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# Mulgrave Matters

## Special Budget Edition



**\$13.3 million to widen the Bruce Highway to six lanes between Foster Road and Robert Road**

Congestion-busting investment for the Bruce Highway has always been a key priority for me since entering politics, with roads along the southern corridor reaching their capacity. This investment will improve liveability in our area by making the run into the city smoother and reduce bottlenecks. It will also improve the heavy transport movements into Cairns' major industrial areas from key economic centres in the Mulgrave Electorate.



### Message from our Premier

*By working together with Queensland industries, businesses and communities we can build a stronger economy both now and into the future.*

*My Government is about jobs now and jobs for the future.*

Annastacia Palaszczuk  
 Queensland Premier

**Putting the Far North First.**



# Local Budget Outcomes

## \$1.1 million to complete the Innisfail Health Trades Skills Centre

Innisfail State College's dedicated training facility will equip the next generation of health professionals with the skills they need to pursue careers they are passionate about and address local occupation skills shortages.

Aspiring dental assistants, nursing support staff and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers will be trained in a standalone allied health unit which will be constructed and fitted-out with the necessary clinical equipment. By bringing together industry, training providers



and education in one facility we will deliver optimal outcomes for aspiring health professionals and our community.

## \$7 million towards planning and construction of the Yarrabah Jetty

**Yarrabah Jetty** is the critical piece of marine infrastructure that will unlock Yarrabah's economic potential by providing a jetty and ferry service that will get locals into the Cairns CBD in less than 30 minutes. That's why this budget allocates \$7 million towards the planning and construction of the Yarrabah Jetty. This link will connect skilled indigenous workers with the job and lifestyle opportunities they've been searching for whilst providing tourists in Cairns with access to an authentic Indigenous cultural experience. This project will help to strengthen the Yarrabah community by creating local jobs. The Palaszczuk Government is stepping up to get the jetty built after the Abbott Government withdrew \$5 million in federal funding.



## \$301,000 for Babinda State School



Our \$301,000 education commitment will empower **Babinda State School** to continue pushing the creative boundaries of its practical learning curriculum. The money comes from the Palaszczuk Government's new Collaboration and Innovation Fund. The school will use

the grant to develop an innovative teaching framework that aims to nurture the entrepreneurial skills of students. It will provide a multi-aged curriculum, that is focused on digital disruption, adding further depth and quality to the education of local students.



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## \$2.5 million for a replacement fire and rescue station at Gordonvale



Gordonvale's 65-year-old fire station is an attractive piece of history, but it really needs to be replaced. Rescue technologies and practices have evolved over the last six decades and our facilities need to keep pace, especially with our ever-increasing local population. A new \$2.5 million station will deliver the right infrastructure in the right location to ensure the fastest possible fire and emergency response times in our area – giving families peace of mind.

## Other Local Budget Highlights

- ✓ \$29 million in State and Federal contributions for Bruce Highway upgrades between Innisfail and Cairns.
- ✓ \$2.1 million towards the Innisfail Commercial Wharf, in partnership with the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.
- ✓ \$200,000 to construct cycleway footpaths and supporting structures at Reeves Creek Bridge Back Beach Road Yarrabah.
- ✓ \$1 million towards the completion of Innisfail's Regional Information and Community Hub.
- ✓ \$2.2 million to build the Gordonvale Early Years Centre at Gordonvale State School.
- ✓ \$1.7 million to target feral pigs and support sustainable cropping.

## More Teachers for Mulgrave



Labor is delivering on our election promise of an additional 875 teachers above growth in this term of Government. **The Mulgrave electorate is expected to receive up to 14 new full time equivalent teacher resources** over the next three years across state primary, state high and special schools.

Part of this initiative includes letting teachers teach, providing more

curriculum coordination time, more teacher release time, more specialist teachers in high schools, more deputy principals and more support for principals and teaching principals.

Across the Far North, \$61.7 million over the next four years is being invested to address the backlog of school refurbishments. All schools in Mulgrave will benefit from Labor's election commitment in some way.



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## Mulgrave Combined Cricket

**Mulgrave Combined Cricket** secured an impressive \$20,941 funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to build a new grandstand and purchase equipment. The equipment, including a bowling machine, 60 balls, a slips catching trolley, wicket covers, 12 helmets and two iPads to assist with scoring, will be used at the club's Fuller Park and Johnson Park home grounds. I would also like to congratulate the club on recently winning the First Grade Grand Final and the One Day

Championships, I hope the new equipment helps in their preparation for the upcoming season.

## Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Since January this year 23 Mulgrave community groups have shared a total of \$426,654.80 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. These grants provide a valuable lift in both funds and morale at our local clubs, which otherwise rely entirely on the volunteer fundraising efforts of members through sausage sizzles, raffles and the likes. The fund provides grants to not-for-profit organisations four times a year. To apply visit:

[www.justice.qld.gov.au](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au) and click on Community Benefit Funding Programs.

