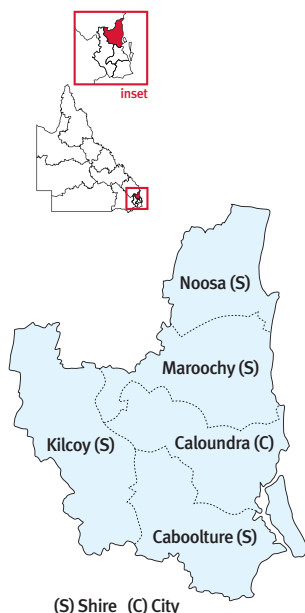


Regional Budget Statement

North Coast

State Budget 2006-07



The North Coast region includes Caloundra City and the shires of Caboolture, Kilcoy, Maroochy and Noosa.



The 2006-07 Budget re-affirms our Government's commitment to strengthening the Smart State's economy and investing in infrastructure and service delivery priorities.

This Regional Budget Statement outlines how we are meeting the needs of North Coast residents.

Through the Health Action Plan, we are committing \$9.7 billion in just over five years to build Australia's best health system.

To meet the needs of our growing population, we are investing in State-wide infrastructure, especially in rural Queensland where the Blueprint for the Bush will deliver health, water and transport facilities.

Ensuring the Smart State's future, Prep Year will begin in 2007 to give our children the best education.

We are also continuing our response to residents affected by Cyclone Larry and working towards a brighter future for all Queenslanders.

Peter Beattie MP
Premier of Queensland

State Budget highlights for the North Coast region in 2006-07 include:

- \$37.2 million to upgrade Maroochydore Road between the Bruce Highway and Martins Creek and \$31.06 million towards construction of the Caboolture Northern Bypass
- \$20.87 million for new and upgraded public housing and to purchase land for future construction
- \$15 million to acquire land on the Sunshine Coast and construction of a \$5.4 million integrated Primary Healthcare and Community Centre
- \$11.37 million to continue constructing the new Burpengary West State School, opening in 2007
- \$9.5 million over three years to construct a new police district headquarters in Caboolture
- \$3.6 million to establish a technology business accelerator at the University of the Sunshine Coast
- \$800,000 over two years to replace the police station at Woodford.

North Coast



ENERGEX Community Rescue has been undertaking rescue and medical missions throughout South East Queensland for over 20 years.

North Coast infrastructure

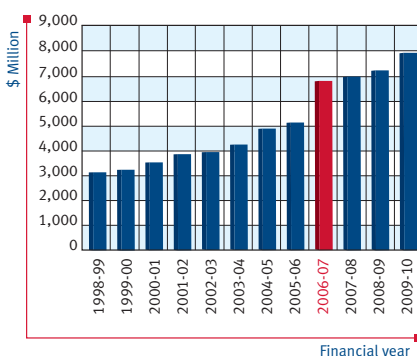
South East Queensland is the fastest growing region in Australia, with around 1,000 people moving to the region each week.

To meet the challenge of managing sustainable growth over the next 20 years, the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2006-2026* outlines the Government's expected \$66 billion investment in this region for road and public transport projects, social and community infrastructure and water and energy network infrastructure projects planned for the next two decades. Funding in 2006-07 for the North Coast region includes:

- \$33.7 million for sub-transmission upgrades on the Sunshine Coast by ENERGEX
- \$27.7 million, of a total cost of \$189 million, to finalise planning and design and begin construction of additional lanes and interchange upgrades to the Sunshine Motorway between Maroochydore Road and Pacific Paradise
- \$5 million to investigate, plan and acquire land for a rail service between Beerwah and Maroochydore
- \$550,000 for a planning study for the construction of a bus corridor and bus stations between Caloundra and Maroochydore, which has a total estimated cost of \$140 million.

Building a better health system

Queensland health budget
1998-99 to 2009-10



Source: Queensland Treasury

The Government is reforming the Queensland health system. The 2005 Action Plan marked a new start with the biggest single injection of funding in the State's history. In 2006-07, the health budget of \$6.65 billion represents a

24% increase over the 2005-06 Budget. Increased health expenditure within the North Coast region includes:

- \$3.73 million, from over \$60 million State-wide, toward the treatment and care of cancer patients
- \$1.58 million for the Caboolture Health Campus to integrate acute health care, primary care and other non-Government services
- \$1.45 million, from a State-wide commitment of \$39 million, for enhanced cardiac services
- \$907,000, from a State-wide commitment of \$18 million, to support community mental health services by employing additional specialist mental health staff.

