

JOBS FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Budget will directly support around

3,200 JOBS

in Central Queensland in 2017-18.

Significant 2017-18 expenditure in Central Queensland:

Infrastructure

\$788.1M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support 2,200 jobs.

Health

\$566.3M

for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service.

Education

\$25.1M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in Central Queensland.

Central Queensland 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.

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.

Operation Queensland Recovery

\$1.1B

to repair the destruction caused by Severe Tropical Cyclone (STC) Debbie to essential public assets.

View on Victoria Parade, city centre Rockhampton.
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WHAT THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

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 Central Queensland, including:

POLICY OUTCOMES



Works for Queensland
\$24.4 million provided to regional councils to undertake six maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Central Queensland.
as at 8 May 2017



Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate
Rebates claimed by 1,269 businesses to reinvest **\$2.8 million** into their business and support employment.
in the 12 months to April 2017



Back to Work
Employer support payments worth \$1.2 million paid to 151 employers to directly employ **275 local jobseekers** and a further \$1.9 million in Youth Boost payments to 198 employers to directly employ **355 young jobseekers**.
as at 31 May 2017



Skilling Queenslanders for Work
\$10.6 million allocated to provide training to 1,071 people, including 738 who have gone on to employment and/or further education or training.
as at 30 May 2017

RESTORING FRONTLINE SERVICES*



67
extra
nurses
Up 5.6%



47
extra
doctors
Up 19.9%



132
extra
teachers
Up 4.7%

* Growth from March 2015 to March 2017

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS

695,230 hectares of national and regional parks	2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional offices
124 State Heritage sites	22 fire stations
21 hospitals and health facilities	34 police stations
11 customer service centres	8 courthouses
3,535 km of roads	104 schools

Depot Hill, Rockhampton

SEVERE TROPICAL CYCLONE DEBBIE RECOVERY

Following STC Debbie, the Fitzroy River Catchment area was lashed by destructive winds and heavy rainfall. On 7 April 2017, the Fitzroy River peaked at 8.9m, causing widespread flooding in the Fitzroy Basin, Rockhampton and surrounding areas.

As water receded, silt and mud covered streets and parks, and initial assessments found approximately 1,500 homes had been impacted.

Rockhampton Airport was inundated, forcing its closure for 10 days. Transport in and out of Rockhampton was limited when the Bruce Highway closed for five days, due to damage to rural roads. Small businesses and primary producers were affected, as was availability of essential items including fresh produce.

Tourism was impacted over the Easter holiday period with high levels of cancellations for hotels, caravan and camp sites.

As at 1 June 2017, more than 2,200 people in Rockhampton have accessed immediate hardship grants totalling more than \$402,000.

For more information on STC Debbie and recovery efforts to-date and into the future, view the State Recovery Plan 2017-2019 – Operation Queensland Recovery and Local Recovery Plans at qldreconstruction.org.au

INVESTING IN JOBS FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Central Queensland, with existing strengths in agriculture and resources, is already one of Queensland's most productive regions. The region is also set to benefit from new and emerging industries such as liquefied natural gas and bio-products, and has shown its resilience as it transitions from the mining boom and recovers from the aftermath of STC Debbie. The Palaszczuk Government is investing in jobs for Central Queensland through a diverse range of projects and initiatives:

1 Local Disaster Coordination Centre and Community Resilience Engagement Hub
\$1.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.4 million total spend to construct a facility in Yeppoon, to be used as a local disaster coordination centre and community resilience engagement hub in times of disaster, and as an innovation hub and community education space at other times. Part of the 2016-17 Natural Disaster Resilience Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

2 Yeppoon foreshore revitalisation
\$9.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$25 million total spend to provide a special assistance package following Tropical Cyclone Marcia, for revitalisation of the foreshore in Yeppoon. Part of the Yeppoon and Rockhampton Revitalisation Project.

3 Yeppoon State High School multi-purpose hall upgrade
\$1.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to upgrade the multi-purpose hall.

