

North Coast Region

Golden Beach, Caloundra



Premier's Message

The Queensland Government is firmly committed to strengthening and building the regions which are the foundation of this State. As a Government we are forging a strong, prosperous future and a better quality of life for all Queenslanders.

This second Regional Budget Statement for the North Coast highlights capital works and services in the State Budget 2003-04 that specifically meet the needs of people within the region. This Statement demonstrates a significant investment in the North Coast region.

This Budget delivers improved and integrated services in the areas of health, families, education, housing and law and order to achieve better outcomes for people in the North Coast region. For example, \$178,000 is allocated to continue the work of the Tactical Crime Squad and \$333,000 to provide new family and respite services at Caboolture.

A highly skilled and educated workforce is integral to our Smart State initiatives in employment creation and economic growth. In 2003-04 the Government will spend more than \$13 million on initiatives that will provide further training and employment opportunities.

The North Coast will benefit from the following infrastructure funding in the State Budget 2003-04:

- \$27 million allocated for construction of the first stages of the new Chancellor State College and stage five of the Narangba Valley State High School
- \$14.5 million to construct the two-lane Kawana Arterial Road between the Nicklin Way and the Sunshine Motorway
- \$3.25 million toward the construction of the Caboolture Northern Bypass on the D'Aguilar Highway (Caboolture to Kilcoy)
- \$1 million to upgrade the Allied Health and Birthing Suite at the Nambour Hospital as the final phase of the Hospital Redevelopment project.

The initiatives contained in this Statement reinforce my Government's commitment to working in partnership with the people of the North Coast to maximise the social, economic and environmental capacity of the Smart State.

Peter Beattie
Premier and Minister for Trade

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This Regional Budget Statement outlines key Government spending in the State Budget 2003-04 designed exclusively for the needs of the North Coast Queensland region and its people.

As a Government, we recognise the uniqueness and diversity of the regions which form the Smart State. In the State Budget 2003-04 we will spend \$2.7 billion on capital works in South East Queensland.

Ten percent of Queenslanders, including 4.5% of the State's Indigenous population, live in the North Coast region. Covering more than 15% of the State, the region includes Caloundra City and the shires of Caboolture, Kilcoy, Maroochy and Noosa.

The North Coast's population is growing faster than the rest of the State and is projected to increase to 560,890 by 2016. The strong, diverse regional economy is underpinned by tourism, manufacturing and construction, and retail trade.

Building Queensland's regions

The Queensland Government will continue its partnership with the North Coast region in 2003-04 to promote regional growth and economic development.

In support of this priority, the Government has allocated a further \$50 million over four years to extend the Regional Centres Program across the State. Benefits for the North Coast include:

- \$1.5 million to Caboolture Shire Council for the Bongaree Esplanade Improvement Project
- \$2 million to Caloundra City Council for the development of the Quad Park Precinct at Kawana Waters
- \$1.5 million to Maroochy Shire Council to re-invigorate Maroochyore's CBD

- \$1.58 million to Noosa Shire Council to construct the Noosa Youth Centre.

A safe and efficient transport network underpins economic activity within the region. Major transport projects in the North Coast include:

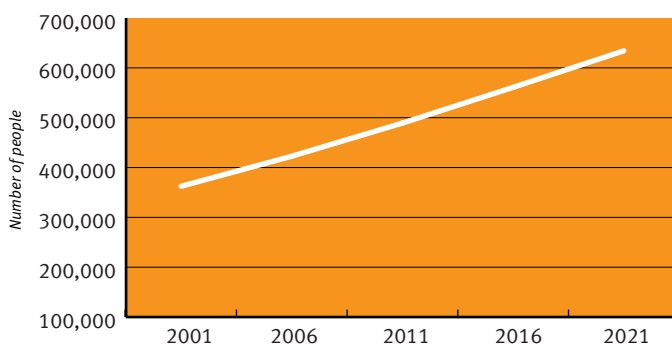
- \$9 million to complete duplication of the Commonwealth Government-funded Bruce Highway to four lanes from Yandina to Cooroy
- \$2.5 million to replace bridges and construct approaches at Scrubby and Sandy Creeks on the D'Aguilar Highway.

