

# DELIVERING FOR SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND

Queensland Budget 2025–26

## QUEENSLAND SNAPSHOT



**1,600 police recruits** with stronger laws and new programs to turn kids away from crime.



**15 new schools** and \$300 in vouchers for education essentials and kids' sport.



**3 new hospitals** and 10 major upgrades. More free healthcare than ever before.



**Boost to Buy** delivering a place to call home for more Queenslanders with a new nation-leading home ownership scheme to reduce the deposit gap.



**Major Bruce Highway** upgrades and new road and rail projects to get you home sooner.



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### DELIVERING a better lifestyle through a stronger economy

#### → More homes for frontline workers and vulnerable Queenslanders

Essential homes to draw more frontline workers to the region, as well as social and community housing to support vulnerable Queenslanders.

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### DELIVERING a plan for Queensland's future

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To see what is being delivered in South West Queensland, visit the **interactive map**.

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### Alcohol and Drugs Police/Court Diversion

Delivering alcohol and drugs police and court diversion services across South West Queensland to make our community safer.

### Making Queensland Safer laws

Adult Crime, Adult Time for young offenders across the state, who commit the most serious offences.

### Victims Advocate Service

\$50 million to deliver a new professional Victims Advocate Service to provide dedicated support to victims of crime across the state, through the justice process.

### Daniel's Law

\$10 million across the state to deliver a public child sex offender register to keep Queensland children safe.

### Domestic and Family Violence Prevention

\$25 million across the state to deliver an electronic monitoring (GPS tracker) pilot of high risk domestic and family violence offenders.

### Safer Children, Safer Communities

Stopping the youth crime pipeline across the state, being created by a broken child safety system, including a new secure care facility.

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### Hospital Rescue Plan

Delivering more than 2,600 extra beds across the state including 3 new hospitals and 10 hospital expansions and more regional health services.

### Reducing ambulance ramping

Health services when you need them with more paramedics and initiatives to reduce ambulance ramping below 30 per cent by 2028.

### Surgery Waitlist Stabilisation

\$1.8 billion to deliver more elective surgeries when and where Queenslanders need them including partnering with the private sector through the Surgery Connect Program to reduce waitlists and have patients seen sooner.

### Real-time health data

Delivering the government's new Open Hospitals website to share data in real time and drive cultural change across the state.

### Improving patient flow

\$581 million to stabilise bed capacity to improve patient flow across the state, with 515 beds across the Queensland Health system.

### Midwife to patient ratios

\$48.7 million to deliver the legislated but previously unfunded midwife to patient ratios across the state.

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### More housing for Roma

Constructing affordable housing units across 2 consolidated council-owned sites in Roma, maintaining the original housing outcomes more efficiently. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

### Telemetry device installation program – Murray Darling Basin

\$4.9 million to install telemetry devices in the Murray Darling Basin to improve data collection, monitoring, and water management efficiency. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

### More homes for frontline workers

Delivering housing for frontline government employees like teachers, nurses and police officers so they can provide essential services to communities in South West Queensland. In 2025-26, 14 homes are planned across Roma and Charleville.

### Frontline housing and homelessness services

Delivering housing and homelessness services to vulnerable Queenslanders across the South West Queensland region to assist them secure long-term housing and access other specialist support services including temporary accommodation, outreach and connection to broader community services. This is provided through funding and partnerships with Specialist Homelessness Services.

### More social and community housing

Funding to expand and improve social and community housing in South West Queensland, with 9 social homes in construction or under contract towards the delivery of 53,500 homes by 2044, including in partnership with the Australian Government.

### Backing Indigenous Arts - Indigenous Arts Centres

\$4.9 million to grow ethical and sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industries through investment in Indigenous art centres, including in South West Queensland.



### Town beautification and tourism masterplan for Nindigully

\$45,000 to develop a masterplan for Nindigully that enhances tourism, improves liveability, and supports town beautification initiatives. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

### Bob Young Memorial Park upgrade – Quilpie

\$450,000 to support Quilpie Shire Council to upgrade Bob Young Memorial Park with stone paving around the memorial and landscaping improvements across the site. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

### Wyandra playground upgrade

\$50,000 to design and upgrade the Wyandra playground with landscaping, refurbishment of equipment, and installation of new playground facilities. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

### Charleville Airport Master Plan

\$50,000 to support Murweh Shire Council to engage a consultant to develop a master plan for Charleville Airport, addressing runway defects and future demand. Part of the Works for Queensland Program.

### Cunnamulla swimming pool upgrade

\$600,000 to construct upgrades at the Cunnamulla Swimming Pool in line with the masterplan to enhance community recreation facilities. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.



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### Eulo Bridge replacement business case

Completing a business case for a new Paroo River bridge at Eulo.

### Loudon Bridge upgrade business case

Completing a business case to raise the approaches to Loudon Bridge.

### Quilpie State College

\$600,000 for improved access across the site for students, parents, carers and staff.

### Mitchell State School

\$518,000 for multi-purpose upgrades so students can spend time being active on the courts.

### Roma State College – senior campus

\$1.5 million to refurbish Block J.

### Castlereagh Highway (St George - Hebel), upgrade floodways

Floodway upgrade Dirranbandi to Hebel Road to improve safety and flood immunity.

### Abandoned Mine Lands Program

\$32.3 million for the management and mitigation of significant public safety, health and environmental risks at high-risk abandoned mine sites, including in South West Queensland.

### First 5 Forever

\$44,607 to deliver the First 5 Forever family literacy initiative in South West Queensland.

### Queensland Microgrid Pilot Fund

\$6.1 million for a Queensland Microgrid Pilot Fund with the intention of boosting resilience of regional communities to extreme weather events, including in South West Queensland.

### 2032 Delivery Plan

Putting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games back on track with a plan to deliver what's needed for Queensland's future, with transport and infrastructure, tourism and grassroots sporting facilities across the state.

### Destination 2045

\$446 million to support Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's Tourism Future including funding for aviation attraction, event attraction and new product development across the state.

