

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN



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Mackay-Whitsunday

The Queensland Budget will directly support Mackay-Whitsunday with significant expenditure in 2021-22 including:

Infrastructure

\$672M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,100 jobs** in this region.

Health

\$514.6M

for Mackay Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$26.8M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Mackay-Whitsunday.

Mackay-Whitsunday will also benefit from:

Reef water quality

\$270.1M

across the State over five years to continue the Government's commitment to the protection of the Great Barrier Reef.

Recovery and Resilience against natural disasters

\$36.4M

estimated for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2021-22.

Social housing

\$18.1M

in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing in Mackay-Whitsunday.

Delivering for the Mackay-Whitsunday region



Building our Regions

\$34.7 million allocated to 16 critical infrastructure projects in Mackay-Whitsunday, supporting economic development and supporting 234 jobs.

(March 2015 to June 2021)



COVID-19 Jobs Support Loan Scheme

206 loans approved in Mackay-Whitsunday totalling \$29.8 million to assist local business through the pandemic, supporting 2,439 jobs.

(March 2020 to October 2020)



Jobs and Regional Growth Fund

\$28.9 million capital expenditure supported and 88 new full-time jobs generated in Mackay-Whitsunday.

(February 2017 to May 2021)



Back to Work

\$27 million paid to 1,102 employers in Mackay-Whitsunday to help employ 2,508 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to May 2021)

Restoring frontline services in Mackay-Whitsunday

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



117 extra teachers
up 6.8%



300 extra nurses
up 39.9%



140 extra doctors
up 68.0%



26 extra firefighters
up 36.3%



**Queensland
Government**

Mackay-Whitsunday

1 Salisbury Plains Industrial Precinct

\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$9.1 million total spend to help establish significant industrial developments and provide for the establishment of essential services and infrastructure corridors.

2 Agricultural Centre of Excellence

\$3.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.4 million total spend to build a new Agricultural Centre of Excellence at Bowen TAFE.

3 Bowen State High School

\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.4 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

4 Bowen Hospital

\$4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.9 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Bowen Hospital site, including a new Computed Tomography Scanner. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

5 Flagstaff Hill Conference and Cultural Centre

\$400,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to build a conference and cultural centre at Flagstaff Hill that will complement the site's visually stunning natural environment.

6 Indigenous Bush Tucker Trail and Paddock to Plate Venue

\$645,242 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to redevelop the restaurant on Flagstaff Hill (cafe/kitchen/kiosk) to support the delivery of Indigenous activities, festivals, events, cooking classes and markets. Part of the Tourism Recovery Fund and the TDDI Recovery Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

7 Whitsunday Sportsark

\$735,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.1 million total spend for the construction of a second storey on the clubhouse to include a licensed club and associated amenities to support multi-sports at Airlie Beach.

8 Aquaculture Training Centre

\$1.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend for a new Aquaculture Training Centre at Cannonvale TAFE.

11 Proserpine Whitsunday Junior Rugby League Football Club

\$78,807 in 2021-22 out of a \$153,807 total spend to install lighting to support rugby league at Proserpine. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.

12 Airlie Beach Sustainable Water Project

\$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5 million total spend to double the water supplied to Airlie Beach to meet the needs of current and future tourism and community requirements.

16 Bruce Highway (Mackay - Proserpine), Hampden to Kuttabul, rehabilitate and widen

\$8.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$37 million total spend to complete the widening formation and rehabilitation of the Bruce Highway between Hampden and Kuttabul. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

17 Mackay Northern Beaches State High School

\$5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7.9 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

18 Mackay Port initiatives

\$15.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$26.2 million total spend includes \$8.7 million towards wharf renewals, \$1.5 million for road upgrades, and \$5.6 million for other infrastructure facilities to support trade growth.

19 Cockermouth Island Day Tours

\$591,600 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.2 million total spend for a 17 metre catamaran to provide day tours to Cockermouth Island (part of the South Cumberland Islands). Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2020) program.

20 Future Foods Biohub Mackay

\$661,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to support the development of a business case for the Future Foods Biohub Mackay.