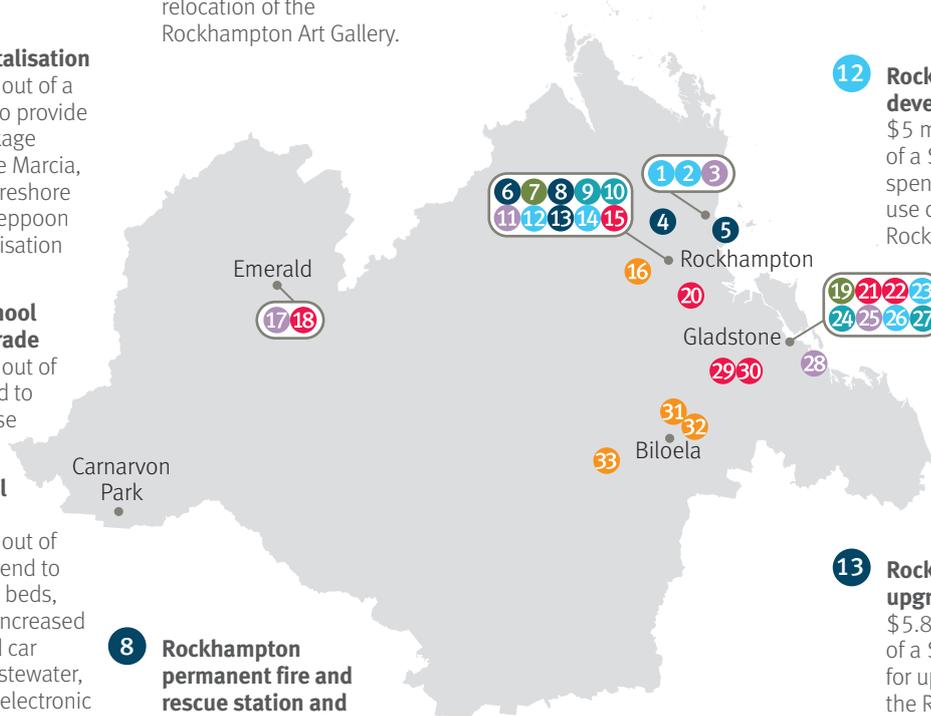
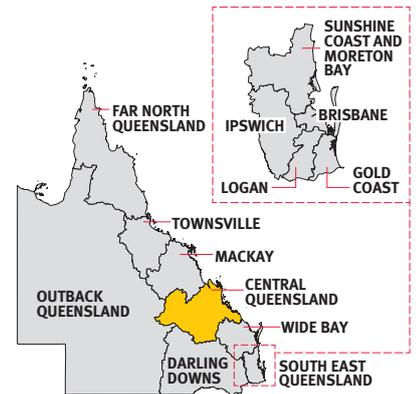
4 Capricornia Correctional Centre expansion
\$7.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$202.2 million total spend to increase capacity by 164 beds, deliver infrastructure for increased prison industries, expand car parking, and upgrade wastewater, mechanical services and electronic security systems.

5 Hartley Street Recreation Reserve
\$825,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to develop stages two, three, and four of the Hartley Street Recreation Reserve to include two full size rugby fields, field lighting and irrigation, and multipurpose amenities building with community room and storage. Part of the Get Playing Plus Program.

6 North Rockhampton Specialised Operations, Breathing Apparatus Hazmat and Training facility
\$1 million in 2017-18 to fit-out a warehouse property to establish a specialised fire and rescue operations and training facility in North Rockhampton.

7 Rockhampton Art Gallery relocation
\$2 million in 2017-18 towards the planned relocation of the Rockhampton Art Gallery.

9 Rockhampton Hospital expansion
\$3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$178.4 million total spend to upgrade and refurbish works on the Centralised Sterilising Department as part of the Rockhampton Hospital Expansion Project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



12 Rockhampton CBD development
\$5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$17.2 million total spend to deliver a mixed use development within the Rockhampton CBD.

8 Rockhampton permanent fire and rescue station and co-located Regional Firecom upgrade
\$2.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to upgrade the Rockhampton fire and rescue station and co-located regional fire communications centre. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

10 Rockhampton Hospital high voltage central energy generation
\$6.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$8.1 million total spend to upgrade the high voltage central energy generation at Rockhampton Hospital.

