JOBS FOR GOLD COAST

The Queensland Budget will directly support around **3,100 JOBS** on the Gold Coast in 2017-18.

**Significant 2017-18 expenditure in Gold Coast:**

- **Infrastructure**
  - **$874.9M**
  - for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support 2,400 jobs.

- **Health**
  - **$1.4B**
  - for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

- **Education**
  - **$50.9M**
  - for maintenance and capital works projects for schools on the Gold Coast.

**Gold Coast will also benefit from:**

- **Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games**
  - **$1.5B**
  - commitment to deliver the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, supporting more than 2,000 jobs during construction of three new venues and the Games village.

- **Six Full Cohorts – 2020 Ready**
  - **$250M**
  - over two years for new classrooms and other infrastructure in the State’s secondary schools to cater for the 17,000 additional students expected in 2020.

- **Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2**
  - **$233.5M**
  - to extend the Gold Coast Light Rail to deliver a world class public transport system for residents and visitors.

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WHAT THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING FOR GOLD COAST

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering a range of significant projects and has implemented a broad suite of policies to boost economic growth and drive more employment opportunities in Gold Coast, including:

### POLICY OUTCOMES

**First Home Owners’ Grant**
Grants worth **$9.7 million** paid to 485 home buyers in Gold Coast to help them buy their first home. The $20,000 Boost has been extended to 31 December 2017.

**Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate**
Rebates claimed by 2,605 businesses to reinvest **$7.3 million** into their business and support employment.

**Attracting Aviation Investment Fund**
Secured new or additional services on two routes to Gold Coast Airport, delivering an additional **364 flights** and approximately 125,000 seats during 2016-17.

**Advance Queensland**
Grants worth **$3.5 million** awarded to 49 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise Gold Coast’s profile as an attractive investment destination.

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Between 4 and 15 April 2018, 6,600 athletes and officials from 70 nations and territories will compete in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

GC2018 will feature 18 sports which will be viewed by an estimated global television audience of 1.5 billion people and include the largest integrated para-sport program in Commonwealth Games’ history.

The Queensland Government has committed a total of **$1.5B** to deliver GC2018, with three new venues and the Games village supporting more than **2,000 jobs** during construction.

Of the **$657 million** in construction contracts for the venues and Games Village, approximately 90% of the value has been awarded to South East Queensland businesses.

The Government is committed to maximising the benefits from hosting GC2018 and raise awareness of Queensland as a trade and investment partner, including through Trade 2018, in partnership with City of Gold Coast. Trade 2018 aims to create diverse and enduring growth in international trade and investment and showcase the State’s key priority sectors to the world.

The Government is on track and on budget to deliver GC2018, which will leave a lasting legacy for business, industry, sporting and community groups in Queensland.

### RESTORING FRONTLINE SERVICES*

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* Growth from March 2015 to March 2017
The Gold Coast, home to some of Queensland’s most renowned beaches, is a modern and burgeoning metropolis. The Gold Coast’s world class tourism experiences leave it well placed to attract the growing middle class of Asia, and the upcoming Commonwealth Games present a major opportunity to promote the region to the world. The Palaszczuk Government is investing in jobs for the Gold Coast through a diverse range of projects and initiatives:

1. **Pimpama State School new multi-purpose hall and classrooms**
   $4.5 million in 2017-18 out of a $9.4 million total spend to construct a multi-purpose hall and additional classrooms.

2. **Pimpama State Secondary College (Stage 4)**
   $5.6 million in 2017-18 to complete Stage 4 works.

3. **New primary school in Coomera**
   $11.8 million in 2017-18 out of a $32.7 million total spend to commence construction of a new primary school in Coomera.

4. **Coomera Indoor Sports Centre**
   $1.5 million in 2017-18 out of a $40.2 million total spend to develop the Coomera Indoor Sports Centre. Part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Delivered in partnership with the City of Gold Coast and the Australian Government.

5. **Village Roadshow Super Sound Stage**
   $1.3 million in 2017-18 out of a $11 million total spend to develop the Super Sound Stage. Part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

6. **Coomera to Helensvale rail line duplication**
   $233.5 million in 2017-18 out of a $131.5 million total spend to duplicate the Gold Coast Line from Coomera to Helensvale stations, due for completion in June 2018.