We will provide \$150,000 toward the Caloundra Regional Business Park Development Strategy, developed in conjunction with Caloundra City Council. Additionally, we will provide \$1.2 million for the Yandina Industrial Estate to assist future industrial development in the region.

We will continue to support the Singapore Airlines Flying College at the Sunshine Coast Airport. The Lear Jet Training School will train approximately 140 pilots per year when fully operational.

We will work with local governments to help deliver reliable water and sewerage services. In 2003-04, \$200,000 is allocated to provide capital infrastructure for works related to water/sewage services for Kilcoy Shire Council.

Population Projections, North Coast, 2001 to 2021



Source: Department of Local Government & Planning, Population Trends and Prospects, 2001

Singapore Flying College (photos courtesy of Singapore Airlines)



Highlights of other funding include:

- \$3.6 million to establish and maintain softwood plantations on State-owned land
- \$2.27 million to help local governments provide road and drainage services
- \$221,000 for Tourism Sunshine Coast to continue to promote the region to holiday-makers.

More jobs for Queensland – skills and innovation – the Smart State

High standards of training and education are the foundation of our efforts to position Queensland as the Smart State.

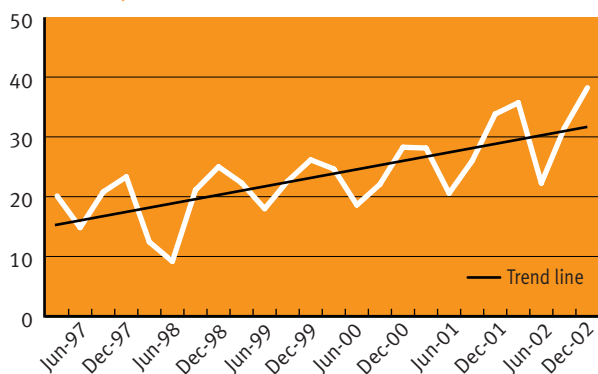
Through the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative, the Government will continue to support the region's young job seekers, the long-term unemployed and disadvantaged job seekers, with \$7.2 million allocated to help create 1,060 jobs across the region.

In addition, \$528,000 in joint State-Commonwealth Government funding is allocated to continue the development of information and communication technology infrastructure at Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE to enable the delivery of training that meets current industry standards.

School facilities ensure we have the infrastructure in place to deliver a high standard of education to our young people. In 2003-04, highlights of education funding include:

- \$840,000 for a four-space general learning area at Talara Primary College
- \$780,000 to construct additional toilets at Buderim Mountain and Coolool State Schools and Caloundra State High School
- \$235,000 to upgrade special education units at Caboolture East State School, Currimundi State School, Noosaville State School and Noosa District State High School.

Takings from Accommodation, Tourist Establishments (\$ million) North Coast, March 1997 to December 2002



Source: ABS, *Tourist Accommodation, Queensland* (8635.3.40.001)

Mooloolaba Centre, Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE



The Mooloolaba Centre was officially opened on 4 April 2003

To maintain existing educational facilities within the region, we will provide \$978,000 for the Triple R program, which provides repainting, reticulation and re-roofing enhancements to local schools.

We will contribute a further \$100,000 toward the Sunshine Coast

Technology Incubator at the University of Sunshine Coast to assist development and growth of early stage companies.

Safer and more supportive communities

The Government is committed to working in partnership with the North Coast region to achieve a safe and supportive community environment.

