

JOB'S FOR WIDE BAY

The Queensland Budget will directly support around

3,000 JOBS

in Wide Bay in 2017-18.

Significant 2017-18 expenditure in Wide Bay:

Infrastructure
\$649M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support 1,800 jobs.

Health
\$2.5B

for the Wide Bay, Darling Downs, Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Services.

Education
\$41.5M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in Wide Bay.

Wide Bay will also benefit from:

Works for Queensland

\$200M

of additional funding over two years to support job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works across regional Queensland that improve local government assets, bringing the total commitment to \$400 million.

Regional Hospitals Package

\$208.4M

over four years for essential upgrades to health facilities and supporting infrastructure in rural and regional areas across the State.

Back to Work – Regional Employment Package

\$50M


to continue the availability of the existing Back to Work program in regional Queensland and build on the success of the program.

Early morning walker on the Esplanade boardwalk at Bargara Beach.
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WHAT THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING FOR WIDE BAY

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 Wide Bay, including:

POLICY OUTCOMES



Back to Work
Employer support payments worth \$1.8 million paid to 265 employers to directly employ **412 local jobseekers** and a further \$2.4 million in Youth Boost payments to 308 employers to directly employ **450 young jobseekers**.
as at 31 May 2017



Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate
Rebates claimed by 1,003 businesses to reinvest **\$1.6 million** into their business and support employment.
in the 12 months to April 2017



Building Our Regions
\$25.2 million allocated to 11 projects to support local councils and other organisations to deliver critical infrastructure and support jobs.
as at 1 May 2017



Works for Queensland
\$36.2 million provided to regional councils to undertake six maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Wide Bay.
as at 8 May 2017

RESTORING FRONTLINE SERVICES*



54
extra
nurses
Up 3.5%



74
extra
doctors
Up 20.0%



92
extra
teachers
Up 2.5%

* Growth from March 2015 to March 2017

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS

445,452 hectares of national and regional parks	1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office
168 State Heritage sites	30 fire stations
18 hospitals and health facilities	31 police stations
15 customer service centres	10 courthouses
2,965 km of roads	132 schools

REGIONAL HOSPITALS PACKAGE

Investment in maintaining and renewing our rural and regional hospital and health facilities is critical to ensuring that these communities receive the best health care possible. The Government is providing \$208.4 million over four years to deliver essential upgrades to health facilities and supporting infrastructure in rural and regional areas across Queensland.

This funding includes \$62 million for the redevelopment of Kingaroy Hospital, which will provide 66 beds, 12 emergency department spaces, six consulting suites, two operating theatres and two birth suites. The redevelopment will facilitate contemporary models of care and enable the provision of culturally appropriate environments for the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

The rural and regional health infrastructure package also includes \$10 million for critical upgrades to the emergency department and the specialist outpatient department at Maryborough Hospital.

INVESTING IN JOBS FOR WIDE BAY

Wide Bay, including the highly productive Burnett region, is Queensland's largest region by population outside the south-east. Wide Bay's existing strengths, including agriculture and manufacturing have been supplemented in recent years with emerging industries such as horticulture and aviation, and the region is well placed to continue to diversify and drive more inclusive economic growth and employment into the future. The Palaszczuk Government is investing in jobs for Wide Bay through a diverse range of projects and initiatives:

1 Mon Repos Turtle Centre redevelopment
\$5.7 million in 2017-18 out of a \$10 million total spend to redevelop and upgrade the Mon Repos Turtle Centre with a new state of the art interpretive centre covering marine life, cultural heritage and history of the area. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

2 Bundaberg Flood Study
\$4 million in 2017-18 to develop a 10-year Action Plan for major flood mitigation works in Bundaberg.

