

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN



Wide Bay

The Queensland Budget will directly support Wide Bay with significant expenditure in 2021-22 including:

Infrastructure
\$883M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,200 jobs** in this region.

Health
\$724.9M

for the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Education
\$35M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Wide Bay region.

Wide Bay will also benefit from:

Rollingstock Expansion Program
\$600M

for an expansion program to procure 20 new 6-car passenger trains to be manufactured in Maryborough and provide for expected future increase in rail patronage.

**Alcohol and Other Drug
Community Treatment Program**
\$51M

for new Alcohol and Other Drug rehabilitation services in West Moreton, Wide Bay and North Queensland.

COVID Works for Queensland
\$26.2M

to support the delivery of job-creating infrastructure, maintenance and minor works in Wide Bay as a part of the Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Strategy.

Delivering for the Wide Bay region



Jobs and Regional Growth Fund
\$198.9 million in capital expenditure supported and 520 new full-time jobs generated in Wide Bay.
(February 2017 to May 2021)



Back to Work
\$47.6 million paid to 2,111 employers in Wide Bay to help employ 4,547 eligible unemployed jobseekers.
(July 2016 to May 2021)



Building our Regions
\$44.3 million allocated to 28 critical infrastructure projects in Wide Bay, supporting economic development and supporting 436 jobs.
(March 2015 to June 2021)



Skilling Queenslanders for Work
\$38.7 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 4,169 Queenslanders in Wide Bay.
(July 2015 to April 2021)

Restoring frontline services in Wide Bay

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



324 extra nurses
up 20.7%



133 extra doctors
up 35.7%



25 extra police officers
up 4.5%



48 extra ambulance officers
up 19.3%



**Queensland
Government**

Wide Bay

1 Lady Elliot Island
 ✓ \$173,954 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.4 million total spend to increase renewable energy infrastructure which will enable the resort to operate 100 per cent from solar energy and installation of new eco-tents. Part of the Great Barrier Reef Resort Rejuvenation Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

2 Mon Repos Cultural Tourism Project
 \$205,071 in 2021-22 out of a \$490,000 total spend for development of a training and commercial kitchen fit out at the Gidji Cafe, which will offer Indigenous dining, shows, and art at the Mon Repos Turtle Centre. Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

3 Mon Repos - Guides Queensland
 \$200,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$275,000 total spend to upgrade an existing amenities block to support active recreation at Mon Repos. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.

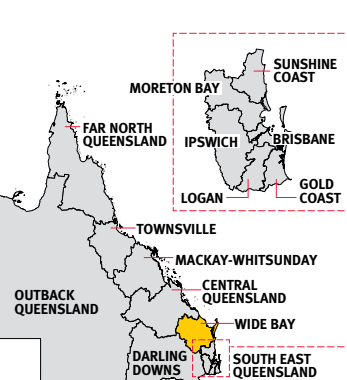
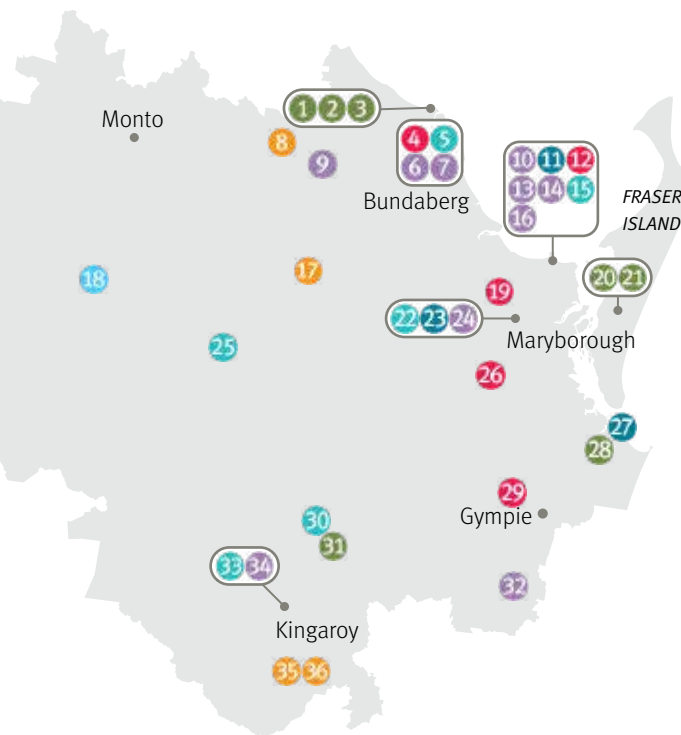
4 Bundaberg - Gin Gin Road, Burnett River, rehabilitate bridge
 \$249,290 in 2021-22 out of a \$28.6 million total spend to rehabilitate the Burnett River Bridge and culverts near Bundaberg Central.

