






'BACK TO WORK'

\$100M to support up to **8,000 jobs** across regional Queensland

 Employer support payments of up to \$10,000 to hire and keep a regional Queenslanders employed for 12 months or more, including disadvantaged jobseekers such as mature aged workers, young people, members of drought affected farm households and other priority job seekers. Payments increase to \$15,000 for hiring long-term unemployed regional Queenslanders.

 Eligible employees will also have access to job readiness payments to help them start their new job. This may include training, purchasing new equipment and uniforms or gaining or renewing trade licenses.

 Back to Work Navigation Teams who know the local economy will help local employers looking to fill jobs. They will connect jobseekers to jobs or further skills training and apprentice pathways.

TOWNSVILLE

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

Regional Action Plan

The Townsville region features a myriad of natural wonders, including tropical islands, the Great Barrier Reef, wetlands, rainforests and beaches. It is also North Queensland's major hub for a number of key industries including mining, agriculture, education and health, and hosts significant port and rail facilities. Townsville continues to diversify its local economy, with strong growth in many key service sectors, including health care and social assistance, education and training, and professional, scientific and technical services. We know we have more work to do to create more employment opportunities and foster innovation as the region continues to diversify and respond in the face of Townsville's downturn in mining-related industries. Specifically, this Budget includes our Back to Work package, creating regional jobs and:



Tourism

\$33.5M

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



Health

\$864M

for the Townsville Hospital and Health Service, the primary provider.



Infrastructure

\$586.1M

for infrastructure improvements, including the new Townsville Stadium, which are estimated to support 1,500 jobs.

\$77.9M over five years to assist rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought.

\$33.6M for maintenance and capital works projects for schools, including a new primary school in Burdell.

\$40M for a 12 month boost to the Queensland First Home Owners' Grant from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to help young Queenslanders achieve the dream of owning their new first home sooner.

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1,500  **JOBS**
estimated to be supported by the infrastructure program

What the Statewide initiatives mean for **TOWNSVILLE**



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 in Townsville.



Infrastructure

\$10.7B

for the State capital program in 2016-17 which supports 31,000 jobs package. 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 14,384 people in Townsville who support:

331,099 hectares of national and regional parks

159 State Heritage sites

11 hospitals and health facilities

5 customer service centres

1,653 km of roads

1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office

12 fire stations

27 police stations

5 courthouses

73 schools



New schools for Townsville

The Queensland Government has allocated \$18.9 million as part of a total \$90 million program over four years for new schools in Townsville. This will see the development of a new primary school and master planning for a new high school in the high-growth area of North West Townsville.

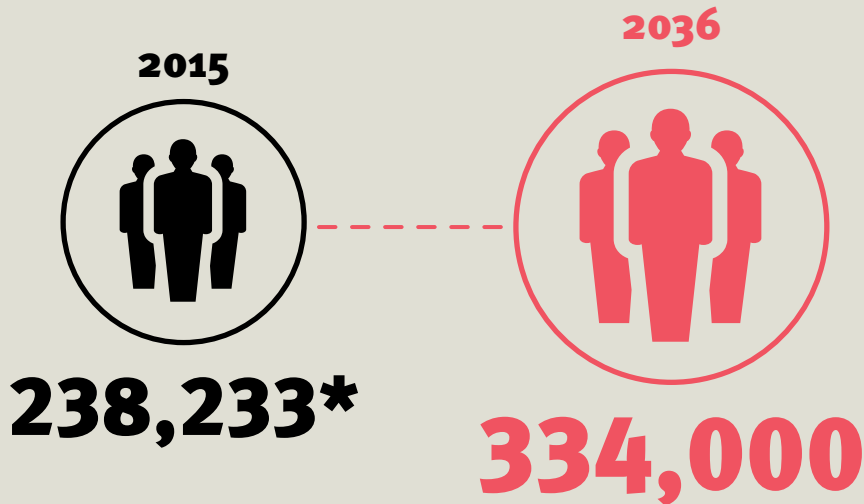
The new primary school will be located in the North Shore Estate at Burdell, opening in 2018 to provide a local public education option for this growing community.

The school will be designed and constructed to provide a high quality state educational facility so that all students can participate in and gain positive outcomes from school.

