

VISIT BASE PACK

Stanthorpe – Southern Downs Regional Council

Building our Regions / Works for Queensland projects					
Building our Regions – Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC)	Jobs		Funding		
	18.5		\$2.99M		
<u>Works for Queensland</u> <u>Completed projects, include:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.736M Stanthorpe waste transfer station – completed Sep 2021 • \$90,000 sealing gravel section of Darcy Street, Stanthorpe – completed Nov 2019 • \$250,000 sealing Link Rd from Brunckhorst Avenue to Wallangarra Road, Stanthorpe – completed June 2021 <u>Current projects, include:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$170,000 Maryvale Urban Design outcomes – implement high priority projects, expected completion June 2022 	Since 2016, SDRC has received \$14.73M for 43 projects, supporting 504 jobs. 37 projects are complete.				
	Funding round	No of projects	Act Jobs	Funding	
	2016-17	7	86.0	\$2.93M	
	2017-19	10	145.0	\$2.90M	
	2019-21	16	225.0	\$2.87M	
	2020-21 COVID Rnd	5	36.0	\$2.98M	
	2021-24	5	12.0	\$3.05M	
	Total	43	504.0	\$14.73M	
Transport and Roads					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects underway include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$19.45M project underway in council area to improve safety on the New England Highway between (Warwick-Wallangarra) in SDRC, generating 40 direct jobs over the life of the project ○ Packages 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 complete (Jun-2021), Package 3 design completed Dec-2021, Package 8 expected to be complete in June 2022 					
Education					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 schools in the SDRC area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 schools have had almost \$17M worth of infrastructure work ○ 2 schools having over \$7M worth of work done, including nearly \$6M for a new multi-purpose hall at Warwick State High School (election commitment) ○ All have air conditioning and solar panels 					
Health					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.0M for Stanthorpe and Warwick water security infrastructure works – completed November 2020 • \$7.32M for Darling Downs HHS cardiac and body protect compliance works – completed February 2022 • \$10.0M State Government funding for the Toowoomba Hospital Redevelopment master planning and Detailed Business Case project 					

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LOCAL BRIEFS

6. QCWA buildings in Stanthorpe

7. Major Roads – Southern Downs Regional Council area

- \$19.45M project underway in council area to improve safety on the New England Highway between (Warwick-Wallangarra) in SDRC, generating 40 direct jobs over the life of the project.
 - Packages 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 complete (Jun-2021), Package 3 design only completed Feb-2022, Package 8 expected to be complete in Jun-2022

8. Regional Art Gallery

9. School Transport Assistance Scheme – Stanthorpe area

10. Housing

- 100 new social homes to be built in the region by 30 June 2025
- \$32.5M investment supporting 102 FTE jobs

REGIONAL BRIEFS

11. COVID-19 – Economic Support and Recovery

- \$6M to 45 concessional loans, supporting 466 local jobs
- \$1.3M in grants to small businesses
- \$8.90M in Works for Qld funding for the Southern Downs Regional Council supporting more than 270 local jobs since 2019

12. COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

- \$1.28M from the job support loan scheme to 10 businesses to support 78 local jobs

13. Health Overview – Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

- \$1.0M for Stanthorpe and Warwick water security infrastructure works – completed November 2020
- \$7.32M for Darling Downs HHS cardiac and body protect compliance works – completed February 2022
- \$10.0M State Government funding for the Toowoomba Hospital Redevelopment master planning and Detailed Business Case project

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14. Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements – Southern Downs Regional Council area

- \$35.5M combined DRFA funding for current reconstruction programs, including \$10.0M associated with 2022 events
- \$95.0M disaster recovery and resilience funding since 2011

15. Policing and Youth Crime – Darling Downs

- 4% increase in offences
- 77% decrease in youth offenders
- 54% decrease in offences committed by young offenders

16. Schools Overview

- 28 schools in the Southern Downs Regional Council area
 - 12 schools have had almost \$17M worth of infrastructure work
 - 2 schools having over \$7M worth of work done, including nearly \$6M for a new multi-purpose hall at Warwick State High School (election commitment)

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REGION PROFILE	DARLING DOWNS
ELECTORATE	SITTING MEMBER
Callide	Mr Colin Boyce (LNP)
Condamine	Mr Pat Weir (LNP)
Lockyer	Mr Jim McDonald (LNP)
Nanango	Mrs Deb Frecklington (LNP)
Southern Downs	Mr James Lister (LNP)
Toowoomba North	Mr Trevor Watts (LNP)
Toowoomba South	Mr David Janetzki (LNP)
Warrego	Ms Ann Leahy (LNP)

Queensland Government FTEs		2021	2015
Doctors	Darling Downs HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	481.89	320.56
Nurses		2274.20	1,739.09
Other health professionals		623.89	428.87
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	West Moreton HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	453.42	292.29
Nurses		1950.56	1,253.10
Other health professionals		547.68	337.26
Ambulance officers	Darling Downs – Maranoa & Toowoomba SA4s <i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data</i>	330.39	411.47
Police officers		583.38	838.82
Fire officers		159.35	206.20
Teachers		2,982.53	3,584.36
Teacher aides		850.73	877.51

Employment – annual rate change	2022 (Apr)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	3.6%	1.6%
Darling Downs - Maranoa employment (SA4)	-1.2%	-1.3%
Toowoomba employment (SA4)	-5.5%	-10.9%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.5%	6.5%
Darling Downs - Maranoa unemployment (SA4)	6.8%	3.5%
Toowoomba unemployment (SA4)	5.1%	4.3%
Queensland youth unemployment	10.2%	14.1%
Darling Downs - Maranoa youth unemployment (SA4)	11.9%	8.3%
Toowoomba youth unemployment (SA4)	10.4%	11.4%

Employment by industry (2016 census)	Number	Percent
Health care and social assistance	15,276	12.6%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	14,057	11.6%
Education and training	12,057	9.9%
Retail trade	11,559	9.5%
Construction	9,955	8.2%

	Queensland	DD Region
Median age (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	39 years
Population (estimated as at 30 June 2021)	5,221,233	289,654
Crime rate (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	10,142

Tourism (Dec 2021)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Southern Qld	2.1 million	\$785.4M
International tourism	Country	not published	not published

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2021-22	Darling Downs
Infrastructure	\$763.0M
<u>Community wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilsonton Neighbourhood Centre 	
<u>Utilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coolmunda Dam improvement project (planning works) • Karara Wind Farm • Kogan Creek Power Station enhancements, overhauls and refurbishment • Kogan North Gas Fields development • Yarranlea substation upgrade – to improve network performance 	
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cunningham Highway (Ipswich – Warwick), Eight Mile intersection upgrade • Toowoomba Wellcamp Trade Distribution Centre airfreight access for agricultural producers 	
<u>Justice and safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalby police facility upgrade • Warwick police facility upgrade 	
<u>Government services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled Water for Warwick Industry • Toowoomba Escarpment Parks Upgrades 	

Budget 2021-22	Darling Downs
<u>Recreation and culture</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk • Girraween National Park camping area redevelopment • Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program • Queensland Museum public programs – temporary exhibitions at regional campuses • Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct • West Wanderers Football Club 	
Health	\$1.1B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinchilla Hospital – replacement of generator • Goondiwindi and Warwick Hospitals – upgrades to facilities • Roma Hospital – redevelopment • South West Hospital and Health Service – multiple construction projects • Toowoomba Day Surgery Theatre • Toowoomba Hospital – construction projects to improve facilities 	
Education	\$67.7M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinchilla State High School – new skills and development • Highlands State School – administration building upgrade • Clifford Park Special School – new building and relocate Denise Kable Centre • Grantham State School – upgrade amenities block • Clifton State High School – upgrade skills and training facilities • Tara Shire State College – skills and development • Toowoomba TAFE – Stage 2 of the Rural Centre of Excellence • Toowoomba West Special School – new building and upgrade the administration building • Warwick State High School – new hall facility • Wilsonton State High School – new building and upgrade the administration building 	
Total jobs supported in this region	2,500

	Jobs	Funding		
Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (3 May 2022)				
Darling Downs region	399.10	\$55.407M		
Works for Queensland (Summary) – Darling Downs region (30 Apr 2022)				
2019-21 Rnd	932.0	\$9.41M		
2020-21 COVID-19 Unite & Recover CSP ¹ SEQ Rnd	83.0	\$4.40M		
2020-21 COVID Rnd	384.0	\$14.21M		
2021-24 Rnd	139.0	\$9.80M		
2021-24 CSP ¹ SEQ Rnd	43.11	\$13.546M		
Back to Work (Total across all programs)	Employers	Jobs	Funding	
<u>Initial</u> Back to work (closed 30 Jun 2021)	619	1,122	\$12.888M	
<u>Revitalised</u> Back to Work (30 Apr 2022)	21	20	\$129,500	
Skilling Queenslanders for Work (31 May 2022)			Jobs	Funding
Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative		2,948	\$34.32M	

