



## COMMONWEALTH GAMES

In April 2018, the Gold Coast will host the 21st Commonwealth Games, welcoming over 6,000 athletes and hundreds of thousands of spectators to enjoy 11 days of competition in 18 sports, including para-sports events.

The Queensland Budget 2016-17 delivers an additional \$62.9 million to widen and improve five major Gold Coast Roads in preparation for GC2018, at a total cost of \$160.7 million.

GC2018 will provide lasting benefits across the state before, during and after the event, including:

- a \$2 billion economic injection
- \$200 million in new sporting and community infrastructure
- up to 30,000 full-time equivalent jobs
- global exposure to a television audience of one billion+
- major tourism boost with 100,000+ visitors during GC2018
- attraction of other major sporting events
- national and international sports training camps
- public domain improvements
- volunteering opportunities.

**3,000**   
estimated to be supported by  
the infrastructure program

# GOLD COAST

Advancing our economy through job-creating  
Innovation, Investment and Infrastructure

## Regional Action Plan

The Gold Coast region is world famous for its long golden beaches and its beautiful hinterland. The region continues to attract growing numbers of international visitors, while the economy is also continuing to diversify in the lead-up to hosting the 2018 Commonwealth Games. We know we have more work to do to foster ongoing growth in the region, and ensure the provision of essential economic infrastructure and services continues to meet the demands of the Gold Coast's rapidly growing population. Specifically this Budget includes:



**Tourism**

**\$33.5M**

in additional funding over four years to increase visitation from Asia and drive tourism jobs growth in regional Queensland.



**Business Attraction**

**\$40M**

over four years for the Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate to Queensland, and support local businesses to reinvest or expand.



**Infrastructure**

**\$1B**

for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 3,000 jobs.

**\$66.7M**

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in 2016-17.

**\$1.3B**

for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

**\$229.9M**

over four years has been allocated to lower fares in response to the South East Queensland Fare Review Taskforce Report.

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# What the statewide initiatives mean for **GOLD COAST**



## Innovation



## Investment

**\$405M**

for initiatives which invest in innovation under the \$405 million Advance Queensland package. This includes the \$25 million Advance Queensland Acceleration package, which will enhance Advance Queensland through a whole-of-economy approach to innovation, including industry accelerators, regional innovation hubs and the Platform Technology Program.

for initiatives which encourage investment under the \$405 million Advance Queensland package. This includes the \$40 million Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate and support local businesses to reinvest or expand, and the \$22.7 million Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy to make Queensland the place for small business to start, grow and employ locals on the Gold Coast.



## Infrastructure

**\$10.7B**

for the State capital program in 2016-17 which supports 31,000 jobs. The Government is committed to providing critical infrastructure that improves employment, economic and social outcomes through the State Infrastructure Plan. New and innovative approaches to infrastructure planning, financing and delivery will continue to be an important focus in the constrained fiscal environment.



## Domestic and Family Violence

**\$198.2M**

over five years to continue implementing the Government's response to the *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report. The Government is committed to reducing the devastating effects of domestic and family violence in Queensland.

The Queensland Government employs 20,345 people on the Gold Coast who support:

**34,445** hectares of national and regional parks

**28** State Heritage sites

**2** hospitals and health facilities

**5** customer service centres

**485** km of roads

**10** fire stations

**23** police stations

**2** courthouses

**72** schools



## Gold Coast Light Rail

Stage 2 of the Gold Coast light rail project, at an indicative cost of \$420 million, will extend the network to the Helensvale heavy rail station creating a seamless, single-transfer journey between Queensland's two most populous urban centres: Brisbane and Gold Coast cities.