Economic Snapshot

TOWNSVILLE

Population in the region



*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 1.8% over the past 10 years

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by **104** businesses in the region to reinvest **\$141,000** back into their business



in the financial year to April 2016

16,293 businesses in the region in June 2015



Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

15.0%
Health care and social assistance

13.6%
Retail trade

10.0%
Education and training

7.7%
Public administration and safety

7.1%
Construction

1,071 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

3,702 residential dwellings sold in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

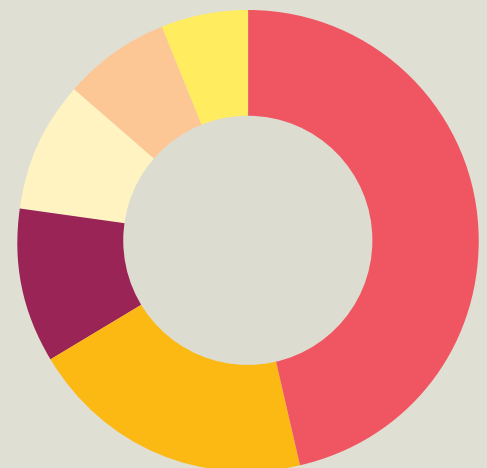
Agricultural production **\$968M** in the region during 2014-15



Infrastructure budget for Townsville

- 46% Transport and Main Roads
- 20% Energy and Water Supply
- 11% Housing and Public Works
- 9% Queensland Health
- 7% Education and Training
- 6% Other

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



\$586.1M*

Job-creating innovation, investment and infrastructure for **TOWNSVILLE**

The Townsville region encompasses the local government areas of Burdekin, Charters Towers, Hinchinbrook, Palm Island and Townsville, and the major regional centres of Charters Towers and Townsville. The Queensland Government is investing in Townsville 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



Justice and safety

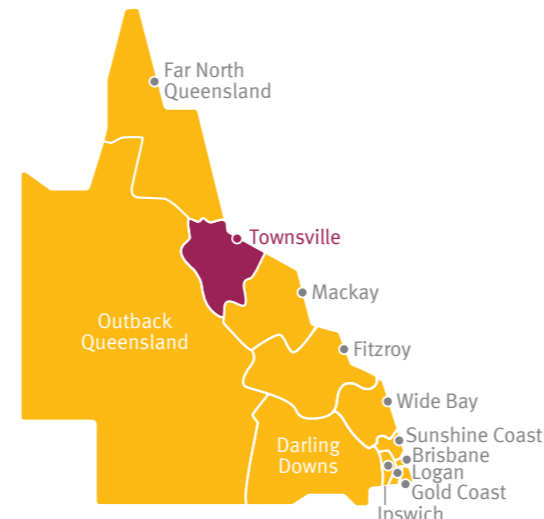


Government services



Recreation and culture

- 1** Crisis shelter
\$2 million in 2016-17 for supported accommodation for women and children escaping domestic and family violence.
- 2** Port of Townsville, berth four upgrade
\$26 million in 2016-17 out of a \$40.5 million total spend to redevelop the berth four facility, including alignment with adjacent berth and deck surface works, which is due for completion in June 2018.
- 3** Garbutt Depot and Logistics Centre redevelopment
\$21 million in 2016-17 out of a \$42.5 million total spend to upgrade the Ergon facilities.
- 4** New primary school in Burdell, Townsville
\$19 million in 2016-17 out of a \$45 million total spend to continue construction of a new primary school.
- 5** Gregory Developmental Road widening – Charters Towers to The Lynd
\$11.2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$42.3 million total spend to widen pavement on various sections of the road for freight and productivity gains, due for completion June 2019.
- 6** Gregory Developmental Road, Cape River Bridge
\$2.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$34.6 million total spend to replace the bridge and approaches for flood immunity, due for completion in April 2018.
- 7** Townsville ring road
\$40.9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$200 million total to provide a high speed bypass of Townsville for heavy and commercial vehicles, due for completion in March 2017. This project is in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 8** Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management Program
\$8.4 million is provided in 2016-17 as Queensland's contribution to the joint Queensland Government and Australian Government Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management Program. This funding is provided in accordance with the terms of the Great Barrier Reef Intergovernmental Agreement and forms part of an ongoing commitment to the management of this unique environmental asset.