5 Bundaberg Hospital
 \$2.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$9.2 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Bundaberg Hospital site.

6 Woongarra State School
 ✓ \$960,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to provide wastewater and water service to the school.

7 Agriculture and Horticulture Centre
 ✓ \$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.4 million total spend for a new Agriculture and Horticulture Centre at Bundaberg TAFE.

8 Gin Gin Substation rebuild
 \$2.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$37.1 million total spend to replace aged substation assets to ensure continued reliability of electricity supply to the area.



9 Gin Gin State High School
 ✓ \$2.5 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.

10 Hervey Bay State High School
 ✓ \$3.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.4 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

11 Hervey Bay replacement water police facility
 \$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to progress the replacement water police facility at Hervey Bay.

12 Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba - Burrum Heads Road, upgrade intersection
 \$800,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$44.1 million total spend to upgrade the signalisation at the intersection and duplicate part of the Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba - Burrum Heads Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

13 Urangan Point State School
 ✓ \$280,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.

14 Urangan State High School
 ✓ \$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.7 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility and install a school security fence.

15 Fraser Coast Inpatient Mental Health Service
 ✓ \$11.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$39.6 million total spend for a new adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital and sub-acute older persons mental health unit refurbishment at Maryborough Hospital.

16 Nursing and Allied Health Upgrades at Hervey Bay TAFE
 ✓ \$1.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.2 million total spend for nursing and allied health upgrades at Hervey Bay TAFE.

17 Paradise Dam improvement project - planning
 \$12.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$32 million total spend to continue planning works for dam improvements to comply with safety standards for extreme weather events and investigate options to meet long-term water demand.

18 RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre - Bush Tucker Trail and Sewerage Upgrade
 \$256,957 in 2021-22 out of a \$513,914 total spend to construct a Bush Tucker Trail at the RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre and upgrade the centre's sewage capacity.

19 Bruce Highway (Maryborough - Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek, upgrade bridges and floodways
 \$31.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$103 million total spend to upgrade bridges, approaches and floodways on the Bruce Highway at Saltwater Creek north of Maryborough. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

20 Fraser Island (K'Gari) Central Station day use area upgrade
 \$909,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$4.2 million total spend for a major upgrade of Central Station day use area on Fraser Island (K'Gari).

21 K'Gari Cultural Tourism
 \$346,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$877,000 total spend for K'Gari Cultural Tourism, which will deliver cultural experiences and services on Fraser Island (K'Gari). Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

22 Maryborough Hospital
 \$1.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$12.2 million total spend for the roof replacement and remediation works.

23 Maryborough police facility upgrade
 ✓ \$200,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to commence the upgrade of the police facility at Maryborough.

24 Parke State School
 \$1 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

- 25 Gayndah Hospital**
\$43,393 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.4 million total spend for the complete redesign and refurbishment to improve patient flow, model of care, security, storage and service delivery.
- 26 Bruce Highway (Gympie - Maryborough), Tiaro Bypass, construct bypass**
\$2.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$107 million total spend to construct a bypass to the east of Tiaro township including flood immunity works. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 27 Rainbow Beach replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station**
\$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to complete the replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station at Rainbow Beach.
- 28 Cooloola Coast Esplanade Revitalisation - Stage 1**
\$549,400 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.4 million total spend to construct and upgrade pedestrian and cycle pathways along the Cooloola Coast to complete Stage 1 of a 14-kilometre link from Tin Can Bay to Cooloola Cove.
- 29 Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Section D, construction**
\$180 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1 billion total spend to construct a new 26 kilometre, four-lane divided highway from Woondum to Curra, the final section of the Cooroy to Curra project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 30 Murgon Hospital**
\$250,000 in 2021-22 to upgrade the existing old nurses' quarters to be utilised for community and allied health services.
- 31 Dusty Hill**
\$1.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to expand tourism accommodation facilities in the South Burnett to support existing restaurant/bakery and cellar door. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2020) program.
- 32 Mary Valley State College**
\$500,000 in 2021-22 to improve the water supply.

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

- 33 Kingaroy Hospital**
\$8.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$92.5 million total spend for the redevelopment of Kingaroy Hospital, increasing patient treatment spaces from 46 to 66 and improving hub services including trauma and paediatric.
- 34 Kingaroy State High School**
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.6 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.
- 35 Tarong Power Station - Overhauls and Sustaining Projects**
\$31.9 million in 2021-22 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure and ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.
- 36 Meandu Mine - development, mine fleet and other minor works**
\$50.1 million in 2021-22 to replace and refurbish handling equipment and infrastructure at Meandu Mine.