Notes:

¹ Community Stimulus Package

Local Government	Mayor
Balonne Shire Council	Cr Samantha O'Toole
Goondiwindi Regional Council	Cr Lawrence Springborg
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Cr Tanya Milligan
Maranoa Regional Council	Cr Tyson Golder
Southern Downs Regional Council	Cr Victor Pennisi
Toowoomba Regional Council	Cr Paul Antonio
Western Downs Regional Council	Cr Paul McVeigh

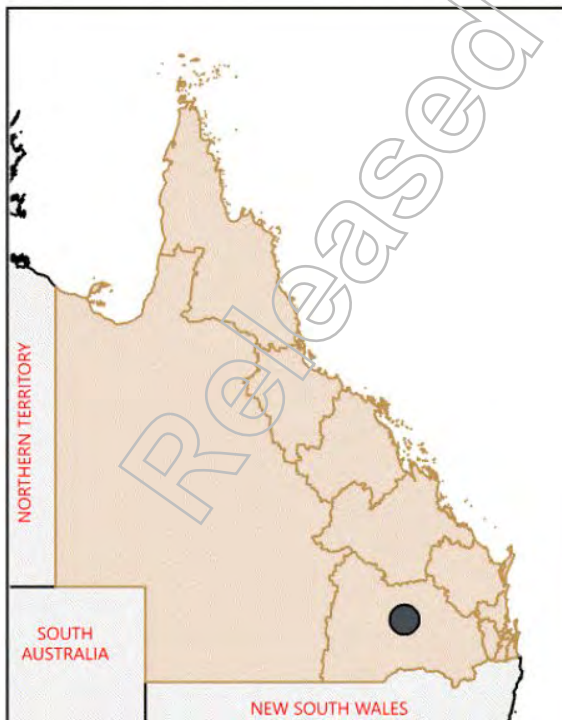
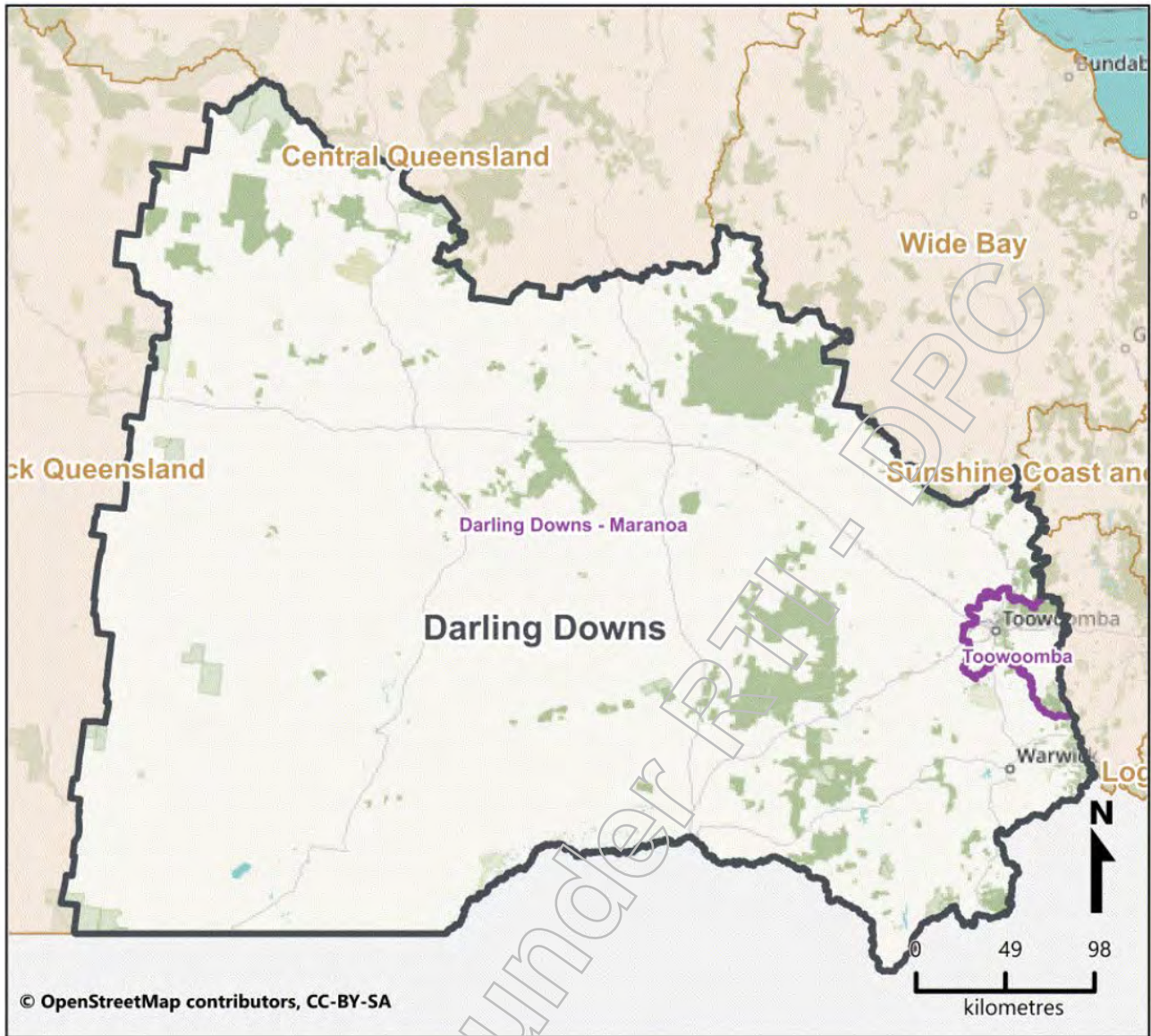
PREVIOUS VISITS		
<p>Since 2015, the Government held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Governing from the Regions (GFR) in Toowoomba (7 GFR have been held across the State); and • 1 offsite Cabinet meeting with a reception in Toowoomba (25 off-site Cabinet meetings have been held across the State, of which 7 included community receptions). 		
DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
10 March 2022	Gatton, Grantham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Lockyer Community Centre • Visit flood damage, Grantham
16 February 2022	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – official opening of Wellcamp Quarantine facility

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22 September 2021	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> announcement Boeing Australia will establish uncrewed-aircraft production facility at Toowoomba's Wellcamp Aerospace and Defence Precinct
1 June 2021	Roma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Opening of Santos Roma Office meet with Cr Tyson Golder, Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council visit the Roma Hospital
15 April 2021	Stanthorpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> announced the Southern Downs Resilience Package
29 January 2020	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend Opening of Qantas Group Pilot Academy meet with Mayor, Toowoomba Regional Council visit Toowoomba TAFE's Agriculture Rural Centre of Excellence
20 January 2020	Southern Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit Toowoomba to Warwick pipeline potential corridor visit Storm King Dam visit Brinx Deli and Café, Stanthorpe visit Sam's Farm Fresh Fruit and Veg, Stanthorpe
8 October 2019	Roma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roma Saleyards 50th Anniversary celebrations visit to Roma Hospital
21 September 2019	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers event attend Defence Forces Salute
15 August 2019	Stanthorpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meet with Mayor, Southern Downs Regional Council inspect Storm King Dam, Stanthorpe
24-26 September 2018	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governing from the Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit Laurel Bank Gardens Premier's Women on Boards Lunch, Toowoomba
26 June 2018	Roma and Wallumbilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meeting in Wallumbilla
23 January 2018	Roma/Western Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit saleyards and view cattle sales visit Western Downs Solar Project, Kogan
18 September 2017	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offsite Cabinet meeting

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16-17 September 2017	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Garden Party and concert – attend Ergon Energy Food and Wines Festival
16-17 January 2017	Roma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – inspect Roma Airport upgrades funded by Building Our Regions – attend BBQ with Queensland Murray Darling Committee members – visit Roma Sale Yards – visit Roma Hospital – meet with Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council

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MAP – Darling Downs region



Achievements – Darling Downs Region

Roads

- \$2.75M (80:20 Fed/State split) Warrego Highway (Toowoomba-Dalby), Brimblecombe Road, upgrade intersection, completed in December 2021.
- \$19.45M, State Govt funding, New England Highway safety improvements – Stanthorpe to Ballandean, construction completed for Packages 1, 4, 5 and 7 in June 2021, supporting an average of 40 direct jobs.
- \$12.2M Highfields Bikeway – Stage 1 was completed in December 2020
- \$6.7M One Arm Man bridge replacement project on Jackson-Wandoan Road, completed October 2020, and supported 7 jobs
- \$10.66M Toowoomba West Creek culvert upgrade project completed in October 2020, and supported 22 jobs
- \$19M Chinchilla Open Level Crossing and Colamba Street signals projects completed in September 2020, supported 43 jobs
- \$9.26M Emu Creek bridge replacement project on the New England Highway (Yarraman – Toowoomba) was completed in September 2020, and supported 15 jobs
- \$10.46M Toowoomba East Creek culvert upgrade project completed August 2020, and supported 48 jobs
- \$1.98M Drayton Connection, Newman and Luck roads intersection upgrade, completed in August 2020
- \$16.5M (80:20 Fed/State split) Carnarvon Highway Upgrade Program (St George – Surat) commenced in mid-March 2017 and completed early December 2018.
- \$4.4M (80:20 Fed/State split) Carnarvon Highway Upgrade Program – widening upgrades commenced in June 2019 and completed early November 2019.
- \$14M Noondoo-Thallon Road Upgrade Program. Funding is committed over 10 years to undertake improvements works. Stage 1 completed in December 2014.

