



## Mackay-Whitsunday

### REGIONAL ACTION PLAN QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2023–24

The 2023–24 Queensland Budget supports **good jobs**, provides **better services** for all Queenslanders and protects our **great lifestyle**. In Mackay-Whitsunday it provides:

**\$623.4M** on infrastructure  
for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,100** jobs in this region.

**\$613.1M** on health  
for the Mackay Hospital and Health Service.

**\$32.8M** on education  
to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Mackay-Whitsunday.

**\$28M** for social housing  
to expand and improve social housing in Mackay-Whitsunday.

**\$24.9M** for disaster recovery  
and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2019 and 2023. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**\$4.4M** for homelessness services  
to provide essential housing and support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Mackay-Whitsunday.

## Delivering for the MACKAY-WHITSUNDAY REGION



### Building our Regions

\$34.7 million allocated to 16 projects for critical infrastructure in Mackay-Whitsunday, supporting an estimated 234 jobs. This has leveraged further financial co-contributions statewide of over \$539 million from local governments, the Australian Government, and other organisations, with a total capital expenditure value of over \$887 million.

(March 2015 to June 2023)



### Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate

\$9.2 million of rebates claimed by 430 businesses to reinvest into their business and support employment in Mackay-Whitsunday.

(July 2015 to May 2023)



### Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$11.8 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 1,583 people in Mackay-Whitsunday, with 1,097 people securing a job as a direct result of their participation in the program.

(July 2015 to April 2023)



### Advance Queensland

\$5.3 million in grants awarded to 286 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise Mackay-Whitsunday's profile as an attractive investment destination.

(July 2015 to March 2023)

## Delivering better services for the Mackay-Whitsunday region

Growth from March 2015 to March 2023



379 extra nurses  
up **50.4%**



45 extra teacher aides  
up **11.1%**



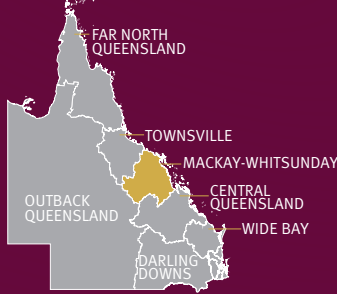
31 extra firefighters  
up **43.7%**



30 extra ambulance officers  
up **19.1%**

# Delivering for MACKAY- WHITSUNDAY

**Queensland**  
Good jobs  
Better services  
Great lifestyle



## 1 Proserpine Hospital



\$4.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$7.9 million total spend for the delivery of renal services, the refurbishment of the clinical assimilation training area, clinical assessment rooms, management office space and upgrade to the acute primary care clinic. The investments aim to meet the rising demand for healthcare in the region and ensure residents have access to a range of health services closer to home. Part of the Rural and Regional Renal Program.

## 3 Mackay Base Hospital



\$23.7 million in 2023-24 out of a \$256.1 million total spend for the expansion and improvements at the Mackay Hospital site, including refurbishment of the Mackay Community Mental Health facility. It also includes the \$250 million Mackay Base Hospital Expansion delivering an additional 128 beds to support healthcare for the region. The expansion will include new beds for paediatric, medical and surgical patients. It will deliver more acute, sub-acute, women's, children's and neonatal services closer to home. The expansion project is expected to support 610 local construction jobs and is due to be completed in the second half of 2026. Part of the Capacity Expansion Program.

## 5 Resource Centre of Excellence - Future Industries Delivery Hub



\$1.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5.7 million total spend to support the Resources Centre of Excellence (RCOE) in Mackay to develop a Future Industries Hub. This funding will support a new facility that meets current and emerging resources industry needs, as well as continue to embed the RCOE's successful model of connecting the brightest minds in resources research, technology, and education. It will also help the mining equipment, technology and services sector to shape the resources industry of the future. Part of the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan package.

## 2 Mackay police facility upgrade



\$3 million in 2023-24 out of a \$4 million total spend to continue the upgrade of the police facility at Mackay. The upgrade works at Mackay police facility will include improvements to various areas on both floors, along with refurbishment and security upgrades to the Watchhouse located on the ground floor. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland. The project will support 12 jobs.

