

DOING WHAT MATTERS FOR MACKAY-WHITSUNDAY



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2024-25

The 2024-25 Queensland Budget supports Queenslanders. In Mackay-Whitsunday 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.

\$679M

for health

for the Mackay Hospital and Health Service.

\$57M

for education

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

\$1.3B

for the Big Build

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support **3,400** jobs in Mackay-Whitsunday.

Delivering for MACKAY-WHITSUNDAY



Free Kindy

Up to 2,384 children eligible for free kindy in Mackay-Whitsunday, for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year.

(January 2024 to May 2024)



Fee-Free TAFE

3,470 fee-free TAFE courses commenced by people in Mackay-Whitsunday wanting to train, retrain or upskill in priority industries.

(January 2023 to March 2024)



Building our Regions

\$38.3 million allocated to projects for critical infrastructure in Mackay-Whitsunday, supporting an estimated 259 jobs. This has leveraged further financial co-contributions statewide of more than \$556 million from local governments, the Australian Government, and other organisations, with a total capital expenditure value of more than \$974 million.

(March 2015 to October 2025)



First Home Owner Grant

1,556 grants worth \$25.7 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in Mackay-Whitsunday.

(July 2016 to April 2024)

Delivering better services for MACKAY-WHITSUNDAY

Growth from March 2015 to March 2024



399 extra nurses, **up 53.1%**



79 extra teachers, **up 4.6%**

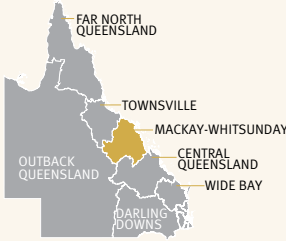


141 extra doctors, **up 68.5%**



33 extra ambulance officers, **up 21.3%**

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

1 Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1)



\$21.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$497.4 million total spend towards the Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1) project. Construction of the new ring road is complete and an intersection is now being built with Bald Hill Road. The connection with Bald Hill Road will join the Mackay Northern Access Upgrade project and the future Mackay Port Access project. On completion, these projects will create a direct route between the Port of Mackay, the mines and agricultural industries surrounding the city. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

2 Mackay police facility upgrade



\$3.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$4 million total spend to complete the upgrade of the police facility at Mackay. The upgraded police facility has been designed with all the features and specifications needed for a modern policing facility and will accommodate the current staffing level with room for future growth. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland.

3 Moranbah Hospital Redevelopment



\$20 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1 billion total spend to address ageing infrastructure, supporting healthcare delivery in regional areas by enhancing or replacing infrastructure to ensure it meets the needs of the community. Moranbah was identified as one of the Mackay-Whitsunday sites to receive funding that will provide Moranbah and surrounding communities with a modern hospital and improved health services. The new hospital will have more emergency department treatment spaces, a CT scanner and a helipad. There will be 12 inpatient beds, expanded medical imaging services, an ambulatory care area, gymnasium and an enhanced outpatient department. Part of the Building Rural and Remote Health Program.

4 Isaac affordable housing



\$800,000 in 2024-25 out of a \$2 million total spend to construct a block of three units to provide affordable housing for non-mining workers in Moranbah. Each unit will have two bedrooms and an ensuite, laundry, kitchen, and dining/living space. When completed, the units will increase the supply of affordable housing in Moranbah, helping to retain key non-mining workers in the community. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 3.

5 Lotus Creek Wind Farm



\$500 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1.305 billion total spend to deliver the 285-megawatt Lotus Creek Wind Farm near St Lawrence. Construction is expected to commence in mid-2024, supporting up to 300 jobs, and be operational from 2027. This project will support decarbonisation in Central Queensland and help Queensland reach its target of 70 per cent renewables by 2032. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

6 Clermont replacement police facility



\$5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to complete the replacement of the police facility at Clermont. The upgraded police facility has been designed with all the features and specifications needed for a modern policing facility and will accommodate the current staffing level with room for future growth. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland.



