

VISIT BASE PACK

Longreach Regional Council (LRC) – Gregory electorate

Building our Regions / Works for Queensland projects				
Building our Regions	Jobs	Funding		
	20.8	\$2.9M		
<u>Works for Queensland</u> <u>Completed projects, include:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 repair to the Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre and Centre extension • \$170,000 Scenic Walkway Project <u>Current projects, include:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$870,000 Isisford Water Mains Replacement Stage 2 • \$270,000 Isisford Weir Pump and Water Treatment Plant and electrical upgrade • \$250,000 Longreach Water Mains replacement • \$155,000 Longreach Sewer Pump Station upgrade • \$100,000 Ilfracombe Water Treatment Plant • \$40,000 new ablution block at Longreach Airport 	Since 2016, LRC has received \$5.85M for 37 projects, supporting 469 jobs. 31 projects are complete.			
	Funding round	No of projects	Act Jobs	Funding
	2016-17	8	103.0	\$1.22M
	2017-19	8	149.0	\$1.20M
	2019-21	11	148.0	\$1.19M
	2020-21	8	53.0	\$1.12M
	COVID Rnd			
	2021-24	2	16.0	\$1.12M
	Total	37	469.0	\$5.85M
Major Roads/Transport				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$9.5M to fully seal the Cramsie-Muttaborra Road – delivering a fully sealed link between Longreach and Muttaborra for the first time. Expected to be complete by mid-2022. 				
Education				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five schools in the Longreach Regional Council area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 have had almost \$2M of major infrastructure work ○ \$3.7M worth of works planned/underway at 3 schools ○ all schools have air conditioning and solar panels 				
Health				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2017, over \$33.5M has been expended on major infrastructure work completed within Central West HHS, including \$1.77M for the Longreach Hospital generator and switchboard replacement delivered in November 2021 • Central West HHS also has 10 projects worth over \$24.0M in the delivery phase, including 3 projects in the Longreach Regional Council Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Longreach Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$4.8M – structural, electrical and mechanical services rectification due for completion by July 2022, creating 14 jobs ▪ \$0.59M – water tank relocation and water treatment, due for completion by June 2022, creating 2 jobs ○ Longreach Clinical Sterilisation Department - \$1.55M rectification work – due for completion by June 2022, creating 5 jobs. 				

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LOCAL BRIEFS

6. Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre

7. Cluster Fencing in Western Queensland

8. Drought Status – Longreach Regional Council area

- Longreach has been fully drought declared since 2014 and remains so despite recent significant rain
- 44.9 per cent of Queensland is drought declared

9. Former Longreach Agricultural Training College – future use

10. QANTAS Founders Museum

11. Remote Area Planning & Development Board (RAPAD)

REGIONAL BRIEFS

12. COVID-19 – Economic Recovery

- \$199,477 in grants paid to small businesses
- \$5.85M for 37 Works for Qld projects supporting 469 jobs with 31 projects completed

13. COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

- Longreach Regional Council projects supported include:
 - Super Constellation Interior Construction and Display Area
 - 5-star Eco lodges
 - Outback Rail Adventure

14. Health Overview – Central West Hospital and Health Service

- \$1.77M for the Longreach Hospital generator and switchboard replacements – delivered in November 2021
- Planned \$0.35M project at Longreach Hospital to establish renal dialysis treatment spaces, project construction expected to begin September 2022 and be finalised in May 2023.

15. Housing

- By 30 June 2025 construction of 98 new social homes will commence. Planned investment is \$45.3M, supporting more than 141 jobs

16. Natural Disaster Support and Preparedness

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17. Policing and Youth Crime – Capricornia Police District

- 16% increase in offences
 - 47% decrease in the number of proven offences
 - 29% decrease in number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders
- * small number involved exaggerate the percentage difference*

18. Queensland Electric Super Highway (QESH) Phase 3

19. Major Road Upgrades – Longreach

- Over \$9.5M to fully seal Cramsie-Muttaburra Road, delivering a fully sealed link between Longreach and Muttaburra for the first time

20. Schools Overview

- Five schools in the Longreach Regional Council area
 - 3 have had almost \$2M of major infrastructure work
 - Investing a further \$3.7M worth of works in 3 schools
 - all schools have air conditioning and solar panels

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REGION PROFILE	OUTBACK QUEENSLAND
ELECTORATE	SITTING MEMBER
Cook	Ms Cynthia Lui (ALP)
Gregory	Mr Lachlan Millar (LNP)
Traeger	Mr Robbie Katter (KAP)
Warrego	Ms Ann Leahy (LNP)

Queensland Government FTEs		2021	2015
Doctors	Cairns & Hinterland HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	695.27	450.65
Nurses		2562.25	1,960.71
Other health professionals		797.78	500.77
Doctors	Central West HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	21.21	16.10
Nurses		149.65	144.39
Other health professionals		33.26	18.60
Doctors	North West HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	68.31	47.00
Nurses		349.68	282.37
Other health professionals		63.90	44.57
Doctors	South West HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	29.10	22.83
Nurses		368.77	309.21
Other health professionals		79.68	56.30
Doctors	Townsville HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	742.48	595.70
Nurses		2415.53	2,160.14
Other health professionals		802.63	581.02
Ambulance officers	<i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data</i>	90.30	73.89
Police officers		307.09	292.09
Fire officers		45.80	22.00
Teachers		738.40	662.61
Teacher aides		202.81	213.42

Employment – annual rate change	2022 (Mar)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	3.8%	1.6%
Queensland – Outback employment (SA4)	-3.1%	10.1%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.0%	6.5%
Queensland - Outback unemployment (SA4)	9.7%	5.5%
Queensland youth unemployment	10.2%	14.1%
Queensland - Outback youth unemployment (SA4)	35.4%	17.7%

Employment by industry (2016 census)	Number	Percent
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3,501	15.1%
Mining	3,325	14.3%
Public administration and safety	2,379	10.2%
Health care and social assistance	2,243	9.6%
Education and training	1,918	8.3%

	Queensland	OQ Region
Median age (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	35.3 years
Population (estimated as at 30 June 2021)	5,221,233	47,591
Crime rate (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	25,472

Tourism (Dec 2021)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Outback	933,000	\$596.2M
International tourism	Queensland	not published	not published

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2021-22	Outback Queensland
Infrastructure	\$770M
<u>Community wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social housing 	
<u>Utilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenore Weir Stabilisation Fred Haigh pump station electro-mechanical overhaul Mount Isa City Council supply – diesel backup for portable water system 	
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aramac – Torrens Creek Road, pave and seal Cloncurry – Dajarra Road, widen and seal Flinders Highway (Julia Creek – Cloncurry), Scrubby Creek Kennedy Developmental Road (The Lynd – Hughenden), progressive sealing Mount Isa to Rockhampton corridor upgrade – funding commitment 	
<u>Government services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eromanga Natural History Museum Paroo Civic, Community and Enterprise Centre Project Unmanned Aerial Systems flight test range 	
<u>Recreation and culture</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Henry Memorial Oval Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program Mount Isa Family Fun Precinct Redevelopment – Stage 2 Outback Rail Adventure 	

Budget 2021-22	Outback Queensland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Globe Tourist Lookout – Barcaldine • The Fringe Camp – Barcaldine • Mornington Shire Civic Centre Project • Carpentaria Tyre Recycling Project • Talaroo Hot Springs tours and accommodation • Gallipoli Park upgrade 	
Health	\$467.3M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cunnamulla Hospital - decommission operating theatre and provide single ward rooms • Windorah Primary Health Care Centre – replacement of existing facility • Hughenden Hospital – electrical infrastructure upgrades • Mornington Island Hospital – staff accommodation and replacement air conditioning • Normanton Hospital – hydraulics upgrade • Aramac Primary Health Care Centre • Longreach Hospital – improve facilities • Barcaldine Hospital – improve facilities • Augathella Multi-purpose Health Service – fire system upgrade 	
Education	\$16.6M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloncurry State School – upgrade skills development and training facilities • Sunset State School – upgrade to amenities block • Longreach State High School – upgrade skills development and training facilities • Spinifex State College – Mount Isa – senior campus 	
Total jobs supported in this region	2,800

	Jobs	Funding
Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (3 May 2022)		
Outback Queensland region	283.1	\$51.04M
Works for Queensland (Summary) – Outback Queensland region (30 Apr 2022)		
2019-21 Rnd	1,132.0	\$27.80M
2020-21 Covid Rnd	675.0	\$26.33M
2021-24 Rnd	178.0	\$27.03M
Back to Work (Total across all programs)		Employers
<u>Initial</u> Back to work (closed 30 Jun 2021)	320	767
<u>Revitalised</u> Back to Work (30 Apr 2022)	11	16
Skilling Queenslanders for Work (30 Apr 2022)		Jobs
Total Projects	414	\$8.05M

Local Government	Mayor
Barcaldine Regional Council	Cr Sean Dillon
Barcoo Shire Council	Cr Sally O'Neil
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Cr Andrew Martin
Boulia Shire Council	Cr Rick Britton
Bulloo Shire Council	Cr John Ferguson
Burke Shire Council	Cr Ernie Camp
Carpentaria Shire Council	Cr Jack Bawden
Cloncurry Shire Council	Cr Greg Campbell
Croydon Shire Council	Cr Trevor Pickering
Diamantina Shire Council	Cr Robbie Dare
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Jason Ned
Etheridge Shire Council	Cr Barry Hughes
Flinders Shire Council	Cr Jane McNamara
Longreach Regional Council	Cr Tony Rayner
McKinlay Shire Council	Cr Philip Curr
Mornington Shire Council	Cr Kyle Yanner
Mount Isa City Council	Cr Danielle Slade
Murweh Shire Council	Cr Shaun Radnedge
Paroo Shire Council	Cr Suzette Beresford
Quilpie Shire Council	Cr Stuart Mackenzie
Richmond Shire Council	Cr John Wharton
Winton Shire Council	Cr Gavin Baskett

PREVIOUS VISITS

Since 2015, the Government has:

- held off-site Cabinet meetings, with receptions, in Longreach and Mt Isa (24 off-site Cabinet meetings have been held across the state, of which 7 included a reception)