21 Mackay Community Mental Health Service

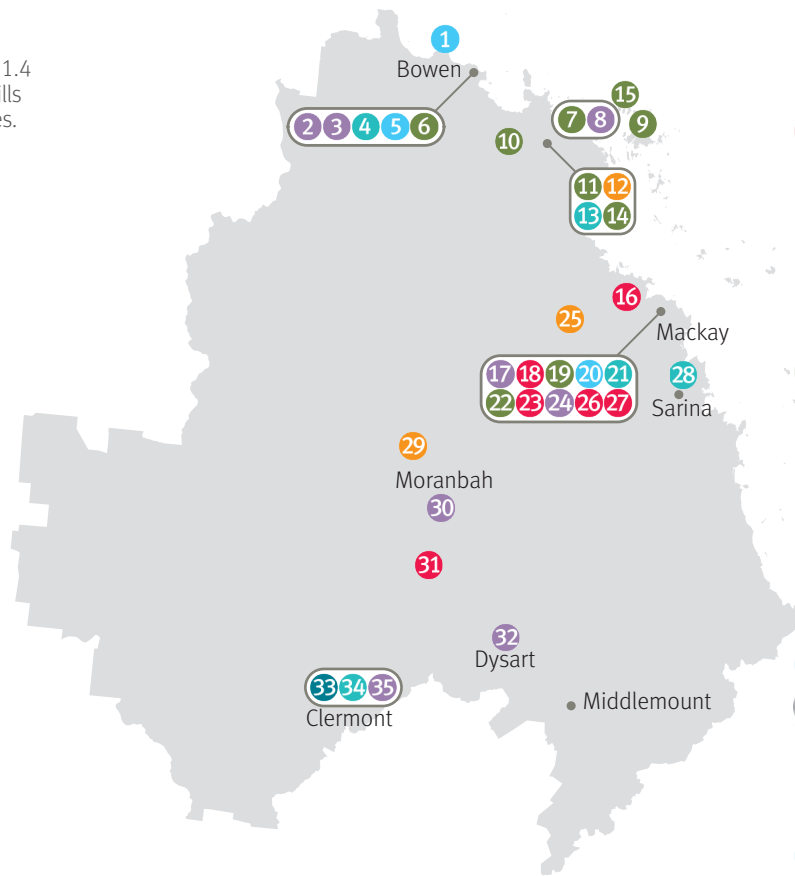
\$1.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$6 million total spend for the refurbishment of Mackay Community Mental Health to provide purpose designed clinical spaces and therapy rooms.

22 Harrup Park

\$5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10 million total spend towards the Harrup Park Great Barrier Reef Arena upgrade.

23 Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1)

\$17.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$497.4 million total spend to continue construction works of the ring road, including works between the intersection of Bruce Highway and Bald Hill Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



9 Whitsunday Islands National Park - Ngaro walking track upgrade

\$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to extend the Ngaro walking track in the Whitsunday Islands National Park. Part of the \$10.1 million investment in Ecotourism and World Heritage Areas.

10 Lake Proserpine Barramundi fishing and recreational precinct

\$600,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to enhance tourism opportunities for the region by providing the infrastructure needed to better service the fishing, caravan and camping markets.

13 Proserpine Hospital

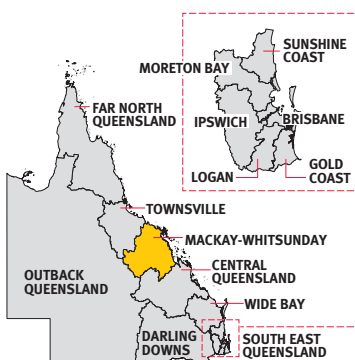
\$1.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5 million total spend for the refurbishment of the clinical assimilation training area, and acute primary care clinic upgrade.

14 Proserpine Entertainment Centre

\$5.7 million in 2021-22 out of \$13.7 million in State funding to rebuild the Proserpine Entertainment Centre following Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

15 Hook Island

\$582,084 in 2021-22 out of a \$4.3 million total spend for cleaning up of resort site and installation of a range of day trip facilities including amenities block and walkways for public use. Part of the Great Barrier Reef Resort Rejuvenation Fund program, delivered in partnership with the private sector.



\$7M centre puts Mackay on METS map

Mackay's \$7 million Resources Centre of Excellence is ensuring the region remains one of the world's best sources for mining expertise and innovation in the mining equipment, technology and services (METS) sector.

The centre is one-of-a-kind in Queensland and was jointly funded by the Queensland Government through its Jobs and Regional Growth Fund and Mackay Regional Council to drive research and innovation, increase export opportunities, and provide safer and more accelerated training options for students and apprentices.

With Mackay as one of Queensland's major resource industry hubs, the centre will create jobs and skills for the future through providing training and education, biomedical research, product innovation and demonstration. It features a simulated underground coal mine for training and research, including emergency response strategies. The construction of the centre created around 22 direct and indirect jobs.



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Harrup Park

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Tourism boost for Mackay-Whitsunday

A world-class sport, community, entertainment and leisure destination is coming to Mackay-Whitsunday with the development of the Great Barrier Reef Arena at Harrup Park.

The Queensland Government has committed \$10 million for Stage One of the development project, the Australian Government has matched that funding and Harrup Park Country Club is contributing \$4.2 million.

Once built, the arena will become a tourism drawcard as one of Australia's largest regional sporting facilities, including seating for more than 6,000 people, media and broadcast facilities for the AFL and cricket, and corporate and event facilities. It's expected the 18-month construction period will create 90 local jobs and generate \$43.2 million for the region's economy.

