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MEDIA RELEASE

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Keppel to prosper under record Budget

A record Keppel electorate Budget will drive economic growth, education, health and community services, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga announced today.

Mrs Lauga said this is one of the best Budgets Central Queensland has received, and includes \$1.1 billion in infrastructure, \$622.8 million for health and \$43.7 million for education to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Central Queensland.

Over 60% of the total infrastructure budget is allocated to regional Queensland, outside of SEQ.

“There is \$29 million for this year and over the forward estimates to continue working towards delivering power and water services to Great Keppel Island to support its redevelopment as a tourist destination.

“Plus there’s \$5.8 million towards widening the Bruce Highway to Ramsay Creek, \$5.7 million for new classrooms at Parkhurst State School and funding for Rockhampton’s \$14.3 million drug and alcohol detox and rehabilitation centre.”

Mrs Lauga said the record budget was a massive injection of infrastructure and services for the Capricorn Coast and North Rockhampton regions, and includes “some amazing projects which will help drive the growth in Keppel for the year ahead and beyond”.

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“These are issues I have worked hard for to secure funding for many of the things people in my electorate have been telling me they need.

The State Budget also includes an \$885 million payroll tax relief package which will benefit an estimated 440 local businesses in Central Queensland.

Mrs Lauga said increased Budget funding of the successful Booyah Project for wayward youths would also work towards addressing crime, and its ongoing success was a real winner for the government and the electorate.

She said massive spending on education was another lynchpin in her pre-election promises, and in her role as the Assistant Minister for Education she has worked closely with every school in the Keppel electorate.

“Now because of that work there is \$250,000 towards the Yeppoon State High School tuckshop, after I met several times with the school principal and P&C.

“This is in addition to \$5.1 million over the forward estimates for a new administration building and five new classrooms at Yeppoon State High School.”

“The Budget also includes \$150,000 for a new playground and shade at Yeppoon State School.

Mrs Lauga said 15 schools across the Keppel electorate would also share in \$870,000 for minor works and maintenance, continuing to provide the best classroom and school facilities for teachers and students.

“These works also provide jobs for local tradespeople.

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“The Back To Work - Regional Employment Package in Keppel electorate has supported 422 jobs locally, through funding of \$4,017,000 to date, with at least \$488,000 committed in 2019-20.

“All of these projects, all of this financial investment, goes towards creating jobs for people living and working in Keppel.

“This is a massive boost for the region.

Mrs Lauga said \$475,000 is also allocated to project works, including the restoration of the Yeppoon railway station roof, platform, awning structures, windows, doors and external painting.

“This is funding that I recently called on the government for and I’m pleased to see it committed in this Budget.”

Key items receiving Budget funding in Keppel include:

TOURISM

- \$100,000 for a 53-km rail trail from Rockhampton to Yeppoon that follows the heritage rail line out of a \$455,000 total spend. Part of the Growth Area and Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund
- \$350,000 to provide Livingstone residents with a landscaped parkland setting as a final resting place for their loved ones as part of a \$1.8 million commitment from the \$365 million Building our Regions program
- \$450,000 to undertake works to provide drawcard tourism facilities for residents and visitors, and amenity and facility improvements including better pedestrian connectivity and road network functionality.

EDUCATION

- \$1.6 million of \$5.7 million - New building - six general learning spaces and two specialist learning spaces at Parkhurst State School

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- \$250,000 to refurbish tuckshop at Yeppoon State High School
- \$150,000 for a permanent shade structure for playground at Yeppoon State School
- \$650,000 allocated across 15 schools in the Keppel electorate for maintenance in schools throughout the 2019-20 financial year
- \$220,000 allocated across 15 schools in the Keppel electorate for minor works in schools throughout the 2019-20 financial year
- \$1.55 million of \$5.1 million for a new administration building, refurbish old administration into five general learning spaces at Yeppoon State High School

HEALTH

- \$287,243 as a part of a \$861,727 commitment over three years to provide Mental Health Funding Program services
- \$988,000 out of a \$9.5 million total spend for a new 42-bed residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation and treatment facility in Rockhampton. The facility will include 32 beds for residential rehabilitation, eight beds for withdrawal stage treatment, two family units and the capacity for a non-residential day program.
- \$1.3 million out of a \$7 million total spend to upgrade the Rockhampton Ambulance Station and Operations Centre
- \$22,917 as a part of a \$137,500 commitment over three years to provide Clinical Redesign Initiatives services
- \$447,000 to provide Alcohol, Tobacco & Drug services

