



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

CREATING JOBS FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Budget will directly support job creation in the Central Queensland region with significant expenditure including:

Infrastructure

\$1.1B

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,500 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

\$661.3M

for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$52.4M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Central Queensland.

The Central Queensland region will also benefit from:

Social housing

\$30.3M

in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing, including \$5.1 million Works for Tradies Initiative contributing to Queensland's economic recovery.

North Coast Line capacity improvement project

\$68.6M

to construct new track and upgrade the capacity of the North Coast rail line to increase productivity and efficiency of freight transport.

Browne Park Stadium Redevelopment

\$25M

commitment to deliver the stage 1 redevelopment of Browne Park Stadium, Rockhampton.

Delivering for the Central Queensland region

Back to Work

\$28.5 million of payments have been paid to 1,245 employers to employ 2,797 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to November 2020)

Building our Regions

\$69.5 million allocated to 37 projects in Central Queensland to assist local councils to deliver critical infrastructure and support 743 jobs during construction.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$31.9 million allocated to provide training to 3,733 people, including 2,427 people who have now been employed.

(July 2015 to October 2020)

Works for Queensland

\$72.0 million provided to regional councils to undertake 232 job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Central Queensland.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

Restoring frontline services for Central Queensland

(March 2015 to September 2020)



325 extra nurses, up 27.1%



110 extra doctors, up 46.5%



175 extra teachers, up 7.7%



81 extra teacher aides, up 15.2%



CREATING JOBS FOR Central Queensland

1 **North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre**
\$8,731 in 2020-21 to provide equitable access.

2 **Capella State School**
\$2.4 million in 2020-21 to provide equitable access and to refurbish the amenities block.

3 **Yeppoon State High School**
\$9.7 million for additional classrooms and equitable access to core classrooms and the oval.

4 **Rossllyn Bay Harbour floating pontoons extension**
\$2 million to extend the floating pontoon at Rossllyn Bay Harbour to improve access to the southern Great Barrier Reef and the Keppel islands.

5 **Capricornia Correctional Centre expansion**
\$48.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$243.2 million total spend to increase capacity by 398 beds, deliver infrastructure for increased prison industries, expand car parking and upgrade wastewater.

6 **Bruce Highway (Rockhampton - St Lawrence), Neilsen Avenue - Plentiful Creek, widen pavement**
\$12 million in 2020-21 out of a \$21.3 million total spend to widen pavement on the Bruce Highway between Neilsen Avenue - Plentiful Creek. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

7 **Rockhampton Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Facility**
\$4.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$9.5 million total spend for a new 42-bed residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation and treatment facility in Rockhampton. Part of the Action on Ice Strategy.

8 **Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade**
\$20.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$158 million total spend to upgrade and widen the Bruce Highway to four lanes between Rockhampton-Yeppoon intersection and Ramsay Creek north of Rockhampton. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9 **Keppel Sands State School**
\$500,000 in 2020-21 to replace existing amenities and transpiration pit.

10 **Emerald Airport Terminal redevelopment**
\$200,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.1 million total spend to redevelop Emerald's airport terminal to ensure continuation of critical transport services. Part of the Building our Regions Program.

11 **Mount Archer State School**
\$730,000 in 2020-21 to construct a school security fence and to provide equitable access to classrooms.

12 **Browne Park Stadium**
\$25 million commitment to deliver the stage 1 redevelopment of Browne Park Stadium.

13 **New Rockhampton Art Gallery**
\$2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$31.5 million total spend to provide funding to the Rockhampton Regional Council for the construction of the new Rockhampton Art Gallery. Part of the Building our Regions Program.

14 **Rockhampton Hospital**
\$8.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$24.2 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Rockhampton Hospital site, including an expansion of the Mental Health Ward.

17 **Emerald Hospital**
\$7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10 million total spend for the redevelopment of the emergency department and day surgery. Part of the Community Health and Hospitals Program. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

18 **Rookwood Weir**
\$115 million in 2020-21 out of a \$352.2 million total spend to continue construction of Rookwood Weir to add up to 76,000 megalitres to Central Queensland's water supply. Support agricultural growth, and enhance urban water security for Gladstone and Capricorn Coast. Jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments.

19 **Bouldercombe State School**
\$100,000 over four years for a playground shade project.

