

JOBS FOR TOWNSVILLE

The Queensland Budget will directly support around

3,300 JOBS

in Townsville in 2017-18.

Significant 2017-18 expenditure in Townsville:

Infrastructure

\$689.2M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support 1,900 jobs.

Health

\$935.9M

for the Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

Education

\$43.9M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in Townsville.

Townsville will also benefit from:

Townsville Water Security Measures

\$225M

set aside over four years to ensure the State is prepared to act on the findings of the intergovernmental Water Taskforce and support sustainable and secure long-term water supply for Townsville.

Powering North Queensland Plan

\$386M

to kick-start growth-enhancing infrastructure projects including strategic transmission infrastructure, a hydro-electric power station and improvement works at Burdekin Falls Dam and a study to assess options for new hydro-electric power.

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.

Townsville, looking across Ross Creek towards the CBD, Castle Hill and Rowes Bay.
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WHAT THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING FOR TOWNSVILLE

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 Townsville, including:

POLICY OUTCOMES



Works for Queensland

\$32.4 million provided to regional councils to undertake five maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Townsville.

as at 8 May 2017



Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate

Rebates claimed by 1,097 businesses to reinvest **\$2.3 million** into their business and support employment.

in the 12 months to April 2017



Back to Work

Employer support payments worth \$1.9 million paid to 190 employers to directly employ **444 local jobseekers** and a further \$2.4 million in Youth Boost payments to 288 employers to directly employ **456 young jobseekers**.

as at 31 May 2017



Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$14.1 million allocated to provide training to 1,519 people, including 668 who have gone on to employment and/or further education or training.

as at 30 May 2017

RESTORING FRONTLINE SERVICES*



79
extra
nurses
Up 3.7%



55
extra
doctors
Up 9.2%



99
extra
teachers
Up 3.8%

* Growth from March 2015 to March 2017

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS

332,744 hectares of national and regional parks

155 State Heritage sites

10 hospitals and health facilities

5 customer service centres

1,656 km of roads

1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office

12 fire stations

27 police stations

5 courthouses

71 schools

Photo: State Development Queensland



NORTH QUEENSLAND STADIUM

The \$250 million North Queensland Stadium will deliver an iconic 25,000 seat regional stadium in Townsville in time for the 2020 NRL season. With a vision to become an internationally-recognised venue with world-class sustainable architecture and urban design, the stadium will celebrate what is great about North Queensland.

The new stadium will attract visitors, events and investment to North Queensland. It is expected that up to **750 jobs** will be supported throughout the design and construction phases, with ongoing jobs in tourism, hospitality and major events. The Townsville community will directly benefit through significant local business and employment opportunities generated by the project.

North Queensland Stadium is a joint project of the Queensland Government, Australian Government and Townsville City Council and is supported by both the National Rugby League and the North Queensland Cowboys.

INVESTING IN JOBS FOR TOWNSVILLE

Townsville is a major hub for economic activity and trade in Queensland. Townsville's diverse economy has strengths across a wide variety of sectors, including health and education, tourism, resources, and defence, which will continue to drive more inclusive growth in the region into the future. The Palaszczuk Government is investing in jobs for Townsville through a diverse range of projects and initiatives:

1 Palm Island Power Station upgrade

\$982,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$15.6 million total spend to upgrade the Palm Island Power Station.

2 Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre

\$7.7 million in 2017-18 out of a \$16.5 million total spend to complete a new Primary Health Care Centre on Palm Island including an Adult Clinic, Maternal and Child Health Clinic and a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Clinic. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

3 Palm Island Sports Precinct refurbishment

\$220,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$400,000 total spend to refurbish the existing clubhouse facilities. Part of the Get Playing Plus Program.