Tourism in the Mackay-Whitsunday region is also benefiting from the Queensland Government's Great Barrier Reef Island Resorts Rejuvenation Program, a \$25 million investment to fund a range of projects on the reef focusing on growing, greening and cleaning.

24 **Mackay Ooralea Trade Training Centre expansion**
\$7.5 million in 2021-22 to expand the heavy automotive facilities at Mackay Ooralea Trade Training Centre.

25 **Teemburra Dam improvement project - planning**
\$4.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10.5 million total spend to continue planning works for dam improvements to comply with safety standards for extreme weather events.

26 **Mackay Port Access, Bruce Highway to Mackay - Slade Point Road, construct new two lane road**
\$4.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$350 million total spend to construct a new two lane road to connect the Bruce Highway with Mackay-Slade Point Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

27 **Walkerston Bypass**
\$36.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$150 million total spend to construct a new two lane highway connecting Peak Downs Highway to the Mackay Ring Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

28 **Sarina Hospital**
\$16.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$31.5 million total spend for a new greenfield site, to deliver a purpose-built hospital and staff accommodation.

29 **Eungella Water Pipeline increased pumping capacity - planning**
\$2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10.9 million total spend to upgrade Eungella Water pipeline to allow delivery of 15,000 megalitres per annum through increased pumping capacity.

30 **Moranbah East State School**
\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$6.2 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

31 **Peak Downs Highway (Clermont - Nebo), Wuthung Road to Caval Ridge Mine**
\$16.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$35 million total spend to strengthen and widen pavement on the Peak Downs Highway between Wuthung Road and Caval Ridge Mine. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

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 **Dysart State High School**
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$900,000 total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

33 **Clermont replacement police facility**
\$50,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to progress the replacement police facility at Clermont.

34 **Clermont Multi-Purpose Health Service**
\$81,334 in 2021-22 out of a \$989,580 total spend for the internal demolition and refurbishment of the five units of staff accommodation at Clermont Hospital.

35 **Clermont State High School**
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

36 **Manufacturing Hub in Mackay**
\$2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to create a new manufacturing hub and grants program focusing on the manufacturing of bioproducts from crops grown in the region.

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

BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

Jobs recovered since May 2020	253,200
Queensland Jobs Fund	\$3.34B
Total infrastructure program, over 4 years	\$52.2B
Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane	61.2%
Health in 2021-22	\$22.2B
Education and training in 2021-22	\$18.3B
COVID-19 economic support initiatives, more than	\$14.2B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.1B
Social housing and homelessness investment, over 4 years	\$1.9B

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 330 employers in Mackay-Whitsunday will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan continues to support businesses, workers, families and communities across the state. Our success in managing the health challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic means the state's **\$360 billion** economy has begun to recover sooner and is stronger than the rest of Australia.

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The **\$52.2 billion** capital program over the forward estimates will help create many thousands of ongoing jobs, including an estimated **46,500** direct jobs in 2021-22.
- The new **\$3.34** billion Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the investment needed to drive ongoing growth, and provide wider economic and employment benefits.
- **\$460 million** toward targeted investments in flagship skills and training and employment programs Skilling Queenslanders for Work and a revitalised Back to Work program.

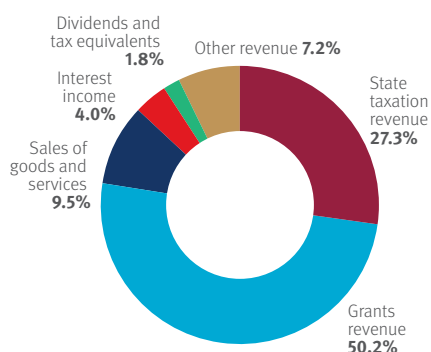
\$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

The \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund will provide cheaper, cleaner energy to power more jobs and industries in Queensland, while helping to deliver on our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030.

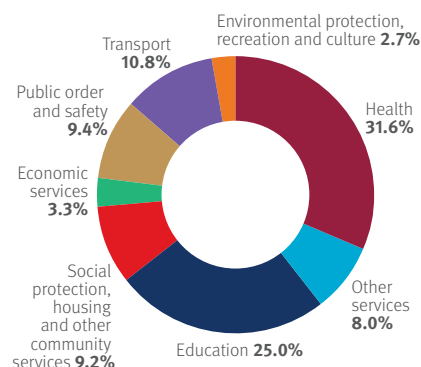
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

Forming part of the new \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund, this investment will ensure Queensland capitalises on economic development opportunities and creates more jobs and industries through cheaper, cleaner energy.

2021-22 revenue



2021-22 expenses



Queensland's labour market forecasts