- \$1.606 billion Toowoomba Bypass, created more than 3,700 local jobs during construction and was officially opened to traffic on 8 September 2019.

Education / TAFE

- \$9.8M Warwick East State School – \$2.3M to rectify fire damage and replace facilities, completed in 2021; \$5.5M for new administration building with 3 learning areas – completed April 2021 and \$2M for structural rectification of heritage building, completed May 2022
- \$33.7M Highfields State Secondary College – the new secondary college was opened in 2015. Stage 2 (\$14.6M) was delivered in 2017, Stage 3 (\$11.2M) and additional classrooms (\$7.9M) in 2019
- \$9.6M new performing arts centre at Toowoomba State High School – completed December 2020
- \$2.1M St George State High School - air conditioning replaced
- \$12.0M over four years to expand remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools at least 40km from the nearest Kindergarten Program provider – election commitment delivered
- \$1.2M Warwick State High School amenities gym canteen for oval site, completed by June 2018
- \$0.8M Stanthorpe State High School to repair and modernise learning spaces and staffroom space, completed March 2022
- \$0.5M Killarney P-10 State School – covered play area and walkway, completed by June 2019
- \$0.3M Allora P-10 State School – equitable access (install a lift A Block and a ramp G Block) – completed 2021 – election commitment

Health

- \$1.0M water security infrastructure works for Stanthorpe and Warwick hospitals, completed November 2020
- \$7.32M for Darling Downs HHS cardiac and body protect compliance works, completed February 2022
- \$3.3M Toowoomba Hospital – Renal Unit, completed November 2019
- \$1.1M roof replacement for Stanthorpe Hospital, completed November 2018

- \$1.2M Baillie Henderson – air conditioning project, completed October 2018
- \$2.1M Warwick Hospital – Emergency Department upgrade, completed November 2018
- \$8.0M Toowoomba Hospital – MRI and \$2.5M extend clinical capacity of Emergency Department, both completed July 2017
- \$3.78M Goondiwindi and Warwick Hospitals fire protection works, delivered July 2020

Infrastructure

- \$64M Toowoomba Range Clearance Upgrade Project completed in February 2020 (rail tunnels)
- \$21M Toowoomba Range Slope Stabilisation Project, delivered ahead of schedule and under budget in September 2020. The project achieved improved stability and drainage along the Range and will support the 224 trains that operate on the line each week.
- \$5.1M transfer of the St George (Mallawa) Irrigation Scheme to local management arrangements on 30 June 2018.

Police

- \$2.8M Police facility in Highfields was officially opened in September 2020

Building our Regions

- \$3.0M to Southern Downs Regional Council for 2 projects supporting 18.5 jobs, including:
 - \$2.5M recycled water for Warwick industry (project still underway); and
 - \$500,000 Warwick saleyards truck wash recycled water treatment plant.

Works for Queensland

- Summary of funding for projects within Southern Downs Regional Council

Funding round	Total No of projects	No of projects completed	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	7	7	86.0	\$2.93M
WFQ 2017-19	10	10	145.0	\$2.90M
WFQ 2019-21	16	15	225.0	\$2.87M
2020-21 COVID-19	5	5	36.0	\$2.98M
WFQ 2021-24	5	0	12.0	\$3.05M
Total	43	37	504.0	\$14.73M

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2020 Election Commitments – Darling Downs Region

- The implementation status of 51 commitments for Darling Downs region as at 31 March 2022, is

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

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Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Delivered in Other Regions
Roads and Transport			
Toowoomba Nth	GETTING ACTIVE \$880,000 to design Stage 2 of the Highfields to Toowoomba CBD Cycleway*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Warrego	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Provide \$200 million towards a \$1 billion jointly funded plan to improve Queensland's Inland Freight route, activating an alternative to the Bruce Highway		✓
Warrego	A REAL BRUCE PLAN As part of the \$200 million, allocate \$1.2 million to match the Federal Government's \$4.8 million commitment to the Roads of Strategic Importance Townsville to Roma corridor		✓
Education			
Condamine Nanango Warrego	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to replace the septic system at Quinalow Prep-10 State School*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Lockyer Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to replace the septic system at Withcott State School*		
Callide Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$2.8 million for an engineering annex to support training opportunities in the mining, gas and electrical industries at Chinchilla State High School		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Delivered in Other Regions
Condamine Lockyer Southern Downs	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$2.76 million to enclose the existing covered area at Clifton State High School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Condamine Nanango	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million for a new multi-purpose hall at Oakey State High School		
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Condamine Southern Downs	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$6.25 million for a new multi-purpose hall at Pittsworth State High School		
Condamine Lockyer Southern Downs	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.4 million for upgrades to the horse stables and facilities at Clifton State High		
Southern Downs	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.8 million for a new multipurpose hall and a disability access project to upgrade school amenities at Warwick State High School		
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$1 million for Stage 2 of Toowoomba TAFE's new Rural Centre of Excellence		
Toowoomba Nth Condamine Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$11.9 million for additional classrooms at Wilsonton State High School		
Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$2.8 million for new classrooms at Toowoomba West Special School		
Toowoomba Nth Condamine	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$3 million for a new or extension to the administration building at Highfields State School		
Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$11.9 million for additional classrooms at Clifford Park Special School		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Delivered in Other Regions
Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.5 million in improved infrastructure for animal husbandry studies at Roma State College	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet DPC	
Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$2 million for engineering annexes to support training opportunities in the mining, gas and electrical industries at Tara Shire State College		
Warrego Callide Condamine Nanango Southern Downs	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$2.5 million for upgrades to the rural and industrial manufacturing training facilities at Dalby State High School		
Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$3 million in upgrades to agriculture and animal husbandry studies, and Industrial Design and Technology facilities at St George State High School		
Callide Nanango Southern Downs 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*		✓
Callide	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$1.5 million to replace the existing amenities block at Taroom State School*		✓
Callide Warrego	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$50,000 to install a ramp to music and art classrooms at Bell State School		
Condamine Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 for an outdoor learning area at D Block at Gowrie State School*		
Condamine Nanango	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$600,000 to refurbish hospitality at Oakey State High School*		
Condamine Nanango	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$750,000 to refurbish industrial technology and design at Oakey State High School*		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Delivered in Other Regions	
Lockyer	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$550,000 for stormwater mitigation on the oval at Lockyer District State High School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet		
Lockyer	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$70,000 to provide equitable access at Grantham State School			
Southern Downs Condamine	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$200,000 to install a lift in A Block and a ramp at G Block at Allora P-10 State School			
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$100,000 to provide equitable access to amenities for students and staff with a disability at Newtown State School			
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to upgrade the car park at Harristown State School			
Toowoomba Sth Lockyer Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$200,000 to install a lift in F Block at Rangeville State School			
Toowoomba Sth Condamine Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 for a security fence at Harristown State High School			
Health				
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	Permanently establish a new office for rural and remote health, which will be based in Townsville with locations in Cairns, Toowoomba and the Western Corridor and a presence in Brisbane to complement existing units in Cairns and the Darling Downs. The Office will be guided by an Advisory Group that will have membership from within Queensland Health and external agencies*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓	
Callide Nanango Southern Downs 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			✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Delivered in Other Regions
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	\$490,000 over four years to extend the HIV self-testing project for people living in regional Queensland	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Condamine Lockyer Nanango Southern Downs Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	SATELLITE HOSPITALS: BETTER CARE, CLOSER TO HOME \$265 million to build seven satellite hospitals in South East Queensland. The final location and health services provided will be determined by the local Health and Hospital Service in consultation with the community		✓
Toowoomba Nh Toowoomba Sth	\$6.2 million to the McGrath Foundation to allow them to employ 13 more breast care nurses including two additional breast care nurses in Cairns		✓
Toowoomba Sth	PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE Fund Ambulance Wish Queensland for another 12 months		✓
Warrego	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million to enclose the existing covered area at St George State High School		
Police/ Justice			
Condamine Nanango Southern Downs Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	Deliver modern, mobile and flexible policing across Queensland, including 25 new mobile police beat vans across the state, to meet strategic and operational priorities, as well as local needs	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Southern Downs	As part of the \$300 million Police Infrastructure Pipeline, establish new police facilities in Warwick		✓
Tourism/ Industry			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs 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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Delivered in Other Regions
Grants			
Callide Condamine Nanango Southern Downs Warrego Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	Provide \$4 million in Rural Agricultural Development Grants to fund more cluster fencing and other measures to help grow the sheep industry in Western and Southern Queensland*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Community and Recreation			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	COUNTRY RACING \$35.2 million for Country Racing over 2 years from July 2021 to June 2023 which includes: - \$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	✓
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land		✓
Callide Lockyer Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓
Works for Queensland			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs 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	✓
Condamine Lockyer Nanango Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	KEEPING QUEENSLAND WORKING \$200 million over six years for a SEQ Community Stimulus Package funding 12 South East Queensland local governments over two rounds		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Delivered in Other Regions
Agriculture Workforce			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs 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	