11 Rockhampton Special School new classrooms
\$2.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to construct additional classrooms.

13 Rockhampton Courthouse upgrade
\$5.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$12 million total spend for upgrade and repair work at the Rockhampton Courthouse.

14 South Rockhampton Flood Levee
\$25 million has been committed by the Queensland Government towards the proposed \$60 million flood levee to increase flood immunity in South Rockhampton. This project is subject to the confirmation of contributions from the Rockhampton Regional Council and the Australian Government.

15 Capricorn Highway duplication (Rockhampton to Gracemere)

\$5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$75 million total spend to duplicate a section of the Capricorn Highway from four to six lanes between Rockhampton and Gracemere, due for completion in June 2019. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

16 Stanwell Power Station upgrade

\$53.8 million in 2017-18 to upgrade the control system, undertake a major refurbishment and upgrade of the station, and replace, refurbish and upgrade minor assets at Stanwell Power Station.

17 Emerald State High School multi-purpose hall upgrade

\$1.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to upgrade the multi-purpose hall.

18 Gregory Highway productivity enhancement works (Emerald to Clermont)

\$2.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.9 million total spend to deliver a package of productivity enhancements at various sections of the Gregory Highway north of Emerald, due for completion in October 2017. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

19 Great Barrier Reef moorings – Gladstone Marine area

\$570,000 in 2017-18 to install new offshore moorings within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park - Gladstone Marine area. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

20 Bruce Highway widening (Benaraby to Rockhampton)

\$7.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$17 million total spend to rehabilitate and widen a section of the Bruce Highway between Benaraby and Rockhampton, due for completion in April 2018. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

21 Port of Gladstone, Fisherman's Landing

\$5.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$33.4 million total spend to upgrade drainage and undertake preventative esplanade works at Fisherman's Landing, due for completion in June 2021.

22 RG Tanna Coal Terminal projects

\$49.7 million in 2017-18 out of a \$226 million total spend to upgrade the RG Tanna Coal Terminal at the Port of Gladstone, due for completion in June 2022.

23 Gladstone State Development Area

\$500,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$13.6 million total spend to continue development of infrastructure required to support the efficient delivery of major industrial expansion within the Gladstone State Development Area.

24 Gladstone Hospital Emergency Department upgrade

\$7.1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$42 million total spend to upgrade the Emergency Department at Gladstone Hospital, increasing the number of treatment spaces and improving emergency treatment for patients. Part of the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

25 Gladstone State High School new classrooms

\$3.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.6 million total spend to commence construction of additional classrooms.

26 Clinton Industrial Estate development

\$500,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$11.7 million total spend to develop the next stage of the Clinton Industrial Estate to support the Gladstone State Development Area and help create economic development in the Gladstone region.

27 Adult Step Up Step Down Facility - Gladstone

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

28 Boyne Island State School multi-purpose hall upgrade

\$953,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$1 million total spend to upgrade the multi-purpose hall.

29 Dawson Highway timber bridges replacement

\$16.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$40 million total spend to replace timber bridges at various locations on the Dawson Highway, due for completion in June 2018. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund.

30 Rockhampton Road Train Access (Stage 1)

\$9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$30 million total spend to complete improvements to intersections and road train access on Yeppoon Road, Rockhampton, due for completion in September 2017. Part of the Northern Australia Beef Roads Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

31 Calvale and Callide B Substation secondary systems replacement

\$4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$21.8 million total spend to replace aged secondary systems at the Calvale and Callide B substations to ensure continued reliability of supply to the surrounding area.

32 Callide Power Station upgrades

\$55.1 million in 2017-18 to enhance, overhaul and refurbish the Callide power station.

33 Moura Switchyard replacement

\$1.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$24.5 million total spend to replace aged primary plant and secondary systems at the Moura Switchyard to ensure continued reliability of supply to the surrounding area.

34 Advance Queensland

\$610,403 in 2017-18 out of a \$1.6 million total spend to support entrepreneurs, industry and universities to turn great ideas into investable products and provide jobs of the future. Delivered in partnership with local government and the private sector.