## Yarrabah Menmuny Museum

The latest round of Gambling Community Benefit Fund saw **Yarrabah Menmuny Museum** secure \$29,090.90 to purchase new equipment to enhance their showcase and facilities. The

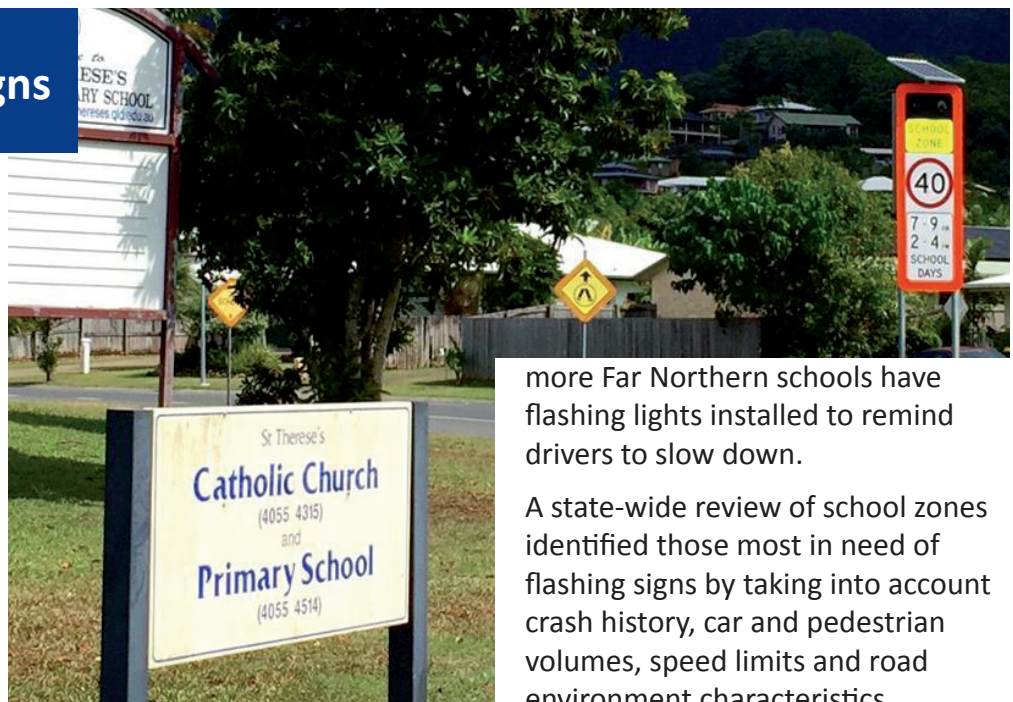
museum has a display of many artifacts, photos and other historical documents and I can highly recommend stopping by Yarrabah for a visit, especially if you're interested in the history of our area.

## Flashing School Zone Signs

The Palaszczuk Government has made Far Northern school zones safer by installing flashing traffic lights on speed signs near schools beside roads that have been identified as dangerous.

St Therese's School on Robert Road and McDonnell Creek State School on the Bruce Highway at Flying Fish Point had flashing signal lights installed earlier this year.

This program has been really well received and I'm keen to see even



more Far Northern schools have flashing lights installed to remind drivers to slow down.

A state-wide review of school zones identified those most in need of flashing signs by taking into account crash history, car and pedestrian volumes, speed limits and road environment characteristics.



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## Innisfail Historical Society & Edmonton RSL

In April I was proud to attend the unveiling of **Innisfail Historical Society's** plaque in Wrights Park commemorating the service of people who volunteered to be involved in mustard gas trials (chemical warfare experiments) between November 1943 and May 1944.

The Historical Society received a \$4,214 grant to facilitate the public display of historical photographs and documents - part of \$1.3 million in Caring for our Community grants across Queensland.



**Edmonton RSL's Sub Branch** have secured \$4,550 in funding from the Caring for our Community fund to

purchase portable shade marquees for hosting events such as the Anzac Day commemorative service.

## Edmonton Menshed

The guys at **Edmonton Menshed** were thrilled to hear they'd received \$34,952 in funding to install a new concrete floor and cover the dirt that they are currently working on.

They are also looking forward to purchasing new woodworking and metalworking equipment including a welder so that they are able to make larger items, such as outdoor tables, that can be offered to the local community.

I was a strong advocate for

Mensheds when I was Minister for Mental Health in the former Labor Government. This is an important initiative that reduces feelings of social isolation by bringing males together in the spirit of mateship in a workspace to create meaningful projects that contribute to our community.

## St John's Community Care



Chas Gianarakis from **St John's Community Care at Gordonvale** took some time earlier this year to show me the site where three 4 bedroom homes are to be built which will change the lives of nine local families. This \$1.55 million housing project will literally change the lives of Gordonvale residents living with disability and their elderly parents. St John's received \$1 million in capital funding and will contribute \$550,000 for new accommodation, supporting three jobs during its construction. As a former Disability Services Minister I am keenly aware that a secure future is what concerns many elderly parents of adults with disability and I know that this project will go a long way to providing that reassurance.



