

DOING WHAT MATTERS FOR THE GOLD COAST



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2024-25

The 2024-25 Queensland Budget supports Queenslanders. On the Gold Coast it provides:

\$1,300

electricity bill support
for Queensland households – an upfront \$1,000 Cost of Living Rebate from the Queensland Government and a \$300 rebate paid in quarterly instalments from the Australian Government.

\$2.4B

for health
for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

\$116M

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

\$2.8B

for the Big Build
for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support **7,200** jobs on the Gold Coast.

Delivering for the GOLD COAST



Free Kindy

Up to 7,093 children eligible for free kindy on the Gold Coast, for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year.

(January 2024 to May 2024)



Fee-Free TAFE

9,858 fee-free TAFE courses commenced by people on the Gold Coast wanting to train, retrain or upskill in priority industries.

(January 2023 to March 2024)



First Home Owner Grant

5,253 grants worth \$91 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home on the Gold Coast.

(July 2016 to April 2024)



Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate

\$24.8 million of rebates claimed by 1,195 businesses to reinvest and support employment on the Gold Coast.

(July 2015 to April 2024)

Delivering better services for the GOLD COAST

Growth from March 2015 to March 2024



1,908 extra nurses, **up 69%**



763 extra teachers, **up 17.1%**

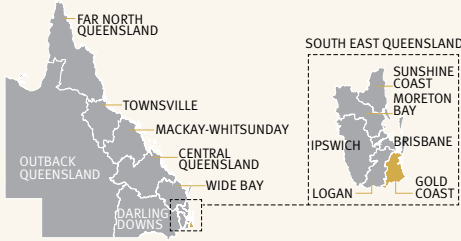


506 extra doctors, **up 55.4%**



149 extra ambulance officers, **up 40.3%**

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For an even more extensive list of initiatives, see the Budget Map

1 New Gold Coast Stations (Pimpama, Hope Island and Merrimac)



\$168.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$500 million total spend towards the construction of three new train stations on the Gold Coast at Pimpama, Hope Island and Merrimac. The new stations will feature onsite parking and passenger drop-off facilities, connections to pedestrian and cycle paths, accessible features such as wayfinding signage and platform access, improvements to nearby intersections, and lighting and CCTV.

3 Gold Coast Secure Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit



\$40.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$122.7 million total spend to deliver the Gold Coast University Hospital Secure Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit. The new facility will deliver a more contemporary therapeutic environment for patients, carers and staff and address the growing demand for mental health rehabilitation places. The project will deliver a 40-bed two-storey purpose-design facility with an undercroft and linkway to the existing mental health building.

5 Pacific Motorway, Varsity Lakes (Exit 85) to Tugun (Exit 95) upgrade



\$165 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1.5 billion total spend towards upgrading the Pacific Motorway (M1) between Varsity Lakes and Tugun. This investment includes widening 10 kms of the M1 in both directions between Varsity Lakes (Exit 85) and Tugun (Exit 95), including improvements to the road alignment. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

2 New Coomera Hospital



\$120 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1.3 billion total spend to deliver the new Coomera Hospital. \$1.3 billion has been committed to address increasing health service demands across the state over the next six years. When operationalised, the new Coomera Hospital will provide 404 new beds, including surgical, medical, ambulatory, sub-acute and mental health inpatient beds for the community. The masterplan will provide for further expansion of services to ensure the growing community's needs continue to be met. It will also provide emergency department treatment spaces and a satellite medical imaging department, new operating theatres, endoscopy rooms, birthing suites, consult rooms, and mental health support services. Part of the Capacity Expansion Program.

4 Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 3), Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads



\$308.2 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1.219 billion total spend towards extending the light rail from Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads. This project will connect communities with business and jobs, hospitals and medical facilities, education, shopping, dining, entertainment and sporting centres. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the Gold Coast City.

6 Social housing



\$74.8 million in 2024-25 to expand and improve social housing. Social housing provides safe, secure and sustainable homes to some of the most vulnerable people in Queensland. The Queensland Government has set a social housing delivery target of 53,500 homes by 2046 as part of Homes for Queenslanders. Investment into new social housing will help to address demand as the state grows, reduce pressure on homelessness services, and provide more housing choices for individuals and families.



Faster travel to come on the Coomera Connector

Works are progressing on one of Queensland's most significant infrastructure projects, the transformative 16km Coomera Connector Stage 1. The project will deliver shorter travel times and more transport options – accommodating an estimated 60,000 daily trips as an alternative option to the Pacific Motorway for local journeys around the northern Gold Coast. It will feature additional bridge crossings, and a shared pedestrian and bike path to enable new active transport opportunities.

The Coomera Connector Stage 1 is being delivered in three construction packages:

[Stage 1 North: Shipper Drive, Coomera to Helensvale Road, Helensvale](#)




















[Stage 1 Central: Helensvale Road, Helensvale to Smith Street Motorway, Molendinar](#)































[Stage 1 South: Smith Street Motorway, Molendinar to Nerang-Broadbeach Road, Nerang.](#)

Stage 1 North, under construction, will open progressively from late 2025, with community consultation completed for the other stages.

The now \$3.026 billion project includes an additional \$864 million committed by both the Queensland and Australian governments on a 50:50 basis, bringing Queensland's total contribution to \$1.513 billion.

