



## Gold Coast

### REGIONAL ACTION PLAN QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2023–24

The 2023–24 Queensland Budget supports *good jobs*, provides *better services* for all Queenslanders and protects our *great lifestyle*. On the Gold Coast it provides:

**\$2.3B** on infrastructure  
for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **6,500** jobs in this region.

**\$2.1B** on health  
for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

**\$89.7M** on education  
to maintain, improve and upgrade schools on the Gold Coast.

**\$65.7M** for social housing  
to expand and improve social housing on the Gold Coast.

**\$11.3M** for homelessness services  
to provide essential housing and support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness on the Gold Coast.

**\$5.9M** for Skilling Queenslanders for Work  
to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

## Delivering for the GOLD COAST REGION



### First Home Owner Grant

5,092 grants worth \$88.6 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home on the Gold Coast.

(July 2015 to April 2023)



### Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate

\$18.7 million of rebates claimed by 1,060 businesses to reinvest into their business and support employment on the Gold Coast.

(July 2015 to May 2023)



### Advance Queensland

\$24.4 million in grants awarded to 884 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise the Gold Coast's profile as an attractive investment destination.

(July 2015 to March 2023)



### Back to Work

\$8.2 million of payments have been paid to 459 employers on the Gold Coast to employ 669 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to April 2023)

## Delivering better services for the Gold Coast region

Growth from March 2015 to March 2023



1,670 extra nurses  
up **60.4%**



711 extra teachers  
up **15.9%**



405 extra doctors  
up **44.4%**



41 extra firefighters  
up **16.7%**

# Delivering for the GOLD COAST



Queensland

Good jobs  
Better services  
Great lifestyle



## 1 New Coomera Hospital



\$74 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1.3 billion total spend for the construction of the new Coomera Hospital, which will deliver around 404 overnight beds and include Emergency Department treatment spaces and a satellite medical imaging department. The new hospital will also feature operating theatres, endoscopy rooms, birthing suites, consult rooms, clinical support services and facility support services. The construction will also provide a significant economic boost and support local businesses, with over 3,100 construction jobs expected to be supported. Completion is expected in the second half of 2027. Part of the Capacity Expansion Program.

## 3 Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 3), Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads



\$259.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1.219 billion total spend towards extending the light rail from Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads. This project will connect communities with business and jobs, hospitals and medical facilities, education, shopping, dining, entertainment and sporting centres. This investment is estimated to support an average of 760 direct jobs over the life of the project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the Gold Coast City Council.

## 5 Currumbin Eco-Parkland



\$8.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$46 million total spend to begin delivering the Currumbin Eco-Parkland. These works involve activation of the site to enable the provision of safe public access through facilitating civil works, vehicular and pedestrian improvements, land restoration, visitor parking, and public amenities. Once completed, the Eco-Parkland will enable people to visit and enjoy the 148-hectare site while protecting its strong ecological values.

## 2 Southport Ambulance Station & Gold Coast Operations Centre



\$7.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$31 million total spend to deliver a modern functional and fit-for-purpose ambulance station that will maximise operational efficiencies and provide staff with a high standard of amenity and accommodation. The Gold Coast Operations Centre project at Coomera will deliver a purpose-built, modern and efficient facility to deliver Triple Zero (000) call centre services. The new facility will provide substantial statewide redundancy for all QAS call centre-based functions as well as a new Business Continuity Planning site for the Brisbane Operations Centre. It will also incorporate dedicated training space and offer substantial surge capacity.

## 4 Robina Hospital



\$10 million in 2023-24 out of a \$20.5 million total spend for the replacement of the mobile duress system and the refurbishment of the transit lounge into an Acute Care Unit, which is expected to deliver around 20 additional beds and additional procedure areas. The emergency department expansion will improve patient flow, reduce waiting times, and help meet the current and future health needs of Queenslanders. Part of the Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Program.