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Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

Building our Regions – Darling Downs region

- As at 3 May 2022, under Rounds 1-5, the Darling Downs region (Darling Downs-Maranoa SA4 and Toowoomba SA4) received **\$55.407M for 30 projects** with a total project cost of **\$128.421M**.
- Funding received by the regional councils (RC) and shire councils (SC) in the region include:

Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5)	Jobs	Funding
Balonne SC (BSC)	14.1	\$3.233M
Goondiwindi SC (GSC)	2.0	\$300,000
Lockyer Valley RC (LVRC)	3.2	\$866,714
Maranoa RC (MRC)	88.9	\$11.975M
Southern Downs RC (SDRC)	18.5	\$2.990M
Toowoomba RC (TRC)	174.0	\$25.791M
Western Downs RC (WDRC)	98.4	\$10.252M
TOTAL	399.10	\$55.407M

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

Rd	Project	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
04	Recycled Water for Warwick Industry	\$2,489,906	\$4,979,814	16.4	exp completion 2022-23
05	Warwick Saleyards Truck Wash Recycled Water Treatment Plant	\$500,000	\$625,000	2.1	Exp completion Jun-2022

Works for Queensland – Darling Downs region

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland the Darling Downs region has received **\$95.356M for 229 projects** supporting around **3,016 jobs**. As at 30 April 2022, **121 projects are now complete**.
- In addition, as part of the **\$50M 2020-21 Unite & Recover Community Stimulus Package SEQ Round**, the region received \$4.40M for 6 projects, supporting 83.0 jobs. As at 30 April 2022, 4 projects are now complete.
- **Southern Downs Regional Council** has received **\$14.73M** for 43 projects supporting **504 jobs** with 37 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
BSC	93.0	\$1.200M	45.0	\$1.180M	3.0	\$1.18M
GSC	24.0	\$1.350M	14.0	\$1.350M	37.0	\$1.37M
LVRC	N/A	\$0	40.0	\$1.70M	4.11	up to \$4.43M
MRC	67.0	\$1.380M	69.0	\$1.400M	34.0	\$1.42M
SDRC	225.0	\$2.870M	36.0	\$2.980M	12.0	\$3.05M
TRC	N/A	\$0	10.0	\$2.870M	N/A	\$9.11M
WDRC	523.0	\$2.610M	170.0	\$2.730M	53.0	\$2.78M
TOTAL	932.0	\$9.410M	384.0	\$14.146M	143.11	up to \$23.26M

- Two councils also received funding under the **\$50M COVID-19 2020-21 Unite & Recover Community Stimulus Package SEQ Round:**

Council	jobs created/supported		Funding
	Est	Act	
LVRC – within region	14.00	14.00	\$805,459
TRC	77.00	69.0	\$3.600M
TOTAL	91.00	83.0	\$4.405M

W4Q Projects - SDRC

2019-21 Works for Queensland Projects – within SDRC	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Relocate Warwick SES to APRA building	\$300,000	3.0	5.0	completed 12/6/2020
Warwick Men's Shed and Warwick Woodcrafters Stage Two - including landscaping and fencing	\$300,000	2.0	58.0	Completed 30/8/2020
Maryvale Urban Design outcomes - implement high priority projects	\$170,000	51.0	5.0	exp completion Jun-2022
Leyburn Urban Design outcomes - streetscape and enhance Sprints Precinct	\$125,000	1.0	3.0	completed 30/09/2021
Regional Parks improvements	\$75,000	2.0	3.0	completed 30/06/2021
Sealing gravel section of Darcy Street, Stanthorpe	\$90,000	2.0	10.0	completed 30/11/2019
Construction of a learn to ride park at Australiana Park, Warwick	\$300,000	3.0	24.0	completed 4/8/2020

2019-21 Works for Queensland Projects – within SDRC	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Condamine River walkway Stage Two	\$300,000	2.0	35.0	completed 30/6/2020
Sealing Link Rd from Brunckhorst Avenue to Wallangarra Road, Stanthorpe	\$250,000	2.0	9.0	completed 30/06/2021
Warwick Laneway Power and Public Art	\$50,000	4.0	1.0	completed 30/04/2021
Leyburn Amenities Upgrade	\$140,000	4.0	3.0	completed 22/07/2021
Warwick Bowls Club Recycled Water Access	\$20,000	2.0	11.0	completed 18/6/2020
Relocate Rose City FM to Queens Park	\$326,000	5.0	10.0	completed 30/09/2021
Water Infrastructure	\$300,000	3.0	22.0	completed 30/06/2021

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects – within SDRC	Budget	jobs created/ supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Group Fitness Room at YMCA	\$444,397	7.0	5.0	completed 30/6/2021
Septic Receival Unit Construction	\$316,817	17.0	1.0	completed 30/9/2021
Stanthorpe Waste Transfer Station	\$1.736M	30.0	15.0	completed 30/9/2021
Storm King Dam Remediation Works	\$394,690	17.0	5.0	completed 30/6/2021
Warwick Pound Improvements	\$87,927	11.0	10.0	completed 1/7/2021



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

CREATING JOBS FOR THE DARLING DOWNS

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

Infrastructure

\$723M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,400 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

\$1.1B

for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$62.8M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Darling Downs.

The Darling Downs region will also benefit from:

Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

\$36M

to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects relating to natural disaster events which occurred between 2018 and 2020 in the Darling Downs.

Social housing

\$22M

in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing, including \$5.5 million Works for Tradies Initiative contributing to Queensland's economic recovery.

Karara Wind Farm

\$250M

for CleanCo to build, own and operate the new 102.6 megawatt Karara Wind Farm near Warwick.

Delivering for the Darling Downs region

Advance Queensland

\$33.5 million of grants awarded to 342 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise the Darling Downs profile as an attractive investment destination. Part of the \$755 million Advance Queensland initiative.

(July 2015 to September 2020)

Building our Regions

\$55.4 million allocated to 30 projects in the Darling Downs to assist local councils to deliver critical infrastructure and support 399 jobs during construction.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding

\$32.8 million in financial assistance provided to 2,155 farms to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Works for Queensland

\$28.3 million provided to regional councils to undertake 118 job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in the Darling Downs.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

Restoring frontline services for the Darling Downs

(March 2015 to September 2020)



469 extra nurses, up 26.8%



146 extra doctors, up 44.1%



251 extra teachers, up 9%



117 extra teacher aides, up 16%



CREATING JOBS FOR THE Darling Downs

1 Mitchell new bore installation
\$198,360 in 2020-21 out of a \$600,000 total spend to construct a new bore connecting to the reticulation network and upgrades to ensure long term sustainability for the water supply.

2 Maranoa and Balonne Tyre Recycling Project
\$136,800 in 2020-21 out of a \$228,000 total spend to support Maranoa and Balonne Shires address stockpiles of waste tyres.

3 Roma Hospital student accommodation
\$5.2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$5.9 million total spend for the Roma Hospital student accommodation precinct.

4 Roma Hospital
\$11.6 million in 2020-21 to redevelop the facility to support contemporary models of care including expanded outpatient capacity and integration of primary and Telehealth services.

5 Chinchilla State High School
\$2.8 million over three years for an engineering annex to support training in the mining, gas and electrical industries.

6 Yarraman auxiliary fire and rescue station
\$657,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to complete the replacement of the Yarraman auxiliary fire and rescue station.

7 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$480,000 in 2020-21 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Bunya Mountains.

8 Kogan Creek Power Station enhancements, overhauls and refurbishment
\$11.5 million in 2020-21 for enhancement and refurbishment to ensure the plant's long-term reliability and safety.

9 Myall Creek Linear Park - Amos Street Precinct Project
\$334,955 in 2020-21 out of a \$1 million total spend to deliver a historical tourist attraction, 1.3km footpath, amenities at Anderson Park, landscaping and lighting to improve community facilities.

10 Quinalow Prep-10 State School
\$300,000 in 2020-21 to replace the school's septic system.

11 Tara Shire State College
\$2 million over three years for engineering annexes to support training opportunities in the mining, gas and electrical industries.

12 Oakey State High School
\$7.1 million for a new multi-purpose hall and to refurbish hospitality, industrial design and technology facilities.

13 Charlton headquarters and new permanent fire and rescue station
\$16.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$18.4 million total spend to continue replacement of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services regional headquarters and the new permanent fire and rescue station at Charlton.

