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Foreword

Since signing the Implementation Plan in January 2020, all commitments are underway with many nearing completion. The region has been strengthened through investment from the Australian Government, Fraser Coast Regional Council and Bundaberg Regional Council.

Building on achievements of the Bundaberg Ag-Tech Hub and Initiative at Bargara, Hervey Bay Airport Redevelopment and the Fraser Coast Hospice, this second Annual Progress Report highlights progress made since October 2021. This includes the significant progress made on the majority of road projects, the Royal Flying Doctor Service flight simulation training facility and the multi-use conveyor and pre-feasibility study projects at the Port of Bundaberg.

The COVID-19 pandemic was felt in Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and its surrounding area. There has been an increase in home construction which has led to a shortage of building materials and materials needed for commercial construction.

There has also been an increase of 'drive-in' tourism thanks to the region's easy driving distance to Brisbane and other south east Queensland centres leading to a demand for tourist facilities in the area. It is expected that the Deal's investment in the Royal Flying Doctor Service flight simulation training facility will attract pilots for training from across the Asia Pacific region. This is likely to assist with economic development in the region.

For more information on the Deal, see <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/regional-australia/regional-deals/hinkler-regional-deal>



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Acknowledgement of Country

The Regional Deal partners acknowledge the Butchulla and Taribelang people as well as the neighbouring tribes of Kabi-Kabi, Batjala and Waka-Waka people as the Traditional Owners of this land.

We pay our respects to the current generation, as well as Elders past, present and emerging.



Total funding for the Deal over
\$296.9m

\$172.9m
from Australian Government

\$10.6m
from Bundaberg Regional Council

\$97.5m
from Fraser Coast Regional Council

14 total number of commitments

3 completed

8 commenced

The Hinkler Regional Deal has helped
to support at least 552 jobs



Commitments at a Glance

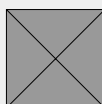
- 1 **Bargara Road/Princess Street Upgrade**
\$10m
committed under the Deal
- 2 **De-maining of Quay Street**
\$41.9m
committed under the Deal
- 3 **New Royal Flying Doctor Service Flight, Simulation Training Facility**
\$15m
committed under the Deal
- 4 **Childers Road Overtaking Lanes (Completed)**
\$5m
committed under the Deal
- 5 **Multi-use conveyor and pre-feasibility study at the Port of Bundaberg**
\$10.8m
committed under the Deal
- 6 **Bundaberg AgTech Hub and Initiative at Bargara (Completed)**
\$7m
committed under the Deal
- 7 **Bruce Highway/Buxton Road Intersection Upgrade**
\$12.5m
committed under the Deal
- 8 **Torbanlea Pialba Road Upgrade**
\$30m
committed under the Deal
- 9 **Fraser Coast Hospice (Completed)**
\$7.6m
committed under the Deal
- 10 **Hervey Bay City Centre Redevelopment**
\$103.8m
committed under the Deal
- 11 **Hervey Bay Airport Redevelopment (Completed)**
\$26.7m
committed under the Deal
- 12 **Urraween to Boundary Road Extension**
\$26.5m
committed under the Deal
- 13 **Enhancing Regional Tourism**
\$0.25m
committed under the Deal

Snapshot of the Region



Population

	Data obtained in 2020	Data obtained in 2021	Data obtained in 2022
Population	150,361 people (2018) 1.1% annual growth anticipated to 2041	153,412 people (June 2020) 0.9% growth between 2010 and 2020 1.1% annual growth anticipated to 2041	155,151 people (June 2021) 0.9% growth between June 2015 and June 2020 1.1% annual growth anticipated to 2041
Demographics	Median Age: 46.7 (2018) compared to 37.3 in Queensland Number of Families: 39,190 ^{1,2}	Median Age: 47.2 (2019) compared to 37.4 in Queensland Number of Families: 39,190 ¹	Median Age 47.7 (2020) compared to 37.8 Queensland Number of Families 39,190 ¹
First Nations population	4.1% ³	4.1% ³	4.1% ³



Productivity and participation

	Data obtained in 2020	Data obtained in 2021	Data obtained in 2022
Employment opportunities	Median weekly family income: \$59,750 per annum (2018) Largest Industries: Health care and social assistance (18.5%), Retail trade (12.9%)	Median total personal income \$25,255 per year (2016) compared to \$34,320 in Queensland Largest Industries: Health care and social assistance (17.8%), Retail trade (12.3%)	Median total personal income \$25,255 per year (2016) compared to \$34,320 in Queensland Largest Industries: Health care and social assistance (17.8%), Retail trade (12.3%)
Unemployment	Unemployment: 7.2% (September 2019) ²	Unemployment: 11.6% (September 2020) ²	Unemployment: 7.9% (September 2021)
Agricultural output	\$1.5 billion (Wide Bay region, 2018-19)	\$1.5 billion (Wide Bay region, 2018-19)	\$1.5 billion (Wide Bay region, 2018-19)

1 Families include couples with no children, couples with children and one-parent families.

2 Figures revised for accuracy.

3 Derived from same data set.





Economic activity and diversification

	Data obtained in 2020	Data obtained in 2021	Data obtained in 2022
Number of businesses	8,943 (June 2019) ¹	8,939 (June 2020) ¹	9,379 (June 2021)
Building approvals	815 (year to Dec. 2019) ¹	1,148 (year to Dec. 2020) ¹	1,681 (year to Dec. 2021)
Number and proportion of people with a vocational or higher education qualification	Hinkler: 32,000 people or 47% ²	Hinkler: 32,000 people or 47% ²	Hinkler: 32,000 people or 47% ²
Trade through the Port of Bundaberg	548,278 Tonnes (2018/19) 27 Vessels (2018/19)	391,939 Tonnes (2019/2020) 21 Vessels (2019/2020)	354,559 Tonnes (2020/21) 16 Vessels (2020/21)