As a result of funding increases for health services, the region will receive an increase of more than 165 staff and 35 beds in the Redcliffe-Caboolture and Sunshine Coast health service districts.

Covering 0.3% of the State, the North Coast region is home to 417,370 Queenslanders. Retail trade and property and business services make a significant contribution to the local economy. The North Coast region's natural beauty, world-class beaches and proximity to major urban centres also attract significant numbers of tourists every year.

As a Government, we recognise the valuable contribution of the North Coast to the Smart State's economy. With nearly 60% of the Government's 2006-07 capital expenditure allocated outside the Brisbane area, this Regional Budget Statement for the North Coast highlights the Government's commitment to the region and its people.

Improving health care and strengthening services to the community

We are committed to providing better hospitals, services and health care for all Queenslanders. Within the North Coast region, this commitment includes:

- \$15 million to start acquiring land on the Sunshine Coast and \$5.4 million to begin construction of an integrated Primary Healthcare and Community Centre
- \$4.75 million to begin the Caloundra Health Service expansion
- more than \$1 million to non-Government organisations for a range of community health services.

The North Coast region will also benefit from a range of State-wide commitments including:

- \$70 million for new health technology equipment
- \$69.3 million to meet the increasing cost of providing existing health services

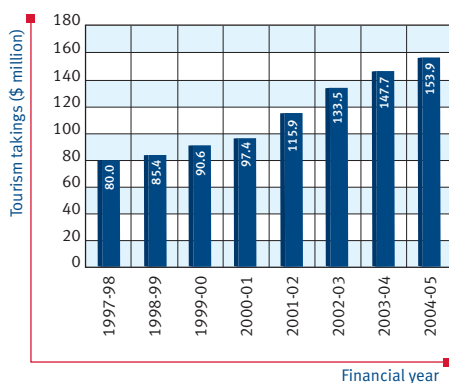
Noosa Triathlon



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Tourism

takings (\$ million), 1997-98 to 2004-05(a)



(a) Data based on Sunshine Coast Tourism Region

Source: ABS, Tourist Accommodation, Queensland (8635.3.40.001 and 8635.3)

- \$25.4 million in increased funding for workforce training and recruitment initiatives for medical, nursing and allied health staff
- \$12.3 million to improve access and meet growing demand for renal services.

Expenditure on new and upgraded emergency facilities and staffing includes:

- \$9 million as part of a \$35.3 million three-year commitment to recruit 144 new ambulance officers across Queensland
- seven new paramedics for the region, fulfilling the Government's \$35.9 million election commitment to recruit 240 extra paramedics statewide over three years
- \$450,000 of a total commitment of \$3.25 million over three years for a new fire station at Burpengary.

The Government is continuing its support for people with disabilities and their carers with a \$22.81 million commitment on the North Coast including:

- \$6.56 million for community organisations to support individuals with a disability and their families
- \$6.48 million to assist adults with a disability to maintain the living arrangements of their choice and participate in the community

- \$2.78 million to provide short term and limited respite support for families, carers and people with a disability.

In 2006-07, the Government continues its support for the services provided by community groups on the North Coast with funding of \$10.5 million. This includes: \$1.25 million toward domestic and family violence prevention; \$835,000 to establish a Youth Justice Service at Maroochydore; \$759,000 for early intervention and family support services; and \$409,000 for child care facilities and services.

We are providing ongoing housing and housing-related services to support low-income families and individuals on the North Coast in 2006-07, including:

- \$20.87 million for new and upgraded public housing and to purchase land for future construction
- \$4.32 million for community housing programs and services to address crisis, transitional and long-term housing needs
- \$2.57 million for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing rental program.

Realising the Smart State through education, skills and innovation

The Government continues to drive economic growth by utilising innovation and skills through its *Smart Queensland: Smart State Strategy 2005-2015*. In 2006-07, initiatives on the North Coast include:

- \$3.6 million to establish a technology business accelerator at the University of the Sunshine Coast
- \$150,000 State-wide to continue the Science on Saturday program to encourage children to understand the importance of science and take an interest in science as a possible future career.