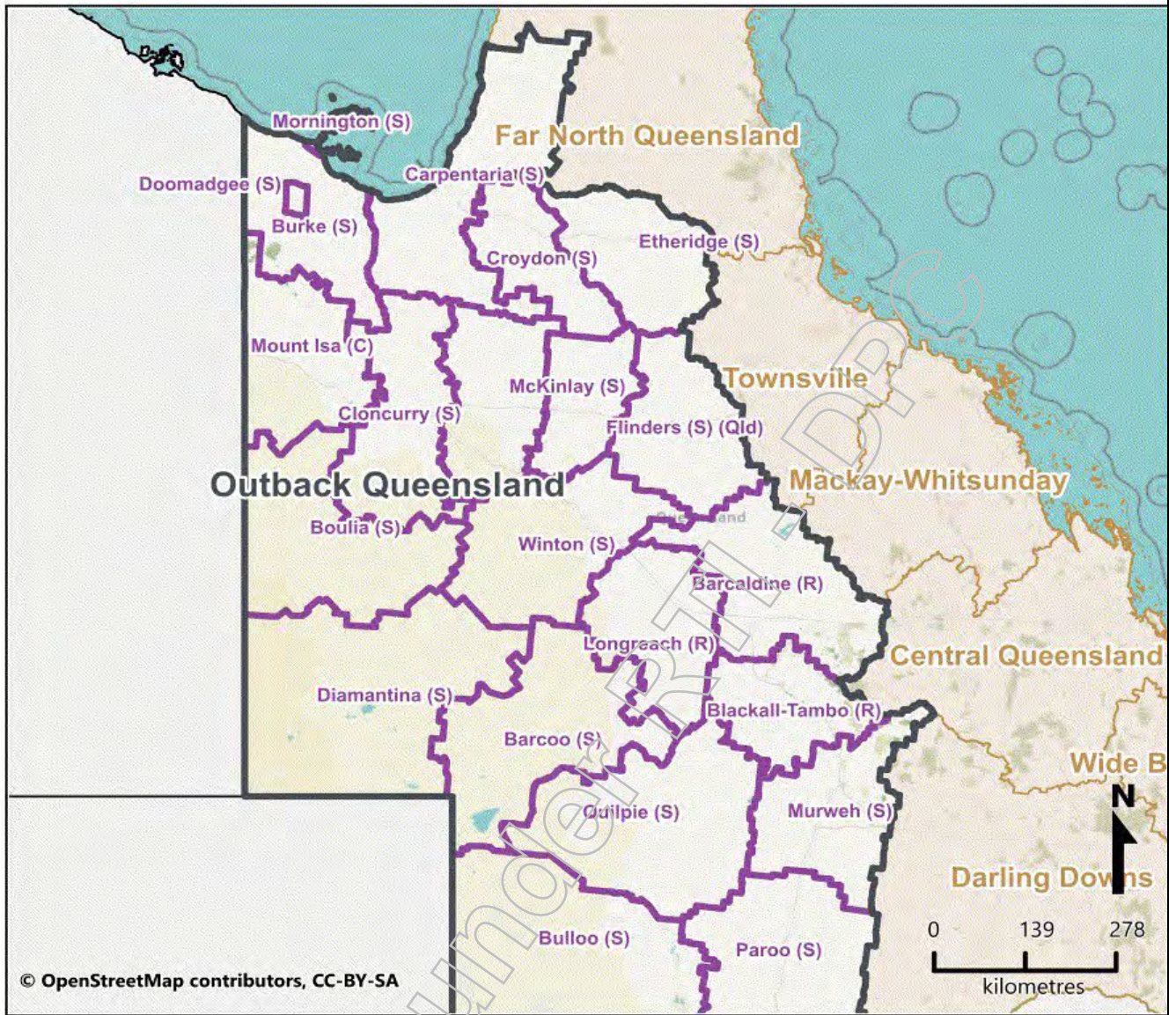
DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
2 – 4 May 2021	Barcaldine / Longreach	<p>Regional Visit and Off-site Cabinet meeting</p> <p>Barcaldine – attended Labour Day march and activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Australian Workers Heritage Centre extension <p>Longreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off site Cabinet meeting at Qantas Founder Museum host Qld Government Community Reception at Australian Stockmans Hall of Fame & Outback Heritage Centre visit Longreach saleyards visit ABC Western Qld

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend Thomson River sunset cruise and Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show. Western Queensland
23 – 24 June 2020	Longreach / Barcaldine	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meeting and media conference, Outback Tourism Support Package meeting with RAPAD Mayors, Economic Recovery meeting Stockman's Hall of Fame, Outback Tourism Support package visit Longreach Library, Works for Queensland program meet with Editor, The Longreach Leader visit QANTAS Founders Museum dinner meeting with local councillors and QANTAS representative meeting and media conference, Grants for Cluster Fencing visit Works for Queensland projects = Barcaldine Recreation Park and Oak Street upgrades teleconference with Cabinet ministers, local government mayors, and Chief Health Officer re coronavirus lunch meeting with Mayor Barcaldine Regional Council and other council representatives visit Australian Workers Heritage Centre, Outback Tourism visit Tree of Knowledge, Outback Tourism
18-19 November 2019	Mount Isa	Off-site Cabinet meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit Mt Isa Train Station meet with local MP and representative from Mona Horsemanship Program host Qld Government Community Reception attend North West Mineral Province Summit
20 February 2019	Julia Creek	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> morning tea with Queensland Country Women's Association members meet with Mayors of McKinlay and Richmond shire councils inspect flood damage
7 February 2019	Cloncurry	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meet with Mayor and councillors, Cloncurry Shire Council inspect flood damage
10 October 2018	Blackall	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit saleyards inspect Wild Cluster Dog Fencing meet with Mayor, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and Country Women's Association Blackall branch members
20 April 2018	Winton	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend opening of Waltzing Matilda Centre

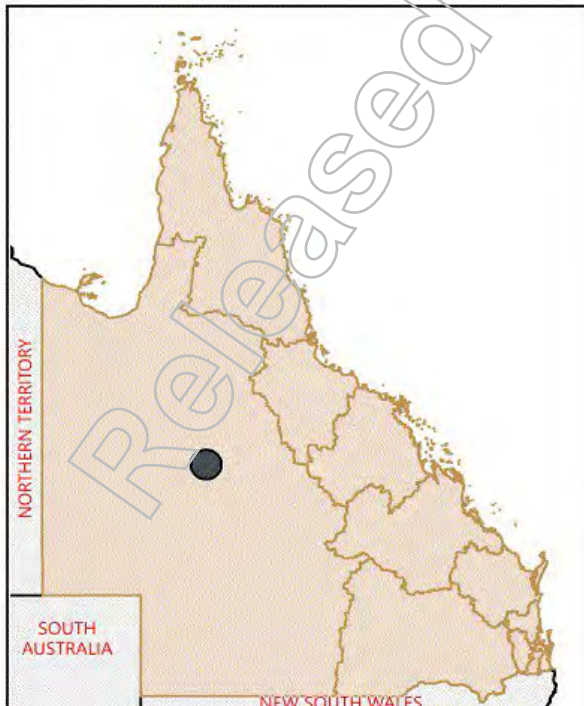
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attend Waltzing Matilda Luncheon • attend Winton Way Out West Festival
24 January 2018	Longreach, Ilfracombe	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with Mayor of Longreach Regional Council (LRC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Longreach Weir – visit Ilfracombe Bore and Dam – visit Wellshot Hotel
11 August 2017	Mount Isa	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attend Mount Isa Mines Rotary Rodeo official opening ceremony with state and federal members of parliament, US Consul-General and President of Mount Isa Mines Rodeo Organising Committee • helipad sod turn and site tour of Children and Maternity Wards of Mount Isa hospital • visit the Desert Border Aboriginal Art Exhibition • attend community afternoon tea • attend Mount Isa Mines Rotary Rodeo • attend Thoroughbred Day event
16 January 2017	Longreach	Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet with Mayor and councillors, LRC • inspect Wild Dog Fence Construction Site • meet with Advance Queensland Community Digital Champion, Mayor LRC and Outback Queensland regional tourism operators
30 April – 2 May 2016	Barcaldine	Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with Executive Chair, Eromanga Natural History Museum and Mayor, Quilpie Shire Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – view Knotosaurus art installation and participate in sod turning of the new park – visit Eromanga Natural History Museum and view new facility for tourists • with Mayor, Barcaldine Regional Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend the Tree of Knowledge Cup horse races – attend Barcaldine goat races • attend Australian Workers' Union dinner to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Shearers' Strike with former Prime Minister the Hon Bob Hawke AC • visit the Australian Workers' Heritage Centre • visit Dunblane Station • attend the Shearers Stands Memorial unveiling • attend the dedication ceremony for "Mr Kevin O'Leary – A True Believer" • attend Under the Tree meet and greet

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend the 125th anniversary dinner of the 1891 Shearers' Strike attend the shearers' re-enactment, "The Torchlight March" 125 years official ceremony attend the Labor Day march
21-22 March 2016	Mount Isa	<p>Working Queensland Cabinet Committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community meet and greet with Member for Mt Isa visit Laura Johnson Home
21-22 January 2016	Windorah, Longreach	<p>Regional visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit Rotherfield Station meet with Mayor and councillors, LRC meet with Mayor and Councillors, Barcoo Shire Council meet with Windorah business owners
7-8 August 2015	Mount Isa	<p>Regional visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meet with Mayor, Mount Isa City Council and Mr Robbie Katter MP, Member for Mount Isa meet with Gulf Savannah Development Inc with regional mayors and local member meet with local Department of Communities staff meet with CEO Glencore-Mount Isa Mines along with local mayor and local MP open and attend Mount Isa Mines Rotary Rodeo events meet with Tennant Creek Mount Isa Alliance representatives
26 -27 May 2015	Winton	<p>Regional visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meet with the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Board hold Regional Mayors roundtable meeting attend Outback Tourism Brand Launch
21-22 April 2015	Charleville, Longreach and Murweh	<p>Regional visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meet with Wallal Station, Arundal Station and Dunblane Station owners regarding drought and agricultural related issues meet with Mayors Murweh and Paroo shire councils meet with Mayor, Murweh Shire Council to announce construction of Angellala Creek bridge visit local Charleville and District Healthy Ageing Program visit Charleville State High School meet with teachers and students from the School of Distance Education meet with Deputy Mayor, Barcaldine Regional Council attend community event regarding 125 year anniversary of the shearers strike

MAP – Outback Queensland region



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LEGEND

-  Selected RAP
-  Component LGAs
-  Neighbouring RAPs

Map features

-  City/Town
-  Main road
-  Railway
-  Park
-  Waterway

Achievements – Western Queensland

HEALTH

- **\$7.9M** - Longreach Hospital's medical imaging and mechanical services upgrade, included a new medical imaging unit for new CT scanner equipment, a new maternity unit and a new day surgery unit and upgrades to the emergency department, nurse call, medical gas and air-conditioning systems, completed November 2018.
- **\$20.1M** – Blackall Hospital Redevelopment – generated 60 jobs during construction, construction of the new Blackall Hospital and General Practice to support the delivery of contemporary, flexible models of care, completed 20 October 2020, officially opened 20 November 2020.
- **\$7.43M** – Boulia Refurbishment and Mechanical upgrade – generated 21 jobs during construction, completed 6 July 2020.
- **\$4.2M** – Aramac Primary Healthcare Centre – generated 13 jobs during construction, replaced the Aramac Hospital with a Primary Healthcare Centre, completed 14 March 2018.
- **\$1.8M** – Longreach Hospital – replacement of generator and switchboard, completed 12 November 2021, generated 5 jobs during construction.
- **\$0.8M** – Barcaldine Hospital – replace and refurbish the water treatment plant and equipment at the multi-purpose health service. Generated 2 jobs during construction and was completed on 30 March 2021.
- **\$0.6M** – Longreach Hospital – install new water tanks and install a water treatment plant. Generated 2 jobs during construction and was completed on 30 March 2021.
- **\$0.4M** – Barcaldine Hospital – replace fire indication panel and emergency warning and intercom system that services the hospital, staff accommodation and private practice. Generated one job during construction and completed on 28 March 2019.