14 Wilsonton Neighbourhood Centre
\$2.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to design and construct a neighbourhood centre to support the Wilsonton community.

15 Toowoomba State High School
\$5.6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10 million total spend to construct a new performing arts centre and refurbish multiple learning spaces.

16 Toowoomba West Special School
\$1.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.1 million total spend for new classrooms.

17 Withcott State School
\$300,000 in 2020-21 to replace the school's septic system.

18 Clifford Park Special School
\$5.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$13.9 million total spend to construct a new building with additional classrooms and to relocate the Denise Kable Centre.

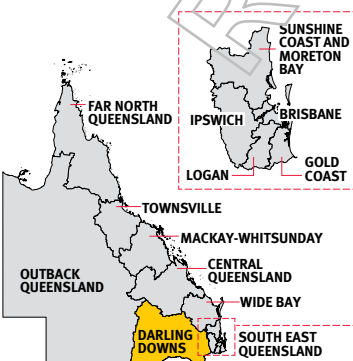
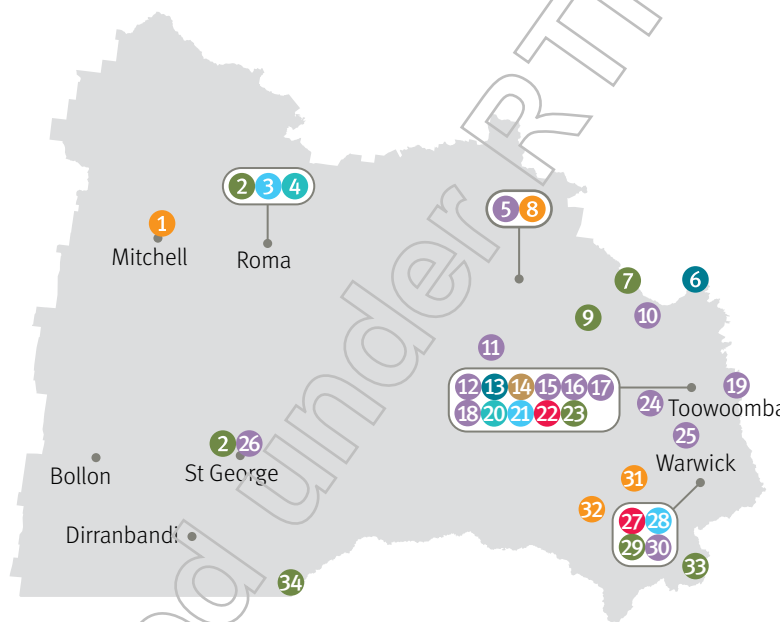
19 Lockyer District State High School
\$550,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade stormwater mitigation on the oval.

20 Toowoomba Hospital
\$3.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$17.5 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Toowoomba Hospital site.

21 Toowoomba Escarpment Parks Upgrades
\$270,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to deliver new tourism infrastructure that capitalises on Toowoomba's Great Dividing Range escarpment parks to unlock nature-based and sporting experiences.

22 Intersection upgrade at Rangeville State School
\$609,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade the intersection of South and High Streets with traffic lights at Rangeville State School, Toowoomba.

23 West Wanderers Football Club
\$384,648 in 2020-21 out of a \$577,300 total spend to West Wanderers Football Club Inc. to construct a new amenities block to support female participation in football at Kearneys Spring.



24 **Pittsworth State High School**

\$6.3 million over four years to construct a new multi-purpose hall.

25 **Clifton State High School**

\$4.2 million over three years to enclose the existing covered area and upgrade horse stables.

26 **St George State High School**

\$8.8 million over four years to enclose the existing covered area and to upgrade agriculture and animal husbandry studies and industrial design and technology facilities.

27 **Cunningham Highway (Ipswich - Warwick), Eight Mile intersection upgrade**

\$6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$25 million total spend to upgrade the intersection of the Cunningham Highway and New England Highway, to the north of Warwick. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

28 **Recycled Water for Warwick Industry**

\$497,982 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to deliver a new water reservoir at the Warwick wastewater sewage treatment plant to supply industry with Class A recycled water.











29 **Southern Downs Comingled Recycling Project**

\$175,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$250,000 total spend to support Southern Downs Regional Council deliver kerbside recycling services to local residents.

30 **Warwick State High School**

\$5.8 million over four years to construct a new multi-purpose hall and disability access project.

KEY

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

31 **Karara Wind Farm**

\$42.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$250 million total spend for CleanCo to build, own and operate the new Karara Wind Farm near Warwick.

32 **Coolmunda Dam improvement project (planning works)**

\$1.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$6.4 million total spend to continue planning works for enhancements to meet future extreme weather events.

33 **Girraween National Park camping area redevelopment**

\$137,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$879,000 total spend for redevelopment of Bald Rock Creek and Castle Rock camping areas at Girraween National Park near Stanthorpe.

34 **Mungindi River Park revitalisation**

\$76,038 in 2020-21 out of a \$230,000 total spend to upgrade the Mungindi River Park facilities to display a welcoming and inviting area for Balonne Shire and Queensland.

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.

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State backs world-class entertainment precinct

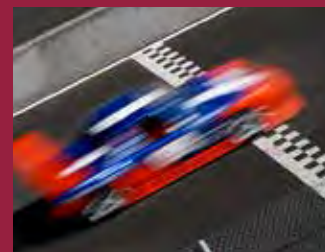
The Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct is a \$175 million jointly funded project which will include a world-class motorsport and driver training facility, catering for amateur and professional drivers.

The Queensland Government is providing conditional funding support of up to \$40 million and is seeking additional funding from the Australian Government for the project. The Toowoomba-based Wagner Corporation is committing at least \$95 million.

The Precinct will include a 40,000-person venue, 5,000 on-site camping accommodation, sporting fields, and business tourism and event facilities. It will be used to attract major events across the performing arts, business, tourism, sport and events sectors.

The Wagner Corporation estimates the project will create 130 new full-time jobs during construction and at least 10 direct jobs during operation. Casual employment will be significant with up to 2,500 casual workforce needed for major events.

It is expected that the new Precinct will catalyse investment in the region that may extend from advanced automotive manufacturing to accommodation providers, restaurants, cafes and many small businesses.



Investment prospectus to drive growth in Toowoomba

The Queensland Government has launched a new investment prospectus to drive growth and create jobs in Toowoomba.

Invest Toowoomba – Your regional gateway to business growth aims to attract investment from international and domestic sources by promoting the unique benefits of Toowoomba and highlighting the domestic investment opportunities in the city and surrounding region.

Toowoomba's \$12.2 billion economy has grown strongly over the last decade to 2019. It boasts 2,000 hectares of industrial land and is a transport and logistics hub, connected to major road, rail and air freight routes with capacity to deliver goods to 85% of Australia's population within 24 hours.

Toowoomba is also the gateway to the Darling Downs, the home to major agricultural production areas and resources projects, and enjoys direct supply chain connections to South East Asia through Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport.

The investment prospectus was developed in collaboration with a range of stakeholders including Toowoomba Surat Basin Enterprise, the private sector and key Queensland Government agencies.

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.

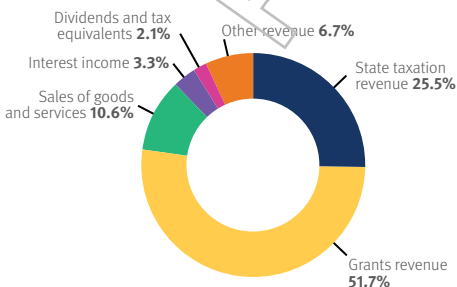
An estimated 410 businesses in Darling Downs will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

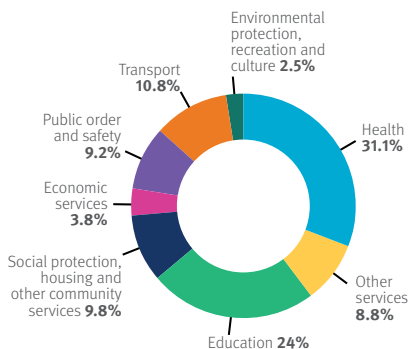
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- 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.

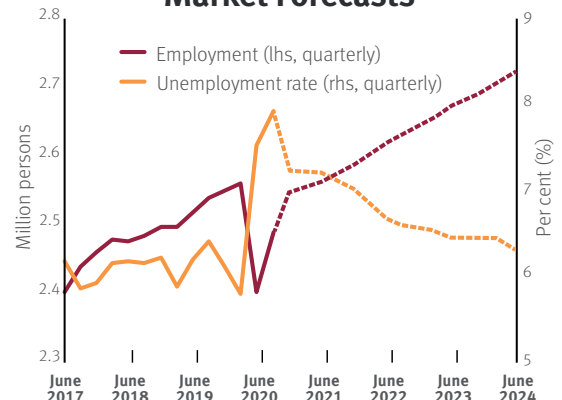
2020–21 Revenue



2020–21 Expenses



Queensland's Labour Market Forecasts



Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) Building, Stanthorpe

Recommended response

- 2022 is the 100th anniversary of The Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA).
- It is wonderful to see that the organisation that enables the women of Queensland to come together to support communities while celebrating their interests and forging friendships in a respectful and caring environment, has continued for so long.
- The QCWA provides a base for women across Queensland's rural, regional and remote towns as well as cities to band together to share ideas, skills, knowledge and friendship.
- As the QCWA advances towards the 100-year anniversary in 2022, this continuously evolving association prevails as a trusted, iconic and relevant organisation.