Delivering 128 extra beds for Mackay Base Hospital

A significant expansion of the Mackay Base Hospital will deliver 128 new beds and help meet the growing demand for healthcare services in the region, thanks to the Queensland Government's \$250 million investment. The expansion commenced in February 2024, supporting 610 construction jobs.


New beds are being added to paediatric and medical wards, with the expansion including new birth suites to ensure a smoother transition of care for mothers and newborns. The Women's Health Unit and the Child and Adolescent Unit will move into the new wards when the hospital expansion opens in 2026. Planning is currently underway for a new multi-deck car park for the hospital.

The Mackay Base Hospital expansion is part of the Queensland Government's Health Big Build, investing more than \$14 billion delivering new and upgraded facilities right across the state including more than 3,300 additional hospital beds over six years.

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Yaringa - Housing for frontline and professional workers
 \$2 million in 2024-25 out of a \$3.2 million total spend to build four, two-bedroom residential units to accommodate frontline health and professional workers in Bowen. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 3.
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Airlie Beach replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station
 \$7.6 million in 2024-25 out of a \$10.1 million total spend to complete the replacement of the permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Airlie Beach.
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Whitsunday Islands National Park - Ngaro Track

 \$3.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$6.3 million total spend to provide camping facilities and continued enhancements to the Ngaro Track in the Whitsunday Islands National Park.
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Collinsville Aerodrome lighting and runway upgrade project
 \$906,000 in 2024-25 out of a \$1.8 million total spend to upgrade the aerodrome to improve safety for critical health services and increase accessibility, business and recreational opportunities for Collinsville. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 2.
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Mackay Port Access, Bruce Highway to Mackay - Slade Point Road (Stage 1)
 \$8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$350 million total spend towards Mackay Port Access, Bruce Highway to Mackay - Slade Point Road (Stage 1). Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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Pioneer Valley Outdoor Tourism Hub
 \$2.8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to develop a two-storey facility for up to 24 guests, to be used by guides and operators for adventure and nature-based tourism experiences across the Mackay region. Part of the Activate Ecotourism Infrastructure initiative, delivered in partnership with the private sector.
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Mackay community support centre
 \$3 million in 2024-25 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 - Round 2.
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FlexiLab at the Resources Centre of Excellence
 \$2.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$5.7 million total spend to support the development of the FlexiLab at the Resources Centre of Excellence in Mackay as a common-user facility for testing, innovation, research and development, and training in the resources sector. Part of the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan.
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Mackay State Development Area
 \$7.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$17.5 million total spend for construction of an intersection on Fenner Road/Bruce Highway and preparatory civil works on site for a land subdivision. Part of the Regional Industrial Land Improvement Program.
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Moranbah State High School
 \$6.8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$13.3 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.
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Abandoned Mine Lands Program
 \$36.6 million in 2024-25 out of a \$153.7 million total spend to continue the management and mitigation of significant public safety, health and environmental risks at high-risk abandoned mine sites.
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Backing Business in the Bush Fund
 \$10 million in 2024-25 out of a \$50 million total spend to support Queensland-based small-to-medium enterprises to deliver business improvement projects in regional Queensland.
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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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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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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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Joint field management - Great Barrier Reef
 \$19.2 million in 2024-25 for joint management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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Pioneer-Burdekin Early Works
 \$38.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1 billion total spend for early works as part of the commitment to the Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro Energy Storage project. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.
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Quantum Strategy and Academy
 \$27.9 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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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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Reef Water Quality - Integrated Reef Water Quality Program
 \$8.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$63.9 million total spend to support research, development and extension on land management practices that improve reef water quality as well as productivity. Part of the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program.
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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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Skilling Queenslanders for Work
 \$1.6 million in 2024-25 to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.
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Social housing
 \$32.9 million in 2024-25 to expand and improve social housing.
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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		

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