

A strong voice for our future

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Budget drives more jobs in Keppel

Keppel electorate will be awash with jobs after scoring millions of dollars in infrastructure for health, education and roads, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

Ms Lauga said she was pleased the Queensland Government budget, handed down on Tuesday by Treasurer Cameron Dick, delivered on key issues such as \$2.5 million for Great Keppel Island in 2020-21 out of a \$30 million total spend to deliver enabling infrastructure to stimulate tourism development on the island and throughout the region.

“As Assistant Education Minister, I was really pleased that my lobbying the Treasurer paid off with \$9.7m for Yeppoon State High School, \$730,000 for Mount Archer State School, \$500,000 for Keppel Sands State School, and \$8700 for the North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre.

“And another of my key promises, the Rockhampton Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Facility will receive \$4.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$9.5 million total spend for a new 42-bed residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation and treatment facility in Rockhampton. Part of the Action on Ice Strategy.

“This is a huge project for community health and work has already begun,” she said.

She praised Treasurer Cameron Dick for delivering such an economically progressive Budget in light of the fiscal hit the state took from Covid19.

“In fact,” said Ms Lauga, “it was because of our government’s firm and sensible handling of the pandemic that has allowed us to bounce back economically.”

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Highlights in Keppel from Budget 2020-21:

Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Pilot

\$2.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$30 million total spend to deliver enabling infrastructure to stimulate tourism development on the island and throughout the region.

Rosslyn Bay Harbour floating pontoons extension

\$2 million in 2020-21 to extend the floating pontoon at Rosslyn Bay Harbour to improve access to the southern Great Barrier Reef and the Keppel islands.

Education:

Yeppoon State High School

\$9.7 million for additional classrooms and equitable access to core classrooms and the oval.

Mount Archer State School

\$730,000 in 2020-21 to construct a school security fence and to provide equitable access to classrooms.

Keppel Sands State School

\$500,000 in 2020-21 to replace existing amenities and transpiration pit.

North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre

\$8,731 in 2020-21 to provide equitable access.

Central Queensland University Rockhampton

\$8.4 million total spend for a business case for a Rockhampton campus consolidation and a new Central Queensland TAFE Centre of Excellence.

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Roads:

Bruce Highway (Rockhampton - St Lawrence), Neilsen Avenue - Plentiful Creek, widen pavement

\$12 million in 2020-21 out of a \$21.3 million total spend to widen pavement on the Bruce Highway between Neilsen Avenue - Plentiful Creek. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade

\$20.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$158 million total spend to upgrade and widen the Bruce Highway to four lanes between Rockhampton-Yeppoon intersection and Ramsay Creek north of Rockhampton. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Health:

Rockhampton Hospital

\$8.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$24.2 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Rockhampton Hospital site, including an expansion of the Mental Health Ward.

Rockhampton Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Facility

\$4.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$9.5 million total spend for a new 42-bed residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation and treatment facility in Rockhampton. Part of the Action on Ice Strategy.

Others:

Rookwood Weir

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\$115 million in 2020-21 out of a \$352.2 million total spend to continue construction of Rookwood Weir to add up to 76,000 megalitres to Central Queensland's water supply. Support agricultural growth, and enhance urban water security for Gladstone and Capricorn Coast. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Capricornia Correctional Centre expansion

\$48.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$243.2 million total spend to increase capacity by 348 cells, deliver infrastructure for increased prison industries, expand car parking and upgrade wastewater.

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