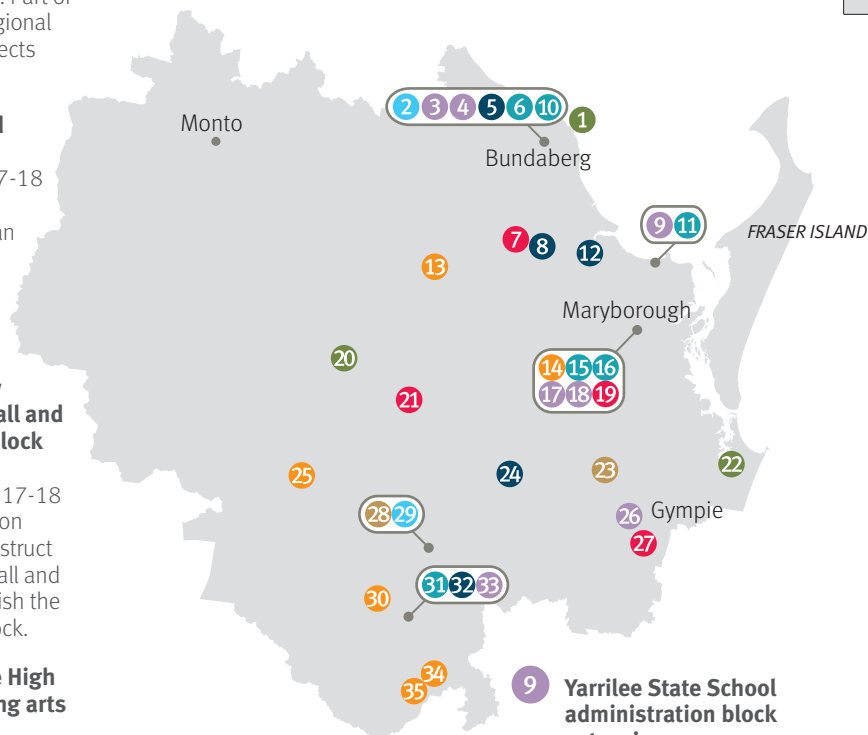
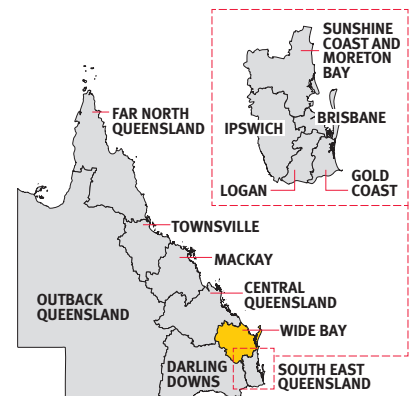
3 Kepnock State High School new multi-purpose hall and administration block refurbishment
\$4.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4.7 million total spend to construct a multi-purpose hall and extend and refurbish the administration block.

4 Bundaberg State High School performing arts upgrade
\$1.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$1.7 million total spend to upgrade the performing arts building.

5 Bundaberg permanent fire and rescue station replacement
\$1.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$7 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Bundaberg fire and rescue station, with co-located facilities for the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service. Part of the Accelerated Works Program.

6 Bundaberg new ambulance station
\$1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.2 million total spend to construct a new ambulance station in Bundaberg to support the existing station and to provide additional capacity to service the local and surrounding communities.

8 Childers auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade
\$3.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Childers auxiliary fire and rescue station. Part of the Accelerated Works Program.



7 Bruce Highway widening and rehabilitation (Hebbards Road to North South Road)
\$12.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$14.9 million total spend to widen and rehabilitate pavement on the Bruce Highway between Hebbards Road and North South Road, Apple Tree Creek, due for completion in August 2018. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

10 Adult Step Up Step Down Facility - Bundaberg
\$3.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4 million total spend to construct a new Adult Step Up Step Down Facility in Bundaberg providing people with mental illness the support to transition between acute and community services. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

11 Hervey Bay Hospital Emergency Department expansion
\$35.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$42.5 million total spend to construct a new Emergency Department at Hervey Bay Hospital. Part of the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

12 Howard Rural Fire and State Emergency Services facility
\$4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4.9 million total spend to construct a Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services facility for the Howard community, with a co-located police station. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

13 Paradise Dam strengthening
\$2.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$36.7 million total spend to continue improvement works at Paradise Dam with planned construction to further strengthen the dam spillway to withstand extreme weather events.

14 Searle Street Maryborough redevelopment
\$6.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$41.2 million total spend to redevelop the Searle Street depot in Maryborough.