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## White Rock Junior Rugby League

As patron and a major sponsor of the White Rock Junior Rugby League U7, U8, U10 teams inaugural season back in 2014, I am pleased to be continuing that support for another two years. In fact I'm extending that commitment for another three years to include the new U14 team, reinforcing my commitment to this prospering club and participation in junior sport in the southern suburbs.

## Street Level Youth Care

Street Level Youth Care do a fantastic job of assisting young people in need by providing meals and other emergency services to those aged 21 and under. The group currently operates a van in White Rock, Bentley Park, Fuller Park and Munro Martin Park and recently extended their service to include the northern

beaches. Last month I was pleased to donate a new 3G SafeTCard lone worker card to SLYC to provide comfort and allow for the personal safety of their volunteer staff when manning the food van.

For more information please visit: [www.streetlevelyouthcare.org.au](http://www.streetlevelyouthcare.org.au)

## Cairns Motorcycle Club

Cairns Motorcycle Club scored the maximum \$35,000 grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase a new bobcat. It was a huge win for the club in making them more self-sufficient and enabling their track maintenance team to maintain and upgrade the track more regularly with greatly reduced expenses.

## Gordonvale Friends of the Foundation

Earlier this year I was pleased to make a donation of \$690 to the Gordonvale Friends of the Foundation, allowing them to purchase a portable countertop fridge. The fridge was essential to ensuring the group met the stipulated OH&S food storage requirements when holding fundraising activities at annual local events like the Gordonvale races, Carols by Candlelight and The Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair.





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## Yarrabah Nighthawks and Seahawks

A big congratulations to the **Nighthawks Club at Yarrabah**. It's really pleasing to see more sporting options like netball for local girls and women in the community. In particular I'd like to congratulate Shennae Neale for her hard work in getting the club up and running. I'm proud to be providing financial assistance for team registrations and to be a naming rights sponsor of the club. Go get 'em girls!

I'm also pleased to be sponsoring



the **Yarrabah Seahawks Rugby League A-Grade team** shirts this season. I enjoyed attending the home game for the Domestic Violence round hosted by Yarrabah Aboriginal Corporation for Women in partnership with the Guyula Yarrabah Football Club. This event was a great way to put the spotlight on domestic and family violence.

## Friends of the Con & Innisfail Mini Rail

When I heard that the Innisfail Mini-Rail Club was struggling to pay for the sheeting required to line their clubhouse walls and signal box, I was only too happy to make a \$1,000 donation. I was also proud to present the Friends of the Con (conservatory) at Innisfail with \$1,000 to kick-start their fundraising efforts for a new projector and sound equipment. The volunteers who work tirelessly for this group are the reason we have so many talented young people from the Cassowary Coast excelling in the performing arts at the state and national level. Their passion for supporting young performers and Indigenous artists enriches our cultural calendar and community.

## Innisfail Woodworkers Guild

In June I was thrilled to advise the **Innisfail Woodworkers Guild** that they would receive \$2,750 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, which they will use to purchase a large drum sander. The sander will help the group to finish-off their larger projects, such as table tops, with a little less elbow grease and a lot less time than they previously had to put in.

One of the best things about the woodworkers group is their active encouragement of members as young as 12. This means that while the experienced pass on their skills and wealth of knowledge they also get fresh ideas from a younger perspective.





# Our Plan for Far North Queensland

## Protecting the Great Barrier Reef

We are protecting the Reef with an additional \$100 million over five years for water quality initiatives, scientific research and helping businesses transition to better environmental practices in the primary production, mining and fishing industries. This is in addition to the \$35 million per year currently spent across State Government agencies on the Reef.



View of coral and snorkeller from below. Great Barrier Reef, Whitsundays. Courtesy of Tourism Queensland.

## Tourism funding restored

We all know how important tourism is for our local economy, that's why we are committed to delivering funding certainty to Tourism and Events Queensland and restoring its base funding by providing an additional \$128.3 million over four years.



A revitalised Tourism and Events Queensland, working together with industry and Government will play a vital role in driving tourism growth in the North.

**For further Budget information visit:**  
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## Far North Budget Highlights

The Queensland Government is delivering for the North with projects such as:

-  \$25 million over two years for a special school in Cairns for students with highly specialised needs.
-  \$111.5 million over three years to seal the Peninsula Developmental Road at various locations between Laura and Coen, and Coen and Weipa.
-  \$21 million over three years in reparation for wages stolen from Indigenous workers, a legacy of past government practices.
-  \$7.6 million over two years to replace the roof and make other repairs to the Cairns Convention Centre.
-  \$40 million to complete the \$446.3 million Cairns Hospital Redevelopment.
-  \$5 million to complete the Malanda Upper Barron Road upgrade.

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