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State Budget upgrades show grounds, local infrastructure and community services for Mackay

The Mackay Showgrounds will receive a major \$5 million facelift in this year's Budget that will not only increase the region's capacity to host major events, but also create local jobs that will play a crucial part of Queensland's economic recovery.

Mr Fraser said the 2010-11 State Budget would deliver on Labor's promise to create more jobs, sooner.

"This is a responsible Budget that builds on the foundations for a stronger economic recovery," Mr Fraser said.

"Our massive statewide building program will deliver more jobs as we secure a stronger, more robust Queensland economy."

Member for Mackay Tim Mulherin said the government would contribute \$5 million this year to the Mackay Regional Council to significantly upgrade the showground's facilities.

"Our region deserves nothing more than to have a high quality facility that's capable of putting on high quality events that will attract people far and wide," Mr Mulherin said.

"This will help build the foundation for a vibrant community for families to work and play."

Mr Mulherin said evidence of the Government's plan to support economic growth and create jobs was reiterated by the more than \$47 million committed to local road safety projects.

"This year we'll see \$4.86 million committed for the construction of a deviation to a sealed standard on Rockleigh - North Mackay Road, between Sams Road and Barnes Creek Road, Mackay at a total cost of \$20 million," Mr Mulherin said.

"There will also be \$37.57 million allocated for the construction of the Forgan River Bridge on Mackay - Slade Point Road, Mackay, at a total cost of \$148 million, which includes an agreed developer contribution of \$1.02 million.

"Further, we've committed \$19.47 million to finish the improvements to rail infrastructure at Jilalan yard.

"Infrastructure means jobs, and more jobs means we're a step closer to the state's economic recovery.

"\$10 million has also been committed to continue the \$27.7 million Mackay Trade Training Centre at the Central Queensland Institute of TAFE."

Mr Mulherin said this year's Budget builds on the foundations for a stronger economic recovery and would provide more than \$2 million to upgrade the region's police and ambulance stations.

"\$1 million will be provided this year to finish the total \$4 million upgrade to Mackay's Police Station, while \$1 million will redevelop the ambulance station at South Mackay," Mr Mulherin said.

He said \$12 million would also be allocated as part of the \$30 million upgrade of Kinchant Dam spillway.

"Some \$500,000 has also been allocated for new services for children with autism in Mackay."

Member for Whitsunday Jan Jarratt said there had been a clear focus on improving health facilities for the region including \$75 million to go towards the \$408.3 million redevelopment of the Mackay Base Hospital, which is on track to open in 2013.

"The redeveloped hospital will have nearly double the number of beds from 163 to 318, more operating theatres, a dedicated Coronary Care Unit and a larger Intensive Care Unit," Mr Jarratt said.

"It will also provide new emergency and outpatients' departments, renal support services, day oncology and a dental services unit."

Ms Jarratt said funds were allocated in the Budget for a new kindergarten to be open by 2012.

"We're giving more Whitsunday youngsters a flying start by providing a new kindy for Eimeo Road State School," she said

Funding allocated to the Mackay electorate in today's Budget includes:

Community Infrastructure

- \$622,000 towards the upgrade of the lawn bowls green and install a shade structure at Mackay with a total state government contribution of \$712,000.
- \$1.28 Million towards the construction of two amenities blocks, covered seating, offices and equipment storage area for cricket, AFL, soccer and social golf at Mackay with a total state government contribution of \$1.5 Million.
- \$265,898 to provide Gambling Help Services to individuals and families in Mackay who experience difficulties with gambling, including responses around prevention, early intervention, crisis intervention and support, with a total State Government contribution of \$797,694.
- \$116,110 to provide community development, community education, training, volunteer training and service development activities, with a total State Government contribution of \$348,329.
- \$281,877 to assist the operation of the diversionary centre as an alternative to police custody for intoxicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to support

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees while in police custody, with a total State Government contribution of \$845,631.