## 6 Binna Burra Lodge Rebuild



\$16.6 million in 2023-24 out of a \$18 million total spend for the rebuild of the heritage listed lodge and cabin rooms on Mount Roberts lost in the 2019 bushfires. The rebuild is a significant project for Queensland's ecotourism sector, and will make a significant contribution to the Towards Tourism 2032 strategy to build, evolve and accelerate the growth of the visitor economy. This project will also support 88 jobs during the planning and construction phases and 40 jobs once operational. Part of the Regional Tourism Recovery Program.



## More support for vulnerable Queenslanders

The Queensland Government is investing \$122.7 million in a new secure mental health rehabilitation unit at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

The new facility is the Gold Coast's first secure mental health unit, which will provide 40 beds for some of Queensland's most vulnerable patients, including people with severe and complex mental health disorders who would benefit from a more secure setting. The mental health unit has been designed in consultation with both people with lived mental health experience as well as their carers. Their input included advice on cultural guidance, delivery of services and recovery-orientated practices.

Work commenced on the project in February 2023, and will support around 300 full-time equivalent construction jobs across the life of the project. Additionally, opportunities for more than 140 full-time equivalent jobs are expected when the unit is operating at full capacity.

# Delivering for the GOLD COAST REGION

Explore the  
Budget Map



-  **Pimpama Ambulance Station**  
 \$100,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$5.5 million total spend to redevelop the facility to provide fit-for-purpose, efficient and modern accommodation to support the delivery of pre-hospital ambulance services.
-  **Gainsborough State School**  
 \$1.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$55.3 million total spend to construct Gainsborough State School.
-  **Coomera State Special School**  
 \$18.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$50.9 million total spend to construct Coomera State Special School.
-  **Coombabah State High School**  
 \$1.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$14.3 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.
-  **Coomera Connector (Stage 1), Coomera to Nerang**  
 \$420 million in 2023-24 out of a \$2.163 billion total spend towards the Coomera Connector (Stage 1), between Coomera and Nerang. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
-  **Butterfly Sanctuary and Glow Worm Breeding Project**  
 \$400,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$800,000 total spend for construction of a fully enclosed butterfly sanctuary for native and endangered butterflies and enhancement of the glow worm conservation program. Part of the Tourism Experience Development Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.
-  **Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
 \$462,863 in 2023-24 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values on the Gold Coast. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$27 million statewide in 2023-24.
-  **The Spit Master Plan Implementation Program**  
 \$9.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$60 million total spend for implementation of The Spit Master Plan to deliver capital works projects transforming The Spit, Gold Coast's public realm.
-  **Gold Coast University Hospital**  
 \$105.6 million in 2023-24 out of a \$200.8 million total spend to deliver a Secure Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit and a 4-storey ward building to provide additional inpatient capacity.
-  **Gold Coast Parklands Health and Knowledge Precinct**  
 \$3.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$41.7 million total spend to continue development of a health and knowledge precinct within the Parklands Priority Development Area.
-  **Southport Health Precinct**  
 \$10.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$12.5 million total spend for the replacement of the existing chillers, fan coil units, air handling units, insulation, piping and upgrade building management systems.
-  **Keebra Park State High School**  
 \$3.3 million in 2023-24 out of a \$11.3 million total spend to construct additional specialist classrooms.
-  **Nerang State High School**  
 \$4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5 million total spend to upgrade the existing hall facility.
-  **Safer Schoolies - Gold Coast**  
 \$2.3 million in 2023-24 to deliver a safer Schoolies, including beach hub, support services, medical and volunteer support. Part of the Safer Schoolies Response, delivered in partnership with the Gold Coast City Council.
-  **Project DAM 2024**  
 \$387,500 in 2023-24 out of a \$775,000 total spend for the expansion of Swell Festival, an 11-day inaugural sculptural exhibition of temporary public artworks and public art programming around the Hinze Dam. Part of the Tourism Experience Development Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.
-  **Lower Beechmont Community Facility**  
 \$535,262 in 2023-24 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to construct a new community space to provide a safe haven assembly area in times of disaster. Part of the 2021-24 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.
-  **Miami State High School**  
 \$5.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$12 million total spend to deliver a new double court multipurpose hall, 3 classrooms, kinesiology lab, staff work rooms, store rooms, amenities and kiosk.
-  **Pacific Motorway, Varsity Lakes (Exit 85) to Tugun (Exit 95) upgrade**  
 \$190 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1 billion total spend towards upgrading the Pacific Motorway (M1) between Varsity Lakes and Tugun. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
-  **Palm Beach Community Health Centre**  
 \$3.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$4.8 million total spend for the compliance replacement of the existing chillers, air conditioning units, duct work, diffusers, pumps, piping and related components.
-  **Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$10.9 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.
-  **Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Club upgrade**  
 \$100,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$2 million total spend to replace the existing clubhouse with a new clubhouse including disability access on the ground floor, at the Nippers clubhouse facility.
-  **Wildlife management - supporting Currumbin Wildlife Hospital**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 to support the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation provide care to sick and injured wildlife. Part of the SEQ Wildlife Hospital Network.
-  **Gold Coast Satellite Hospital**  
 \$78.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$376.9 million total spend to deliver 7 satellite hospitals that will each include a Minor Injury and Illness Clinic and various specialty outpatients services.
-  **Additional Electricity Bill Support**  
 \$1.483 billion in 2023-24 for electricity bill support, including a \$550 rebate for all Queensland households, a higher \$700 vulnerable households rebate and a \$650 small business rebate.
-  **Modern Manufacturing Initiative**  
 \$13 million in 2023-24 out of a \$153.5 million total spend to support businesses to adopt new technologies and improve their manufacturing processes. Part of the Queensland Jobs Fund and the Modern Manufacturing Initiative, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
-  **Queensland First Home Owner Grant**  
 \$72 million in 2023-24 to provide first-time home buyers buying or building a new home with grants to get into the market sooner.
-  **Raise, repair and retrofit homes, as part of the Resilient Homes Fund**  
 \$219.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$381 million total spend to allow eligible homeowners to raise, repair or retrofit their homes to incorporate flood resilient design and materials to reduce the impacts of future flood events.
-  **Youth Co-responder teams**  
 \$30.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$96.2 million total spend statewide over 4 years to continue to deliver and expand the youth co-responder model to deal with or divert high risk young people. Part of the Youth Justice Investment.

