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.

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:

- $33.5M in additional funding over four years to increase visitation from Asia and drive tourism jobs growth in regional Queensland.
- $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.
- $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**

$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.

**Investment**

$10.7B

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**

$198.2M

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.

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**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

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**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

2015: 569,951*
2036: 883,000

Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

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Agricultural production

$77M in the region during 2014-15

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

Infrastrucure 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

$1B*

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

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

**Key**

- Community wellbeing
- Utilities
- Health
- Education
- Transport and roads
- Environment and culture
- Government services
- Renton and safety
- Tourism

**Gold Coast**

- Canegrowers State School
  - $4.8 million in 2016-17 to construct an additional classroom.
- Coomera State High School
  - $5.2 million in 2016-17 to construct additional classrooms.
- Gold Coast Aquatic Centre
  - $2.1 million in 2016-17 to upgrade the aquatic centre.
- Gold Coast Health Centre
  - $6.0 million in 2016-17 to construct an additional classroom.
- Nerang Bike Trails
  - $1.5 million in 2016-17 to upgrade the bike trails.
- Village Roadshow super sound stage
  - $1.0 million in 2016-17 to upgrade the stage.