We are committed to providing high-quality education facilities to support Queensland's growing population.

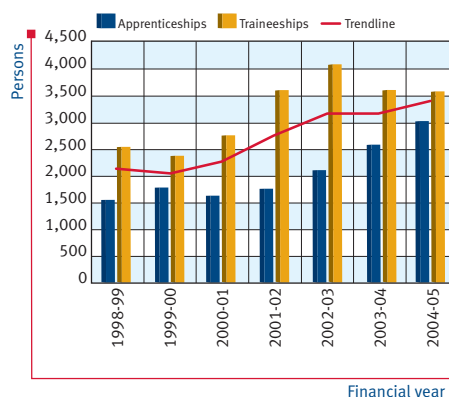
In 2006-07, \$26.5 million is allocated on the North Coast for school capital works including:

- \$11.37 million to continue constructing the new Burpengary West State School, opening in 2007
- \$5 million to continue planning of stage two construction at Meridan State College
- \$2.94 million investment in Chancellor State College including \$2 million towards the sports hall, \$500,000 to continue planning for the new performing arts area and \$440,000 to continue the fit-out of the manual arts area.

We are investing in training facilities across the North Coast region. Funding in 2006-07 will total \$2.94 million, including \$2.09 million to complete the development of the Brisbane North Institute of TAFE's Caboolture campus as a shared-use community campus with the Queensland University of Technology.

Participation in post secondary education, apprenticeships and traineeships

1998-99 to 2004-05



Source: DET, Apprenticeships and traineeships, (unpublished data)

Protecting our children and enhancing community safety

The Government continues to implement significant reforms to improve the child protection system. A record \$503.1 million, up almost 28% since last year, will be spent in 2006-07 to protect our children.

The region will benefit from a range of State-wide initiatives including:

- \$15.6 million to continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recognised Entities
- \$10 million for non-Government partners to deliver extra alternative care places for children in care with complex and extreme needs
- \$7.6 million for an extra 50 front-line staff and to attract and retain child protection staff in regional, rural and remote areas.



Get set for Prep

Preparatory Year will be available at all State schools from 2007 to help Queensland kids make a smooth transition to Year 1. Replacing preschool, it will lay the foundation for success at school by developing a positive approach to learning; independence and confidence; thinking, problem-solving and language skills; physical abilities; and early literacy and numeracy. To prepare for the intake of eager young students, the Queensland Government is undertaking one of the largest building programs in education history. Across the State, \$106 million will be spent on building and upgrading classrooms and other facilities, with 69 schools offering Prep Year in the North Coast region.

The Ex-HMAS Brisbane



Photography by Gary Cobb

One of Australia's greatest naval ships, Ex-HMAS Brisbane is now a popular Sunshine Coast diving attraction.

We are also investing in major funding initiatives to boost our police service, with the number of police officers across Queensland reaching 9,728 by September 2007 through the creation of an extra 350 police officer positions. This will more than meet the Government's commitment to maintain police numbers at or above the national average police-to-population ratio.

The Government is providing funding for services and infrastructure to enhance community safety on the North Coast. Key projects for 2006-07 include:

- \$9.5 million over three years to construct a new police district headquarters in Caboolture
- \$4.5 million over two years for a new police station at Sippy Downs
- \$800,000 over two years to replace the police station at Woodford.

Managing urban growth and building Queensland's regions

Efficient and integrated transport networks are essential for the ongoing development of regional Queensland. On the North Coast, major transport infrastructure initiatives include:

- \$77.26 million towards duplicating the Sunshine Motorway between Sippy Downs and Pacific Paradise, including the second Maroochy River Bridge
- \$37.2 million to upgrade Maroochy Road between the Bruce Highway and Martins Creek
- \$31.06 million towards construction of the Caboolture Northern Bypass
- \$16 million towards project design and land purchases to construct a second rail track from Caboolture to Beerburum.

The Government continues to ensure a reliable energy supply through its investment in the electricity network in 2006-07, including a total of \$93.3 million in capital works with upgrades by ENERGEX at West Maroochy and Sunrise Hill substations.