EDUCATION / TAFE

- **\$661,507** – Alpha State School includes covered learning area, completed in 2017; replacement of amenities on the oval and Block B external stairs – both completed by June 2018

- **\$393,306** – Barcaldine Prep-12 State School – refurbish special education rooms, completed 2020
- **\$20,293** – Jericho State School – disability access upgrade, completed November 2021
- **\$318,102** – Ilfracombe State School - replace amenities, completed 2018
- **\$1.22M** – Longreach State High School – includes refurbishment of science rooms, completed 2019, and learning centre (library), completed June 2019
- **\$457,354** – Longreach State School – replace the amenities block, completed August 2021

ROADS

- **\$416.2M** of transport and roads infrastructure investment in the **Central West** district, including:
 - **\$15.487M** Barcaldine – Aramac Road – rehabilitate and widen pavement – about 20km of the Barcaldine-Aramac Road has been gradually widened to improve travelling conditions – completed in three stages:
 - \$5.5M (fully funded QG) Pavement Rehabilitation Project widened about 6.5km of the road 42km north of Barcaldine - started in January 2021, completed in November 2021.
 - \$4.572M (80 AG : 20 QG) rehabilitate and widen – widening 6.4km of the road 36km north of Barcaldine – started in February 2021, completed June 2021; and
 - \$5.25M (80 AG : 20 QG) widen and rehabilitate – almost 7km of the road about 30 km north of Barcaldine – started in September 2021, completed in December 2021.
 - **\$3.01M** (80 AG : 20 QG) Clermont – Alpha Road, progressive sealing – almost 5km of Clermont – Alpha Road has been sealed to a width of 8m, improving safety, efficiency and wet weather access for all road users – construction started November 2020 and was completed in August 2021.
 - Clermont – Alpha Road, 2018–19 pave and seal (Package 2), completed in 2019 (jointly funded by the Federal and State governments)

- Landsborough Highway (Blackall – Barcaldine), Barcaldine south rehabilitation and widening, completed in 2018 (jointly funded by the Federal and State governments)
- Landsborough Highway (Longreach – Winton), Dingo Creek to Darr River, completed in 2020 (jointly funded by the Federal and State governments).
- \$4.5M Birdsville Developmental Road (Morney-Birdsville), pave and seal (\$3.6M AG; \$900,000 QG) – completed November 2021
- \$4M Blackall-Jericho Road, pave and seal - Stage 2 (\$3.2M AG; \$800,000 QG) completed March 2022
- \$6M Landsborough Highway (Winton – Kynuna) (Section 2) – (\$4.8M AG; \$1.2M QG) - completed December 2021
- \$5.39M Richmond-Winton Road (\$4.312M AG; \$1.078M QG) – completed September 2021

TOURISM

- \$3M - In 2018, the QANTAS Foundation Memorial Trust was funded for a Light and Sound Show to tell the history of Qantas and Outback Queensland (Luminescent Longreach). The project was completed in November 2020.
- \$2.2M – Australian Worker's Heritage Centre Grant – for an extension to the centre with a new entrance building and facilities including a café/restaurant, retail and a children's activity area. Opened on 2 May 2021.
- \$10M Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund projects:
 - \$871,317 in the Barcaldine Regional Council area
 - \$471,217 – Freedom Parks in Aramac, Jericho and Muttaburra
 - \$400,000 – Murra Kumbee Yambangku – Hands Sharing On Country Together
 - \$1.846M in the Longreach Regional Council area
 - \$336,000 – Super Constellation Interior Construction and Display Area
 - \$510,000 – 5-star Eco lodges
 - \$1M – Outback Rail Adventure

WORKS FOR QLD

- Summary of funding for projects within the Outback Queensland region

Funding round	Outback Queensland Region
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	No of projects	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	142	\$27.96M
WFQ 2017-19	132	\$27.63M
WFQ 2019-21	109	\$27.80M
2020-21 COVID-19	122	\$26.33M
WFQ 2021-24	90	\$27.03M
Total	595	\$136.75M

Funding round	Barcaldine Regional Council		
	No of projects	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	7	61.0	\$1.15M
WFQ 2017-19	6	52.0	\$1.13M
WFQ 2019-21	7	27.0	\$1.14M
2020-21 COVID-19	4	16.0	\$1.11M
WFQ 2021-24	12	17.0	\$1.12M
Total	36	173.0	\$5.65M

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Election Commitments – Western Queensland

2020 Election Commitments

- The implementation status of 19 commitments, within Western Queensland, as at 31 March 2022, is:

Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also delivered in other regions
ROADS			
Traeger Gregory	\$9.994 million for routine maintenance of the Kennedy Developmental Road between Hughenden and Winton	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
EDUCATION			
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	\$12 million over four years to expand the remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools at least 40km from the nearest approved Kindergarten Program Provider*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Gregory	\$500,000 to replace the existing amenities block at Longreach State School		
Gregory	\$2.6M for an automotive training facility kitted with necessary equipment to deliver both practical and theoretical learning at Longreach State High School		
HEALTH			
Gregory Traeger	\$27.8M for 33 renal dialysis treatment spaces in regional Queensland at Proserpine, Clermont, Charters Towers, Ingham and Longreach hospitals, and at the Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service and Kowanyama Primary Health Care Centre	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓

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Cook Gregory Traeger	Work with the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and other stakeholders to design and implement a trial of pharmacists practising to their full scope in North Queensland*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	\$490,000 over four years to extend the HIV self-testing project for people living in regional Queensland		✓
COMMUNITY and RECREATION			
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	COUNTRY RACING \$35.2 million for Country Racing over 2 years from July 2021 to June 2023 which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$15 million per year for prize money - \$2.6 million per year for maintenance of racetracks 	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	Establish a new ten year partnership agreement with the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) and a \$20 million capital grant to the RFDS towards a new base and hangar in Townsville		✓
Gregory	Determine the future of the Longreach Agricultural Training College in consultation with the Remote Area Planning and Development Board Mayors.		✓
Cook Gregory Traeger	Review the final Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report on insurance in northern Australia, and consult with northern Queensland businesses and the community on an appropriate response		✓
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also delivered in other regions
ENVIRONMENT			
Gregory Traeger Warrego	Establish a Lake Eyre Basin (Qld) Stakeholder Advisory Group including Traditional Owners, industry bodies, environment groups, local government, scientific experts and government departments to inform the development of a consultation Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed Lake Eyre Basin Framework*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Gregory Traeger Warrego	Following the establishment of the Lake Eyre Basin (Qld) Stakeholder Advisory Group, release the Independent Expert Scientific Panel report and CSIRO's Assessment of scientific knowledge of shale gas and shale oil potential impacts report		
FUNDING			
Cook Gregory Traeger	Conduct a review of funding arrangements for Indigenous Councils including the State Government Financial Aid rate of funding and the Revenue Replacement Program and Indigenous Economic Development Grant	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
TOURISM / INDUSTRY			
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	REBUILDING QUEENSLAND TOURISM \$15 million for a Regional Tourism Organisation Recovery fund to provide a special one-off funding injection to regional tourism organisations		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also delivered in other regions
AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT			
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	Identify Queensland agricultural seasonal workforce needs and immediately implement local solutions that connect agribusinesses with relevant and appropriate workforce solutions	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND			
Cook Gregory Traeger Warrego	Keeping Queensland Working \$400 million over six years to continue Works for Queensland in 65 council areas with each eligible regional council to receive two rounds of \$1 million, with the rest of the money to be allocated according to population and unemployment	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓

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Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

Building our Regions – Western Queensland region

- As at 3 May 2022, under Rounds 1-5, the Western Queensland region received **\$12.9M** for **24** projects with a total project cost of \$24.8M. Nineteen of the projects are complete.
- Applications for Round 6 Planning projects have closed. Announcements are expected mid-2022.
- Shortlisted construction project applications close 17 May 2022.
- Funding received by the regional councils (RC) and shire councils (SC) in the region, which all fall in the electorate of Gregory, include:

Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5)		
(3 May 2022)	Jobs	Funding
Barcaldine RC (BRC)	14.5	\$3.010M
Barcoo SC (Barcoo)	5.5	\$499,000
Blackall-Tambo RC (BTRC)	9.6	\$1.857M
Boulia SC (Boulia)	9.0	\$2.429M
Diamantina SC (DSC)	8.8	\$1.690M
Longreach RC (LRC)	20.8	\$2.942M
Winton SC (WSC)	9.3	\$500,000
TOTAL	77.5	\$12.927M

Building our Regions projects (Rounds 1-5) within LRC

Rd	Project	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
2S	Ilfracombe bore water supply project	\$500,000	\$619,896	1.9	completed 28/2/2018
03	Lake Eyre rangers office building upgrade	\$70,000	\$140,000	0.4	completed 3/12/2018
03	Longreach east water main upgrade	\$500,000	\$1.00M	3.0	completed 24/8/2018
03	Longreach water main replacement	\$497,442	\$994,884	3.0	completed 24/8/2018
04	Saleyards railway siding extension - Longreach	\$500,000	\$520,000	1.7	exp completion 2022-23

Building our Regions projects (Rounds 1-5) within LRC

Rd	Project	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
05	Western Queensland livestock exchange redevelopment	\$874,120	\$3.27M	10.8	exp completion Jun-2022
	Totals	\$2.94M	\$5.54M	20.8	

Works for Queensland – Western Queensland region

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland the Outback Queensland region has received **\$136.75M for 595 projects** supporting around **4,724 jobs**; to date **496 projects are now complete**.
- For the same period:
 - Western Queensland received **\$37.6M for 204 projects** supporting around **1495 jobs** – to date **167 projects are complete**; and specifically
 - **Longreach Regional Council** has received **\$5.85M for 37 projects** supporting, to date, **469 jobs** with **31 projects completed**.

Summary of W4Q Council Projects (as at 30 Apr 2022)

Council	2019-21 Rnd		2020-21 COVID Rnd		2021-24 Rnd	
	Jobs	Funding	Jobs	Funding	Jobs	Funding
BRC	27.0	\$1.14M	16.0	\$1.11M	17.0	\$1.12M
Barcoo	50.0	\$1.02M	5.0	\$1.02M	8.0	\$1.03M
BTRC	50.0	\$1.09M	56.0	\$1.07M	0.0	\$1.08M
Boulia	58.0	\$1.03M	52.0	\$1.02M	28.0	\$1.03M
DSC	14.0	\$1.02M	16.0	\$1.02M	5.0	\$1.03M
LRC	148.0	\$1.19M	53.0	\$1.12M	16.0	\$1.12M
WSC	11.0	\$1.08M	13.0	\$1.04M	4.0	\$1.04M
TOTAL	358.0	\$7.57M	211.0	\$7.40M	78.0	\$7.45M

Works for Queensland Projects

Longreach Regional Council (all in Gregory electorate)

2019-21 Works for Queensland Projects – all complete	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Air conditioning upgrade for Longreach Civic Centre (Fairmont Rooms)	\$20,545		8.0	completed 15/11/2019
Beersheeba Place stage 2	\$45,000		14.0	completed 30/6/2020
Ilfracombe shade structure over playground	\$67,402		11.0	completed 30/9/2020
Isisford pool retile changerooms and concrete pad under shade shed	\$25,000		5.0	completed 1/8/2020
Library refurbishment	\$300,000		24.0	completed 30/10/2019
Powerhouse landscaping and irrigation	\$20,996		11.0	completed 31/3/2020
Reseal of Longreach childcare centre carpark	\$12,838		16.0	completed 30/7/2020
Scenic walkways project	\$170,000		30.0	completed 31/7/2019
Thompson River beautification and upgrade	\$13,406		5.0	completed 31/12/2021
Water main replacement	\$453,949		17.0	completed 30/11/2019
Water mains replacement – Isisford	\$60,863		7.0	completed 4/7/2021
TOTALS	\$1.19M		148.0	

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Balance of funding for Isisford ablutions block (co funded with the Federal Govt)	\$45,000		4.0	completed 30/6/2021
Ilfracombe water treatment plant & sewer pump station upgrade & automation	\$100,000	8.0	5.0	exp completion Jun-2022
Isisford weir pump and water treatment plant and electrical upgrade	\$270,000	2.0	7.0	exp completion Jun-2022
Longreach elevated reservoir repairs and replacement of water re-lift pumps	\$230,000		8.0	completed 30/6/2021

Longreach sewer pump station upgrade /remote telemetry & electrical Longreach pump station flood management	\$155,000	4.0	6.0	exp completion Jun-2022
Mains water valve installation/ replacement in Longreach & Ilfracombe	\$30,000		5.0	completed 1/7/2021
Major repairs & extension to the outer Barcoo interpretation centre and centre extension	\$250,000		12.0	completed 31/3/2021
New ablution block at the Longreach Airport	\$40,000	17.0	6.0	exp completion Jul-2022
TOTALS	\$1.12M		53.0	

2021-24 Works for Queensland Projects	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Isisford water mains replacement stage 2	\$870,000	25.0	8.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Longreach water mains replacement (highway and railway crossings)	\$250,000	12.0	8.0	exp completion Dec-2022
TOTALS	\$1.12M	37.0	16.0	

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REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

CREATING JOBS FOR OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Budget will directly support job creation in the Outback Queensland region with significant expenditure including:

Infrastructure

\$611M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,200 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

\$452M

for the North West, Central West and South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$29.9M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Outback Queensland.

