

DELIVERING FOR THE DARLING DOWNS



Queensland Budget 2026-27

QUEENSLAND SNAPSHOT



Making Queensland Safer with more police, stronger laws, early intervention and rehabilitation.



Fuel Security Plan with Taroom Trough fast-tracked, new refineries and more local fuel storage.



3 new and 10 expanded hospitals with more free healthcare than ever before.



7% decrease in Ergon power prices for families under the *Energy Roadmap Price Drop*.



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



22 new schools and 4 new TAFE Centres of Excellence for our growing State, with a \$150 Back to School Boost for primary school students.



Better Services through a Stronger Economy

Toowoomba Manufacturing Hub

Supporting the Toowoomba manufacturing hub to boost local manufacturing capability through delivery of place-based capability and capacity development programs, and industry support.

New CT scanner at Dalby Hospital

Delivering a new CT scanner for Dalby Hospital, providing easier access to vital diagnostic imaging services closer to home.



Building Queensland's Future

New Toowoomba Hospital

Constructing a new hospital at the Baillie Henderson Campus, including 538 overnight beds. Stage 1 to be delivered by 2029, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

Back Creek Bridge

Progressing the upgrade of the Back Creek Bridge at Cooyar in addition to other safety improvements along the New England Highway to strengthen a vital route for locals and freight in the Darling Downs and Toowoomba regions.



Making Queensland Safer

Local rural fire stations

Commencing delivery of new or replacement rural fire brigade stations at Bennett and Mount Binga to support fire and emergency services in the community.

Kingaroy fire and rescue station

Commencing delivery of a replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Kingaroy to support fire and emergency services in the community.



To see what else is being delivered in Darling Downs, visit the **interactive map**.

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Making Queensland Safer



Lighting upgrades at Cherbourg

Installing new solar-powered street lights throughout Cherbourg to improve safety. Part of the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

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Keeping our kids safe

Boosting the safety of children in childcare, schools and the community with \$450 million to progress recommendations from the Child Safety Commission of Inquiry, as well as establish a new Queensland Protection Commission and a first-of-its-kind Intelligence Hub.

More police on the frontline

Recruiting more police to grow our frontline to restore safety where you live.

Circuit Breaker Sentencing

Delivering new court-ordered remote rehabilitation-focused detention for youth offenders to break the cycle of crime and make Queensland safer.

Proven Initiatives early intervention programs

Delivering community-led, results-driven early intervention programs with a proven track record of success, to turn youth away from crime and make Queensland safer.

Staying on Track

Reducing repeat crime with intensive 12-month rehabilitation programs after detention to keep youth on the right path.

Domestic and Family Violence Electronic Monitoring

Helping protect victims of domestic and family violence with an electronic monitoring pilot program for high-risk domestic and family violence offenders.

Fixing the DNA Debacle

Continuing to deliver faster justice for victims by clearing the backlog at the DNA Lab and bolstering Director of Public Prosecutions resources to get cases to court quicker.





Energy Roadmap

Progressing the 400-megawatt Brigalow Gas Peaking Plant, and funding essential maintenance at Kogan Creek Power Station under the Electricity Maintenance Guarantee, supporting the delivery of affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queensland.

Cherbourg State School

Delivering education facilities for the Buwu Program at Cherbourg State School. Part of the Closing The Gap Priorities Fund initiatives.

More social and community housing

Expanding and improving social and community housing in the Darling Downs region, with 635 homes in construction or under contract, as the government progresses towards its target of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

Cherbourg water quality

Upgrading ageing treatment and distribution infrastructure to deliver safe and reliable drinking water to the Cherbourg community. Part of the National Water Grid Fund, delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

UniSQ Tartan Track

Investing in the detailed design and planning of an athletics centre, including a tartan track. Part of the *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Wooroolin Skate Park

Delivering a new skate park at Wooroolin. Part of the *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Residential Activation Fund

Constructing essential road, stormwater and utility upgrades to unlock land for new homes in Highfields and Dalby.

Flashing school zone signs

Installing flashing school zone signs on McDougall Street at Glenvale State School.

Equestrian Centre of Excellence

Progressing the delivery of upgraded equestrian and showground facilities at the Toowoomba Showgrounds to support events, competition and community sport, as well as delivery of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Part of the \$7.1 billion Games Venues Program jointly funded by the Queensland and Federal Governments.

Kingaroy Hospital Helipad

Constructing a new helipad to replace the ageing bitumen helipad as part of the Timely Investment Infrastructure Maintenance Program.

New Toowoomba Hospital

Constructing a new hospital at the Baillie Henderson Campus, including 538 overnight beds. Stage 1 to be delivered by 2029, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

Cressbrook Dam safety improvement

Investing in the upgrade of Cressbrook Dam to ensure the long-term security of one of the Toowoomba region's most vital drinking water assets.

Toowoomba Youth Foyer

Delivering a new Toowoomba Youth Foyer, providing 40 apartments with 24/7 onsite support for 16 to 25 year olds who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness and taking part in study, training or work. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government Housing Australia Future Fund.

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Better Services through a Stronger Economy



Small Business First - Regional Business Gateways

Supporting regional small businesses to design and deliver initiatives that unlock regional opportunities and build long-term economic capacity (\$16 million over four years).

New bus services for Toowoomba

Providing funding to introduce new bus services for the Toowoomba network, with co-investment from Toowoomba Regional Council.

Frontline housing and homelessness services

Delivering housing and homelessness services to vulnerable Queenslanders to assist them to secure longer-term housing and access other specialist support services, including temporary accommodation, outreach and connection to broader community services.

New community facilities in South Burnett

Constructing amenities at several parks throughout the region and upgrading the sewage treatment plant at Hivesville (\$1.6 million over three years). Part of the Works for Queensland Program.

Toowoomba Manufacturing Hub

Supporting the Toowoomba manufacturing hub to boost local manufacturing capability through delivery of place-based capability and capacity development programs, and industry support.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Delivering employment and training programs in the Darling Downs region to assist unemployed and underemployed Queenslanders into work (part of the annual \$80 million Skilling Queenslanders for Work investment).

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Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

Delivering a boost to the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme, with faster payments through system upgrades and a nation-leading 45c/km fuel subsidy, providing cost of living relief for patients travelling to specialist medical services by car.

Royal Queensland Bush Children

Delivering individual and group allied health assessment and intervention to support children experiencing fine and gross motor skills difficulties, emotional regulation and sensory processing, communication and behavioural difficulties and anxiety.

South West Operations Centre

Replacing the South West Operations Centre and providing support to communities through delivery of pre-hospital ambulance response services.

Cobb + Co Museum

Organising temporary exhibitions, and developing programming and learning activities at regional campuses.

Boost to Buy

Delivering the Boost to Buy home ownership scheme, supporting up to 2,000 first home buyers.

Supercharged Solar for Renters

Driving down renters' power bills for more than 6,500 households with solar rebates, saving around \$700 a year. Eligible landlords can receive a rebate of up to \$3,500 to install solar on rental properties.

\$150 Back to School Boost

Better relief you can rely on with a 50% increase to the Back to School Boost, with \$150 for every primary school student.

Healthy Kindy Kids

Expanding the Healthy Kindy Kids program statewide, with free vision, hearing and speech development checks for children in kindergarten, giving them the best chance to be ready for school.

Queensland Fuel Security Plan

Fast-tracking the Taroom Trough Development Plan and investing in new refining and storage capability on Queensland soil.