- \$162,780 to provide targeted and universal family support services to enhance the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable families and their dependent children (0-18 years) within Bowen Shire with a total State Government contribution of \$488,340.
- \$155,429 to support families with children aged 0-8 years and/or children at key transition points who are under stress or have been identified as showing signs of being at risk, with a total State Government contribution of \$466,288.
- \$648,910 to provide court support, counselling and support for victims of domestic and family violence and women accessing court services, with a total State Government contribution of \$1.95 Million.
- \$520,347 to provide emotional and social support including one on one counselling, group work and community education, to young people who are at risk of disengaging from learning to successfully transition into and through the Senior Phase of Learning with a total State Government contribution of \$1.56 Million.
- \$244,816 to provide coordination of integrated case management responses to young people, targeted programs and information and referral to respond to the complex needs of young people within the integrated case management model, with a total State Government contribution of \$734,448.
- \$498,000 toward the purchase of Bookstock for Public libraries in the electorates of Mackay, Mirani, and Whitsunday.
- \$438,000 to Skills Training Mackay Association Inc through the Home Assist Secure program which aims to remove some of the practical housing-related difficulties experienced by older people and people with a disability who wish to remain living in their homes.
- \$743,676 towards counselling and support for people at risk of homelessness, with a total State Government contribution of \$2.23 Million.
- \$362,772 towards crisis and short-term accommodation response for homeless single women & for homeless women with accompanying children, and towards information, referral, case management and case support, with a total State Government contribution of \$1.09 Million.
- \$214,393 towards support to individuals and families in Mackay who are at risk of becoming homeless in order to assist them to maintain independent, stable, affordable and appropriate housing, with a total State Government contribution of \$643,179.
- \$3.45 million to complete construction of twenty-one, one-bedroom apartments in Mackay at a total project cost of \$5.19 million.
- \$1.19 million to commence construction of 11 dwellings in Mackay-Whitsunday at a total cost of \$2.74 million.
- \$54,000 to Mackay to offset the costs of maintaining training facilities.

Community Safety

- \$1 million has been provided in 2010-11 as part of an estimated total project cost of \$4 million for the upgrade of Mackay Police Station. Completion is expected in late 2011.
- \$462,099 to Churches of Christ in Queensland in Mackay to provide a Foster and Kinship Care service providing 100 places for children and young people with moderate to high needs in the Mackay Child Safety Service Centre catchment area at a total cost of \$462,099
- \$73,952 to Mackay Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Alternative Care and Foster Care Service in Mackay to provide a Foster and Kinship Care service providing indigenous specific places for 47 children and young people with moderate to high needs in the Mackay and Bowen Child Safety Centre catchment areas at a total cost of \$73,952
- \$624,111 to Life Without Barriers in Mackay to provide a Specialist Foster Care service providing 13 places to children and young people with mainly complex and some

extreme support needs in the Mackay and Bowen Child Safety Service Centre catchment areas at a total cost of \$624,111

- \$341,480 to Lifeline Community Care in Mackay to provide a Family Intervention Service to offer practical support to families, where the principal purpose of intervention is to assist families, when Department of Communities (Child Safety Services) has opened a case and decided on ongoing intervention with the child and family at a total cost of \$683,896.
- \$1 million to redevelop the ambulance station at South Mackay at a total cost of \$1 million.

Transport and Roads

- \$19.47 million to complete improvements to rail infrastructure at the Jilalan yard, with a total cost of \$468.32 million.
- \$4.86 Million for the construction of a deviation to a sealed standard on Rockleigh - North Mackay Road, between Sams Road and Barnes Creek Road, Mackay, at a total cost of \$20 Million.
- \$37.57 Million for the construction of the Forgan River Bridge on Mackay - Slade Point Road, Mackay, at a total cost of \$148 Million. (Includes an agreed developer contribution of \$1.02 Million.)
- \$300,000 in federal Black Spot funding for the construction of a roundabout at the Gordon Street and Tennyson Street intersection, Mackay, with a total Federal Government contribution of \$300,000.
- \$53.5 million towards the \$818 million project to increase capacity of the coal terminal to 50 million tonnes per annum.
- \$39.6 million to refurbish coal stockpile loaders located at Abbot Point. \$68.3 million in total is being spent on the refurbishment in line with expansions at the port.
- \$2 million towards the preliminary planning costs of \$16 million for the upgrade of the coal terminal to 110 million tonnes per annum.
- \$3.6 million towards the \$5.07 million upgrade of Harbour Road to meet required traffic loads as a result of increased industry in Mackay.

Health

- \$5 million increase in 2010-11 for Mackay Base Hospital Redevelopment. A new Acute Hospital, constructed on the existing site accommodating all clinical and support service functions within a stand-alone purpose built facility. This all new build solution provides for proposed new models of care and all of the identified support services.
- \$75 million to redevelop the Mackay Hospital comprising a new acute hospital facility on the existing site, accommodating all clinical and support service functions at a total cost of \$408 million.
- \$78,000 to Mackay Women's Centre Inc. to provide Health Promotion and Non-Clinical Counselling for a total State Government contribution of \$152,000.
- \$11,000 to Mackay Women's Centre Inc. to provide a contribution towards reproductive health services for women experiencing pregnancy related issues.
- \$500,000 for new services for children with autism in Mackay.