The Outback Queensland region will also benefit from:

Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

\$251M

in 2020-21 to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects relating to natural disaster events which occurred between 2018 and 2020 in Outback Queensland.

COVID Works for Queensland

\$26.3M

to support the delivery of job-creating new infrastructure, maintenance or minor works as part of the Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan.

Homelessness services

\$5.6M

in 2020-21 to deliver specialist homelessness services.

Delivering for the Outback Queensland region

Building our Regions

\$51.0 million allocated to 74 projects in Outback Queensland to assist local councils to deliver critical infrastructure and support **283 jobs** during construction.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding

\$39.0 million in financial assistance provided to **1,367 farms** to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Recovery and resilience against natural disasters

An estimated \$252.6 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital and resilience works to disaster affected communities in 2020-21.

(March 2020 to October 2020)

Works for Queensland

\$83.4 million provided to regional councils to undertake **383 job-creating** maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Outback Queensland.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

Restoring frontline services for Outback Queensland

(March 2015 to September 2020)



88 extra nurses, up 14.8%



27 extra doctors, up 40.4%



40 extra teachers, up 5.7%



43 extra police officers, up 14.6%



CREATING JOBS FOR Outback Queensland

1 Morningside Shire Civic Centre Project
\$1.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$5.3 million total spend to deliver a new council administration building and chambers in the town centre consolidating all Council operations into one facility.

2 Lelka Murrin Restaurant and Kiosk Development
\$500,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$1 million total spend to renovate the Lelka Murrin building, the site of the old Gununa Tavern, to provide a food service hub comprising a restaurant, café and kiosk.

3 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$720,000 in 2020-21 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Normanton.

4 John Henry Memorial Oval
\$339,027 in 2020-21 out of a \$1 million total spend for Carpentaria Shire Council to construct new change rooms and amenities, storage shed and shade structure at John Henry Memorial Oval, Normanton.

5 Glenore Weir Stabilisation
\$777,028 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to provide permanent stabilisation of Glenore Weir to improve water storage and secure surrounding embankments.

6 Boodjamulla National Park - remote area power systems upgrade
\$650,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade park infrastructure at Boodjamulla National Park.

7 Kennedy Developmental Road (The Lynd - Hughenden), progressive sealing
\$11.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$50 million total spend to continue progressive sealing of various sections of the Kennedy Developmental Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

8 Flinders Highway (Julia Creek - Cloncurry), Scrubby Creek
\$5.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$32.1 million total spend to strengthen pavement and widen floodway on Flinders Highway at Scrubby Creek. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9 Julia Creek Smart Hub
\$261,875 in 2020-21 out of a \$523,750 total spend to stimulate economic development in Julia Creek by establishing a digital innovation hub.

10 Unmanned Aerial Systems flight test range
\$7.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$14.5 million total spend for the Autonomous Systems (drone testing facility).

11 Cloncurry State School
\$500,000 over three years to upgrade senior school facilities to provide a space for welding and metal work training.

12 Cloncurry River Main Well Project
\$197,530 in 2020-21 out of a \$597,489 total spend to repair the damaged main well to improve the source of raw water for the township's treated water supply.

13 Spinifex State College - Mount Isa
\$1 million in 2020-21 to construct a security fence and refurbish amenities.

14 Mount Isa Queensland Fire and Emergency Services complex upgrade
\$1.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.7 million total spend to complete upgrade of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services complex at Mount Isa.

15 Hughenden Water Reservoir Project
\$948,062 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.9 million total spend to construct a new 4.3ML capacity welded steel high level reservoir to improve potable water storage and provide priority water security.

18 Winton water supply and sewerage automation
\$102,552 in 2020-21 out of a \$310,200 total spend to install new control system, telemetry and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system for an improved water reticulation and sewerage network.

19 Longreach State High School
\$2.6 million over three years for an automotive training facility with necessary equipment to deliver practical and theoretical learning.

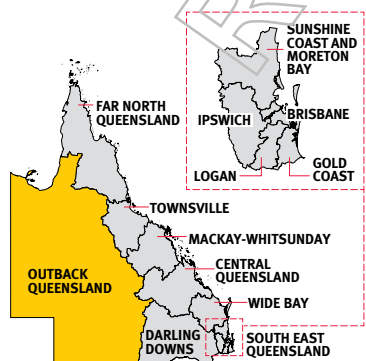
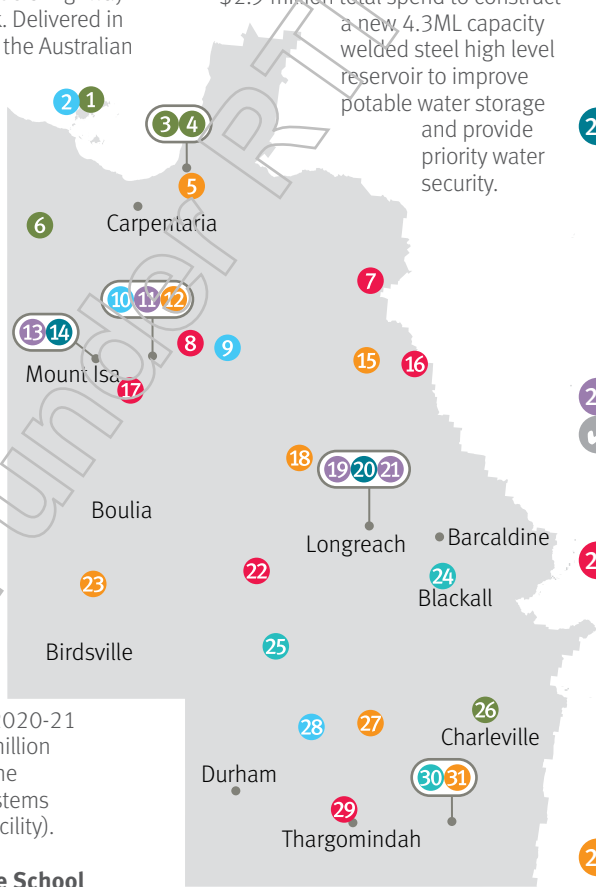
20 Longreach replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station
\$2.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$4.4 million total spend to continue replacement of the auxiliary fire and rescue station at Longreach.

21 Longreach State School
\$500,000 in 2020-21 to replace the existing amenities block.

22 Connemara Road - bridge replacement
\$91,246 in 2020-21 out of a \$276,000 total spend to replace single lane steel bridge with two lanes and reinforced concrete floodway and batters to increase flood immunity.

23 Bedourie Town bore upgrade
\$123,252 in 2020-21 out of a \$372,814 total spend to upgrade Bedourie Town bore to improve water supply to the town.

24 Blackall Hospital
\$9.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$20.2 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Blackall Hospital site, including the redevelopment of the Hospital.



Barcaldine to get renewable energy boost

The Queensland Government is providing \$380,000 for a feasibility study into the second stage of a groundbreaking solar, wind and hydrogen project. Should the project proceed, Barcaldine will be home to Queensland's new Renewable Energy Hub and Australia's first commercial-scale use of hydrogen.

The feasibility study will look at producing zero-carbon hydrogen from renewables to produce ammonia and urea for domestic and global markets. This builds on the \$300,000 Stage One feasibility study into a 30-megawatt solar farm with intensive horticulture.

The new Hub has the potential to turbo-charge economic growth in the region, creating 350 local jobs and 600 construction jobs as well as attracting up to \$500 million new investment.




Mount Isa Mines copper smelter backs local jobs

The Queensland Government is securing more than 1,000 resource and manufacturing jobs associated with the Mount Isa Mines copper smelter. 830 jobs in Mount Isa depend on the smelter, with a further 250 jobs in Townsville across Mount Isa Mines' and Incitec Pivot's operations. The smelter supports indirect employment for many hundreds more in those regions who either supply other goods and services to the smelter or refinery, or rely on the outputs.

The initiative is part of the Queensland Government's economic recovery plan that includes maintaining the State's mineral processing capability and supply chains. There will be growing global demand for copper and other new economic minerals needed for wind turbines, generators and batteries and copper for electric cars.

KEY

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

- 33 North West Minerals Province**
 S/R \$300,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$975,000 total spend supporting economic diversification and job creating initiatives through the development of robust business cases to increase tourism.

- 34 Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund**
 S/R \$6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10.4 million total spend to develop new attractions and help transform the region into a destination of choice. Delivered in partnership with local government and the private sector.

- 35 Social housing**
 S/R \$23.3 million in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing.

Please note: Not all Government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit budget.qld.gov.au

25 Windorah Primary Health Care Centre

\$1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$4.2 million total spend for the construction of a modular Primary Health Care Centre to improve patient flow, model of care, security, storage and service delivery.

26 Murweh and Quilpie Tyre Recycling Project

\$150,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$250,000 total spend to support Murweh Shire Council to address stockpiles of problematic waste tyres.

27 Quilpie water supply upgrade

\$247,652 in 2020-21 out of a \$749,100 total spend to construct a new bore to improve future potable water requirements and to refurbish the existing bore to provide a backup supply in an emergency.

28 Eromanga Natural History Museum

\$960,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to construct a museum for one of Australia's most significant and internationally recognised dinosaur and megafauna collections.

29 Thargomindah Airport runway reseal

\$94,306 in 2020-21 out of a \$285,257 total spend to upgrade the existing runway, taxiway, apron and aircraft parking area of the airport with a new seal.

30 Cunnamulla Hospital

\$2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$2.3 million total spend for the decommissioning of the operating theatre and provision of single ward rooms complete with Persons With Disabilities ensuite and an activities room.

31 Paroo Shire Council upgrade to critical sewerage infrastructure

\$2.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$9.1 million total spend to replace Paroo Shire Council's sewage treatment plant and sewer relining.

32 Copperstring 2.0

S/R \$9.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$16.0 million total spend to continue works on a high-voltage transmission line connecting the region to the National Electricity Grid.