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CHILD SAFETY, YOUTH AND WOMEN

- \$1,162,439 for Life Without Barriers to provide child protection placement services
- \$686,342 for Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd to provide child protection placement services
- \$652,560 for Anglicare - Central Queensland Limited to provide child protection placement services
- \$1,722,614 for Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd for family services
- \$1,125,965 for the Baptist Union of Queensland - Carinity to provide child protection placement services
- \$637,468 for Rockhampton Women's Shelter Inc to provide domestic and family violence services
- \$443,538 for Livingstone Shire Council for family services
- \$134,365 for Central Queensland University to provide child protection placement services
- \$84,771 for Livingstone Shire Council for youth services

COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES AND SENIORS

- \$119,116 for Livingstone Shire Council to provide programs to help individuals and community groups to participate positively in their community as part of a \$476,463 commitment over four years

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EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS AND TRAINING

- \$350,000 to fund Rockhampton Regional Council for a two-year Regional Skills Investment Strategy project
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work assisting up to 785 people to get job ready skills through \$6.28 million in the Central Queensland region
- The Back To Work - Regional Employment Package in Keppel electorate has supported 422 jobs, through funding of \$4,017,000 to date, with at least \$488,000 committed in 2019-20

HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS

- \$360,000 funding to Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd located in Keppel to deliver specialist homelessness services.
- \$148,500 for Bluebirds United Sports Club Inc to support the construction of a synthetic grass junior field, install LED lights to four existing light poles and construct a fence to support football
- \$7,597 for Capricorn Coast Football Club Inc. to support the upgrade to an amenities block including change rooms, showers, toilets, parents' rooms, first aid room, officials room and storage rooms to support female participation in football at Yeppoon

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

- \$3.173 million plus ongoing funding to continue the successful Project Booyah initiative, which includes a Rockhampton-based program
- \$982,000 from a total of \$1.759 million to implement the Framing the Future initiative for Project Booyah graduates to connect them with education and training opportunities

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- \$116,000 plus ongoing funding for an additional District Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator

STATE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING

- \$100,000 for a 53km rail trail from Rockhampton to Yeppoon that follows the heritage rail line out of a \$455,000 total spend.
- \$350,000 to provide Livingstone residents with a landscaped parkland setting as a final resting place for their loved ones as part of a \$1.8 million commitment from the \$365 million Building our Regions program
- \$2.5 million to convert the Yeppoon Sewage Treatment Plant to a Membrane Bio Reactor Plant to cater for future growth as part of a \$5 million commitment from the \$365 million Building our Regions program
- \$450,000 to undertake works to provide drawcard tourism facilities for residents and visitors, and amenity and facility improvements including better pedestrian connectivity and road network functionality

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RACING AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

- \$180,000 as part of a \$1.2 million commitment over two financial years to refurbish Cooee Bay Swimming Pool
- \$120,000 as part of a \$800,000 commitment over two financial years to design and construct a community arts hub at Emu Park
- \$186,658 as part of a \$466,646 commitment over two financial years to upgrade plant equipment at Emu Park Sewage Treatment Plant
- \$61,500 as part of a \$410,000 commitment over two financial years to rehabilitate pavement on Greenlake Road

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- \$45,000 as part of a \$300,000 commitment over two financial years to replace and upgrade lighting and electrical infrastructure at the Rockhampton Heritage Village
- \$30,000 as part of a \$200,000 commitment over two financial years to construct pathway at Taylor Street
- \$15,000 as part of a \$100,000 commitment over two financial years to construct pathway from Cedar Avenue to Remora Park
- \$15,000 as part of a \$100,000 commitment over two financial years to construct pathway from Whitman Street to Charles Street.
- \$15,000 as part of a \$100,000 commitment over two financial years to reinstate existing pavement at Whites Rd and Bondolla Rd
- \$12,000 as part of a \$80,000 commitment over two financial years to construct floodway at Cobraball Road
- \$7,500 as part of a \$50,000 commitment over two financial years to construct floodway at Tookers Road
- \$4,500 as part of a \$30,000 commitment over two financial years to construct floodway at Macaree Road
- \$4,500 as part of a \$30,000 commitment over two financial years to construct floodway at Leaholme Road
- \$126,345 as part of a \$2.307 million commitment remaining over one financial year to promote social connectedness among people from diverse cultural backgrounds and the wider community

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