

# DELIVERING FOR WIDE BAY-BURNETT



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.



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



### Better Services through a Stronger Economy

#### Mental Health Nurse Practitioners in Emergency Departments - Bundaberg and Hervey Bay hospitals

Commencing implementation of Emergency Mental Health Parallel Care clinicians within the emergency department to facilitate the rapid triage and assessment of persons presenting with mental health, substance use or behavioural concerns.

#### Local Manufacturing Hub

Delivering a Wide Bay Manufacturing Hub to support industry in the region, boosting local manufacturing capability and capacity.



### Building Queensland's Future

#### New and expanded hospitals

Expanding and refurbishing the existing Hervey Bay Hospital emergency department building to include 35 beds, and constructing a new hospital in Bundaberg with more than 410 beds and bed alternatives.

#### Residential Activation Fund

Investing more than \$125 million to fast-track the construction and upgrades of essential water, sewer, drainage and road infrastructure to unlock land for new homes in Bundaberg, Coral Cove, Dundowran, Gympie, Innes Park, Shelly Beach and St Helens.



### Making Queensland Safer

#### Regional Reset

Delivering nine short-stay programs across the state, including one in the Bundaberg/Hervey Bay region, for youth demonstrating high-risk behaviours to give them the best chance of success and pathways into education, training and employment.

#### Hervey Bay Fire and Rescue Station replacement

Commencing delivery of a replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Hervey Bay to support emergency services.

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## Making Queensland Safer



### Targeting antisocial behaviour

Delivering a new Designated Business and Community Precinct in the Maryborough CBD from 1 July 2026, giving police stronger laws to immediately remove and ban offenders engaging in disorderly, offensive, threatening or violent behaviour.

### Maryborough Courthouse

Progressing critical remediation work at the heritage-listed Maryborough Courthouse to support effective service delivery.

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### Maryborough Rural Fire Area Brigade headquarters

Delivering a new Rural Fire Area Brigade headquarters at Maryborough to support fire and emergency services.

### Bargara Police facility

Investing in a modern replacement police facility at Bargara to meet the needs of a growing community and keep Queenslanders safer.

### Hervey Bay Police facility

Progressing delivery of a replacement police facility at Hervey Bay to support frontline policing services and enhance safety in Queensland communities.

### 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.





### **James Nash State High School**

Delivering a refurbishment and upgrade of the Industrial Technology and Design Centre at James Nash State High School.

### **Maryborough Special School**

Delivering Stage 2 of master-plan works at Maryborough Special School, including a new hall and drop-off zone.

### **Upgrading infrastructure on K'gari Fraser Island**

Investing \$4.4 million to upgrade infrastructure at Central Station and Waddy Point on K'gari Fraser Island.

### **More social and community housing**

Expanding and improving social and community housing across the Wide Bay-Burnett region, with 216 homes in construction or under contract, as the government progresses towards its target of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

### **Upgrades for local clubs**

Supporting grassroots sport, including upgrades at the Bundaberg Netball Association, Burnett Bowls Club, Gin Gin Branch Little Athletics, Hervey Bay Australian Football and Cricket Club, and Hervey Bay Hockey Association. Part of the *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

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### **Urangan intersection upgrade**

Delivering upgraded intersection at Booral and Boundary roads, Urangan.

### **Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program**

Delivering key safety treatments on priority sections north of Gympie with the poorest safety record to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Includes safety barriers, wide centre lines, audio tactile line marking, intersection upgrades, strengthened road pavement, new overtaking lanes, additional rest areas, improved intersections and widening of narrow structures. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Queensland Train Manufacturing Program**

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

### **Country Roads Connect Program**

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

### **Paradise Dam Improvement Project**

Progressing the rebuild of Paradise Dam Improvement Project to ensure safe and reliable water supply and support economic growth in the region.

### **Hervey Bay Hospital expansion**

Expanding and refurbishing medial ward as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

### **New Bundaberg Hospital**

Constructing a new hospital with more than 410 beds and bed alternatives. The first stage, due to be delivered in 2031, will include more than 200 beds, an expanded emergency department and improved maternity services. Part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

### **Cooranga Weir**

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

### **Tiaro Bypass**

Investing in improvements to the Bruce Highway between Gympie and Maryborough by constructing a new bypass at Tiaro. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Bruce Highway and Walker Street intersection**

Investing in planning and pre-construction to improve the intersection at the Bruce Highway (Maryborough – Gin Gin) and Walker Street. Part of the Safer Roads, Better Transport Initiative.

## 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).

### **Addressing beach erosion along the Great Sandy Strait**

Delivering works to address beach erosion threats to property and infrastructure in five townships on the Great Sandy Strait.

### **K'gari Fraser Island dingo management**

Supporting visitor education and delivering additional facilities and equipment for rangers to support the management of dingoes on K'gari.

### **Frontline housing and homelessness services**

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

### **Local Manufacturing Hub**

Delivering a Wide Bay Manufacturing Hub to support industry in the region, boosting local manufacturing capability and capacity.

### **Protecting the Great Barrier Reef**

Protecting the Great Barrier Reef for future generations with \$330.5 million over five years to deliver practical, on-the-ground action to improve water quality and protect reef ecosystems now and into the future.

### **Shark Management Plan**

Delivering a strengthened Shark Control Program for the protection of Queensland beach-goers.

### **Brave Brothers Bundaberg**

Delivering Brave Place Safe Spaces and suicide awareness services in Bundaberg.

### **New MRI machine at Hervey Bay Hospital**

Delivering a new MRI machine for Hervey Bay Hospital, providing easier access to vital diagnostic imaging services closer to home.

### **Improving hospital flow at Bundaberg and Hervey Bay hospitals**

Delivering rapid-response initiatives designed to improve hospital flow and improve patient off-stretcher times at Bundaberg and Hervey Bay hospitals.

### **Mental Health Nurse Practitioners in Emergency Departments - Bundaberg and Hervey Bay hospitals**

Commencing implementation of Emergency Mental Health Parallel Care clinicians within the emergency department to facilitate the rapid triage and assessment of persons presenting with mental health, substance use or behavioural concerns.

### **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.

### **Funding for vulnerable youths**

Investing \$1 million over four years into an academy for vulnerable youths, in collaboration with Impact Community Services in Bundaberg, to support infrastructure and support services.

### **\$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.

### **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.