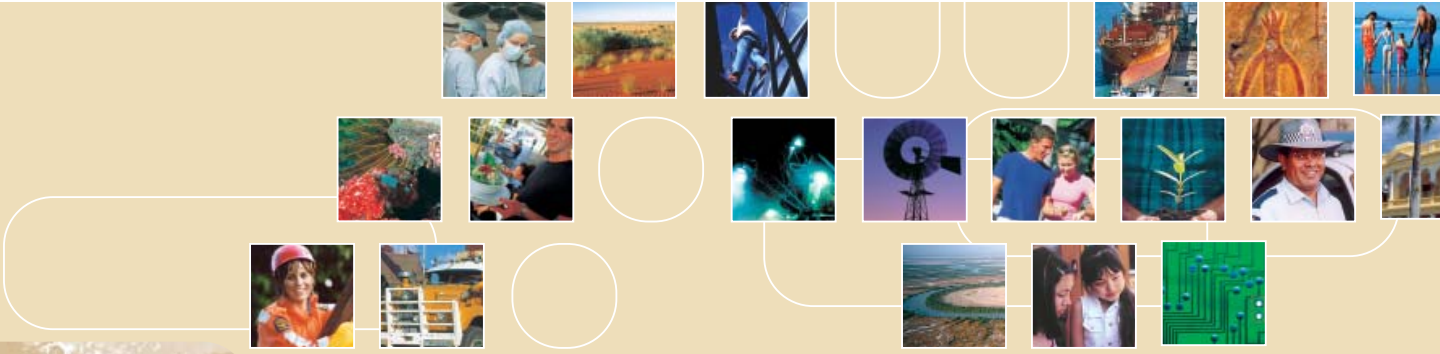
In 2003-04, \$2.4 million is allocated to construct a new courthouse next to the police station and hospital in Caloundra. Features of the new courthouse include facilities for interviews, child witnesses, victims of domestic violence and detention of prisoners. In addition, \$1.1 million is allocated for construction of a new police watchhouse.

Funding allocated for policing initiatives in the region includes \$255,000 to upgrade the Pomona Police Station and \$490,000 for a temporary police station at Coolool.

We will spend \$900,000 of a total commitment of \$1.45 million to construct a women's shelter on the North Coast to provide safe crisis accommodation for women.

Emergency services in the region will be supported by funding to develop the following facilities:

- \$110,000 to replace the Mooloolah Fire Station
- \$200,000 to replace the Woodford Fire Station, which will be co-located with the ambulance station.



Community engagement and a better quality of life

We are working to provide equality of opportunity and equitable access to education, health, housing and family services.

Health services are vital to forging a better quality of life and a bright future for all Queenslanders. Key health funding in 2003-04 includes:

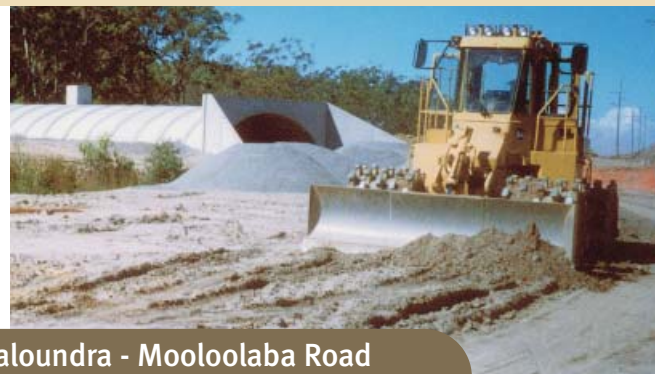
- \$1 million to Caboolture Hospital for additional medical inpatient services to relieve pressure on the emergency department
- \$500,000 to relocate the Nambour Hospital Breastscreen facility within the Nambour Hospital site to provide an enhanced and enlarged facility to meet growth in demand for these services
- \$117,000 to provide free evidence-based parenting programs, including Triple P, through urban, rural and remote Community Child Health Centres and a number of complementary non-government agencies
- \$703,000 to provide mental health services.

In 2003-04 we have allocated \$22 million for a range of public and community housing projects to ensure high standards of housing are available for people in the North Coast region. In addition, \$996,000 is allocated for Home Assist Secure services which aim to help people feel safer in their homes.

North Coast communities will benefit from \$1.6 million funding for community renewal at Caboolture South and \$1.7 million for community renewal at Deception Bay. Development of Platypus Creek Environmental Park and completion of access pathways will be undertaken at Caboolture South. In Deception Bay, a key focus will be training and skill development for young people.

We are committed to providing a high standard of sport and recreation facilities and improving wellbeing and lifestyle of North Coast people. In partnership with local government and community organisations we will spend:

- \$434,000 to construct a multipurpose recreation centre at Landsborough
- \$440,000 to construct an aquatic complex at Eumundi
- \$75,000 to construct three additional tees, fairways and greens for golf at Cooroy
- \$71,000 to construct a multi-sport indoor facility at Maroochydore.