BUDGET 2020–21 AT A GLANCE

Jobs supported by infrastructure investment in 2020–21	46,000
Total infrastructure program over four years	\$56B
Percentage of capital spend outside Greater Brisbane	58%
Total spend on road and transport infrastructure in 2020–21	\$6.3B
COVID-19 economic stimulus measures to date	\$7B
Education and training in 2020–21	\$17.5B
Health in 2020–21	\$21.8B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.3B
Building trains in Queensland over 10 years	\$1B
Social housing improvements in 2020–21	\$526.2M

Tax Relief Package

The Government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- Payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- A payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- Land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

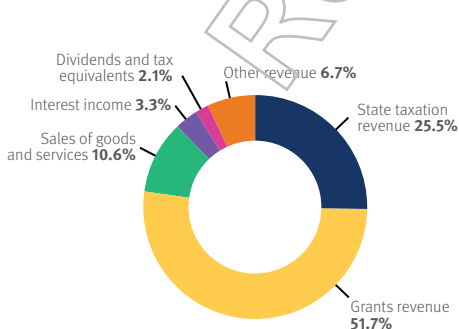
An estimated 80 businesses in Outback Queensland will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

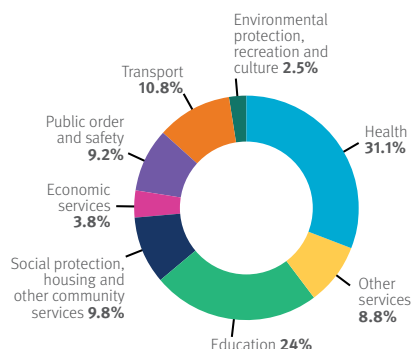
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- Driving the largest infrastructure program in over a decade - \$14.8 billion in 2020–21, directly supporting 46,000 jobs. Around 58% of the capital program and 28,700 of the jobs supported will be outside the Greater Brisbane area.
- Growing our regions and supporting key industries such as tourism, agriculture and mining. An additional \$200 million will be provided to the Works for Queensland program to support local governments outside South East Queensland.
- Enhancing frontline services. The Budget will support funding for additional frontline health staff including 5,800 nurses, 1,500 doctors and 1,700 allied health professionals through to 2024
- Providing more Queenslanders with access to the skills and training they need for rewarding careers. \$100 million has been provided over three years to upgrade TAFE campuses.
- Backing small businesses to support jobs and communities. More than \$7 billion in COVID-19 stimulus measures have been provided so far, including reducing business costs through payroll tax relief and other tax relief measures, and accelerating projects to unlock development and increase economic activity.
- Providing concessions and easing the cost of living, with an estimated \$6.3 billion in 2020–21 in targeted discounts, fee waivers, rebates, and subsidies.
- Increasing investment in manufacturing including \$1 billion to make trains again in Queensland.
- Protecting the environment. The Great Barrier Reef will benefit from an additional \$40 million worth of support. This includes \$10 million for a Reef Assist Program and \$6 million over four years for the GBR Island Arks project to deliver ecotourism in the region.
- Delivering lower debt than New South Wales and Victoria.

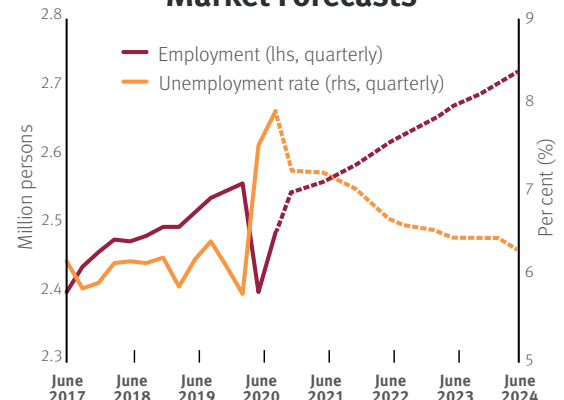
2020–21 Revenue



2020–21 Expenses



Queensland's Labour Market Forecasts



Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre

Recommended response

- Opened in 1988, the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre (the Centre) is one of Australia's premier outback heritage attractions.
- In March 2020, the Centre was forced to close their doors and stand down the majority of their staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Centre reopened its doors in April 2021 following a \$15 million redevelopment.
- Enhancements include an immersive, multisensory experience with dynamic new technology including digital projections and ambient sound scapes.
- The Centre continues to be a popular Queensland attraction and is a 2021 Best of Queensland Experience.
- Visitors to the Centre are encouraged to book in advance due to high demand.

Key Facts

- In December 2017, the Australian Government awarded the Centre \$15 million from the Building Better Regions Fund for a variety of redevelopment works to be undertaken including the creation of integrated visitor encounters and upgrading the next stage of the Outback Entertainment Centre.
- In July 2020, the Centre was awarded \$300,000 from the Queensland Tourism Icons Program (QTIP) to pay the cost of expenses including utilities and facilities, operational costs including electricity, servicing and maintenance of air conditioning, staff wages and maintaining the Outback Stockman Show.

Achievements

- Queensland Government support of \$300,000 from the QTIP enabled the Centre to pay the cost of expenses relating to utilities and facilities, operational costs including electricity, servicing and maintenance of air conditioning, staff wages and maintaining the Outback Stockman Show.

- The QTIP grant provided the Centre with the opportunity to retain approximately 18 core staff, with employees remaining in their positions throughout the pandemic.
- The Centre is now positioned to commence the new season with a skilled and ready workforce.
- The Queensland Government funding has also enabled the Centre to grow employment opportunities for when the peak tourism season commences.

Background

- Building construction was completed in 1987 and the Centre was opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 29 April 1988. The construction works were supported by the Queensland and Australian Government, plus an extensive fundraising effort by supporters, commerce and industry.
- The Centre hosts themed galleries displaying the history of some of Australia's explorers, stock workers, pastoralists, and First Nations peoples. The exhibits comprise an eclectic mix of artifacts, images, touch screens, audio visual presentations and open displays, allowing visitors to interpret the outback story in their own way.
- The Centre submitted an Expression of Interest under the 2020 Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund to construct a new "Wall of Honour" walk dedicated to people who have contributed to the outback. Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful.
- 2022 Best of Queensland experience outcomes will be published soon.

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Cluster Fencing in Western Queensland

Recommended response

- Since 2015, the Government has committed \$19.75M through numerous rounds of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative (QFPI).
- This funding assists regional communities with the construction of cluster fencing, bringing large numbers of sheep back to the regions.
- Given the success of the cluster fencing program, expressions of interest opened on 25 May 2022 for Round 1 of the \$4M Rural Agricultural Development (sheep and goats) Grants Scheme.
- The grants scheme will help sheep and goat enterprises to double production and to grow and diversify by developing new products, implementing new technologies, upgrading equipment or training.

Key Facts

- The Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) delivers cluster fence programs in the Longreach and surrounding council areas. RAPAD will receive \$12.32M to deliver cluster fences (over four rounds) and received \$270,000 to deliver wild dog capacity building.
- RAPAD reports that lambing rates have increased from 40 per cent to more than 80 per cent, and sheep numbers have almost doubled in the area, with numbers increasing from 269,000 to nearly 497,000 head.
- Funding through the QFPI will result in protecting more than 400 sheep-producing properties from wild dogs.
- The Not Just a Fence website containing detailed information on cluster fencing in Western Queensland is now live. The website currently only has live data on Rounds 1, 2 and 3, with Round 5 being negotiated.

Background

- Of the total QFPI funding, \$29M was allocated to fencing - \$19.75M from the State Government and \$9.2M from the Federal Government.
- The fifth round of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative funding delivers on a commitment of continuing to work with the regions, by building on actions already implemented and supporting actions taken to sustain and create jobs now and into the future. Successful applicants for Round 5 were announced on 4 May 2021.
- Grant scheme EOIs are open until 1 July 2022 with successful applicants invited to submit a full application by 23 September 2022. Application outcomes will be notified by 28 October 2022.

Drought Status of Longreach Regional Council Area

Recommended response

- As at 12 May 2022, 44.9 per cent of Queensland is drought declared covering 17 full and two part local government areas.
- Longreach remains fully drought declared, since 1 January 2014.
- The Queensland Government has committed to continue to provide current drought assistance measures while this drought lasts and has introduced new drought preparedness measures to help producers plan to manage their drought risk and help them implement these plans with Drought Preparedness Grants and Drought Ready and Recovery Loans.
- A forum to find out about the new drought preparedness package will be held on 1 June 2022 at the Civic and Culture Centre in Longreach.

Key Facts

- A significant rainfall event occurred in the Longreach and Western Queensland region during the Anzac long weekend 2022, which resulted in reports of stock losses (mainly sheep and goats) as well as damage to fencing, levee banks, water storages and roads. Assessment of the impact of this event is still ongoing.
- As of 11 May 2022, a significant rainfall event is also impacting the region. This is a developing event and its impacts are not yet known.

Achievements

- The Queensland Government is now on Round 4 of the \$3.3M Rural Economic Development (RED) Grants in 2021–22. These grants of up to \$200,000 assist rural agricultural businesses fund job creating projects in rural and regional Queensland. Across the previous three rounds, it is estimated that 1897 jobs have been created.
- There has been one Longreach RED Grant recipient: Western Game Processing – awarded \$237,000 (total project amount \$474,000), for the implementation of advanced solar power generation and processing capabilities for kangaroo meat processing.

Background

- Local Drought Committees (LDCs) – which consist of local primary producers and Department of Agriculture and Fisheries staff – met in April 2022 to make a recommendation to the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities about the drought status of their region.

- The April rainfall event occurred after the majority of far Western Queensland LDCs had met and, therefore, did not have any influence on their recommendations. However, while not yet prepared to recommend a revocation, a number of Western Queensland LDCs have indicated they will meet again prior to Spring to review conditions.
- The Bureau of Meteorology outlook for Queensland is that rainfall may be above median for May to July 2022. Western and Northern Queensland do not normally experience significant rainfall in the dry season.
- The successful applicants from Round 4 of RED grants will be announced in late June 2022.

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Former Longreach Agricultural Training College – future use

Recommended response

- On 6 December 2019, the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges (QATC) ceased practical operations, in response to recommendations from a review of vocational education, training and skilling in Central and Western Queensland.
- The former QATC assets passed to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) on 1 March 2020. DAF has established lease and licence to occupy agreements with various groups utilising land and/or infrastructure at the Longreach site.
- In 2020, the Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) submitted a five-year business case to develop a Regional Training and Innovation Precinct (RTIP) at the site.
- RAPAD's request was not supported due to the quantum of funding required from the Queensland Government, as well as the likelihood that the proposal would require ongoing government funding.
- RAPAD currently has a right to occupy the administration and accommodation part of the former college. While not currently using the site, RAPAD is sub-leasing parts of the site to tourism operators as overflow accommodation for tour groups. The current agreement ends on 30 October 2022 and RAPAD has indicated it does not have an interest in extending its lease.
- Longreach Regional Council (LRC) was made an offer to purchase the entire Longreach property to enable local management and decisions to meet community expectations; however, it was not in a position to purchase the property and indicated a preference that the property be sold to a viable commercial operator to maximise the economic and social development opportunities for the region.
- The Queensland Government is still considering options in relation to the land and associated built assets.

Key Facts

- Repurposing the former QATC property at Longreach is an election commitment.

Background

- The review identified the residential-based training model was no longer viable in the competitive training market and transitioning the facilities at Emerald and Longreach to alternative uses provided a more sustainable option.

QANTAS Founders Museum

Recommended response

- Queensland Government funding support has enabled significant new tourism infrastructure works to be delivered at the Qantas Founders Museum.
- This museum, along with other key Outback Queensland attractions, is a major drawcard for the region.
- Attractions such as this are important to the Outback as they increase visitation, create jobs, and stimulate the local economy.