15 Maryborough Hospital Emergency Department refurbishment
\$5 million in 2017-18 to refurbish the Maryborough Hospital Emergency Department to provide quality and safe emergency services. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

16 Maryborough Hospital Specialist Outpatients refurbishment
\$5 million in 2017-18 to refurbish Maryborough Specialist Outpatients Centre to provide quality and safe outpatient services. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

17 Maryborough State High School new multi-purpose hall
\$3.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to construct a multi-purpose hall.

18 Tinana State School new classrooms
\$688,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$860,000 total spend to construct additional classrooms.

19 Bruce Highway Tinana Interchange
\$8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$38 million total spend to construct the Bruce Highway Tinana Interchange, due for completion in September 2017. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

20 North Burnett Sports Ground
\$328,128 in 2017-18 out of a \$596,596 total spend to upgrade sports floodlighting to meet Australian Standards and to support a variety of sports at Gayndah, Mundubbera and Monto. Part of the Get Playing Plus Program.

21 Burnett Highway pavement rehabilitation (Goomeri to Gayndah)
\$1.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.2 million total spend to continue pavement rehabilitation on the Burnett Highway from Cuttings to Gympie, due for completion in April 2018.

22 World Heritage extension to Fraser Island
\$164,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$373,000 total spend to progress the Great Sandy World Heritage nomination with Traditional Owner consent, broad community support and delivery of a nomination dossier to the Federal Government by 30 January 2018. Part of the Extension to Fraser Island World Heritage area.

23 Curra Community Hall
\$279,300 in 2017-18 out of a \$399,000 total spend to construct a community hall in Curra to provide a vibrant, functional community space. Part of the 2016-17 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

24 Kilkivan auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade
\$900,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$1.8 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Kilkivan auxiliary fire and rescue station.

25 Boondooma Dam spillway and side wall repair
\$12.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$46.2 million total spend for improvement works at Boondooma Dam including side wall repair.

26 Gympie Special School new administration block and classrooms
\$6.1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$7.4 million total spend to commence construction of a new administration block and additional classrooms.

27 Bruce Highway upgrade (Traveston Road to Keffton Road)
\$40 million in 2017-18 out of a \$384.2 million total spend to construct a four lane realignment of the highway from Traveston Road to Keffton Road, Gympie, due for completion in March 2018. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

28 East Murgon Neighbourhood Centre renewal
\$1.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.6 million total spend to replace the existing East Murgon Neighbourhood Centre.

29 Cherbourg Wastewater Infrastructure upgrade
\$11.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$14.9 million total spend to provide upgrades of wastewater infrastructure.

30 Tarong Pipeline refurbishment and enhancement
\$1.1 million in 2017-18 to repair, maintain, renew and enhance existing water infrastructure assets and water supply schemes for the Tarong Pipeline.

31 Kingaroy Hospital redevelopment
\$8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$62 million total spend to re-develop the Kingaroy Hospital to provide quality and safe healthcare services. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

32 Kingaroy Courthouse upgrade
\$4.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.3 million total spend to refurbish and upgrade the courthouse including an additional courtroom and providing for disabled access.

33 Kingaroy State High School new multi-purpose hall
\$3.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to construct a multi-purpose hall.

34 Tarong North Power Station overhauls
\$8 million in 2017-18 to refurbish and upgrade Tarong North Power Station.

35 Meandu Mine enhancements
\$50.5 million in 2017-18 to develop future mining areas, replace fleet equipment, and replace and refurbish minor assets at Meandu Mine.

36 Advance Queensland
\$143,940 in 2017-18 out of a \$808,376 total spend to support entrepreneurs, industry and universities to turn great ideas into investable products and grow jobs of the future. Delivered in partnership with local government and the private sector.

KEY	
	Community wellbeing
	Utilities
	Health
	Education
	Transport and roads
	Justice and safety
	Government services
	Recreation and culture
	Region-wide/Statewide

37 Homelessness services
\$5 million in 2017-18 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Wide Bay. Part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

38 Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program
\$1.7 million in 2017-18 out of a \$10.2 million total spend to target feral pigs, foxes and weeds, improve the quality of the water entering the Great Barrier Reef and enhance responsible agricultural productivity in the Wide Bay region. Part of the Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program.

39 Social housing
\$26.4 million in 2017-18 to expand and improve social housing in Wide Bay.

40 Works for Queensland
\$14.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$36.2 million total spend to support local governments in Wide Bay to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Works for Queensland has received an additional \$200 million in the 2017-18 Queensland Budget for projects outside South East Queensland.