Local industry will benefit from 2006-07 State Budget funding including:

- \$27 million to develop industrial land in the Caloundra West area
- \$20.2 million to develop existing land holdings at Coolum
- \$4.92 million to develop industrial lots within the Yandina Industrial Estate
- \$4.2 million to develop the former Boral Hardwoods sawmill site near Cooroy.

The Government is also managing the State's water resources and ensuring a continuing water supply through a range of initiatives including:

- \$69 million for land acquisitions for new water infrastructure, including two new dams located on the Logan and Mary Rivers
- \$12.83 million State-wide as part of the Water Reform — Continuity of Supply initiative
- \$1.22 million to complete the North Pine Dam to Narangba Trunk Water Main.

Queenslanders enjoy a lifestyle with a high level of community participation in a range of sporting activities. In the North Coast region, \$4.7 million is allocated to projects including: \$1.4 million to construct an aquatic facility at Eumundi; \$905,000 to construct an aquatic centre at Kilcoy; and \$900,000 to construct an indoor multi-sport facility at Sippy Downs.

Protecting the environment for a sustainable future

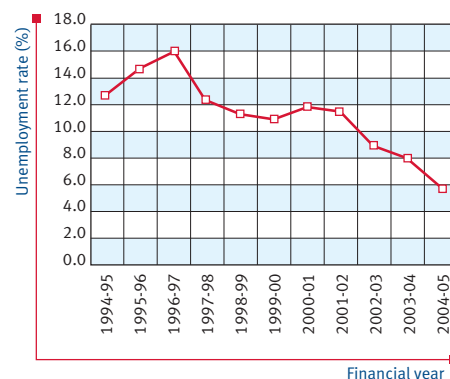
The natural and cultural heritage on the North Coast is valued by all Queenslanders. To reflect this, we are committing:

- \$12.8 million State-wide to complete the implementation of the new vegetation management framework
- \$574,000 to enhance national and conservation parks in the region, including the Sunshine Coast Hinterland visitor information centre and roads in the Bribie Island National Park.

Growing a diverse economy and creating jobs

Launched in March 2006, the \$1 billion *Queensland Skills Plan* is the Government's strategy for responding to skills shortages across Queensland. This strategy aims to ensure the vocational education and training sector meets the skills challenges

Unemployment rate^a 1994-95 to 2004-05



Source: DEWR - Small Area Labour Markets. (QRSIS database maintained by the Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR))

(a) unsmoothed data series

facing the North Coast region. In 2006-07, the plan will deliver:

- \$871,000 for new trade apprenticeships as part of a \$5.62 million plan to provide 1,660 extra training places in the region by 2010
- \$974,000 for new Certificate IV and above training places as part of a \$6.82 million plan to provide 1,280 additional training places in the region by 2010
- a new Skilling Solutions Queensland centre in Caboolture to provide face-to-face advice to Queenslanders on training and career opportunities.

Other Government initiatives to create and protect jobs in the region include:

- \$6 million State-wide for the 14 Regional Tourism Offices and six Convention Bureaus to promote Queensland's tourism industry, with an extra \$1 million for destination marketing and development
- \$3.72 million to ensure the sustainability of Queensland's fisheries resources and to undertake research and work closely with the wild and aquaculture fisheries industries.

Delivering responsive government

The Government's continuing commitment to restore public trust and accountability in the Queensland public health system includes \$7.7 million to establish a new Health Quality and Complaints Commission.

Through initiatives such as regular Ministerial Regional Community Forums and Community Cabinets, the Queensland Government engages with local communities, businesses and other government agencies to ensure better co-ordination of services and to respond to local needs.

Budget Highlights 2006-07

Budget summary

Stronger economic growth maintains low unemployment

- Queensland's economic growth is forecast to strengthen to 4¼% in 2006-07 and exceed growth in the rest of Australia for the 11th consecutive year.
- Employment growth is expected to exceed the rest of Australia in 2005-06 and 2006-07 at 3% and 2½% respectively.
- As a result, Queensland's year-average unemployment rate is forecast to remain at 5% – around the 30-year low, and slightly below the national rate (5¼%).