Key Facts

- From late-2018 to mid-2021, the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport provided the Qantas Founders Museum with \$3.336M in funding, comprised of:
 - \$3M from the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund to design and construct the 'Luminescent Longreach Light and Sound Show' - completed mid-2021.
 - \$336,000 from the Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the new interior design and fit out for the 1950's Super Constellation aircraft – completed late 2019.

- **CONFIDENTIAL – funding not publicly released:**

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- In March 2020, due to COVID-19, the Qantas Founders Museum was forced to close their doors and stand down the majority of their 35 staff. The closure had a significant impact on Longreach as the Qantas Founders Museum is one of the largest employers in the town.
- In June 2020, the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and then Minister for Trade visited the Qantas Founders Museum to inspect the new infrastructure and watch the Luminescent Longreach Show – generating a surge of visitor enquiries for the Qantas Founders Museum.
- In July 2020, when COVID-19 restrictions started to ease, the Qantas Founders Museum gradually re-opened their doors, however they found it difficult to attract and retain staff.

- In March 2021, the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, then Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport attended the Red and White Gala – 100 Year Celebration of Qantas which was held at the Qantas Founders Museum.
- The 2021 Outback tourism season was one of the best on record due to a dramatic increase in Queenslanders' holidaying within the state.
- Visitation typically slowed across the 2021-22 summer.
- Interest in the Outback remains high into 2022 and 2023, however, bookings are not as strong as last year.

Achievements

- Approximately 17,000 additional visitors are expected to visit the Qantas Founders Museum each year following Queensland Government's funding investment, injecting up to \$5.3M into the local economy annually.

Background

- In 2017, the Qantas Founders Museum was awarded \$11.3M from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund to construct its Air Park Roof.
- Under the 2017-18 Australian Government funded Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure program, the former Queensland Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games granted the Qantas Founders Museum \$300,000 in matched funding for the 'Bring the Super Constellation to Longreach' project.
- This project transported the Super Constellation from Manila to Longreach, as well as funding the external restoration and reassembly of the aircraft at Longreach.

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Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD)

Recommended response

- Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) is one of five Remote Area Boards (RABs) that the Queensland Government supports to undertake economic development projects, services and activities, crucial in Queensland's most remote regions.
- The Queensland Government has approved \$150,000 for two projects in 2021-22 with a further \$150,000 available for projects in 2022-23.

Key Facts

- RAPAD operates as both a regional development organisation and as a regional organisation of councils. It aims to foster, facilitate and promote the sustainable growth and development of the Central Western Queensland (CWQ) region.
- RAPAD covers the seven local councils of CWQ:
 - Barcaldine Regional Council
 - Barcoo Shire Council
 - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council
 - Boulia Shire Council
 - Diamantina Shire Council
 - Longreach Regional Council, and
 - Winton Shire Council.

Funding

- On 3 September 2021, the Deputy Premier announced the extension of the funding for the RAB program.
- In 2021-22, RAPAD is being funded to deliver two projects:
 - Go Far Out - a resident attraction/regional promotion and digital campaign project: \$60,000 to develop a digital media campaign to support, extend the reach and impact of www.gofarout.com.au to further demonstrate the advantages of working and living in CWQ.
 - CWQ Brewing Co project: \$90,000 to fund phase two of the project to expand the production of town-centric lagers to include towns from all seven RAPAD local council areas and develop the investment case for the project.

- Projects for which RAPAD has previously received RAB funding include:
 - Investment Prospectus Website project: \$170,000 to develop a website that comprehensively outlines the region and its advantages as a destination to invest and do business.
 - Outback Jobs Website project: \$70,000 to address the issue of jobs in the region remaining vacant, by creating a website that aggregates regional job vacancies and highlights what the region has to offer to prospective employees.
 - Tourism Data Modelling Implementation project: \$60,000 to develop a model to quantify the number of visitors and economic impact of tourism in each of the seven CWQ local government areas.
 - Tourism Data Modelling project: \$150,000 to develop a tourism data model for each of the seven local governments within RAPAD to strengthen the tourism sector and support diversification of the region's economy.

Achievements

- RAB funding has provided CWQ with:
 - the www.gofarout.com.au website that promotes the region as a place to work, invest and do business.
 - local council specific baseline tourism data and a model for future collection and analysis.

Background

- 2021-22 RAB Funding:
 - Go Far Out project:
 - Milestone one and two payments completed.
 - Milestone three due 30 June 2022.
 - CWQ Brewing Co project:
 - Milestone one payment completed.
 - Milestone two due 30 July 2022.
- 2022-23 RAB Funding:
 - Project concepts were due to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning by 16 May 2022.
 - Project agreements finalised by 30 June 2022.

COVID-19 – Economic Recovery

Recommended response

- The Government has been quick to respond to COVID-19 pandemic.
- To support business and families, the Government has invested **\$8 billion in a range of assistance initiatives and job creating projects.**
- In the Queensland – Outback SA4 area we assisted businesses with **\$6.62M in payroll tax relief.**
- In the Longreach Regional Council area, we have assisted businesses through more than:
 - **\$1.24M to 8 small and medium sized businesses** through concessional loans, supporting 41 local jobs
 - **\$199,477 in grants to small businesses;** and
 - **\$5.8M with projects under our Works for Qld program** supporting almost 470 local jobs since 2016.
- We will also continue to work with the Federal Government, so business and industry get the necessary support.

Key facts

Government commitment	Progress				
	<i>Longreach Regional Council (LRC) and Queensland Outback SA4 area (QO SA4)</i>				
2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications closed in November 2021 • As at 28 April 2022: 				
	Council area	No of grants paid			Funding
		Businesses support	Border zone hardship	Sole trader	
	Statewide	30,792	391	4,304	\$320.87M
• LRC	11	N/A	N/A	\$115,000	
2021-22 Tourism and hospitality sector hardship grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at 13 May 2022 				
	Area	No of businesses		Paid grants	
	Statewide	3,546		\$131.03M	
	• LRC	3		\$110,000	

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<p>\$400M in <u>land tax relief</u> and payment deferrals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at June 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – State-wide – 21,949 businesses receiving \$165.5M – QO SA4 area – 131 parcels of land had \$2.4M waived • Land Tax relief was extended to 31 October 2020 																		
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COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

Recommended response

- The tourism industry was one of the first industries to be impacted by COVID-19 with devastating impacts in Outback Queensland.
- This is an industry that supported **one in 10 Queensland jobs** before the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Through our \$1 billion concessional Jobs Support Loan scheme, **tourism businesses** in the Longreach Regional Council area **have received \$1.02M supporting 32 local jobs.**

Key facts

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Tourism industry sentiment

- The Outback performed strongly in 2021, benefiting from huge domestic interest from long haul travellers already in Queensland and Queenslanders unable to travel interstate and overseas.
- While visitation typically slowed across the 2021-22 summer with cancellations over the Christmas and New Year period due to declining traveller confidence around borders and the new Omicron variant, interest in the outback remains high into 2022 and 2023 from consumers and the travel trade.
- Although spirits are high and bookings are progressing well in 2022, tourism operators are reporting business is not as strong as last year. Reports from travellers indicate matters such as the Brisbane and Northern New South Wales floods and the Bali reopening may have contributed to performance in early 2022.
- There is a noticeable preference for short breaks and packages. Booking lead times are short.
- Experience and product development, with a focus on bundling and packaging has been a focus across the region to extend length of stay, dispersal and spend:
 - Mitchell Grass Retreat three-night packages sold out in 2021 and demand is high in 2022 and 2023
 - Barcoo and Longreach Councils are in the early stages of a project to promote the 'Channel Country Way', targeting coach, drive and touring groups
 - Scenic Tours have bundled the outback in five departures of their Luxury Cruise and Tour small group series
 - AAT Kings is touring for the first time to Longreach, Quilpie and Roma ex-Brisbane.

Total Visitation and Expenditure in the Outback

Year ending	Expenditure	Annual change	Visitors (000)	Annual change
Dec-2019	\$799.4M	13.7%	1,178	7.3%
Dec-2020	\$499.5M	-9.0%	858	-6.6%
Dec-2021	\$596.3M	-2.6%	934	-0.2%

Queensland's Fossil Emblem

- Public consultation on the state fossil emblem will run from 11 April to 10 July 2022.
- Twelve fossils have been nominated, following consultation with regional tourism organisations, councils and museum palaeontology experts.
- The government is investing almost \$500,000 in a dinosaur tourism roadmap to bring together Queensland's best prehistoric visitor experiences, which will help tourism operators promote the best Outback dinosaur destinations to visitors to Queensland.

\$10M Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund

- 3 projects in the Longreach Regional Council area:
 - \$336,000 to QANTAS Foundation Memorial Trust for Super Constellation Interior Construction and Display Area including construction of a display area inside a Qantas Super Constellation aircraft – project completed in November 2019;
 - \$510,000 to CTPI - Personal Information for 5 Star Eco Lodges including construction of 15 luxury self-contained permanent tents with common areas for guests to barbecue, swim and enjoy the views – project opened early July 2020; and
 - \$1M to Outback Aussie Tours Pty Ltd for Outback Rail Adventure between Emerald and Longreach that includes construction of a workshop/storage shed for the rail train, leased from Queensland Rail (QR), and an undercover storage area – project to be completed by June 2022.

\$25M Outback Tourism Icons Fund

- Funding was distributed during September 2020 and final reporting and acquittal obligations were completed in late March 2021.
- Funding details are commercial-in-confidence

– Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame \$300,000

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Growing Tourism Infrastructure

- In 2018, \$3M was provided to the QANTAS Foundation Memorial Trust for a Light and Sound Show in Longreach to tell the history of Qantas and Outback Queensland (Luminescent Longreach). The project was completed in November 2020.

LNP

- The last LNP Government
 - took their eye off tourism and conceded market share to the southern states;
 - attracted only six new or increased airline services bringing in just 557,000 seats; (since 2015, my Government has assisted 29 new or additional services bringing in 3.3 million seats); and
 - cut \$188M from the tourism industry funding support and severely limited Tourism and Events Queensland's (TEQ) ability to plan for the long term with no funding certainty to enter into multi-year event partnerships or to secure long-term marketing contracts.
- The LNP's short-sighted vision for tourism put thousands of Queensland jobs at risk.

Health Overview – Central West Hospital and Health Services

Recommended response

- All data as at 19 May 2022.

Covid-19 cases

- Across Queensland, 1,123,991 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which 39,950 were active cases and 961 people had died.
- Across the Central West Hospital and Health Service (HHS), there were 311 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which there was no active cases. No deaths have been recorded in the Central West HHS area.
- Central West HHS was managing:
 - 2 in-patient with Covid-19 (in ICU); and
 - 32 people with Covid-19 at home.
- There have been 69 recorded cases of Covid-19 within the Longreach Regional Council, all of which were recorded since 13 December 2021.

Vaccinations – Percentage of Queensland population vaccinated

	At least 1 dose	2 doses	booster
16 yrs & over	93.83%	92.28%	62.80%
12-15 yrs	92.76%	91.01%	
5-11 yrs	43.57%	30.40%	

- Central West HHS has administered a total of 20,522 vaccine doses.

Staff impacts

- Central West HHS had:
 - 4 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive;
 - 1 staff was quarantined; and
 - no staff were in the workplace under Critically Essential Worker Provision.