Key Facts

- The QCWA building at 5 Victoria Street, Stanthorpe was built in 1920.
- The building is being auctioned on site at 11am on 24 June 2022.
- The Stanthorpe Branch of the QCWA closed on 5 June 2020.
- Currently state-wide, the QCWA has over 220 Branches and over 3500 members state wide.
- Between 2011 and 2019, the QCWA distributed, through its Public Rural Crisis Fund, over \$10.72M approximately, to more than 4,878 families in need, particularly in rural and remote parts of the state.
- Across Queensland, celebrations are planned for the anniversary on 11 August 2022.

Government Assistance

- The Queensland Government has helped support the Country Kitchens Program, which aims to improve health outcomes in regional, rural and remote areas by increasing fruit and vegetable intake through teaching practical cooking skills.
- This continued in 2021-22, with more than \$750,000 provided for this program, and more than \$2.2M committed through to mid-2024.

- The Government has also supported QCWA's efforts to support drought and disaster affected communities, with a recent boost during 2020-21 of more than \$67,000 to support its bushfire disaster response.
- In 2017, Government provided \$1M over two years to help restore the QCWA's heritage halls across the state.

Achievements

- QCWA was inducted into the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame in 2013 and in 2019, received a Queensland Great Award for empowering and inspiring women across the state.

Background

- On 11 August 1922, Ruth Fairfax was appointed founding President of the QCWA.
- 7 June 2020 – local media reports indicate that there was anger at the decision to close the Stanthorpe branch and that members were prevented from speaking about it.
- The Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) has received the following community grants:
 - 2015-16 Community Drought Support - \$20,000 (ex GST)
 - 2016 -17 Community Drought Support - \$117,500 (ex GST)
 - 2017 -18 Community Drought Support - \$117,500 (ex GST)
 - Queensland Bushfire Flexible Funding Grants - Scenic Rim - Mural and Memorial Project (Beechmountain Branch) - \$49,000 (ex GST)
 - Queensland Bushfire Flexible Funding Grants - Nature Play - Spring / Summer Program (Beechmountain Branch) - \$18,216

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Major Roads – Southern Downs Regional Council area

Recommended response

Flood reconstruction works

- Repairs are underway across south east Queensland after extensive and severe damage to the state road network was caused by sustained heavy rainfall and flooding in early 2022.
- Inspections and emergency works, including removing road hazards and repairing pavement, are ongoing to ensure the damaged roads are safe until full reconstruction can be completed (by June 2024).

Road Upgrade Projects	Jobs (est avg)	Cost
– in construction		
New England Highway (Yarraman-Toowoomba), widen pavement, expected to be completed in Oct-2022	57	\$24.576M QG
New England Highway (Warwick – Wallangarra), high risk roads, improve safety. Construction on Package 8 started in Mar-2022 and is expected to be completed in Jun-2022.	40	\$19.45M QG
Cunningham Highway – Eight Mile intersection upgrade, construction underway, due to finish Aug-2022.	49	\$25M (80:20 Fed/State)
– construction yet to commence		
New England Highway (Toowoomba-Warwick) High Risk Roads Urban detailed design and construction – detailed design to be completed by Jul-2022. Construction scheduled to commence Nov-2022 and be completed by Aug-2023	35	\$11.5M QG
– in planning stage		
New England Highway (Toowoomba-Warwick) business cases, to be completed Jul-2022		\$650,000 QG
New England Highway Cycleway, Highfields to Toowoomba CBD (Stage 3) – locally known as Highfields Bikeway, to be completed Dec-2022		\$470,000 QG
Warwick principal cycle network plan, business case, to be completed in Jun-2022		\$270,000 QG

Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery and Library Expansion

Recommended response

- The Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery (SRAG) is a highly regarded regional gallery that attracts visitors to the area and delivers diverse programs to the local residents.
- I am delighted to hear that the Southern Downs Region Council (SDRC) plans to expand the gallery and library, with support from the Australian Government.
- I understand SDRC is considering options for temporary premises for the library and gallery to continue operating while the expansion works are carried out.

Key Facts

- In 2019, SDRC was unsuccessful in its application to Round 5 of the Building Our Regions Fund (BBRF) for \$2M to transform the gallery's current site into a Cultural Hub.
- In October 2021, SDRC was successful in its application to Round 5 of the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund with a \$2M allocation matched by SDRC for a total project budget of \$4M.
- The project will expand the gallery with more workshop, exhibition storage and meeting space and require SRAG and the library to relocate from the existing gallery building.
- On 23 February 2022, SDRC sought additional information in response to requests for additional Council funding towards relocation and temporary premises for SRAG and the library while building works are carried out.
- On 30 March 2022, media reported that the region's galleries, tourism groups and event planners, including the SRAG Director, presented arguments in support of the SDRC 2022–23 budget allocations.
- SDRC is yet to make a decision regarding the request for additional funding to support the costs of relocating to temporary premises.
- SDRC is considering three temporary premise options including the Stanthorpe Showgrounds, Stanthorpe Civic Centre, and the Stanthorpe Council Chambers.
- Arts Queensland does not have a funding program to support the cost of the gallery redevelopment or temporary facilities.

Background

- SRAG, co-located with the library in Weerona Park, is home to a significant regional art collection and key attraction in Stanthorpe.
- The existing SRAG building is challenged with inadequate storage and exhibition facilities to suitably store and display the permanent collection and host touring exhibitions.
- SRAG and its collection are owned by SDRC and operated by the Stanthorpe Art Gallery Society Incorporated, a registered charity and endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient.
- SDRC supports SRAG with an annual operational grant of approximately \$180,000.
- In 2021-22, the Queensland Government invested \$39,500 into SDRC's 2021-22 Regional Arts Development Fund, a partnership between State and Local Governments to invest in quality arts and cultural experiences.

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School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) – Stanthorpe Area

Recommended response

- The Queensland Government is committed to providing support to Queensland families to assist with the cost of transporting students to and from school.
- Approximately \$179M is invested annually to fund the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) which assists around 130,000 school students in Queensland.
- As part of STAS, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) manages 11 bus services operating in the Stanthorpe area.
- A total of 535 STAS-eligible students receive free or subsidised travel on these services.

Key Facts

- The 11 contracted bus services are operated by five delivery partners.
- Collectively, buses travel over 800 kilometres each day to deliver students to school.
- Since January 2022, DTMR has invested \$492,000 in the delivery of STAS Prescribed School Service Contracts in the Stanthorpe area

Achievements

- The Queensland Government continues to provide access to schools for students who may be impeded by distance or financial disadvantage through STAS.

Background

- STAS provides assistance to Queensland school students on rail, bus and ferry services and through the payment of conveyance allowance to parents, as a contribution towards the cost of transporting their children to and from school.
- Mr Owen Jack is one of Queensland's newest bus operators and in May 2022, he purchased service P1558 to the Glen Aplin State School from Mr Dino and Ms Carol Pasin, who operated the service for over 17 years.
- Details of contracted bus operators shown below.

Contact Person	Base School	Number of Services
Dale Crisp	Stanthorpe State High School	5
Dale Crisp	Stanthorpe State School	1
Tina Green	Stanthorpe State School	2
Owen Jack	Glen Aplin State School	1
Paul Martin	Stanthorpe State High School	1
Glenda Barker	Amiens State School	1

Housing – Stanthorpe, Darling Downs Region

Key Facts

- The *Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative* (QHIGI) is a coordinated capital program delivering new social homes across Queensland and establishes new regions and targets.
- Darling Downs is a newly established region that includes the former Toowoomba region which was focused on the Toowoomba Regional Council local government area (LGA).
- In the **Darling Downs Region**, under the QuickStarts Qld program, we will commence **100** new social homes over four years with a planned investment of **\$32.5 million** supporting **102** full-time equivalent jobs.
- This is in addition to the **58** new social homes already commenced under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027*.
- 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 May 2022 in the Darling Downs Region contracts have been awarded, and completed, on **74** dwellings. None of these are in the Southern Downs Regional Council area.

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 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 engaging 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, launch to market occurred May 2022; and

- 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 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.