35 Homelessness services

\$5.7 million in 2017-18 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Central Queensland. Part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

KEY

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

36 Natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements

\$57.5 million in 2017-18 to be provided to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects in Central Queensland. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

37 Public library grants

\$1.1 million in 2017-18 to supply library resources to public libraries in Central Queensland.

38 Social housing

\$27.1 million in 2017-18 to expand and improve social housing in Central Queensland. Part of the National Partnership on Remote Housing, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

39 Tourism and Small Business Recovery Package

\$12.3 million in 2017-18 to help tourism and other small businesses recover from recent natural disasters. Part of the Operation Queensland Recovery: State Recovery Plan 2017-19, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

40 Works for Queensland

\$9.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$24.4 million total spend to support local governments in Central Queensland 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.

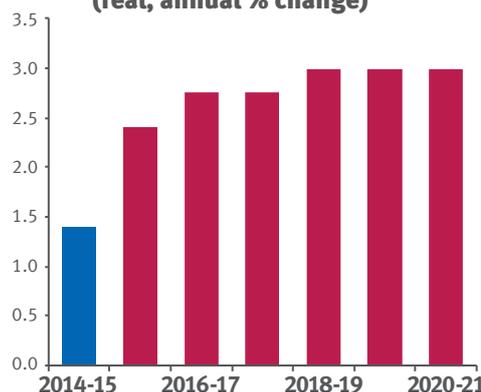
It will also be a budget to deliver more jobs for Central Queensland and across the State.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

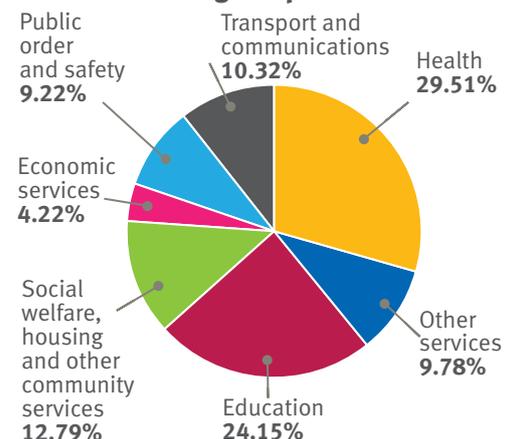
2016-17 NET OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$2.8B

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 CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

The Palaszczuk Government is dedicated to boosting trade and investment outcomes, supporting Central Queensland 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 targeting Central Queensland

- ◆ A Central Queensland Trade and Investment Action Plan which will include local initiatives to boost the regional economy
- ◆ Trade and investment training for up to 80 Central Queensland small and medium sized enterprises
- ◆ Access for Central Queensland entrepreneurs to a business leaders program or expert advice from international business mentors

\$25 MILLION
over five years to grow the international education and training (IET) sector including in Central Queensland

- ◆ Collaborative marketing with Trade and Investment Queensland's local partners through the IET Partnership Plan which is expected to be released in July 2017



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

CAPRICORN SANDSTONE QUARRIES



Photo: courtesy of Capricorn Sandstone Quarries

Central Queensland's uniquely coloured sandstone is a hot commodity, with Rockhampton's Capricorn Sandstone Quarries fielding orders from around the globe.

The company offers nine unique Capricorn colours from their Stanwell quarry, which are used internationally in everything from high-end residential developments to memorials and restorations.

The recent surge in international interest from diverse markets — including Malaysia, India, Oman, Korea and the USA — is largely the result of the company's increased on-line presence.



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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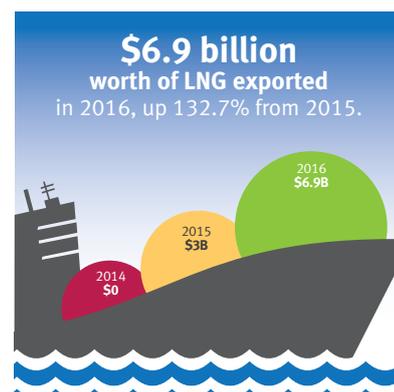
ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Largest employing industries¹



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

LNG exports



Source: ABS unpublished trade data