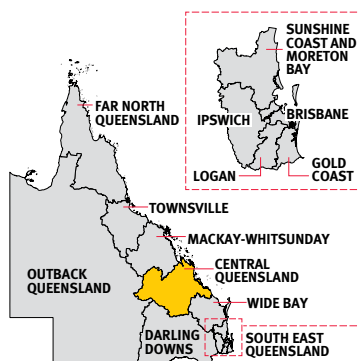
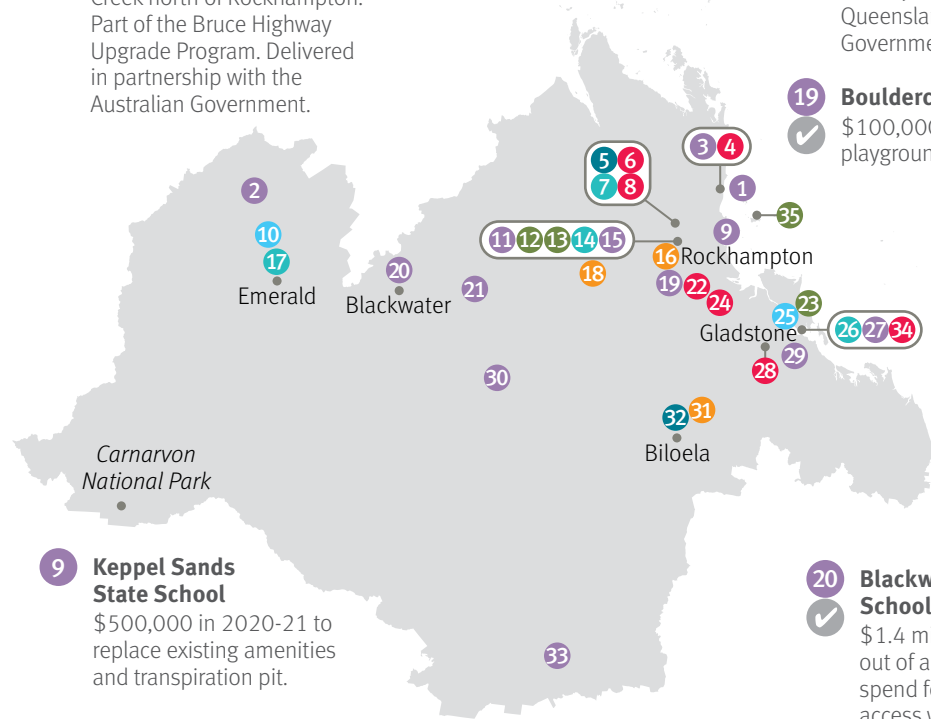
20 **Blackwater State High School**
\$1.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3 million total spend for multiple equitable access works and to finish the construction of the replacement manual arts building.

21 **Dingo State School**
\$400,000 in 2020-21 to refurbish amenities.

22 **Capricorn Highway duplication (Rockhampton to Gracemere)**
\$25 million in 2020-21 out of a \$75 million total spend to duplicate a section of the Capricorn Highway from two to four lanes between Rockhampton and Gracemere. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

15 **Central Queensland University Rockhampton**
\$8.4 million total spend for a business case for a Rockhampton campus consolidation and a new Central Queensland TAFE Centre of Excellence.

16 **Gracemere substation**
\$5.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10.7 million total spend to establish a new substation at Gracemere to improve network performance.



23 Curtis Island National Park multi use trails development
\$400,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$954,000 total spend to construct a multi-use (mountain bikers, trail runners and walkers) trail network.

24 Bruce Highway (Gladstone - Rockhampton) - prioritise upgrades including dual laning
A commitment to prioritise upgrades including dual laning between Gladstone and Rockhampton.

25 Yarwun Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
\$473,480 in 2020-21 out of a \$1.2 million total spend to upgrade the Yarwun Wastewater Treatment Plant to improve effluent quality, re-use the treated water efficiently and comply with environmental approvals. Part of the Building our Regions Program.











26 Mater Private Hospital Gladstone
\$16.9 million in 2020-21 for the purchase of the Mater Private Hospital in Gladstone.

27 Rosella Park School
\$4.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$9.5 million total spend to construct a new building with additional classrooms.

28 Bruce Highway (Benaraby - Rockhampton), Calliope River - Mount Larcom, widen pavement
\$12.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$21 million total spend to widen pavement on the Bruce Highway between Calliope River and Mount Larcom. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

29 Calliope State High School
\$6.2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$13.8 million total spend to construct stage 2 of the school.

30 Woorabinda State School
\$140,000 in 2020-21 to provide equitable access to the site.

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

31 Calvale 132kV network reinvestment
\$6.3 million in 2020-21 to install a new transformer and reconfigure the 132kV network to ensure continued reliability of electricity supply to the area.

32 Biloela replacement police facility
\$969,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to continue the replacement of the police facility at Biloela.

33 Taroom State School
\$1.5 million in 2020-21 to replace an existing amenities block.

34 Gladstone Port services
\$46.1 million for Port Services and Clinton Vessel Interaction, \$40 million for RG Tanna Terminal and \$11.1 million for Auckland Point.