Key facts

- The 2021-22 Central West Hospital and Health Service (HHS) budget is nearly **\$90M in operational funding**. They have a budget of **\$2.9M**

for COVID-19 operational expenditure. As at 31 March 2022, Central West HHS has spent **\$2.5M** in vaccination costs.

- Currently Central West HHS has a staff head count of approximately 458.
- Since 2015, within Central West HHS, my Government has hired:
 - 5.11 FTEs more doctors;
 - 5.26 FTEs more Nurses and Midwives; and
 - 14.66 FTEs more Allied Health Professionals.

Central West HHS Infrastructure projects

- The Queensland Government is working hard to provide infrastructure that facilitates high level healthcare services in the Central West region.
- Since 2017, over **\$33.5M** has been expended on major infrastructure work completed within Central West HHS, including **\$1.77M** for the **Longreach Hospital generator and switchboard replacement** delivered in **November 2021**; **\$20.11M** for the Blackall Hospital redevelopment delivered in November 2020; **\$4.22M** for Aramac Primary Healthcare Centre, delivered in March 2018; **\$7.5M** for the Boulia refurbishment and mechanical upgrade delivered in July 2020 and; **\$0.42M** for the Barcardine Hospital fire indicator panel and emergency light delivered in May 2019.
- Central West HHS also has **10 projects worth over \$24.0M** in the delivery phase, including 3 projects in the Longreach Regional Council Area:

Facility	Budget	Project	Exp delivery date	Jobs
Longreach Hospital	\$4.80M	Structural, Electrical and Mechanical Services rectification	Jul-2022	14
Longreach Hospital	\$0.59M	Water Tank Relocation and water treatment	Jun-2022	2
Longreach Clinical Sterilisation Department	\$1.55M	Rectification work	Jun-2022	5

Barcaldine Hospital	\$2.40M	Replacing corridor flooring	Jun-2023	7
Barcaldine Hospital	\$0.83M	Multipurpose Health Service Water Treatment	Jun-2022	2
Aramac Hospital	\$0.64M	Demolition of old hospital	Jul-2022	2
Alpha Hospital	\$0.64M	Demolition of old hospital	Jul-2022	2
Alpha Multi-Purpose Health Service	\$0.11M	Solar project – install a 50kw system	Dec-2022	-
Windorah Primary Healthcare Centre Refurbishment	\$12.4M	Construct modular primary health centre	Dec-2022	36
Winton Multi-purpose Health Service Solar Project	\$0.12M	Install 50kw solar electricity system (emissions reduction program funding)	Dec-2022	-

- There is also one planned \$0.35M project at Longreach Hospital, one of the locations across regional and rural Queensland, to establish renal dialysis treatment spaces. The funding is for schematic design, detail design and to prepare tender documentation, which is due to be released 1 July 2022. Project construction will likely start late September 2022 and be finalised in May 2023.

Waiting Lists

- *Elective Surgery Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 31 March 2022, 498 patients were added to the elective surgery wait list, with:
 - the ready for surgery wait list increasing from 67 to 106 – an increase of 39; and
 - the ready for surgery long wait list increasing from 4 to 10.
- *GIE Procedures Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 31 March 2022, 554 patients were added to the GIE wait list, with:
 - the ready for GIE care wait list increasing from 51 to 76; and
 - the ready for GIE care long wait list increasing from 2 to 20.

- Central West HHS is not in scope for specialist outpatients department key performance indicators.

Achievements

- The State Government funded \$7.9M for Longreach Hospital's medical imaging and mechanical services upgrade. The project which included a new medical imaging unit for new CT scanner equipment, a new maternity unit and a new day surgery unit and upgrades to the emergency department, nurse call, medical gas and air-conditioning systems with the project completed in November 2018.

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Housing – Outback Queensland

Key facts

- In the **Outback Queensland Region**, under the **QuickStarts Qld** program, we will commence **98 new social homes** by 30 June 2025, with a planned investment of **\$45.3M** over four years, **supporting more than 141 jobs**.
- More broadly, the Queensland Government is increasing Queensland's supply of social and affordable housing by almost 10,000 over the life of the Housing Strategy, including:
 - 6,365 social housing commencements over the next four years;
 - in addition to the 2,480 commencements under the first four years of the Housing Strategy; and
 - 1,034 affordable housing commencements over the life of the Housing Strategy.
- Between 2015-16 to 31 December 2021 in the Outback Queensland region, 47 dwellings have been constructed. None are in the Longreach Regional Council area.
- The Outback region is a new region under the Queensland Housing Strategy not previously targeted. One project totalling six new homes is currently undergoing tender assessment and is anticipated to have a contract awarded for commencement in 2021-22 in Longreach.

Housing Investment

- This budget's \$2.9 billion total housing investment is the largest concentrated investment in social housing in Queensland's history.
- The Queensland Government launched a bold new housing action plan backed by a \$1.9 billion investment over four years and the establishment of a \$1 billion *Housing Investment Fund* (HIF) to boost housing supply and increase housing and homelessness support across Queensland.
- This investment, through the Palaszczuk Government's *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025* (the Action Plan) strengthens the momentum created since the 10-year *Queensland Housing Strategy* was launched in 2017 and responds to the current housing market conditions we are now facing.

Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative

- The *Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative* (QHIGI) procurement process launched on 28 October 2021 to invite interest in any one of three initiatives and will deliver accelerated social housing supply of **6,365 social housing commencements** through:
 - **HIF – a \$1 billion investment** which will generate an **estimated \$40M to deliver 3,600 new social housing dwelling commencements** and additional affordable housing between 2021-2025:
 - the EOI for the HIF remains open for proposals to be submitted
 - regional allocation of the 3,600 commencements under the HIF will be determined by demand and opportunities;
 - **QuickStarts Qld** – a capital investment program to commence **2,765 new social housing dwellings over four years**, primarily through partnerships with Community Housing Providers (CHPs), for social housing eligible clients;
 - **727 new social housing homes are targeted to commence** under QuickStarts Qld by the end of June 2022
 - the Request for Detailed Proposal process for QuickStarts Qld closed on 21 January 2022 and evaluation of proposals are underway, with priority given to spot purchases and 2021-22 commencements;
 - **Help to Home (H2H)** – a **\$40M dollar investment to deliver private market outcomes for 1,000 households** and additional spot purchase for two years with the first stage being to engage Registered Community Housing Providers to manage the properties and deliver services to eligible social housing customers
 - the EOI for H2H closed on 3 December 2021
 - the program is progressing through two stages
 - the first stage involved procuring the registered housing providers to manage tenancies and is currently being finalised
 - the next stage will focus on sourcing suitable properties from the market, and this will commence in the coming months.
 - most of these homes will be newly built properties that are yet to come onto the rental market, or existing homes that haven't been on the rental market before.

Delivering essential housing and homelessness services to Queenslanders

- The Action Plan supports the Queensland Government's continued commitment to deliver essential frontline services and provide enhanced housing and support options for vulnerable people, moving towards ending homelessness.
- The Action Plan:
 - establishes the QHIGI
 - accelerates the construction, redevelopment and spot purchase of social housing homes
 - tailors housing responses for First Nations peoples and communities, to continue to close the gap
 - provides **\$20M for homelessness initiatives**, improving services and support to provide accommodation to people in crisis
 - provides **\$20M to enhance frontline responses to domestic violence**, through a specialist response team and flexible assistance packages
 - provides **\$54.9M to fund essential housing and homelessness services** established under the *Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-2020*
 - puts in place measures and protections to ensure fairer private rental and retirement living systems
 - supports the creation of new construction jobs in the regions.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan

- The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023* (ATSIH Action Plan) funding of \$67.1M over four years from 2019-2023 is focussed on improving housing outcomes for First Nations peoples, including an investment of \$24.1M in 2021-22.
- The Government is committed to reframing our relationship with First Nations peoples and will deliver improved housing outcomes through genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

- Key actions under the Action Plans include commitments to:
 - develop place-based, community led, local housing plans with communities to identify and respond to local housing challenges and priorities
 - establish the new peak body, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland, to strengthen housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, supporting the sustainability of Indigenous housing providers and the community housing sector
 - increase home ownership opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
 - provide culturally responsive housing support through a service offer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- In 2021-22, \$1.6M has been provided towards the recently established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Housing Body as part of a \$5.5M investment over five years – funding will support sector development of Indigenous Community Housing Organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils.
- The ATSIH Action Plan also provides for the ongoing delivery of the **\$75M commitment to home ownership in remote and discrete communities** – this allocation **enabled the transfer of 167 social housing dwellings** entitlements into the private ownership of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.
- Increased home ownership and access to safe, appropriate and sustainable housing not only provides a foundation to close the gap but reflects our commitment to listening to First Nations Peoples in Queensland about their housing concerns and committing to a better future.

Natural disaster support and preparedness

Recommended response

- The Government is committed to ensuring the recovery of all communities impacted by natural disasters.
- Since the establishment of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in 2011, approximately \$72.8M has been approved in disaster recovery and resilience funding for Longreach.

Key Facts

- In the 2021-22 disaster season, Longreach Regional Council (LRC) has been activated for joint State-Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) assistance for the following events:
 - *Northern and Central Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 21 – 28 April 2022*
 - *Western Queensland Low Pressure Trough, 19 January – 4 February 2022*
 - *Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 10 November - 3 December 2021.*
- QRA is working closely with LRC to determine an early estimate of the reconstruction program in response to these events. Works will be due for completion by 30 June 2024.

Active DRFA-funded Program

- LRC has a currently active DRFA-funded reconstruction delivery program estimated at approximately \$22M in response to the following events:
 - *Western Queensland Thunderstorms, 21 - 30 December 2020*
 - *Queensland Monsoonal Flooding, 23 January - 3 February 2020*
- Works associated with the February 2020 event are due for completion by 30 June 2022, while completion of works for the December 2020 event is scheduled for May 2023.

Completed DRFA-funded restoration works

- In addition, LRC has recently completed approximately \$13.8M in DRFA-funded restoration works in response to the following events:
 - *Severe Tropical Cyclone Trevor and associated low pressure system, 19-27 March 2019*

- *North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January-14 February 2019*

Achievements

Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements

- Prior to the introduction of the DRFA in November 2018, LRC was activated for NDRRA assistance following natural disasters in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2018, with the combined estimate of public infrastructure damage from these events approximately \$31.5M.
- These works are complete and were jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State under the NDRRA.

Get Ready Queensland

- Since 2017, LRC has had approximately \$45,000 allocated in Get Ready Queensland funding rounds, including \$9,700 allocated for the 2021-22 financial year, to conduct preparedness activities that assist the community in better preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters.

Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund

- LRC had approximately \$55,000 approved under the 2019 Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund for two projects to upgrade the Ilfracombe evacuation centre:
 - \$49,000 for the purchase, installation and commission of new QAS80 Generator back-up power supply, increasing the community's safety and resilience to disasters
 - \$6,400 for the installation of several power points to allow for multiple workstations and installation of multiple wall plugs to support more IP telephony usage at the centre.
- This project was completed in February 2021.

Background

- The eligibility guidelines for reconstruction projects under DRFA and NDRRA are set by the Commonwealth and administered by the QRA.

Policing and Youth Crime

POLICE NUMBERS

- **Capricornia Police District has 606 permanent positions, up 24 since 2015.**
- It was fantastic to announce in September 2020, an additional 2,025 police personnel across the state.
- **This is a \$624M investment over five years for 2,025 new police personnel. Of those 1,450 will be deployed to the frontline which means at least 150 positions will be located per key region across the state.**
- We're also investing in 25 mobile police vans that will take police into the heart of the community.
- There are more than 12,000 police officers in Queensland – a record number. **Under Labor, there are more police in Queensland than ever before with more on the way.**
- **And we back police 100% in what they do best – keeping communities safe,** providing them with the necessary equipment, like body worn cameras, new vehicles and tasers.