## 4 Walkerston Bypass



\$44.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$187.4 million total spend towards the Walkerston Bypass project, improving safety, capacity and flood immunity. The bypass will create a direct route for heavy vehicles and reduce congestion through Walkerston. It is estimated to support an average of 225 direct jobs over the life of the project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 6 Clermont replacement police facility



\$3.3 million in 2023-24 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to complete the replacement police facility at Clermont. The replacement police facility at Clermont will provide a modern facility to support frontline policing at the local level and allows sufficient space for future growth. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland. The project will support 10 jobs.



## Helipad, expanded emergency for Moranbah Hospital

A new helipad, expanded emergency department and staff accommodation are in sight for the redevelopment of Moranbah Hospital, thanks to a \$54 million investment from the Queensland Government.

With the hospital servicing Bowen Basin resource sector communities, the helipad in particular will improve services for resource workers and their families. For the hospital's frontline health workforce, the hospital redevelopment will mean access to the latest healthcare standards, design, training, and guidelines to support both patient care and career development.

Construction will start in 2023 and is expected to be completed in late 2024. The project is forecast to create 102 full-time equivalent construction jobs. The Moranbah Hospital redevelopment is part of Phase 2 of the government's Building Rural and Remote Health Program – an injection of some \$943 million over 7 years for Queensland's rural and remote communities. The additional revenue raised from coal royalties is allowing government to make significant investments in priority projects and to ensure Queenslanders residing in regions have access to world class health services.

# Delivering for the MACKAY-WHITSUNDAY REGION

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Budget Map



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**Salisbury Plains Industrial Precinct**  
 \$250,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$9.2 million total spend to help establish significant industrial developments and provide for the establishment of essential services and infrastructure corridors.
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**Bowen Hospital**  
 \$637,060 in 2023-24 out of a \$11.9 million total spend for works improving patient flow and primary health care, co-location of the allied health services, refurbishment of existing wards and 2 new renal chairs.
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**Cannonvale-Jubilee Pocket 66 kilovolt reinforcement**  
 \$10.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$30.4 million total spend to establish a new 66 kilovolt switchyard to provide improved network safety and reliability to the Airlie Beach and Whitsunday Islands communities.
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**Airlie Beach replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station**  
 \$2.3 million in 2023-24 out of a \$8.9 million total spend to continue replacement of the permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Airlie Beach.
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**Whitsunday Islands National Park - Ngaro walking track upgrade**  
 \$3.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5.7 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, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**Proserpine State High School**  
 \$808,000 in 2023-24 to construct additional specialist classrooms.
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**Proserpine State School**  
 \$500,000 in 2023-24 to upgrade an existing amenities block.
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**Collinsville Golf Clubhouse transformation**  
 \$50,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$452,210 total spend to upgrade the Collinsville Golf Club's clubhouse. The project will refurbish the bathroom facilities, install accessible pathways and doors, and a playground. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Bloomsbury water supply**  
 \$800,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$2 million total spend to provide a connection between the Midge Point Drinking Water Scheme and the Bloomsbury Drinking Water Scheme. Part of the Building our Regions Round 6.
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**Mackay Port Access, Bruce Highway to Mackay - Slade Point Road, construct new two lane road**  
 \$7.7 million in 2023-24 out of a \$350 million total spend to construct a new road to connect the Bruce Highway with Mackay - Slade Point Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**Mackay Stadium refurbishment**  
 \$1.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1.8 million total spend to replace seating and upgrade lighting, flooring and security at the Mackay Stadium. Part of the 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.
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**Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
 \$448,676 in 2023-24 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Mackay. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$27 million statewide in 2023-24.
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**Mackay Housing Project**  
 \$808,707 in 2023-24 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to build community infrastructure to provide emergency accommodation for victims/survivors of domestic family violence. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.
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**Mackay Community Support Centre**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5.2 million total spend to redevelop St Vincent de Paul Society's existing community support centre in Mackay to facilitate the delivery of integrated housing and support services. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1)**  
 \$22.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$497.4 million total spend to construct the Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1) project, including works between the intersection of the Mackay Ring Road and Bald Hill Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**Sarina Hospital & Primary Health Care Centre**  
 \$5.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$31.5 million total spend to deliver a purpose-built hospital and staff accommodation on a new greenfield site.
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**Nebo secondary systems replacement**  
 \$5.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$36 million total spend to replace secondary systems at the Nebo substation to ensure continued reliability of electricity supply to the surrounding area.
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**Moranbah State High School**  
 \$5.6 million in 2023-24 out of a \$8.1 million total spend to construct a new single storey learning centre with 6 classrooms, and to extend an existing block to provide an additional science space.
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**Moranbah Affordable Housing Project**  
 \$2.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$8 million total spend to construct a 4-building, 16 unit housing complex of affordable housing for non-mining workers in Moranbah. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Moranbah Community Centre Redevelopment**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$8 million total spend to redevelop and refurbish the existing Moranbah Community Centre. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Moranbah East State School**  
 \$2.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$6.2 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.
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**Additional Electricity Bill Support**  