4 Bruce Highway bridge upgrades (Cattle Creek and Frances Creek)

\$42.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$118.9 million total spend to upgrade bridges on the Bruce Highway at Cattle Creek and Frances Creek, due for completion in December 2018. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

5 Bruce Highway widening (Deep Creek to Bluewater Creek)

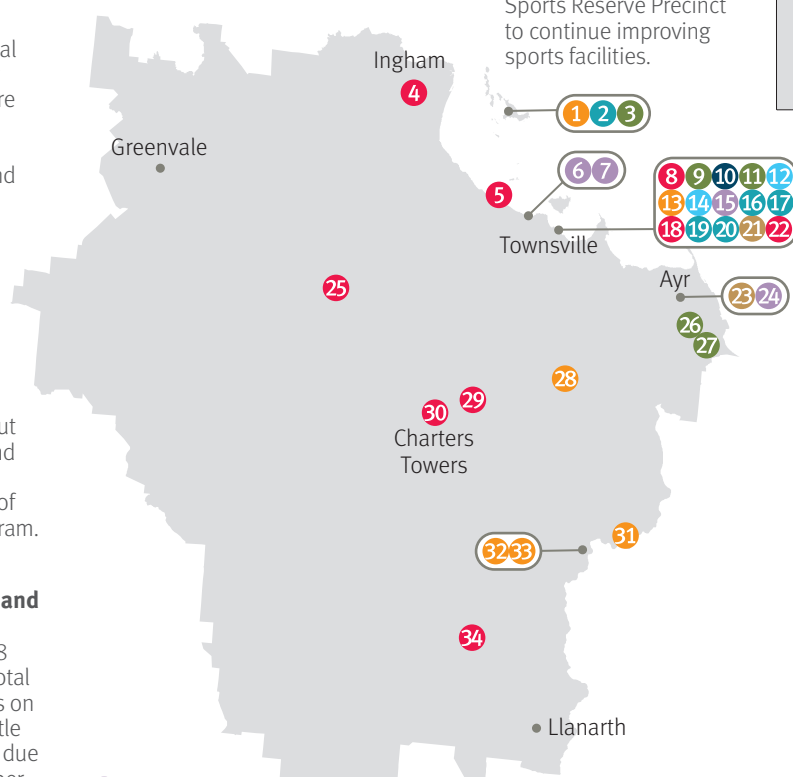
\$7.1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$7.5 million total spend to widen the pavement on the Bruce Highway between Deep Creek and Bluewater Creek, due for completion in February 2019. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

6 New primary school in Burdell

\$21.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$43.2 million total spend to continue construction of a new primary school in Burdell, Townsville.

9 Townsville Sports Reserve Precinct upgrade

\$825,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$3.3 million total spend to implement various capital works projects at the Townsville Sports Reserve Precinct to continue improving sports facilities.



7 Bohlevale State 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.

8 Port of Townsville Berth 4 upgrade

\$14.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$37.3 million total spend to upgrade the Berth four Facility at the Port of Townsville, due for completion in December 2018.

10 Townsville Courthouse upgrade - Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Courts

\$4.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$9 million total spend to upgrade Townsville Courthouse to support the expansion of specialist Domestic and Family Violence Courts. Part of the Domestic and Family Violence Response.

11 Museum of Tropical Queensland maintenance

\$562,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$4.7 million total spend statewide to address critical maintenance and safety issues at the Museum of Tropical Queensland and other regional campuses.

12 North Queensland Stadium

\$46.1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$250 million total spend to construct a 25,000 seat, best practice, purpose built stadium in Townsville which will be completed in time for the commencement of the 2020 NRL season. Delivered in partnership with the Townsville City Council, the Australian Government and with the support of the NRL and North Queensland Cowboys.

13 Garbutt Depot and Logistics Centre redevelopment (Stage 2)

\$20.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$42.5 million total spend on the second stage of the redevelopment at the Garbutt Depot and Logistic Centre in Townsville.

14 The Village Townsville

\$5.1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$164 million total spend for The Village Townsville residential development in the Oonoonba Priority Development Area which, when completed, will provide almost 1,000 homes for up to 2,000 people.

15 Kirwan State High School multi-purpose hall and air conditioning replacement

\$5.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.9 million total spend to replace a multi-purpose hall and air conditioning.

16 Kirwan replacement ambulance station
\$200,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$5 million total spend to construct a replacement ambulance station in Kirwan to provide a purpose-built facility to support the growing demand for services in this region.

17 Paediatrics Ward at Townsville Hospital
\$2.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$6.6 million total spend to complete the fitout and refurbishment of the existing Paediatrics Ward at Townsville Hospital. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

18 Townsville Channel capacity upgrade
The State Government will set aside \$75 million for the Townsville Channel capacity upgrade, which will allow larger vessels safe access and boost trade at the Port of Townsville.

