

# DELIVERING FOR SOUTHERN 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*.



**Country Roads Connect** delivering projects to pave unsealed regional roads.



**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

#### Goondiwindi Neighbourhood Centre

Supporting a new Goondiwindi Neighbourhood Centre to expand disability and health services and provide more support for at-risk children and their families (\$2 million over two years).

#### Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

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### Building Queensland's Future

#### Parkridge Estate Electrical Trunk Infrastructure

Upgrading electrical mains, overhead lines and poles and installing high-voltage distribution feeders in Goondiwindi to support residential development and enable housing growth under the Residential Activation Fund (\$1.3 million over two years).

#### Country Roads Connect Program

Delivering funding to local governments to pave unsealed regional roads which would otherwise become impassable during weather events.



### Making Queensland Safer

#### Swan and Emu Creek rural fire brigade station

Progressing delivery of a replacement rural fire brigade station for the Swan and Emu Creek Rural Fire Brigade, to support the provision of fire and emergency services to the community.

#### Upgrades to Safe City CCTV networks in Warwick and Stanthorpe

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

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### **Rural Fire Service Queensland fire trucks**

Delivering new and replacement rural fire trucks to provide volunteers with the equipment needed to help protect the community.

### **Additional judicial resources**

Expanding the judicial program to address increasing demand for faster access to justice for victims, and to facilitate the expeditious finalisation of civil matters.

### **Disaster Event System Replacement**

Delivering a replacement Disaster Event Management System to support more effective critical decision-making and responses during disaster events.

### **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.





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### Texas P-10 State School

Delivering refurbishment of the amenities in Block C (\$850,000 over two years).

### More social and community housing

Expanding and improving social and community housing, with 35 homes in construction or under contract towards the delivery of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

### Southern Downs smart reticulation and network monitoring

Installing water monitoring across the Southern Downs Regional Council reticulation network to identify water losses and leaks (\$8.5 million over five years).

### Upgrade sewage treatment plant in Texas

Progressing an effluent irrigation scheme and upgrades to the Texas sewage treatment plant to support future investment and prioritise delivery (\$2.8 million over four years). Part of the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

