

DELIVERING FOR WIDE BAY-BURNETT

Queensland Budget 2025–26

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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

- **New Bargara police facility**
Commencing the new Bargara police facility.
- **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

- **Hervey Bay Hospital expansion**
\$94 million for the expansion and refurbishment of existing Hervey Bay Hospital Emergency Department building with 35 new beds, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.
- **New Bundaberg Hospital**
A new hospital (at least 139 new beds) will be delivered using a staged approach to transfer services to the new site as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.



DELIVERING a better lifestyle through a stronger economy

- **Paradise Dam improvement project**
Delivering a new Paradise Dam wall to ensure safe and secure water supply, and to support economic growth in the region.
- **Wide Bay Men's Sheds**
Delivering upgrades, new tools and equipment for Men's Sheds at Mary Valley, Tin Can Bay and Howard.



DELIVERING a plan for Queensland's future

- **Bruce Highway upgrades around Maryborough**
Delivering an overhaul of the intersection of the Bruce Highway and Walker Street and a new Tiaro Bypass.
- **Games On! Wide Bay Sports Academy**
\$300,000 for Wide Bay Sports Academy to support young local athletes aged 13-19 years excel in their chosen sport, as part of the \$250 million Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program.



To see what is being delivered in Wide Bay-Burnett, visit the **interactive map**.

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Safety where you live



New Bargara police facility

Commencing the new Bargara police facility.

Impact Community Services

\$1 million over 4 years into an academy for vulnerable youths, in collaboration with Impact Community Services.

Kingaroy replacement fire and rescue station

\$2.5 million to acquire land for the replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Kingaroy.

Maryborough area rural fire brigade headquarters

\$7.2 million for the rural fire brigade headquarters at Maryborough.

Maryborough police facility upgrade

\$7 million for the upgrade of the police facility at Maryborough.

Gympie South replacement permanent fire and rescue station

\$7.5 million for the replacement permanent fire and rescue station at Gympie South.

Regional Reset Program

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

Biggenden Rural Fire Brigade Station

\$800,000 for the upgrade of the rural fire brigade station at Biggenden.

Making Queensland Safer laws rollout

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

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.

Hervey Bay replacement police facility

Delivering the replacement of the police facility at Hervey Bay, at an investment of \$28 million.

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.

Health services when you need them



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\$94 million for the expansion and refurbishment of existing Hervey Bay Hospital Emergency Department building with 35 new beds, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

New Bundaberg Hospital

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Brave Brothers Bundaberg

\$142,000 for Brave Brothers in Bundaberg as they work to deliver Brave Place Safe Spaces and suicide awareness services.

Midwife to patient ratios

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

Hervey Bay Hospital Car Park (Stage 1)

Additional car parking spaces will be constructed for patients, carers, visitors and staff at the Hervey Bay Hospital.

Glenwood Ambulance Station Business Case

Delivering a business case for a new Ambulance Station in Glenwood.

Gympie Volunteer First Aid Services

Delivering an ex-ambulance and defibrillator upgrade for the Gympie Volunteer First Aid Service.

More health workers

More health workers for Wide Bay-Burnett, with additional funding in 2025-25 to grow the workforce to 4,022 (FTE) across the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Childers Multipurpose Health Service

Progression of the planning stage for the Childers Multipurpose Health Service as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

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.

A better lifestyle through a stronger economy



Paradise Dam improvement project

Delivering a new Paradise Dam wall to ensure safe and secure water supply, and to support economic growth in the region.

Wide Bay Men's Sheds

Delivering upgrades, new tools and equipment for Men's Sheds at Mary Valley, Tin Can Bay and Howard.

Mount Rawdon Pumped Hydro

\$50 million in 2025-26 to progress the Mount Rawdon Pumped Hydro, delivering the government's commitment to progressing smaller, more manageable pumped hydro projects.

More social and community housing

\$68.3 million to expand and improve social and community housing in Wide Bay-Burnett, with 204 social homes in construction or under contract towards the delivery of 53,500 homes by 2044, including in partnership with the Australian Government.

Cooranga Weir – planning

Progressing planning work to deliver a new weir to improve water supply reliability along the Boyne River.

Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage

Progressing early works for the Borumba Pumped Hydro Project, in line with the government's commitment to smaller, more manageable pumped hydro projects.

Frontline housing and homelessness services

Delivering housing and homelessness services to vulnerable Queenslanders across the Wide Bay-Burnett region to assist them to 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.

Fraser Community Meals on Wheels

\$25,000 for the Fraser Community Meals on Wheels service to buy an automatic heat-sealing machine.

Salvation Army Maryborough

\$150,000 towards renovations at the Maryborough Salvation Army.

Flood Damage Repairs at Tinana Hall

\$195,000 to repair and restore walls, floors, ramp, electrical cabling, and kitchen at Tinana Hall following the 2022 floods in the Fraser Coast Region. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.



Anzac Park lighting and safety upgrade, Maryborough

\$2.7 million to install new LED pedestrian lighting and complete civil works along 2,800m of activity track in Anzac Park, Maryborough to improve safety. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Urangan Pier rehabilitation works

\$1.4 million to upgrade and replace decking boards, kerb rails, and carry out cathodic protection works on Urangan Pier. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

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.

A plan for Queensland's future



Bruce Highway upgrades around Maryborough

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Games On! Wide Bay Sports Academy

\$300,000 for Wide Bay Sports Academy to support young local athletes aged 13-19 years excel in their chosen sport, as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Games On! Burnett Bowls Club

\$542,000 for upgrades at the Burnett Bowls Club including building a disabled toilet and club house 'face-lift,' as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Games On! Bundaberg Netball Association

\$620,000 to upgrade facilities at the Bundaberg Netball Association as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Games On! Hervey Bay Bombers

\$190,000 for certified night lights for the Hervey Bay Bombers Football Club, as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Games On! Gin Gin Athletics Club

\$25,000 for a facility upgrade of Gin Gin Athletics Club, as part of the *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Sowing the Seeds of Farming Innovation Fund

\$30 million to support next-generation farmers and boost AgTech adoption across the state.

Abandoned Mine Lands Program

\$32.3 million to continue the management and mitigation of significant public safety, health and environmental risks at high-risk abandoned mine sites, including in Wide Bay-Burnett.

One Mile State School

\$2 million to upgrade amenities.

Manufacturing Centre of Excellence

\$7.1 million to refurbish part of the Maryborough TAFE campus and operational costs associated with the establishment of the Manufacturing Centre of Excellence.

St Helens State School

\$398,000 for School Playground and Tuckshop upgrades.

Gayndah State School

Delivering a new covered access ramp to Block C.

Queensland Train Manufacturing Program

Delivering the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program, which will build 65 new six-car passenger trains at a purpose-built manufacturing facility in Torbanlea.

2032 Delivery Plan – Maryborough

Hosting Olympic archery in Maryborough as part of the 2032 Delivery Plan.

New bus shelter – Morris Road, Toogoom

\$40,000 to support Fraser Coast Regional Council to construct a new bus shelter over the existing cemented area on Morris Rd, Toogoom. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Fixing the Bruce

\$9 billion to deliver improvements to the Bruce Highway across multiple regions, delivered in 80:20 partnership with the Australian Government.

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.

Fully funding state schools

Delivering a record investment into Queensland's education system to fully fund state schools across the state for the first time in Queensland, in partnership with Australian Government.



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