19 Townsville Hospital Clinical Services redevelopment
\$5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$10.4 million total spend to redevelop clinical services at the Townsville Hospital to increase capacity and improve patient flows to meet current and future service demands. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

20 Townsville Hospital redevelopment
\$8.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$334 million total spend to complete the redevelopment of the Townsville Hospital, including Stage 3 and 4 works to refurbish and expand the Central Sterilising and Supply Department and build a new clinical education and administration space. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

21 Supported Accommodation Program - Townsville
\$320,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$800,000 total spend to purchase and modify a building in Townsville to accommodate people with a disability.

22 Riverway Drive duplication (Gollogly Lane to Allambie Lane)
\$14.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$35 million total spend to increase Riverway Drive from two lanes to four lanes from Gollogly Lane to Allambie Lane, due for completion in February 2019. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund.

23 Ageing in Place - Ayr
\$582,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$600,000 total spend to deliver homes that address a critical shortage of housing and keep senior citizens within their community close to family and friends.

24 Ayr State High School air conditioning replacement
\$567,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$729,000 total spend to replace the air conditioning.

25 Gregory Developmental Road widening (Charters Towers to The Lynd)
\$10 million in 2017-18 out of a \$42.3 million total spend to widen pavement on sections of the Gregory Developmental Road for freight and productivity gains, due for completion in December 2019. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund.

26 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program - Home Hill
\$700,000 in 2017-18 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Home Hill.

27 Mount Inkerman nature tourism development
\$1.1 million in 2017-18 to widen three sections, seal the car parking area at the summit, install traffic guide signs and other infrastructure upgrade works at Mount Inkerman. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program, delivered in partnership with the Burdekin Shire Council.

28 Townsville Water Security Measures
\$10 million in 2017-18 out of a \$225 million total spend to ensure the State is prepared to act on the findings of the intergovernmental Water Taskforce and support sustainable and secure long-term water supply for Townsville

29 Flinders Highway rehabilitation (Townsville to Charters Towers)
\$5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$17 million total spend to strengthen and rehabilitate various sections of the Flinders Highway between Townsville and Charters Towers, due for completion in February 2019. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

30 Gregory Developmental Road, Cape River Bridge replacement
\$16.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$34.6 million total spend to replace the bridge and approaches for flood immunity, due for completion in July 2018. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund.

31 Burdekin Falls Dam foundation drainage improvement
\$4.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$10.1 million total spend to continue the improvement in the efficiency of existing drains in the spillway, installation of additional drains and enhancement of the rock foundation anchoring. Part of the Dam Safety Improvement Program.

32 Burdekin Hydro
\$100 million is being set aside to help finance the Burdekin Hydro Electric Project which will power up to 30,000 homes, in partnership with Stanwell.

33 Burdekin Falls Dam Safety Improvement Program
\$136 million has been set aside to deliver the Burdekin Falls Dam Safety Improvement Program in partnership with SunWater.

34 Gregory Developmental Road widening and sealing (Sardine Creek to Boomerang Creek)
\$300,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to widen and seal pavement on the Gregory Developmental Road, Sardine Creek to Boomerang Creek, due for completion in June 2019. Part of the Northern Australia Beef Roads Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

35 Advance Queensland
\$1.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4.2 million total spend to support entrepreneurs, industry and universities to turn great ideas into investable products and grow jobs of the future. Delivered in partnership with local government and the private sector.

36 Community Youth Response - Townsville
\$3.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$9.5 million total spend to continue with the intervention strategies under the Community Youth Response initiative in Townsville.

KEY

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

37 Homelessness services
\$13.4 million in 2017-18 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Townsville. Part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

38 Household Resilience Program
\$20 million has been allocated for a household natural disaster resilience program. The program will focus on the highest risk areas in Queensland where household mitigation measures, as opposed to Government mitigation works, would be effective in preventing or reducing damage.

39 Social housing
\$75.9 million in 2017-18 to expand and improve social housing in Townsville. Part of the National Partnership Remote Housing and Indigenous Community Housing Organisations, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

40 Works for Queensland
\$12.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$32.4 million total spend to support local governments in Townsville 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.