Please note: Not all government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit budget.qld.gov.au

Aussies flock to Wide Bay's tourism icon

Tourist numbers on Fraser Island (K'Gari) are helping drive the economic recovery in the Wide Bay region, with visitors spending more than a quarter of a million nights in the world heritage listed area.

Despite the impacts of COVID-19 and bushfires, families had spent 38,000 more nights on the island camping in 2020-21 when compared to 2019-20.

Visits to Queensland national parks generate \$2.6 billion in economic activity each year, and the Queensland Government is continuing to invest \$10 million each year into Fraser Island (K'Gari) for its ongoing management together with its Traditional Owners.

The government is investing \$4.2 million in new cultural tourism opportunities on the island, on top of \$2 million to build new fencing around Orchid Beach to reduce interactions between the dingo population and visitors.



Central Station cottage

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Image courtesy of Queensland Rail

Rail manufacturing boosts Maryborough jobs

In a boost to Maryborough's rail manufacturing industry, the Queensland Government's Rollingstock Expansion Program will deliver up to 65 6-car passenger trains and a purpose-built manufacturing facility in the Maryborough region. The government has committed \$600 million for the delivery of an initial fleet of 20 new passenger trains that will support the Cross River Rail project.

This project is part of the Palaszczuk Government's election commitment for a \$1 billion guaranteed pipeline of train building in Maryborough, which will strengthen supply chains and support employment in regional Queensland. The project will also expand the state's manufacturing expertise while meeting the increasing demand on rail transport in coming years.

The Queensland Government has also committed to a \$300 million pipeline of major asset renewal projects to refurbish and maintain the existing Queensland Rail fleet over 10 years, and \$1 million for a business case to consider replacement of carriages for the Westlander, Inlander and Spirit of the Outback long-distance services.

BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

Jobs recovered since May 2020	253,200
Queensland Jobs Fund	\$3.34B
Total infrastructure program, over 4 years	\$52.2B
Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane	61.2%
Health in 2021-22	\$22.2B
Education and training in 2021-22	\$18.3B
COVID-19 economic support initiatives, more than	\$14.2B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.1B
Social housing and homelessness investment, over 4 years	\$1.9B

Tax relief package

The government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- a payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

An estimated 310 employers in Wide Bay will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan continues to support businesses, workers, families and communities across the state. Our success in managing the health challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic means the state's **\$360 billion** economy has begun to recover sooner and is stronger than the rest of Australia.

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

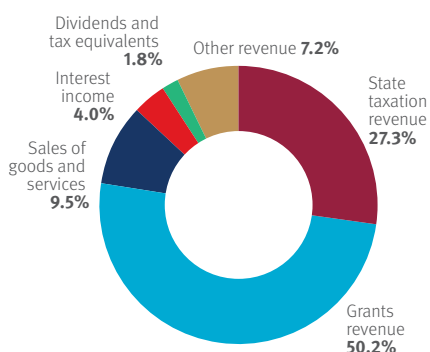
- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the investment needed to drive ongoing growth, and provide wider economic and employment benefits.
- The **\$52.2 billion** capital program over the forward estimates will help create many thousands of ongoing jobs, including an estimated **46,500** direct jobs in 2021-22.
- **\$460 million** toward targeted investments in flagship skills and training and employment programs Skilling Queenslanders for Work and a revitalised Back to Work program.

Seasonal Workers and Agriculture in Wide Bay will benefit from:

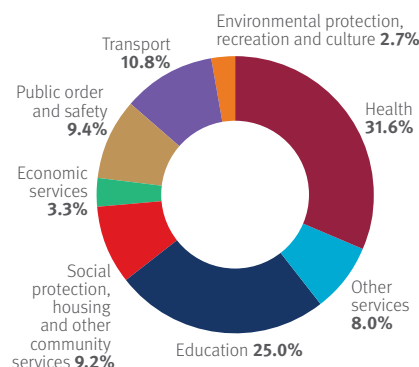
- Drought Assistance and Reform Package - up to \$71.4 million over 4 years from 2021-22 to support drought affected communities across the State and a further \$50 million per year for 4 years for drought preparedness and emergency drought loans
- Pacific Labour Scheme and Seasonal Worker Programme - \$2.6 million in 2021-22 statewide to enhance implementation of the Programme.

This is in addition to \$7.1 million spent to support 681 farms as part of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme in Wide Bay (March 2015 to April 2021).

2021-22 revenue



2021-22 expenses



Queensland's labour market forecasts