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The Spit Master Plan Implementation Program

 \$9.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$60 million total spend for implementation of The Spit Master Plan to deliver capital works projects transforming The Spit, Gold Coast's public realm.
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Gold Coast Parklands Health and Knowledge Precinct
 \$4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$42.2 million total spend to continue development of a Health and Knowledge Precinct within the Parklands Priority Development Area.
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Southport West Tower
 \$9.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$26.7 million total spend to progress master developer works at the Southport Precinct and progress site works to enable delivery of a supportive housing tower. Part of the Queensland Housing Plan.
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Gold Coast Operations Centre Redevelopment (Coomera)
 \$13 million in 2024-25 out of a \$19.9 million total spend to redevelop the Southport Ambulance Station and Gold Coast Operations Centre, supporting communities through delivery of ambulance response services. Part of the Queensland Ambulance Services Infrastructure Enhancements.
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Nerang State High School

 \$7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$9.9 million total spend to upgrade the existing hall facility.
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Gold Coast Desalination Plant augmentation - planning
 \$30.5 million in 2024-25 to continue planning and investigatory works for the Gold Coast Desalination Plant augmentation and associated infrastructure to support water security.
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Currumbin Eco-Parkland
 \$9.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$39.5 million total spend for provision of public access, facilitating civil works, land restoration, access to koala vet unit, visitor parking and public amenities.
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Binna Burra Lodge Rebuild
 \$12.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$18 million total spend for the rebuild of the heritage listed lodge and cabin rooms on Mount Roberts lost in the 2019 bushfires. Part of the Regional Tourism Recovery Program.
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Disaster Management Reforms

 \$30 million in 2024-25 to progress the government's commitment from the Independent Review of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. Part of the government's Emergency Management Reforms.
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Disaster recovery and reconstruction

 \$19.9 million in 2024-25 for delivery of recovery and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2020 and 2024 in the Gold Coast region. Part of the joint State/Australian Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
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Electricity network enhancements - Gold Coast

 \$25.8 million in 2024-25 to augment sub-transmission and 11 kilovolt network capacity on the Gold Coast.
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Free TAFE Nursing

 \$58 million in 2024-25 out of a \$162.6 million total spend to provide 6,500 training places for eligible Queenslanders who are passionate about healthcare to study the Diploma of Nursing for free in 2024 and 2025.
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Growth projects in Gold Coast

 \$48.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$73.7 million total spend to deliver additional learning spaces on the Gold Coast.
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Homelessness services

 \$232.2 million in 2024-25 to provide essential housing and support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
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Homes for Queenslanders

 \$600,000 in 2024-25 to support improved housing outcomes for people with disability and those experiencing domestic and family violence in Queensland.
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Integrated Zero Emissions Vehicles charging infrastructure

 \$8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$12 million total spend for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and to explore innovative "smart" integration and management of the infrastructure. Part of Queensland's Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy and the National Electric Vehicle Strategy.
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Network Battery - Hollywell

 \$12 million in 2024-25 out of a \$13.4 million total spend to install a 4 megawatt/8 megawatt-hour battery to store excess solar PV generated by customers. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.
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Network Battery - Yatala

 \$12 million in 2024-25 out of a \$13.4 million total spend to install a 4 megawatt/8 megawatt-hour battery to store excess solar PV generated by customers. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.
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Public library grants

 \$2.5 million in 2024-25 to supply resources to public libraries on the Gold Coast. Part of the Public Library Grants.
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Quantum Strategy and Academy

 \$279 million in 2024-25 out of a \$89.7 million total spend to develop and deliver the whole-of-government Queensland Quantum and Advanced Technologies Strategy and Queensland Quantum Academy.
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Queensland Fire and Rescue appliances

 \$23.8 million in 2024-25 for replacement and new fire and rescue appliances.
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Queensland Skills Strategy 2024-28

 \$96.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$203.1 million total spend to further strengthen the state's training system to deliver skills needed for our economy and provide access to good jobs with better pay for Queenslanders. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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Raise, repair and retrofit homes

 \$76.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$231 million total spend for eligible homeowners to rebuild, repair or retrofit their homes with flood-resilient design and materials to reduce the impacts of future flood events. Part of the Resilient Homes Fund.
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Recruitment Drive - additional police personnel

 \$25.9 million in 2024-25 out of a \$87.5 million total spend to support the recruitment of additional police personnel.
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Safer Schoolies - Gold Coast and Airlie Beach

 \$2.1 million in 2024-25 out of a \$10.8 million total spend to deliver a safer schoolies, including a beach hub, support services and medical and volunteer support. Part of the Safer Schoolies Response.
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Saving Queensland's koalas

 \$7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$31.3 million total spend to extend and accelerate conservation of koalas in South East Queensland.
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Skilling Queenslanders for Work

 \$5.8 million in 2024-25 to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.
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Youth Co-Responder Teams

 \$6.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$20.4 million total spend to deliver and expand the youth co-responder model to divert high risk young people, including those on bail, and those subject to electronic monitoring. Part of the government's Youth Justice Investment.

Project key

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

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QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2024-25

QUEENSLAND
**COST OF
LIVING
ACTION**

AT A GLANCE

Total concessions including cost-of-living relief measures available in 2024-25	\$11.2B	Total Big Build over 4 years	\$107.3B
Total health funding in 2024-25	\$28.9B	Jobs supported by the Big Build program in 2024-25	72,000
Community Safety Plan for Queensland	\$1.3B	Percentage of Big Build spend outside of greater Brisbane in 2024-25	68.5%
Putting Queensland Kids First Plan	\$502M	Total capital investment to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan over 4 years	\$26B
Homes for Queenslanders	\$3.1B		
Investment in school and early education facilities	\$1.3B		

Everyone is feeling cost-of-living pressures. Find support to manage household costs including bills, transport, housing, health care and education. In tough times, every little bit helps.

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