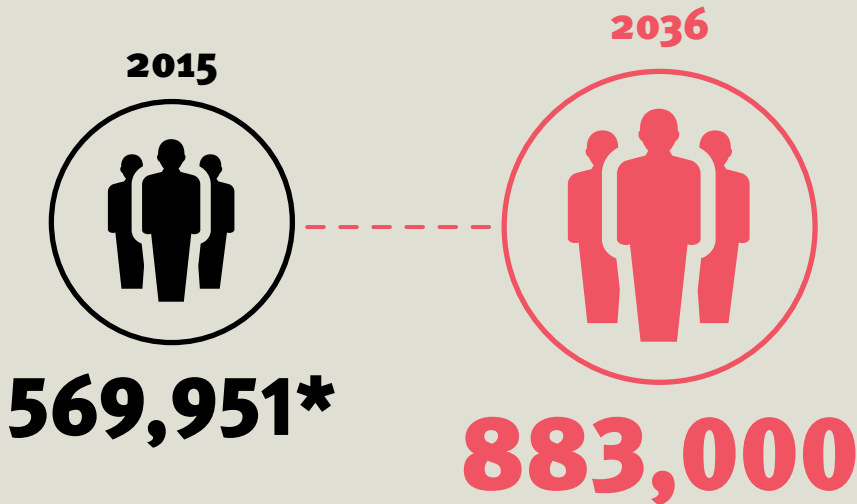
The light rail extension will help ease road congestion and deliver new capacity for the transport network to cater for population growth on the Gold Coast and will improve regional connectivity by integrating public transport options and providing customers with easy transfer between light rail, heavy rail and bus.

Major construction activity is expected to commence in the second-half of 2016 and is expected to be fully operational by April 2018. This critical piece of transport infrastructure will be of even higher value to the community as a result of the Government's Cheaper Fares policy.

# Economic Snapshot

## GOLD COAST

### Population in the region



\*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 2.4% over the past 10 years

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by **262** businesses in the region to reinvest **\$483,000** back into their business



in the financial year to April 2016

**60,162** businesses in the region in June 2015



### Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

**13.2%**  
Health care and social assistance

**11.7%**  
Retail trade

**11.0%**  
Construction

**8.5%**  
Accommodation and food services

**7.9%**  
Education and training

**7,194** residential dwellings approved for construction in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

**20,507** residential dwellings sold in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

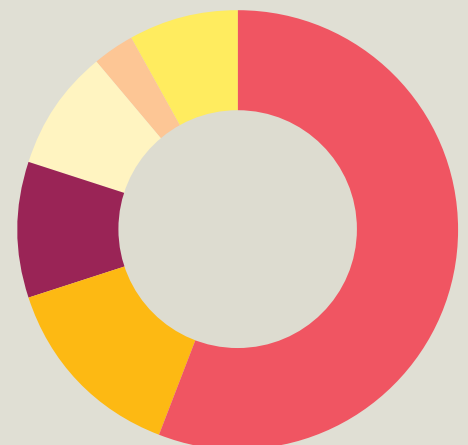
Agricultural production **\$77M** in the region during 2014-15



### Infrastructure budget for Gold Coast

- 56% Transport and Main Roads
- 14% Energy and Water Supply
- 10% Education and Training
- 9% Queensland Health
- 3% Housing and Public Works
- 8% Other

\*Agency spends are only available for capital purchases, the total infrastructure budget includes capital grants.











**\$1B\***



## Job-creating innovation, investment and infrastructure for **GOLD COAST**

The Gold Coast region encompasses the local government areas of Gold Coast and parts of the Scenic Rim. The Queensland Government is investing in the Gold Coast through a diverse range of projects and initiatives. For a full list of Queensland Budget 2016-17 initiatives, visit [www.budget.qld.gov.au](http://www.budget.qld.gov.au)

**Key**

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture

- 1** Caningeraba State School  
\$490,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to commence construction of additional classrooms.
- 2** Coomera to Helensvale duplication  
\$104.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$163.2 million total spend to duplicate the Gold Coast Line from Coomera to Helensvale stations, due for completion in June 2018.
- 3** Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games  
\$1.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.1 million total spend for specialised equipment to support Queensland Fire and Emergency Services delivery of public safety services and emergency response.
- 4** Broadbeach Bowls Club  
\$591,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$4 million total spend for capital grants for the bowls club, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.
- 5** Carrara precinct  
\$49.7 million in 2016-17 out of a \$122.6 million total spend for the precinct, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.
- 6** Coomera Indoor Sports Centre  
\$3.7 million in 2016-17 out of a \$39.9 million total spend for the centre, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.
- 7** Gold Coast Aquatic Centre  
\$135,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$41.4 million total spend for the aquatic centre, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.
- 8** Gold Coast Hockey Centre  
\$8.9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$13.5 million total spend for the centre, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.
- 9** Nerang Bike Trails  
\$1.5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$3.2 million total spend for the trails, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.
- 10** Village Roadshow super sound stage  
\$1 million in 2016-17 out of an \$11 million total spend for the sound stage, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.