7. **Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 2)**
   $233.5 million in 2017-18 out of a $420 million total spend to extend the Gold Coast Light Rail system from Gold Coast University Hospital to Helensvale Rail Station, due for completion in February 2018. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the City of Gold Coast.

8. **Tamborine Mountain State High School new classrooms**
   $1.2 million in 2017-18 out of a $1.5 million total spend to construct additional classrooms.

9. **Labrador Substation upgrade**
   $7.3 million in 2017-18 out of a $18.3 million total spend to carry out network construction works at Labrador substation to improve network performance.

10. **Gold Coast University Hospital Mental Health Maternal and Baby Unit**
    $4.6 million in 2017-18 to provide specialist care for women who require admission to hospital for significant mental health difficulties in the first year following childbirth.

11. **Gold Coast University Hospital Mental Health Older Persons Unit**
    $2 million in 2017-18 to provide multidisciplinary mental health assessment and treatment for older people with a mental illness.

12. **Southport Special School new classrooms and building**
    $4.5 million in 2017-18 out of a $8.9 million total spend to construct additional classrooms and continue construction of a new building.

13. **Gold Coast Parklands Health and Knowledge Precinct**
    $515,521 in 2017-18 out of a $35.1 million total spend to develop a nine hectare Health and Knowledge Precinct within the Parklands Priority Development Area.

14. **Commonwealth Games Village**
    $57.6 million in 2017-18 out of a $241.8 million total spend to construct the Village to accommodate athletes participating in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

15. **Good Money store - Southport**
    $25,000 in 2017-18 out of a $2.8 million total spend to continue the Good Money store in Southport. To be delivered in partnership with Good Shepherd and National Australia Bank. Part of the Better Budgeting initiative.

16. **Gold Coast Hockey Centre**
    $1.2 million in 2017-18 out of a $16.5 million total spend to develop the Gold Coast Hockey Centre. Part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

17. **Labrador-Carrara Road widening (Crestwood Drive to Nerang-Southport Road)**
    $10.2 million in 2017-18 out of a $22.5 million total spend to widen the Labrador-Carrara Road to six lanes (Crestwood Drive to Nerang-Southport Road), due for completion in November 2017. Part of the Commonwealth Games Upgrade Package.

For detailed descriptions of these initiatives, view the interactive map at budget.qld.gov.au
24 Miami Substation upgrade
$1.4 million in 2017-18 out of a $4 million total spend to carry out network construction works at Miami substation to improve network performance.

25 Caningera State School new classrooms
$4.4 million in 2017-18 out of a $5.7 million total spend to commence construction of additional classrooms.

26 Pacific Motorway extra lanes (Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes)
$18.6 million in 2017-18 out of a $180 million total spend to construct additional lanes on the Pacific Motorway between Mudgeeraba and Varsity Lakes, due for completion in December 2019. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government. Indicative total project cost will be confirmed through the procurement process. The Australian Government contribution is capped at $110 million, with the Queensland Government to fund the balance.

27 Gold Coast Recreation Centre
$1.3 million in 2017-18 out of a $4.6 million total spend to implement various capital work projects to continue improving sports and recreation activities and accommodation at the Gold Coast Recreation Centre at Tallebudgera.

28 Palm Beach Substation upgrade
$2.9 million in 2017-18 out of a $13.5 million total spend to upgrade the Palm Beach substation to improve network performance.

29 Coplicks Sports Park
$825,000 in 2017-18 out of a $1.5 million total spend to construct playing fields, irrigation, lighting, amenities, club house and cycle ways to support multi-sport at Tallebudgera. Part of the Get Playing Plus Program, delivered in partnership with City of Gold Coast.

30 Boyd to Kitchener Street drain renewal
$1.1 million in 2017-18 out of a $2.1 million total spend to widen the existing concrete lined drain between Boyd and Kitchener Streets in Tugun to provide greater localised flood immunity. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

31 Springbrook National Park natural bridge track resurface
$179,000 in 2017-18 to build a high standard bitumen track to meet the demand of high visitation numbers and to improve safety issues and site access, especially for night time glow-worm cave tour activities in the Springbrook National Park.