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### Emu Swamp Dam

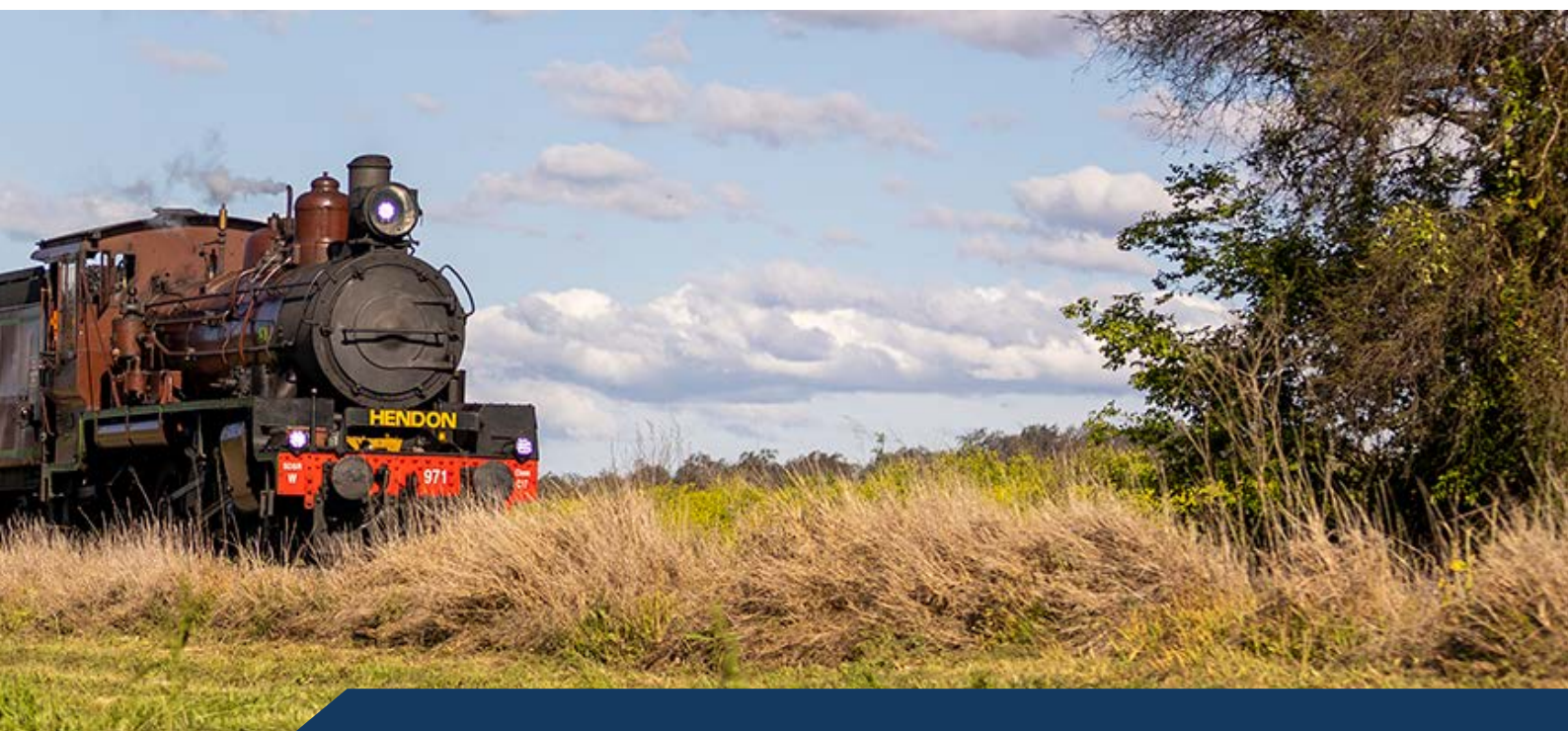
Investing \$3 million to progress Emu Swamp Dam to improve water security in Stanthorpe.

### Sladevale safety improvements

Improving safety on the Cunningham Highway (Ipswich-Warwick), Tregony to Sladevale. Part of the Targeted Road Safety Program.

### New England Highway (Warwick-Wallangarra)

Investing in safety improvements on the New England Highway (between Warwick and Wallangarra) at Rosenthal Heights, The Glen and Thulimbah. Part of the Targeted Road Safety Program.



## 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).

### **Goondiwindi Neighbourhood Centre**

Supporting a new Goondiwindi Neighbourhood Centre to expand disability and health services and provide more support for at-risk children and their families (\$2 million over two years).

### **Upgrade wild dog barrier check fence in Goondiwindi**

Upgrading wild dog barrier check fence with durable dog netting and steel fittings to improve service delivery and community outcomes (\$1.1 million over three years). Part of the Works for Queensland Program.

### **Warwick Saleyards development Stage 4**

Constructing fencing for holding paddocks, upgrading entrance signage and fitting out a new sheep office to enhance service delivery and improve community outcomes (\$1.6 million over three years). Part of the Works for Queensland Program.

### **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**

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

### **Return to work support for women in Queensland**

Supporting women to access a suite of resources, workshops and development opportunities to support their return to work through the Future Women Jobs Academy program.

### **First 5 Forever**

Delivering the First 5 Forever family literacy initiative.

### **Individuals at risk of homelessness program**

Delivering local non-clinical, holistic recovery-focused psychosocial support services provided on a one-to-one basis to individuals with severe mental illness who are at risk of homelessness (for example residing in a boarding house, crisis accommodation or hostel).

### **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.

### **Office of the Cross-Border Commissioner**

Delivering improved outcomes in border communities by maintaining the operation of the Office of the Cross-Border Commissioner. The Office is also providing funding to deliver improved outcomes in border communities through a Cross-Border Community Liaison Project.

### **WillowTree 37**

Supporting WillowTree 37 to provide urgent support for vulnerable women in Warwick and nearby communities and meet immediate needs (\$1 million over four years).

### **\$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.

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