CRIME STATS

- From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022, the overall rate of Total Reported Crime for the Capricornia Police District **increased by 3,423 offences or 16 per cent** compared with the same time period the previous year.
- From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022, compared with the previous year, the rate of:
 - Offences Against the Person **increased by 1,328 or 65 per cent;**
 - Offences Against Property **increased by 1,636 or 24 per cent;** and
 - Other Offences **increased by 459 offences or 3 per cent.**

YOUTH CRIME

- In response to community concerns, I announced a **\$15.8M Five-Point Action Plan:**
 - offenders posing a risk to the community should not get bail;
 - a police blitz on bail, appealing court decisions where appropriate;
 - a 24/7 Police Strike Team;

- culture-based rehabilitation for Indigenous offenders through new On Country initiatives; and
- empowering local communities in the war on crime with \$2M for community-based organisations for local solutions.
- For noting, compared to 2019, data for 2020 indicates increases in the number of proven offences and distinct young people with a proven offence. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic response, which resulted in delayed court processes and delays in finalising charges (with finalisations occurring in 2020-21).
- For the year ending 31 December 2021 compared to the year ending 31 December 2019, there has been:
 - a **47 per cent decrease** in the **number of proven offences** committed in Longreach by 10-17-year-olds; and
 - a **29 per cent decrease** in the number of distinct 10-17-year old offenders, with at least one proven offence committed in Longreach.
- *Caution should be exercised with these numbers, as small numbers are involved which exaggerates the percentage difference.*
- **For the year ending 31 December 2021, there were 2 restorative justice conferences held in Longreach.**

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Negotiations continue with Barcaldine Regional Council to purchase the existing Council chambers for use as a replacement police facility in Barcaldine.

LNP

- A total police budget increase of 2.8%. Given the rate of inflation, that's a cut to police funding in real terms.
- Sacked 110 senior police and cut a further 212 police positions.
- Cut police training, reduced firearms training, forced police to pay for their own body worn video cameras.
- Slashed the auto theft squad from 18 to 3.
- Axed funding to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council – we reinstated it.

- Wasted millions of dollars on a failed boot camp experiment to breed fitter, faster criminals.
 - Failed to fund the roll out of automatic number plate recognition technology that helps police track stolen vehicles.
- The LNP had its chance to stamp out youth crime. It didn't work.
- The LNP voted **against our amendments to get tough on bail.**

Background

- As of 1 July 2021, the Capricornia Police District had the following increase due to the Service Realignment Program:
 - The Longreach Patrol Group comprises of the Divisions of; Longreach, Winton, Muttaborra, Aramac, Barcaldine, Blackall, Isisford, Ilfracombe, Yarka, Jundah, Alpha, Jericho and Windorah inclusive of Tambo Division from Charleville Patrol Group and was realigned into Capricornia District from South West District.

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Queensland Electric Super Highway (QESH) Phase 3

Recommended response

- Installation of a new electric vehicle fast charger in Longreach is planned as part of Phase 3 of the Queensland Electric Super Highway (QESH).

Key Facts

- Patronage of the QESH is at all time high and is delivering on the Queensland Government's commitment to reduce emissions.
- In June 2021, the State Government announced a further \$2.75M investment to deliver 18 new QESH sites in regional Queensland, as part of Phase 3, connecting locations including Longreach, Miles, Mount Isa, Roma, Stanthorpe, Esk, Goondiwindi, Hughenden, Julia Creek, Winton, Emerald, Roma, Dingo, Cloncurry, Charters Towers, Charleville, Blackall, and Barcaldine.
- On 25 May 2022, the State Government announced a further \$1.08M investment to deliver six more charging stations at Richmond, Kynuna, Injune, Rolleston, St George and Cunnamulla.
- Phase 3 is an important network connector, linking regional and rural areas of the State to generate greater tourism and economic development opportunities.
- Once finalised, the QESH will provide a fast-charging infrastructure network at 55 locations across Queensland.
- Construction is expected to commence on Phase 3 from June 2022, with all 24 sites expected to become progressively operational by mid-2023.

Achievements

- QESH includes 31 fast charging locations connecting Electric Vehicle drivers from Coolangatta to Port Douglas and Brisbane to Toowoomba.

Background

- The current QESH network consists of 31 fast charging locations. Yurika, a subsidiary of Energy Queensland Limited (EQL), delivered QESH Phases 1 and 2. Phase 1 cost \$2.8M (\$2.5M from EQL and \$300,000 from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)) for 18 charging sites, and Phase 2 cost \$2.5M (funded by DTMR) for 13 charging sites.
- Since it commenced, QESH use has saved between 1053 to 1236 tonnes of CO2 emissions (using the National Greenhouse Accounts Factors) compared to similar light petrol or diesel

vehicles, respectively. This is the equivalent of removing 359 petrol/diesel vehicles from Queensland roads.

- Most energy for QESH sites is sourced through green credits and offsets.

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Major Road Upgrades

Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- **That's why we have committed to \$52.2 billion over 4 years towards job creating infrastructure across the state.**
- That plan includes a **jointly-funded \$13 billion of works over 15 years for the Bruce Highway** to improve flood resilience and safety and increase capacity.
- My Government is delivering **\$324 million to upgrade Central West District** roads and transport, supporting an average of 400 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Key facts

Major road upgrades underway in Longreach Regional Council area:

- **Over \$9.5M to fully seal the Gramsie–Muttaborra Road**, delivering a fully sealed link between Longreach and Muttaborra for the first time:
 - \$5M to seal nine kilometres of the road – funded by the Queensland Government as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. Construction started in October 2020;
 - \$2.34M to seal four kilometres of the road - jointly funded by AG (\$1.872M) and QG (\$468,000) under the Regional Economic Enabling Fund. Construction started in March 2021; and
 - \$2.2M to pave and seal remaining four kilometres of the road - fully funded by the QG TIDS. Construction started in early 2022.
- All three projects are expected to be complete by mid-2022.
- In addition to these projects, the 2022-23 Federal Budget (delivered March 2022) committed a further \$112.5M to the 'Outback Way – Queensland Future Priorities'. This funding is in addition to the \$33.5M identified in the current *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program*.

Achievements

- Two new heavy vehicle rest areas have been established on the Landsborough Highway within five kilometres to the north-west of Longreach.

- The closure of the roadhouse in Longreach in early 2021 resulted in limited facilities being available for truck drivers. To assist, The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) identified the opportunity to upgrade existing hardstands nearby to help meet their needs.
- Works were completed on the first new facility in November 2021, with the second in operation from April 2022, delivering new toilets, shaded shelters, lighting, and vehicle bays for both light and heavy vehicles.
- An additional benefit has flowed on to local businesses based in Longreach who are offering free delivery of coffee and food to truck drivers at the rest areas.
- These projects were funded under the Australian Government's Road Safety Program as part of a broader initiative to upgrade rest areas across the State. Under the program, \$15.83M (\$12.66M AG; \$3.17M QG) was committed to upgrade various rest areas within Queensland with a further \$3.17M (\$2.536M AG; \$634,000 QG) targeting upgrades to seven rest areas in the Central West.
- The new rest areas are providing road users with a safe place to stop and manage fatigue while travelling in Outback Queensland.

LNP

- The LNP cut \$600M from Queensland's road budget.
- Sacked 20 per cent Main Roads staff, including 700 RoadTek road builders and cut long-term planning for roads.

Background

- Works are expected to start in mid-2022 on a \$3 million project (fully funded by the Queensland Government) to rehabilitate more than 8.4 kilometres of the Jundah–Longreach Road pavement, with an additional \$1.4 million for replacement of minor culverts.
- DTMR has determined that, as part of these works, the road seal will be widened from four metres to eight metres on an eight-metre formation.
- Local road crews from Longreach Regional Council (LRC) will deliver the project with completion in early 2023.
- On 1 April 2022, the *Longreach Leader* reported that at a recent LRC meeting, it had been decided to lobby DTMR for further funding to widen the Jundah–Longreach Road from four to six metres.

Schools – Overview

Recommended response

- Since 2017, more than **\$28M** has been invested in the Outback Queensland region to maintain, improve and upgrade schools.
- In 2021-22 we are investing **around \$87.6M** in the Outback Queensland region.
- We are investing **\$1.4 billion in 2021-22 to build, maintain and improve schools across the state.**
- Since coming to Government in 2015, we have opened **29 new schools including 3 new schools in 2022.**
- We are planning for a new school in Brisbane's inner west over the coming years and substantially expanding 13 existing schools during 2021-22.
- My Government is also investing \$20M for planning and land acquisitions for a further 16 new schools beyond 2023.
- Queensland is a growing state and we are delivering the infrastructure and educational facilities needed to support this growth.
- Of the 5 schools in the Longreach Regional Council (LRC) area:
 - major infrastructure work has been carried out at 3 schools totalling almost \$2M;
 - \$3.7M worth of works planned/underway at 3 schools;
 - all schools have air conditioning provided under the former Cooler Schools Program (CSP); and
 - all schools have solar panels.
- On 19 April 2022, the Government announced that all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are now air conditioned, delivering more comfortable teaching and learning environments for our students, teachers and school communities.

Key facts

New Schools

- There are no new schools planned for this region.

Major infrastructure work

- Almost **\$2M** worth of major infrastructure work carried out at **3 schools** over the past 4 years.

Schools	Budget (GST excl)	Project
Ilfracombe State School	\$318,102	replace amenities – completed 2018
Longreach State High School	\$929,152 \$290,451	refurbish science rooms – completed 2019 learning centre (library) – completed June 2019
Longreach State School	\$457,354	Replace the amenities black – completed August 2021

- **Going forward, we're also investing \$3.7M** worth of works in **3 schools** within the LRC area:

Schools	Budget (GST excl)	Project
Longreach School of Distance Education	\$200,000	Facility upgrade
Longreach State High School	\$3.1M \$220,000	Upgrade and maintain the catering facilities – upgrade to the Big Red Truck and convert junior kitchen to senior kitchen (expected completion June 2023) Replacement of boundary fencing
Longreach State School	\$200,000	Refurbish Blocks E, B & C

Air conditioning and solar panels

- On 27 February 2020, the Government announced the Cooler Cleaner Schools Program (CCSP) which will provide more than \$477M over 4 years to air condition state schools and expand the existing ACES program.
- On 19 April 2022, the Government announced the CCSP has been fully delivered, providing all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms with air conditioning. Installations were completed over two months ahead of schedule to ensure air-conditioned spaces were available from the start of Term 2, 2022.
- The CCSP replaced the Government's former CSP.

Air Conditioning and Solar Panels in Schools – Longreach Regional Council area

(all within Gregory electorate)

<i>School Facility</i>	<i>Air Conditioning</i>	<i>Solar Panels</i>	
		Cost (ex GST)	ACES program
Ilfracombe State School	installed – under CSP		installed
Isisford State School	installed – under CSP		installed
Longreach School of Distance Education	installed – under CSP		completed phase 2: 39kW, 118 panels
Longreach State High School	installed – under CSP		completed phase 2: 250kW, 758 panels
Longreach State School	installed – under CSP		completed phase 2: 80kW, 242 panels

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