 \$1.483 billion in 2023-24 for electricity bill support, including a \$550 rebate for all Queensland households, a higher \$700 vulnerable households rebate and a \$650 small business rebate.
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**Great Barrier Reef Education Experience Program**  

 \$750,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to support students to undertake reef place-based learning and help regional tourism operators to enhance and create educational products and experiences.
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**Modern Manufacturing Initiative**  

 \$13 million in 2023-24 out of a \$153.5 million total spend to support businesses to adopt new technologies and improve their manufacturing processes. Part of the Queensland Jobs Fund and the Modern Manufacturing Initiative, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**Network replacement - Mackay**  

 \$99.9 million in 2023-24 to undertake other regulated network initiated capital replacement works to ensure network security.
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**Queensland First Home Owner Grant**  

 \$72 million in 2023-24 to provide first-time home buyers buying or building a new home with grants to get into the market sooner.
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**Raise, repair and retrofit homes, as part of the Resilient Homes Fund**  

 \$219.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$381 million total spend to allow eligible homeowners to raise, repair or retrofit their homes to incorporate flood resilient design and materials to reduce the impacts of future flood events.
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**Youth Co-responder teams**  

 \$30.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$96.2 million total spend statewide over 4 years to continue to deliver and expand the youth co-responder model to deal with or divert high risk young people. Part of the Youth Justice Investment.

## Project key

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





## At a Glance

Total concessions in 2023-24	<b>\$8.2B</b>	Total capital program over 4 years	<b>\$89B</b>
Total health funding in 2023-24	<b>\$25.8B</b>	Jobs supported by the capital program in 2023-24	<b>58,000</b>
Investment in regional Queensland supported by coal royalties	<b>over \$16B</b>	Percentage of capital spend outside of greater Brisbane in 2023-24	<b>65.5%</b>
Additional funding for social housing infrastructure and housing and homelessness support over 5 years	<b>over \$1.2B</b>	Total capital investment to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan over 4 years	<b>\$19B</b>

## Good jobs. Better services. Great lifestyle.

### More jobs in more industries

#### Good, secure jobs in our traditional and emerging industries

Queensland is building on its advantages in traditional and emerging industries that support good, secure jobs. The Queensland Government's economic strategy will help Queensland businesses to take advantage of these opportunities and grow the economy.



### Better services

#### Deliver even better services right across Queensland

A growing economy will allow the government to deliver better services across the state, including in education, justice and social services. High-quality services improve the lives of Queenslanders and help everyone to participate fully in our economy and our community.

### Protecting Queenslanders' lifestyle

#### Protect and enhance our Queensland lifestyle as we grow

Our great Queensland lifestyle will be protected while the economy grows. The Queensland Government is investing in crucial infrastructure to support our growing population, reducing cost-of-living pressures and taking care of our natural environment.



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