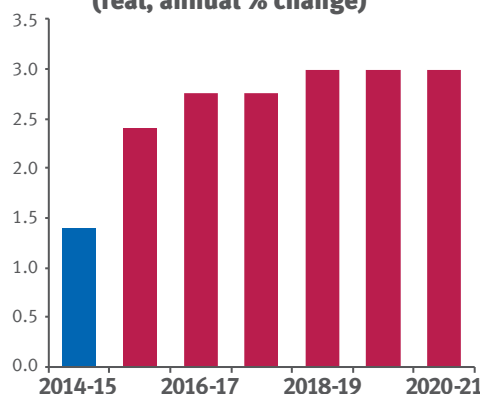
It will also be a budget to deliver more jobs for Townsville and across the State.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

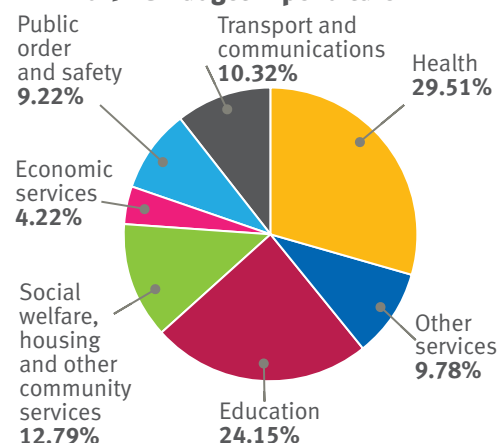
2016-17 NET OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$2.8B

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 TOWNSVILLE

The Palaszczuk Government is dedicated to boosting trade and investment outcomes, supporting Townsville 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 for Townsville

- ◆ A Townsville Trade and Investment Action Plan which will include local initiatives to boost the regional economy
- ◆ A dedicated investment attraction specialist based in Townsville
- ◆ Trade and investment training for up to 80 Townsville small and medium sized enterprises
- ◆ Access for Townsville entrepreneurs to a business leaders program or expert advice from international business mentors
- ◆ A \$4 million investment in a new Trade and Investment Queensland office in Townsville

\$25 MILLION

over five years to grow the international education and training (IET) sector including for Townsville

- ◆ Appointment of an officer to support regional projects and partnerships for IET based in Trade and Investment Queensland's (TIQ) Townsville office
- ◆ Support for the development of Townsville's IET sector through the Townsville City Deal



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

- ◆ Funding for two projects to position Townsville as an edu-tourism and marine studies location through the annual \$1.2 million IET Partnership Fund which supports projects that encourage investment in the IET sector
- ◆ Collaborative marketing with TIQ's local partners through the IET Partnership Plan which is expected to be released in July 2017

ACHACHA FRUIT PLANTATIONS



Photo: Courtesy of Achacha Fruit Plantations – Alan Ferrari

A North Queensland plantation has become the first in the world to export the exotic Achacha fruit on a large scale to the Hong Kong market. Achacha Fruit Plantations at Giru, made their first shipment in March 2017, after being introduced to an importer by a Queensland Government trade adviser.

The expansion into the Hong Kong market provides another milestone for the business, which already exports to the Middle East, United Kingdom and North America.



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.

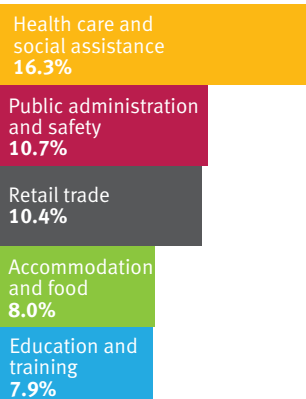
ecoBiz supports small and medium businesses to reduce their energy and water consumption, waste production and carbon footprint.

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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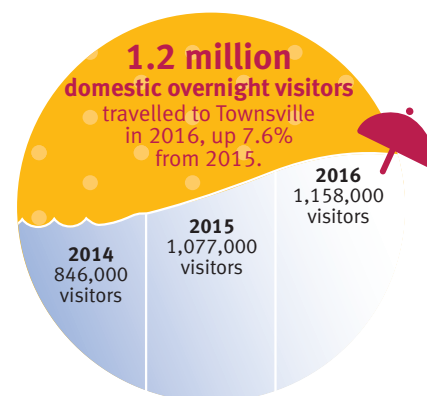
ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Largest employing industries¹



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

Domestic visitors



Source: Tourism Research Australia