Specialist Homelessness Services

- For the 2021-22 financial year, the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy allocated \$182,272 (GST exclusive) in Homelessness Funding to one organisation to deliver a Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS) in the Southern Downs LGA. This SHS delivers temporary supported accommodation and other support services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Home Assist Secure (HAS) services are provided in Stanthorpe by the South West Queensland HAS and delivered by Churches of Christ Care. 2021-22 funding is \$755,723.85 (GST incl). HAS provides subsidised home maintenance and minor modifications to eligible households.

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 2019-23 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.

COVID-19 – Economic Support and 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 region, we have assisted businesses through more than:
 - **\$4.54M in payroll tax relief**
 - **\$6.0M to 45 small and medium sized businesses** through concessional loans, supporting 466 local jobs
 - **\$1.36M in grants to small businesses;** and
 - **\$8.9M with projects under our Works for Qld program** supporting more than 270 local jobs since 2019.

Key facts

Government commitment	Progress				
	<i>Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) and Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 area (DD-M SA4)</i>				
2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants	• As at 28 April 2022:				
	Council area	No of grants paid			Funding
		Business support	Border zone hardship	Sole trader	
	Statewide	30,792	391	4,304	\$320.87M
• SDRC	90	2	8	\$918,000	
2021-22 Tourism and hospitality sector hardship grants	• As at 25 May 2022				
	Area	No of businesses		Paid grants	
	Statewide	3,546		\$132.9M	
	Southern Queensland Country region	58		\$1.760M	
• SDRC	16		\$480,000		

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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.
- 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 Southern Downs Regional Council area **have received \$1.28M supporting 78 local jobs.**

Key facts

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Tourism industry sentiment

- In general, the SQCT area has continued to experience strong visitation compared to 2019 and 2020 figures. Solid support from the drive market continues for this region.
- Water security will likely be top of mind for the regions of Stanthorpe, Warwick and Texas. While benefitting from good rainfall and flourishing crops now they were previously in a prolonged drought. The most prominent in the memory for community will be the low dam levels and little water available to fight 2019 bushfires.
- The region is also buoyed by the return of Qantas flights from Sydney to Wellcamp Airport.

Occupancy rates and visitation statistics	Apr-2021 level	Rate Sep-2021	Rate Mar-2022
Occupancy	70.2%	68.3%	53.2%
Average Daily Rates	\$136.62	\$130.48	\$138.80
Revenue per available room	\$95.91	\$89.10	\$73.85
Demand	53,400	54,150	56,110

2019 Southern Queensland Bushfires - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

- The \$6.755M Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Tourism Recovery Program (jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments (50:50)) supported areas of the state that rely heavily on tourism to recover from the devastating effects of the 2019 Southern Queensland Bushfires which impacted the Southern Downs Regional Council region, including Stanthorpe. The DRFA is in its final stages of delivery:
 - **Tourism Marketing Campaigns** that support recovery of impacted areas through the Regional Tourism Marketing Campaign (as delivered by Tourism and Events Queensland); and the Go Local Marketing Campaign (delivered by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT)).
 - **Supporting the Southern Downs Regional Council** via establishment of the *Tourism Recovery Fund for Local Government and Tourism Recovery Officers* (from October 2020 to October 2022), that provide support for the long-term recovery of vulnerable tourism operators.
 - **Tourism Wine Recovery Officer** (from August 2020 to December 2021) that supported long-term recovery of vulnerable tourism operators working in the wine sectors across the Scenic Rim and Southern Downs regions (in particular Stanthorpe).

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 – Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

Recommend response

- All data as at 8 June 2022.

Covid-19 cases

- Across Queensland, 1,203,921 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which 23,598 were active cases and 1,087 people had died.
- Across the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (HHS), there were 19,890 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which there were 360 active cases and 41 recorded deaths.
- Darling Downs HHS was managing:
 - 14 in-patients with Covid-19 (in ICU); and
 - 13 people with Covid-19 at home.
- There have been 2,007 recorded cases of Covid-19 within the Southern Downs 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	93.97%	92.43%	63.19%
12-15 yrs	92.88%	91.13%	
5-11 yrs	43.37%	30.93%	

- Cairns and Hinterland HHS has administered a total of 1,57,734 vaccine doses.

Staff impacts

- Darling Downs HHS had:
 - 30 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive; and
 - 30 staff were quarantined.

Key facts

- The 2021-22 Darling Downs HHS budget is \$1.1 billion in operational funding. They have a budget of \$43.3M for COVID-19 operational expenditure. As at 30 April 2022, Darling Downs HHS has spent \$11.2M in vaccination costs.

- Currently Darling Downs HHS has a staff head count of approximately 6,316.
- Since 2015, within Darling Downs HHS, my Government has hired:
 - 161.33 FTE more doctors;
 - 535.11 FTE more nurses and midwives; and
 - 195.02 FTE more health professionals

Darling Downs HHS Infrastructure projects

- The Queensland Government is working hard to provide infrastructure that facilitates high level healthcare services in the Darling Downs region.
- Over **\$109.5M** has been expended on major infrastructure work completed within Darling Downs HHS, including **\$1.0M for Stanthorpe and Warwick water security infrastructure works**, delivered in November 2020; **\$92.5M for the Kingaroy Hospital redevelopment**, delivered in November 2021; **\$7.32M for Darling Downs HHS cardiac and body protect compliance works**, delivered February 2022 and; **\$3.78M Goondiwindi and Warwick Hospitals fire protection works**, delivered July 2020.
- Darling Downs HHS also has **20 projects worth \$74.9M** in the delivery phase, including 2 projects in the Southern Downs Regional Council Area:

Facility	Budget	Project	Exp delivery date	Jobs
Stanthorpe Hospital	\$0.12M	Solar project - Funding from the Emissions Reduction Program to install a 100kw solar electricity system	June-2022	0
Warwick Hospital	\$0.12M	Solar project - Funding from the Emissions Reduction Program to install a 100kw solar electricity system	June-2022	0
Baillie Henderson Hospital	\$42.0M	Development of two new theatre day surgery facilities – sage 1 of the Toowoomba Hospital Redevelopment (THR) project	Dec-2023	120
Toowoomba Hospital	\$17.65M	Emergency Department expansion and modular Covid	Sep-2022	51

		ward to ensure capacity while THR project if completed		
Toowoomba Hospital	\$6.97M	Electrical infrastructure upgrade - priority capital works Round 3 funding	Oct-2022	20
Goondiwindi Hospital	\$5.69M	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning remediation - Priority Capital Works Round 6 funding	Dec-2022	16
Ballie Henderson Hospital	\$0.815M	Fire systems compliance upgrade - Giabal, Walwa, Conolly, Jacaranda Units	Sep-2022	2
Ballie Henderson Dalby Kingaroy Mount Lofty Oakey Wondai Chinchilla Cherbourg Inglewood Jandowae Millmerran Taroom Texas Hospitals	\$1.525M	Solar project - Funding from the Emissions Reduction Program to install a 100kw solar electricity system	June-Sep 2022	0

Planned Infrastructure Projects

- \$10.0M (State Government funding) for the Toowoomba Hospital Redevelopment (THR) project which includes master planning for the Ballie Henderson Hospital campus and the Detailed Business Case (DBC) for a potential new hospital development on the Ballie Henderson Hospital campus – project is on hold awaiting capital funding.
- \$0.50M for the Toowoomba Hospital redevelopment car park detailed business case – project on hold awaiting capital funding commitment.
- \$0.15M for Stanthorpe Hospital generator replacement to upgrade generator size to provide 100 per cent essential power supply – project commencement date to be determined.

Waiting Lists

- *Elective Surgery Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 30 April 2022, 17,602 patients were added to the elective surgery wait list, with:
 - the ready for surgery wait list decreasing from 2,826 to 2,817 – a reduction of 9; and
 - the ready for surgery long wait list increasing from 283 to 478 – an increase of 195.
- *GIE Procedures Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 30 April 2022, 12,455 patients were added to the GIE wait list, with:
 - the ready for GIE care wait list decreasing from 927 to 811 – a reduction of 116; and
 - the ready for GIE care long wait list decreasing from 156 to 119 – a reduction of 37.
- *Specialist Outpatients Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 30 April 2022, 49,500 referrals were added to the specialist outpatient waitlist, with:
 - the ready for care wait list increasing from 7,365 to 11,888 – an increase of 3,253; and
 - the ready for care long wait lists increasing from 1,018 to 3,218 – an increase of 2,200.

Achievements

- The State Government has funded infrastructure upgrades at the Stanthorpe and Warwick hospitals in recent years, including \$1.0M for water security infrastructure works (Stanthorpe and Warwick hospitals)
 - completed November 2020.

LNP

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Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements – Southern Downs Regional Council area

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 **\$95.0M** has been approved in disaster recovery and resilience funding for the Southern Downs.