37 Natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements
$9 million in 2017-18 to be provided to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects on the Gold Coast. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

38 New Generation Rollingstock
$407 million in 2017-18 out of a $4.156 billion total spend to deliver 75 new trains (six car sets) and provide services over a 32 year period.

39 Public library grants
$2.1 million in 2017-18 to supply library resources to public libraries on the Gold Coast.

40 Social housing
$28.9 million in 2017-18 to expand and improve social housing on the Gold Coast.

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**THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT’S PLAN FOR JOBS IN QUEENSLAND**

The Government’s focus on creating opportunities for all Queenslanders has seen stronger economic growth, a return in business and consumer confidence and a drop in the State’s unemployment rate. More than **59,000 jobs** have been created in Queensland since January 2015.

The 2017-18 Budget reinforces the Government’s commitment to drive more inclusive economic growth and create more jobs in regional Queensland.

A **$42.75 billion** four year capital works program will support thousands of jobs across the State, providing the infrastructure needed to promote long term prosperity. Around 63 per cent of total capital purchases will be spent outside of Greater Brisbane in 2017-18.

The 2017-18 Budget will ensure the ongoing resilience of communities impacted by Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie and its aftermath, with **$1.1 billion** to be spent on rebuilding critical infrastructure.

Regional communities will directly benefit from significant initiatives in the 2017-18 Budget, including:

- Record investment in education and training (**$13.7 billion**) and health (**$16.6 billion**) focused on enhancing frontline services
- Record **$1.8 billion** over 10 years for housing, including **$1.62 billion** to renew existing social housing dwellings and to increase the supply of social and affordable housing
- **$5.344 billion** in concessions to help Queenslanders who need it most and to reduce the price paid by all consumers in areas such as transport, electricity and water
- **$1.16 billion** Powering Queensland Plan to secure electricity supply, reduce electricity costs and create 5,000 jobs
- **$50 million** increase in the Back to Work Program and an additional **$200 million** for the Works for Queensland Program (bringing the total commitment to **$400 million**) in regional communities
- **$2.37 billion** in 2017-18 for the Queensland Police Service to help make our communities safer.

The 2017-18 Budget will support the recovery, transition and growth of the Queensland economy.

It will also be a budget to deliver more jobs for Gold Coast and across the State.

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**BUDGET OUTLOOK**

**2016-17 NET OPERATING SURPLUS OF $2.8B**

the largest surplus since 2005-06, which will be used to support additional infrastructure investment and mitigate the impact of higher electricity prices throughout Queensland.
DRIVING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN GOLD COAST

The Palaszczuk Government is dedicated to boosting trade and investment outcomes, supporting Gold Coast businesses to expand into new markets and attracting job-creating investment to the region.

$35 MILLION
over five years to boost trade and investment across Queensland including specific initiatives targeting the Gold Coast

◆ A Gold Coast Trade and Investment Action Plan which will include local initiatives to boost the regional economy
◆ Access for Gold Coast entrepreneurs to a business leaders program or expert advice from international business mentors
◆ Up to six internships for graduates from South East Queensland universities in the Queensland Government’s international trade offices

$25 MILLION
over five years to grow the international education and training (IET) sector including for the Gold Coast

◆ Funding for four projects, including support for the first Gold Coast Student Hub, through the annual $1.2 million IET Partnership Fund which supports projects that encourage investment in the IET sector
◆ Collaborative marketing with Trade and Investment Queensland’s local partners through the IET Partnership Plan which is expected to be released in July 2017

For more information, view the Trade and Investment Strategy 2017-2022 and the International Education and Training Strategy to Advance Queensland 2016-2026 at tiq.qld.gov.au

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Largest employing industries

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International visitors

- 2014: 832,000 visitors
- 2015: 881,000 visitors
- 2016: 1 million visitors

Source: Tourism Research Australia

The Queensland Government wants to work with small and medium businesses to drive down costs. That is why the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is partnering with Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ) to develop an enhanced ecoBiz program.

ecoBiz supports small and medium businesses to reduce their energy and water consumption, waste production and carbon footprint.

To help Queensland businesses achieve efficiencies, foster environmental innovation and drive costs down, an additional $916,000 has been committed in 2017-18 to develop the enhanced business sustainability program.

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