

DELIVERING FOR WESTERN 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.



DELIVERING safety where you live

→ **Making Queensland Safer laws rollout**

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

→ **Early Intervention and Rehabilitation**

\$560 million for comprehensive early intervention and rehabilitation programs across the state, to reduce youth offending and reduce the number of victims.



DELIVERING health services when you need them

→ **More health workers**

More health workers for Western Queensland, with additional funding in 2025–26 to grow the workforce to 456 (FTE) across Central West Hospital and Health Service.

→ **Longreach and Winton Staff Accommodation**

Staff accommodation will be replaced in Longreach and Winton providing appropriate, safe, and fit-for-purpose accommodation, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.



DELIVERING a better lifestyle through a stronger economy

→ **Longreach Water Security**

\$12 million total spend to raise 5 weirs along the Thomson River and implement a number of other upgrades to increase water storage and improve water efficiency across the network.

→ **Blackall Woolscour**

\$940,000 to fund the final stages of a planning and feasibility study for the Blackall Woolscour project, backing the agriculture industry and regional manufacturing.



DELIVERING a plan for Queensland's future

→ **Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction**

\$505.7 million for delivery of recovery and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2021 and 2025 in Western Queensland. Part of the joint State/Australian Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

→ **Outback Education Program**

Reactivating the Outback Queensland Education Experience Program, offering financial subsidies to help school children explore the rich history, culture and landscapes of the Queensland Outback through a diverse range of tourism offerings.



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

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Safety where you live



***Making Queensland Safer* laws rollout**

Restoring safety where you live with strong laws and consequences for actions across the state.

Regional Reset Program

Commencing delivery of 9 short stay programs for youth who are demonstrating high-risk behaviours, including in Western Queensland.

Child Placement Services

\$7.8 million to deliver essential child placement services in Western Queensland to protect our vulnerable children.

Early Intervention and Rehabilitation

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Secure Communities Partnership Program

\$40 million to provide grants to small businesses and local governments across the state, to implement measures to improve community safety and prevent crime in public commercial and business precincts.

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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Central West renal dialysis

Delivering a new Central West renal unit so that more regional and rural Queenslanders have easier access to health services.

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.

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.

Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

Securing the long-term future of the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme to deliver easier access to health services for regional and rural Queenslanders.

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Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme

\$100,000 to Longreach Regional Council to support planning scheme improvements to boost local housing supply.

Barcoo Shire Council Planning Scheme

\$100,000 to Barcoo Shire Council to support planning scheme improvements to boost local housing supply.

Rabig Park Amenities Refurbishment in Windorah

\$380,000 total spend to refurbish the Rabig Park amenities building in Windorah, including roof works, interior finishes, fittings, and service upgrades. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Shed and Awning Installation at Betoota Sports Arena

\$100,000 total spend to construct a shed and awning at the Betoota Sports Arena to support patrons and protect sporting equipment during key events. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Longreach Saleyards Railway Siding Extension

\$500,000 total spend to extend the railway siding at the Western Queensland Livestock Exchange Saleyards in Longreach.

Isolated Energy Network Security

\$71.4 million for Ergon Energy to pursue generation and storage upgrades in isolated networks.

Boost to Buy to reduce the deposit gap

Reducing the deposit gap for 1,000 Queenslanders across the state who don't have savings to get into their first home.



Back to School Boost

Delivering cost of living relief with \$100 for every Queensland primary school child across the state to help cover the cost of school essentials every year.

Play On!

More affordable and accessible sport for all Queensland kids with \$200 *Play On!* voucher program to help reduce the cost of participation in the biggest investment ever.

Abolishing taxes for first home buyers

Delivering cost of living relief by abolishing stamp duty on all new homes across the state for first home buyers.

First Home Owner Grant Boost extension

Delivering cost of living relief for first home buyers across the state by extending the First Home Owner Grant to \$30,000 for 12 months.

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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 Western Queensland.

Jundah State School

\$453,000 for school playground and tuckshop upgrades.

Bedourie State School

\$315,000 for a new accessible amenities building.

Muttaborra State School

\$558,000 for school playground and tuckshop upgrades.

First 5 Forever

\$26,555 to deliver the First 5 Forever family literacy initiative in Western Queensland.

Public libraries

\$191,000 to resource public libraries in Western Queensland.

Robinson Park upgrade works - Boulia Shire

\$520,000 to install shade structures, trees, softfall surfacing, and refresh playground equipment at Robinson Park in Boulia Shire. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

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.

Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program

\$250 million for a community Olympic and Paralympic legacy fund to boost participation in grassroots sport across the state in the leadup to the Games.