35 Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Pilot
\$2.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$30 million total spend to deliver enabling infrastructure to stimulate tourism development on the island and throughout the region.

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

Browne Park Redevelopment to kick goals

The Queensland Government has earmarked funding of \$25 million to deliver the stage 1 redevelopment of Browne Park in Rockhampton, estimated to support 60 local jobs over an 18 month construction period. This important venue has been the home of rugby league in Central Queensland for more than 100 years.

The redevelopment includes replacing the existing Jack Crow stand with one that can accommodate around 4,000 seats, subject to detailed design and costings. The site includes the Rockhampton Leagues Club and the upgrades will support female participation with dedicated women's facilities.

The Browne Park redevelopment will deliver community benefits by encouraging participation in sport. It will also support the Central Queensland regional economy by attracting sporting events and visitors to the area, enhancing its reputation as a host destination.



Artist impression of Browne Park redevelopment



Advanced Technology and Innovation Centre, Central Queensland University

Investing in Rockhampton's future

A new \$2.8 million Advanced Technology and Innovation Centre (ATIC) at Central Queensland University opened in September 2020, providing opportunities for Central Queenslanders to expand their career options and generate new business opportunities, resulting in more jobs for the region.

The Queensland Government delivered the new centre in partnership with Central Queensland University – a key project that supports the State's economic recovery strategy. The new centre provides opportunities for the community, local businesses, industry and students to use the space and equipment to access training and advice, make connections with others and catalyse new innovations.

The centre focuses on agtech, manufacturing innovations, engineering, communications technology and design, and will enable the local community to develop skills in high demand specialised fields. ATIC is open to the community, industry and schools to trial new business ventures, experiment with contemporary technologies and explore new careers.

BUDGET 2020–21 AT A GLANCE

Jobs supported by infrastructure investment in 2020–21	46,000
Total infrastructure program over four years	\$56B
Percentage of capital spend outside Greater Brisbane	58%
Total spend on road and transport infrastructure in 2020–21	\$6.3B
COVID-19 economic stimulus measures to date	\$7B
Education and training in 2020–21	\$17.5B
Health in 2020–21	\$21.8B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.3B
Building trains in Queensland over 10 years	\$1B
Social housing improvements in 2020–21	\$526.2M

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.

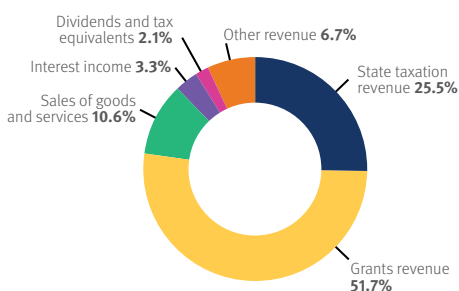
An estimated 270 businesses in Central Queensland will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

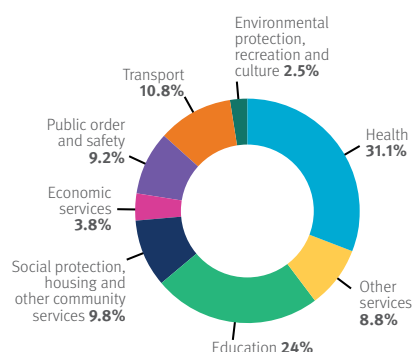
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- Driving the largest infrastructure program in over a decade - \$14.8 billion in 2020–21, directly supporting 46,000 jobs. Around 58% of the capital program and 28,700 of the jobs supported will be outside the Greater Brisbane area.
- Growing our regions and supporting key industries such as tourism, agriculture and mining. An additional \$200 million will be provided to the Works for Queensland program to support local governments outside South East Queensland.
- Enhancing frontline services. The Budget will support funding for additional frontline health staff including 5,800 nurses, 1,500 doctors and 1,700 allied health professionals through to 2024.
- Providing more Queenslanders with access to the skills and training they need for rewarding careers. \$100 million has been provided over three years to upgrade TAFE campuses.
- Backing small businesses to support jobs and communities. More than \$7 billion in COVID-19 stimulus measures have been provided so far, including reducing business costs through payroll tax relief and other tax relief measures, and accelerating projects to unlock development and increase economic activity.
- Providing concessions and easing the cost of living, with an estimated \$6.3 billion in 2020–21 in targeted discounts, fee waivers, rebates, and subsidies.
- Protecting the environment. The Great Barrier Reef will benefit from an additional \$40 million worth of support. This includes \$10 million for a Reef Assist Program and \$6 million over four years for the GBR Island Arks project to deliver ecotourism in the region.
- Increasing investment in manufacturing including \$1 billion to make trains again in Queensland.
- Delivering lower debt than New South Wales and Victoria.

2020–21 Revenue



2020–21 Expenses



Queensland's Labour Market Forecasts