Strong finances

- The expected 2005-06 operating result of \$2.853 billion reflects the strength of the economy and investment markets.
- A General Government operating surplus of \$245 million is forecast in 2006-07.
- Moderating surpluses reflect significant capital investment, implementation of the Health Action Plan and commitments in other key service delivery areas, and the impact of a range of State tax abolition and relief measures.
- The State's net worth is budgeted to grow from around \$96 billion at 30 June 2006 to over \$107 billion by 30 June 2010.

Competitive taxes

- Queensland maintains its tax competitiveness, with Queenslanders to pay an average of 15% less State tax than taxpayers in other states and territories in 2006-07.
- Queensland's competitiveness has been enhanced through a range of tax measures in the 2006-07 Budget.

Delivering on our priorities

Improving health care and strengthening services to the community

- As part of the Queensland Government's commitment to the Health Action Plan, an investment of almost \$6.4 billion in just over five years was announced in 2005 to relieve pressure on health services delivered across the State. Through the 2006-07 State Budget, funding for Queensland Health will grow by \$9.7 billion over the five years.
- Increased recurrent funding of \$128 million and \$6 million in capital funding will be invested over four years to enhance disability services in Queensland.
- More than \$21 million is committed over the next three years to help fight obesity.

Protecting our children and enhancing community safety

- Additional funding of \$133.2 million will be invested over four years to enhance child protection services, including \$28.1 million in 2006-07.
- The Government is providing funding for an additional 350 sworn police officers across the State by September 2007, bringing the total number of sworn officers to 9,728 and meeting the Government's commitment to maintain police numbers at or above the national average police-to-population ratio.
- An additional \$35.3 million is provided over three years to recruit 144 additional ambulance officers and \$12.4 million over four years to improve ambulance call response times at communication centres.

Realising the Smart State through education, skills and innovation

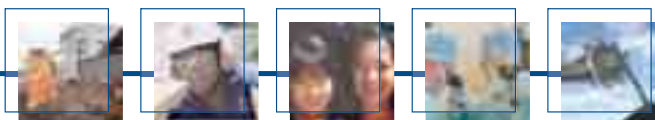
- A record \$1 billion will be invested over five years in Queensland's education system, directed at planning, modernising and refurbishing school facilities across the State.
- The \$1 billion *Queensland Skills Plan* sets out initiatives to transform and modernise the State's vocational education and training system.
- Further funding of \$11.8 million is allocated over three years to develop a joint animal research facility with The University of Queensland.

Protecting the environment for a sustainable future

- As part of the Blueprint for the Bush, additional funding of \$11 million over three years is provided to improve the management of high-risk weeds and pest animals across Queensland.
- Additional funding of \$20 million is provided in 2006-07 to acquire properties within South East Queensland to increase green space. The land will be added to the protected estate.

Managing urban growth and building Queensland's regions

- Estimated capital spending is more than \$10 billion in 2006-07, an increase of 23% on estimated actual 2005-06 outlays. Almost 60% of this will be spent outside the Brisbane area. This spending will support around 73,700 full-time jobs in Queensland.
- More than \$150 million is provided for additional initiatives across rural and regional Queensland over the next four years as part of Blueprint for the Bush.



Government services in your region

Maleny

QGAP Office

38A Coral Street
Maleny QLD 4552
Telephone 5494 3537
Facsimile 5494 3506
Opening hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday –
9am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 4pm

Caboolture

State Development Centre

Level 4, 33 King Street
Caboolture QLD 4510
Telephone 5431 2540
Facsimile 5495 7456
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Maroochydore

Department of Communities –

Level 2, Platinum
18 Duport Avenue
Maroochydore QLD 4558
Telephone 5459 8600
Facsimile 5459 8612
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Mooloolaba

State Development Centre

Level 2, 12 Innovation Parkway
Birtinya QLD 4575
Telephone 5437 1300
Facsimile 5437 1320
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Nambour

Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation – Women's Infolink

91-95 Howard Street
Nambour QLD 4560
Telephone 5470 8774
Toll free 1800 177 577
Facsimile 5441 6544
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 9am to 5pm

Nambour

Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water

Centenary Square
52-64 Currie Street
Nambour QLD 4560
Telephone 5451 2215
Facsimile 5451 2260
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm

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Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

91-95 Howard Street
Nambour QLD 4560
Telephone 5430 4911
Facsimile 5430 4994
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Office of Urban Management

Level 4, 61 Mary Street
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Toll free 1800 021 818
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