**11** Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 2)  
\$94.5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$420 million total spend to extend the network from the Gold Coast University Hospital to the Helensvale Rail Station, due for completion in February 2018. To be undertaken in partnership with the Australian and local governments.

**12** Gold Coast Sport and Recreation Centre – various capital upgrades  
\$1.4 million in 2016-17 to install an abseiling tower, a vertical challenge course, an external challenge course, an upgrade to the reception, construct change rooms and a covered walkway.

**13** Gold Coast Waterways  
\$6.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$29.2 million total spend for programs to improve access and safety by dredging navigation channels and providing destinations on Gold Coast waterways.

**14** Highland Reserve State School  
\$5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.1 million total spend to construct additional classrooms.

**15** Homelessness services  
\$11.3 million to deliver specialist homelessness services across the region.

**16** Labrador Carrara Road (Ross Street), Crestwood Drive to Nerang – Southport Road, widen to six lanes  
\$9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$18 million total spend to widen to six lanes the Labrador - Carrara Road, Crestwood Drive to Nerang - Southport Road, due for completion in May 2017.

**17** Life cycle maintenance of the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre  
\$2.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$4 million total spend to undertake required rectification and maintenance work.

**18** Litter – Everyone's Responsibility  
\$50,000 in 2016-17 to support a public education campaign about the importance of disposing of waste responsibly.

**19** New primary school in Coomera  
\$29.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$50.5 million total spend to commence construction of a new primary school.

**20** Pacific Motorway, Coomera Exit 54 interchange upgrade  
\$40.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$74.7 million total spend to upgrade the interchange, due for completion in February 2017. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government and an external developer.

**21** Palm Beach Substation upgrade  
\$7.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$12.2 million total spend to upgrade the Palm Beach Substation to improve network performance.

**22** Pimpama State Secondary College – Stage 3  
\$4.4 million in 2016-17 out of an \$8.6 million total spend to complete Stage 3 works.

**23** Social housing  
\$33.8 million in 2016-17 to expand and improve social housing across the region.

**24** Southport Special School  
\$5.6 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.9 million total spend to continue construction of additional classrooms.

**25** Southport Specialist Court trial  
\$4.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.8 million total spend for the extension of the specialist court trial as part of the Domestic and Family Violence 'Not Now, Not Ever' response.

**26** Southport – Burleigh Road, North Street to Vespa Crescent, widen to six lanes  
\$20 million in 2016-17 out of a \$38 million total spend to widen the road to six lanes, due for completion in May 2017.

**27** Southport – Burleigh Road, Vespa Crescent to Nerang River Bridge, widen to six lanes  
\$17 million in 2016-17 out of a \$49 million total spend to widen the road to six lanes and perform intersection and bridge works, due for completion in May 2017.

**28** Surf Street Mermaid Beach flood mitigation – final stage  
\$1.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.2 million total spend jointly funded with Gold Coast City Council to install pipes to relieve overfloor flooding of 23 properties.

**29** Tamborine National Park boundary fence replacement  
\$153,000 in 2016-17 to replace the boundary fence in order to significantly reduce the number of motor vehicles illegally accessing the Corbould and Cedar Creek sections of Tamborine National Park.

**30** Wildlife management  
\$250,000 in 2016-17 to provide care to sick and injured animals.

**31** Pacific Motorway / Gateway Motorway Merge  
\$42 million has been committed by the Queensland Government towards the Pacific Motorway and Gateway Motorway merge upgrade (southbound lanes) subject to a funding commitment being confirmed by the Australian Government.

**32** Good Money shops  
A partnership with Good Shepherd and National Australia Bank to deliver two Good Money stores in Cairns and the Gold Coast, as part of a \$5 million reprioritisation for financial resilience.

**33** Tamborine Mountain State High School  
\$1.6 million in 2016-17 to construct new specialist teaching spaces at Tamborine Mountain State High School.