Education and Innovation

- \$2.3 Million towards the acquisition of plant and equipment and the establishment of the Mackay Renewable Biocommodities Pilot Plant with a total State Government contribution of \$3.1 Million.
- \$2.93 Million to provide assistance to low skilled workers, those disadvantaged in the labour market and to support the Queensland Green Army strategy for a total cost of \$10.86 Million (Involves electorates of Burdekin, Dalrymple, Gregory, Mackay, Mirani, Whitsunday).

- \$3.6 million for the sugar cogeneration plant with a total project cost of \$9 million.
- \$6,350 has been allocated for maintenance work at Mackay North State School
- \$12,100 has been allocated for maintenance work at Mackay State High School
- \$13,750 has been allocated for maintenance work at Mackay State High School
- \$5,500 has been allocated for maintenance work at Mackay State High School
- \$20,500 has been allocated for maintenance work at Mackay State High School
- \$11,000 has been allocated for maintenance work at Mackay State High School
- \$10,000 has been allocated for maintenance work at Victoria Park State School
- \$25,280 has been allocated for maintenance work at Victoria Park State School.
- \$529,000 to provide assistance to low skilled workers, those disadvantaged in the labour market and to support the Queensland Green Army strategy for a total cost of \$2.08 Million.
- \$120,000 for the skills formation strategy to assist the Agribusiness industry to develop their industry / community initiatives within the Mackay Region that support the industry's and community's regional development.
- \$326,816 for the General Learning Area Renewal at Fitzgerald State School at a total cost of \$344,017.
- \$1.72 Million for the school industry trade centre at Mackay North State High School at a total cost of \$1.76 Million.
- \$1.01 Million for the science laboratory renewal at Mackay North State High School at a total cost of \$1.13 Million.
- \$39,930 for the library renewal at Mackay State High School at a total cost of \$738,749.
- \$1.01 Million for the science laboratory renewal at Mackay State High School at a total cost of \$1.13 Million.
- \$8.2 million in 2010-11 to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for the Marine Park's Field Management Program. This funding forms part of an ongoing commitment to address the management of this unique environmental asset.
- \$4,000 to present 'Namatjira to Now' at Artspace Mackay.
- \$1,000 to present the 'Move: Video Art in Schools' program at Artspace Mackay.
- \$3,150 to increase coordinator hours and enhance program preparation for the Mackay PCYC School Age Care service at a total cost of \$9,450.
- \$6,650 to increase coordinator hours and enhance program preparation for the MCSP School Aged Care Service at a total cost of \$19,950.
- \$185,850 to employ Early Years Health & Wellbeing team to facilitate the referral of identified children to targeted health & wellbeing service & promote general good health & wellbeing within the school communities of Victoria Park, Mackay West, Central & Sarina at a total cost of \$557,550.
- \$63,888 to assist the George Street Neighbourhood Centre - Targeted Parenting Program to provide targeted parenting programs and family support to Indigenous families in the local community at a total cost of \$191,664.
- \$85,833 to assist the George Street Neighbourhood Centre to respond effectively to the diverse needs of children and families at a total cost of \$257,499.
- \$36,300 to assist ABC Developmental Learning Centre - Mackay to provide an approved kindergarten program for children in the year prior to Prep for hours a week and at least weeks a year at a total cost of \$108,900.
- \$44,925 to assist ABC Developmental Learning Centre - Eimeo to provide an approved kindergarten program for children in the year prior to Prep for hours a week and at least weeks a year at a total cost of \$134,775.
- \$12,488 to assist Hot Tots Educational Centre to provide an approved kindergarten program for children in the year prior to Prep for 15 hours a week and at least 40 weeks a year at a total cost of \$37,463.
- \$10 million to continue the \$27.7 million Mackay Trade Training Centre at the Central Queensland Institute of TAFE.

Energy and Water

- \$4.5M for major renewable energy projects including \$4.4M Carrara Stadium, \$1.5M University of Queensland solar roof top and up to \$800K for PV on Mackay Canelands Shopping Centre.
- \$12 Million for the upgrade of Kinchant Dam spillway at a total estimated cost of \$30 Million.