\$1.8 BILLION QUEENSLAND HOUSING STRATEGY

The biggest commitment to housing in the State's recent history includes:

- ◆ **\$1.2 billion** to renew the social housing property portfolio
- ◆ **\$420 million** to boost the supply of social and affordable housing
- ◆ **\$75 million** to progress home ownership in discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- ◆ **\$100 million** for reforms to the housing and homelessness service system.

Additional funding of **\$30 million** is also provided in the 2017-18 Budget to extend the temporary increase in the **Queensland First Home Owners' Grant**, from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for six months.



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.

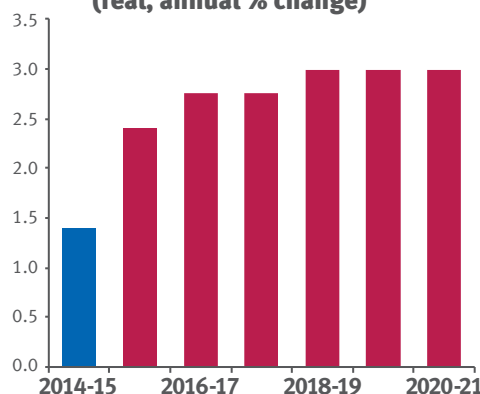
It will also be a budget to deliver more jobs for Wide Bay and across the State.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

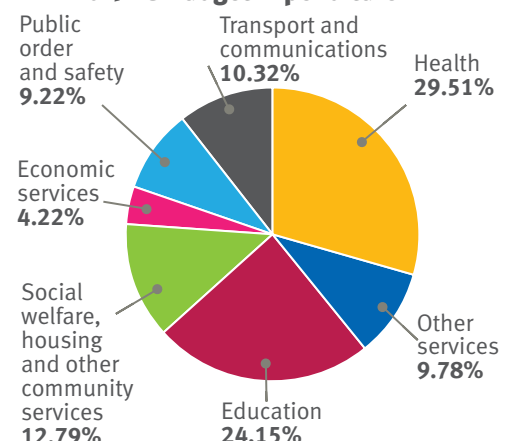
2016-17 NET OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$2.8B

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.

Queensland economic growth
(real, annual % change)



2017-18 Budget Expenditure



DRIVING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN WIDE BAY

The Palaszczuk Government is dedicated to boosting trade and investment outcomes, supporting Wide Bay 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 for Wide Bay

- ◆ A Wide Bay Trade and Investment Action Plan which will include local initiatives to boost the regional economy
- ◆ Trade and investment training for up to 90 Wide Bay small and medium sized enterprises
- ◆ Access for Wide Bay entrepreneurs to a business leaders program or expert advice from international business mentors

Advancing Trade and Investment
Queensland Trade and Investment Strategy 2017-2022

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

\$25 MILLION
over five years to grow the international education and training (IET) sector including for Wide Bay

- ◆ Funding for two projects, including study tours and agent familiarisations, 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

BARGARA BREWING COMPANY



Photo: Courtesy of Bargara Brewing Company

The Bundaberg-based Bargara Brewing Company is continuing to take its craft beer to the world, with strong demand from South Korea and promising prospects in China.

The Queensland Government's global business agency, Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) helped Bargara Brewing Company enter the South Korean market and is assisting with their entry into China.

Bargara Brewing Company's Asian export agent also presented their beers to retailers at a TIQ Austrade event in Vietnam, helping the company break into another new market.



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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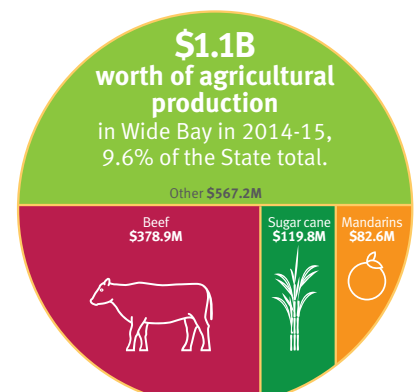
ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Largest employing industries¹



¹ In the year to March quarter 2017
Source: ABS 6219.0.

Agricultural output



Source: ABS 7503.0.