- 9** Townsville Stadium
An additional \$40 million to increase the Queensland Government's commitment to \$140 million for the Townsville Stadium. This will provide a new home ground for the North Queensland Cowboys and other sporting events. Commitments will be required from the Australian Government, the NRL and Townsville City Council to deliver the project.
- 10** Dam Spillway Upgrade – Burdekin Falls Dam
\$7.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$17.3 million total spend to initiate a spillway upgrade.



- 11** Queensland Fire and Emergency Services operational equipment
\$4.5 million in 2016-17 to provide specialised operational and safety equipment for Queensland Fire and Emergency Services including protective suits, decontamination facilities and portable scientific detection and analysis equipment.
- 12** Townsville Community Learning Centre – a State Special School
\$2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to complete construction of additional classrooms.
- 13** Palm Island wastewater infrastructure upgrade
\$2.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.6 million spend to upgrade wastewater infrastructure.
- 14** Bruce Highway Safety improvements – northern access intersection
\$7.7 million in 2016-17 out of an \$8.8 million total spend to reconfigure two intersections on the Bruce Highway at Bowden Road and Church Road, due for completion in March 2017. This is part of the \$144.6 million Accelerated Works Program and is in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 15** Bruce Highway, Arnot Creek Bridge Upgrade
\$6.8 million in 2016-17 out of a \$10 million total spend to construct a bridge on the highway, due for completion in February 2017. This project forms part of the \$144.6 million Accelerated Works Program and is in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 16** Palm Island – Clump Point Road rock revetment wall
\$1.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.2 million total spend in partnership with Palm Island Council to construct 600m of rock revetment wall to protect vital infrastructure.
- 17** Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$980,000 in 2016-17 for Indigenous rangers to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Cardwell/Home Hill, as part of the \$9.6 million Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.
- 18** Palm Island water treatment plant upgrade
\$901,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1.4 million total spend in partnership with Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council to upgrade the water treatment plant.
- 19** Supported accommodation program
\$800,000 in 2016-17 towards the purchase and modification of a building in Townsville to accommodate people with a disability.
- 20** Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program
\$600,000 in 2016-17 to support improvements in reef water quality, control pests and weeds, and promote and enhance sustainable agriculture in the Burdekin agricultural region.
- 21** Supported accommodation for people with disability living in inappropriate settings
\$344,000 in 2016-17 out of an \$860,819 total spend to Cootharinga Society of North Queensland towards the construction of two, two-bedroom units and one carer unit in Belgian Gardens to accommodate people with a disability presently living in inappropriate settings.
- 22** Rural Water Use Efficiency Irrigation Futures Program
\$300,000 in 2016-17 to assist Queensland irrigators to achieve more productive on-farm water use.
- 23** Bowling Green National Park – Alligator Creek Falls walking track upgrade
\$210,000 in 2016-17 to upgrade approximately 2km of existing walking track, re-align the track, install pre-cast concrete step treads, reduce longitudinal gradient and improve drainage to minimise ongoing erosion and scalping of track surface.
- 24** Magnetic Island National Park – Henry Lawson's new walking trail section
\$135,000 in 2016-17 to design, build and install a walking track and boardwalk or sections of boardwalks to enable access to Balding and Radical Bays from Horseshoe Bay at most tides.
- 25** Excelsior library/community centre passenger lift
\$39,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$138,000 total spend to assist Charters Towers Regional Council install a lift at the library and community centre. This initiative is jointly funded by state and local governments.
- 26** Tourism and recreation use of the Great Barrier Reef
\$1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to install new mooring infrastructure, facilitating increased, safe and sustainable use of the marine park.
- 27** Palm Island Primary Healthcare Centre
\$8.5 million in 2016-17 for the development of a new facility for Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre, in conjunction with community controlled health service and local council.
- 28** Mt Inkerman Nature Tourism Development
\$541,000 in 2016-17 to widen three sections, seal the car parking area at the summit, install traffic guide signs and other infrastructure upgrade works.
- 29** Townsville Hospital Paediatric Unit
\$3.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$6.6 million total spend to upgrade the paediatric ward at Townsville Hospital to provide increased amenity for patients and their families.
- 30** Garbutt–Upper Ross Road Riverway Drive Duplication
\$3.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$30 million total spend to widen the road to four lanes.
- 31** Hervey's Range Developmental Road
\$6.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$7.8 million total spend for wide centre lines.
- 32** Palm Island Power Station upgrade
\$11.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$17.9 million total spend to build a renewable energy ready power station to replace the diesel power station.