Caloundra - Mooloolaba Road roadworks

Valuing the environment

Queensland's natural and cultural heritage will be protected for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

The region will benefit from \$396,000 for capital works on parks and forests, including:

- \$174,000 to replace visitor amenities in Noosa National Park
- \$145,000 for Tibrogargan track planning and construction in Glass House Mountains National Park
- \$46,000 for the Alexandria Bay to Sunshine Beach Walking Track in Noosa National Park
- \$12,000 for Bribie Island firebreaks in Bribie Island National Park.

We have allocated \$30,000 for vegetation mapping in the Southeast Queensland Bioregion to determine areas of high conservation value and support vegetation management plans.

As part of the Great Walks of Queensland initiative, \$465,000 is allocated to develop a world-class walking track — the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk at Mapleton Forest Reserve. The walk will offer a new and exciting way to explore the region's valuable assets and provide future economic and commercial opportunities for the North Coast region.

State Budget Highlights

Budget summary

Creating new jobs

- In 2002-03, an estimated 55,000 new jobs were created in Queensland, accounting for almost a quarter of all new jobs in Australia.
- Queensland's year-average unemployment rate is expected to fall to 7% in 2002-03, its lowest level for 13 years.

Growing the economy

- Queensland's economic outlook is strong. Solid growth of 4% is forecast for 2003-04, exceeding the 3¹/₄% forecast nationally.
- Growth in household consumption and business investment is forecast to exceed national performance in 2003-04.

Strong finances

- A General Government net operating surplus of \$153 million and a cash surplus of \$152 million are forecast in 2003-04.
- The State's net worth is budgeted to grow from \$58.7 billion at 30 June 2003, to \$60.3 billion by 30 June 2004 and to \$67 billion by 30 June 2007.

Competitive taxes

- Taxpayers in other States and Territories will pay on average 28% more tax than Queenslanders.
- As a result of the land tax relief in this Budget, more than 13,500 land holders will not be liable for land tax in 2003-04.

Delivering on our priorities

Building Queensland's regions

- Capital spending will be boosted to \$5.3 billion in 2003-04, supporting some 44,500 full-time jobs with a total of 62.5% of capital works funding spent outside the Brisbane Statistical Division.
- The Regional Centres Program will receive \$50 million over four years to help local governments deliver infrastructure and community facilities.

More jobs for Queensland – skills and innovation – the Smart State

- The Budget includes \$100 million over 4 years for a package of measures to increase the effectiveness of public and private research and development.
- The Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative will be extended with an extra \$255 million over 3 years from 2004-05, plus an additional \$3.8 million to employ 300 public sector apprentices.
- Funding is provided for an extra 636 teachers in schools from 2004.

Safer and more supportive communities

- As the second year of a \$188 million four-year initiatives package, \$32 million will help generate better outcomes for families and children.
- The Queensland Ambulance Service will employ an extra 110 officers statewide, and will commence or complete 17 replacement and four new stations.
- The number of police officers will increase by approximately 300 in 2003-04 as the Police Service progresses towards the achievement of 9,100 officers by 2005.

Community engagement and a better quality of life

- There is an additional \$2.6 billion over 4 years for Health (including Commonwealth and State funding), compared to the 2002-03 Health Budget, including additional investment and service enhancements in acute hospital care, elective surgery, home and community care and mental health.
- An additional \$290.5 million in State funding is provided over four years to Disability Services Queensland including \$200 million to implement Funding Reform Project initiatives.

Valuing the environment

- As part of a \$150 million Commonwealth-State tree clearing reduction package, the State will provide an additional \$75 million over five years.



Government services in your region

For information on Government services in your region, contact the following offices of the Queensland Government Agent Program (QGAP), Department of State Development or Regional Communities.

Brisbane

Office of Economic and Statistical Research

Level 16
61 Mary Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Phone: 3224 5326
Monday–Friday 9.00am–5.00pm

Caboolture

State Development Centre

Level 4
33 King Street
Caboolture QLD 4510
Phone: 5431 2540
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

Maleny

QGAP

27 Coral Street
Maleny QLD 4552
Phone: 5494 3537
Monday–Friday
9.00am–12.30pm and 1.30pm–4.00pm

Mooloolaba

State Development Centre

108 Brisbane Road
Mooloolaba QLD 4557
Phone: 5470 9400
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

Nambour

Department of the Premier and Cabinet, SEQ North Regional Office

91-95 Howard Street
Nambour QLD 4560
Phone: 5470 8700
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