Key Facts

- Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) has been activated for joint State-Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) assistance for the following events that are currently in delivery:
 - *Southern Queensland flooding, 6 - 20 May 2022*
 - *South East Queensland rainfall and flooding, 22 February – 5 April 2022*
 - *Central, Southern and Western Queensland rainfall and flooding, 10 November - 3 December 2021*
 - *Southern Queensland severe weather, 20 - 24 March 2021; and*
 - *Southern Queensland heavy rainfall and flooding, 8 - 14 February 2020.*
- SDRC's combined DRFA-funded reconstruction program for these events is approximately \$30.5M, including more than \$10.0M associated with the 2022 events.
- DRFA Category C/D Special Disaster Assistance (Clean-up and Recovery Grants) of up to \$75,000 for primary producers and up to \$50,000 for small businesses and not-for-profit organisations have been made available in the Southern Downs region following the late 2021 and early 2022 rainfall and flooding events.
- To date, 64 primary producers in SDRC area have accessed grants totalling more than \$950,000, eight small business grants totalling \$113,300 have been approved, and three not-for-profits have had grants totalling more than \$24,000 approved.

Achievements

- Prior to the introduction of the DRFA in November 2018, SDRC was activated for NDRRA assistance following natural disasters in 2011, 2013 and 2017. These works are complete and were jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State under the NDRRA.
- Following the 2019 Bushfires, SDRC completed approximately \$135,000 in DRFA counter disaster operations aimed at community safety.
- \$1.3M DRFA Exceptional Assistance Package was approved for SDRC to provide immediate support to the community.
- Tourism operators in the Southern Downs were also supported through a \$20M Tourism and Community Recovery Package under Category C of the DRFA to address the long-term mental health, economic, tourism, environmental and industry impacts from the 2019 Bushfires.
- Since 2017, Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) has approved more than \$4.7M in resilience funding for SDRC projects through programs including Get Ready Queensland, Local Economic Recovery Package, the 2018 Natural Disaster Resilience Program, the 2018-19 Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund, the 2019-20 and 2020-21 rounds of the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund, and the Betterment Fund.

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 – Darling Downs

POLICE NUMBERS

- **Darling Downs Police District has 540 permanent positions, up 19 since 2015.**
- It was fantastic to announce late last year 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 Darling Downs Police District **increased by 993 offences or 4 per cent** compared with the same time period the previous year;
 - the rate of **Offences Against the Person increased by 56 per cent or 1,019 offences;**
 - the rate of **Offences Against Property increased by 28 per cent or 2,169;** and
 - the rate of **Other Offences decreased by 17 per cent or 2,195 offences.**

YOUTH CRIME

- In response to community concerns, I announced in 2020 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.
- Building on these measures, the Government is targeting hardcore youth criminals who repeatedly offend and put the community at risk.
- 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).
- Within the Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) area, comparing December 2021 to December 2019 data there has been:
 - **a decrease of 77 per cent** in the number of **proven offences committed by 10-17-year-olds**; and
 - **a decrease of 54 per cent** in the number of **distinct 10-17-year-old offenders**, with at least one proven offence committed in the SDRC area.
- Eight restorative youth justice conferences have been held in the SDRC area in the 12 months to 31 December 2021. Victims have the opportunity to come face-to-face with offenders and come to an agreement on how the offender can make amends.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **\$15M** total project budget has been allocated to **upgrade the Warwick police facility, supporting 49.5 jobs**. The project is in the planning stage, with \$500,000 allocated to commence planning and design works.

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.**

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Schools – Overview

Recommended response

- We are investing **\$1.4 billion in 2021-22 to build, maintain and improve schools across the state.**
- We opened 3 new schools this year (2022) and are planning for a new school in Brisbane's inner west over the coming years and substantially expanding 13 existing schools by the end of June 2022.
- Since coming to Government in 2015, we have opened **21 new schools.**
- 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 28 schools in the Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) area:
 - all fall within the Queensland state electorate of Southern Downs;
 - major infrastructure work being carried out at **12 schools totalling almost \$17M;**
 - **Over \$7M worth of works at 2 schools** announced in the 2020 General State Election including **nearly \$6M for a new multi-purpose hall at Warwick State High School;**
 - **all schools have air conditioning and solar panels** installed.
- 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

- Major infrastructure work carried out at 12 schools within the SDRC area:

School	Cost (excl GST)	Project
Allora P-10 State School	\$332,535	• Equitable access to Blocks A and G, completed 2021
Dalveen State School	\$81,832	• Relocate/refurbish administration, completed by Jun-2019
Freestone State School	\$566,560	Below projects, all completed by Jun-2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$171,726 – PWD amenities • \$135,881 – replacement of transpiration area • \$77,650 – disabled ramp; and • \$81,303, install ramp to B Block, completed by June 2020
Killarney P-10 State School	\$525,000	• Covered play area and walkway, completed by Jun-2019
Leyburn State School	\$67,190	• Install PWD shower/toilet, completed by Jun-2018
Severnlea State School	\$241,843	Completed in 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$174,972 - Relocatable staff amenities • \$66,871 – access ramp
Stanthorpe State High School	\$849,906	• \$69,906 - Canteen upgrade, completed by Jun-2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$780,000 to repair and modernise learning spaces and staffroom space, completed Mar-2022
Stanthorpe State School	\$468,917	Completed by Jun-2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$58,170 – upgrade to Prep assisted bathroom \$410,747 – refurbish B Block general learning spaces
Wallangarra State School	\$368,874	• PWD amenities and new lift, completed by Jun-2018

School	Cost (excl GST)	Project
Warwick East State School	\$9.79M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.3M – rectification of fire damage and replacement facilities, completed in 2021 • \$5.5M – new administration building with 3 learning spaces - completed April 2021 • \$1.99M – structural rectification of heritage building, completed May-2022
Warwick State High School	\$2.66M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.2M amenities gym canteen for oval site, completed by Jun-2018 • \$805,794 - refurbish Block H, completed by Jun-2018 • \$28,980 – long jump pit installed by end of Jun-2019 • \$74,690 - equitable access to amenities – completed by Jun-2021 • \$550,000 – replace precast panel walls Block Q – completed Jan-2022
Yangan State School	\$834,919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$522,927 - Amenities block, completed by Jun-2020 • \$311,992 - Refurbish C Block – completed by Jun-2021

- **Going forward, we're also investing** more than \$73.63M (announced in the 2020 Election) worth of works in the Darling Downs – Maranoa region including investing **\$6M in the Southern Downs electorate.**

School	Budget (excl GST)	Project
Maryvale State School	\$1.3M	New prefabricated building – contract awarded Mar-2022, expected completion Jun-2022
Warwick State High School	\$5.8M	new multi-purpose hall and disability access project, contract to be awarded by late Aug-2022, with completion expected by Jun-2023.

Air conditioning and solar panels

- On 27 February 2020, the Government announced the 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 Cooler Schools Program.

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Air Conditioning and Solar Panels in Schools – Southern Downs Regional Council area

(all schools in Southern Downs electorate)

School Facility	Air Conditioning		Solar Panels
	Cost (ex GST)	CCSP	ACES program
Allora P-10 State School	\$125,000	operational Oct-2020	completed – Phase 2, 104 panels
Amiens State School	\$40,000	operational Jan-2021	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Applethorpe State School	\$5,000	operational Jan-2021	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Ballandean State School	\$40,000	operational Jan-2021	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Broadwater State School	\$15,000	operational Jan-2021	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Dalveen State School		installed	installed
Freestone State School	\$10,000	operational Jan-2021	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Glen Aplin State School		installed	completed – Phase 2, 56 panels
Glennie Heights State School		installed	completed – Phase 2, 108 panels
Greenlands State School	\$15,000	operational Nov-2020	completed – Phase 2, 56 panels
Karara State School	\$5,000	operational Nov-2020	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Killarney P-10 State School	\$20,000	operational Oct-2020	completed – Phase 2, 108 panels
Leyburn State School	\$5,000	operational Nov-2020	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Maryvale State School		installed	installed
Murray's Bridge State School	\$5,000	operational Jan-2021	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Pozieres State School		installed	installed
Severnlea State School	\$55,000	operational Jan-2021	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Stanthorpe State High School	\$510,000	operational Dec-2020	completed – Phase 2, 398 panels
Stanthorpe State School	\$190,000	operational Dec-2020	completed – Phase 2, 108 panels
The Summit State School	\$5,000	operational Jun-2020	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Thulimbah State School	\$40,000	operational Jul-2020	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Wallangarra State School	\$5,000	operational Jun-2020	completed – Phase 2 ACES program
Warwick Central State School	\$115,000	operational Sep-2020	completed – Phase 2, 108 panels
Warwick East State School	\$95,000	operational Aug-2020	completed – Phase 2, 108 panels
Warwick State High School	\$1,340,000	operational Jan-2022	completed – Phase 2, 270 panels

School Facility	<i>Air Conditioning</i>		<i>Solar Panels</i>
	Cost (ex GST)	CCSP	ACES program
Warwick West State School	\$170,000	operational Nov-2020	completed – Phase 2, 270 panels
Wheatvale State School		installed	installed
Yangan State School	\$25,000	operational Jun-2020	completed – Phase 2 ACES program

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