 jobs. Around 58% of the capital program and 28,700 of the jobs supported will be outside the Greater Brisbane area.
- Growing our regions and supporting key industries such as tourism, agriculture and mining. An additional \$200 million will be provided to the Works for Queensland program to support local governments outside South East Queensland.
- Enhancing frontline services. The Budget will support funding for additional frontline health staff including 5,800 nurses, 1,500 doctors and 1,700 allied health professionals through to 2024.
- Providing more Queenslanders with access to the skills and training they need for rewarding careers. \$100 million has been provided over three years to upgrade TAFE campuses.
- Backing small businesses to support jobs and communities. More than \$7 billion in COVID-19 stimulus measures have been provided so far, including reducing business costs through payroll tax relief and other tax relief measures, and accelerating projects to unlock development and increase economic activity.
- Providing concessions and easing the cost of living, with an estimated \$6.3 billion in 2020–21 in targeted discounts, fee waivers, rebates, and subsidies.
- Protecting the environment. The Great Barrier Reef will benefit from an additional \$40 million worth of support. This includes \$10 million for a Reef Assist Program and \$6 million over four years for the GBR Island Arks project to deliver ecotourism in the region.
- Increasing investment in manufacturing including \$1 billion to make trains again in Queensland.
- Delivering lower debt than New South Wales and Victoria.

## 2020–21 Revenue



## 2020–21 Expenses



## Queensland's Labour Market Forecasts