## Project key

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Statewide/region-wide
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture
-  Relates to government election commitment



## At a Glance

Total concessions in 2023-24

**\$8.2B**

Total health funding in 2023-24

**\$25.8B**

Investment in regional Queensland supported by coal royalties

**over \$16B**

Additional funding for social housing infrastructure and housing and homelessness support over 5 years

**over \$1.2B**

Total capital program over 4 years

**\$89B**

Jobs supported by the capital program in 2023-24

**58,000**

Percentage of capital spend outside of greater Brisbane in 2023-24

**65.5%**

Total capital investment to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan over 4 years

**\$19B**

## Good jobs. Better services. Great lifestyle.

### More jobs in more industries

#### Good, secure jobs in our traditional and emerging industries

Queensland is building on its advantages in traditional and emerging industries that support good, secure jobs. The Queensland Government's economic strategy will help Queensland businesses to take advantage of these opportunities and grow the economy.



### Better services

#### Deliver even better services right across Queensland

A growing economy will allow the government to deliver better services across the state, including in education, justice and social services. High-quality services improve the lives of Queenslanders and help everyone to participate fully in our economy and our community.

### Protecting Queenslanders' lifestyle

#### Protect and enhance our Queensland lifestyle as we grow

Our great Queensland lifestyle will be protected while the economy grows. The Queensland Government is investing in crucial infrastructure to support our growing population, reducing cost-of-living pressures and taking care of our natural environment.



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