Liveability

	Data obtained in 2020	Data obtained in 2021	Data obtained in 2022
Passenger movements through airports	Bundaberg: 156,309 (2018-19) ¹ Hervey Bay: 161,360 (2018-19) ¹	Bundaberg 115,527 (2019-20) ¹ Hervey Bay 124,921 (2019-20) ¹	Bundaberg: 61,846 (2020-21). Hervey Bay: 40,493 (2020-21)
Volunteering	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%
Age pension recipients	Hinkler: 73.8 per 100 persons over 65 (June 2019)	Hinkler: 75.0 per 100 persons over 65 (June 2021)	Hinkler: 74.9 per 100 persons over 65 (Sept. 2021)
Aged care places	1,857 places (2019)	1,857 service operational places (2020)	1,857 service operation places (June 2021)
Road safety	334 incidents (2018) ¹	331 incidents (2019) ¹	360 incidents (2020)

The figures these tables provide context for the annual progress report and are not necessarily an indication of the impact the Hinkler Regional Deal has had on the region.

¹ Figures revised for accuracy.

² Education levels include: postgraduate degree, bachelor degree, graduate diploma, graduate certificate, advanced diploma, diploma and certificate III and IV.





Progress reporting:

Facilitate Innovation and New Industries

One of the objectives of the Deal is to allow the long-term economic development and resilience of a region, as well as increase opportunities to take advantage of new market trends, businesses and emerging technologies.

Highlighting the region's advantages of a broad local agricultural and service focus, and an increased interest in sharing knowledge across industries, the Deal includes commitments focussed on trialling new technology, ideas and practices.

Bundaberg AgTech Hub and Initiative at Bargara

The Bundaberg AgTech Facility was established by Bundaberg Regional Council in 2020 and is now referred to as the AgTech Hub. Space is leased to six organisations which employ approximately 50 people in a range of agricultural and natural resource management roles.

One of the AgTech Hub's tenants is Central Queensland University, which manages the Hinkler AgTech Initiative. The Hinkler AgTech Initiative undertakes research through the Hub and on farms with the aim of increasing profitability and productivity of local agribusinesses through greater uptake of agricultural technology (AgTech).

First Nations organisations are also supported through one of the AgTech Hub's tenants, the Burnett Mary Regional Group, which has formal partnerships with several First Nations organisations and supports all Traditional Owner groups within the Burnett Mary region to better facilitate representation in natural resource management projects.

Progress

The Initiative has facilitated 45 on-farm trials of commercial AgTech products and services, involving over 40 AgTech providers and 38 local agribusinesses. The range of trialled AgTech includes farm-management software, automated pest monitoring devices, robotic picking and processing technology, pollination mapping systems and innovative harvesting equipment. This work has resulted in the creation of approximately 30 new local jobs by AgTech providers establishing or expanding within the region.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q4 2020: Hinkler AgTech Initiative was launched.

Q1 2021: Initial 10 AgTech demonstration trials were established.

Q2 2021: Regional weather stations for initial trials deployed.

Q3 2021: Four field days to promote the initial trials were held.

Q4 2021: Completion of 41 individual AgTech trials.

Q2 2022: AgTech Initiative hosted interactive displays with its project partners at the Agrotrend 2022.

Q2 2022: AgTech Adoption Legacy Activity report completed.

Key Next Steps

Q1 2023: Ongoing grower forums and field days promoting AgTech trials and implementation.

Q1 2023: Continued development of working 'smart-farms' including on-ground application of clustered AgTech.



Royal Flying Doctor Service Flight Simulation Training Facility

The Royal Flying Doctor Service is building a new flight simulation training facility. Simulation is an important part of the modern training program for pilots, and a range of other professions. These skills are transferrable across other industries (such as the agricultural sector) and are in demand both nationally and internationally. This flight simulator is also particularly important as the Textron Beechcraft B300 aircraft simulator is the first of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

This project seeks to leverage Bundaberg as a base of operations and will grow and diversify the region's economy through new skills and training opportunities. As the flight simulator is the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere it is expected that international pilots will come from other countries to use the facility and this is likely to increase tourism to the region.

Progress

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has completed feasibility and scoping work to determine a commercially viable model for a proposed training facility under the Deal.

Outside of the Deal, the Bundaberg Regional Council gifted the land where the flight simulation training facility is to be built.

Engineering designs relating to the construction of the training facility to house the simulator are being completed, with construction on the site expected to commence by the end of 2024. Over the long-term, the project is expected to inject at least \$20 million into the local economy and support approximately 40 full time equivalent jobs.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q3 2021: Detailed design work, a final design specification.

Q4 2021: Funding agreement formalised with the Australian Government.

Q2 2022: Flight simulator ordered and design specification for the flight simulator commenced.



Key Next Steps

Q3 2023: 75 per cent of construction of the training facility to be completed.

Q4 2023: Construction of the training facility is expected to be completed.

Q1 2024: Facility expected to be fully operational.

Enhancing Regional Tourism

Tourism is a significant driver of the region's economy, and it is important to support the sector as it develops new opportunities for visitors from across Australia and, in the future, internationally. This can be done by identifying advantages unique to the region, removing barriers to growth and supporting businesses through effective infrastructure projects.

Progress

Deal partners are working with local stakeholders to co-design suitable projects to best support the tourism industry across the region.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q2 2020: Tourism workshop and local consultation completed.

Q2 2021: Ideas canvassed with Deal partners.

In focus:

Royal Flying Doctor Service Flight Simulation Training Facility

Bundaberg is well known for its beautiful weather and will also now be known as the home to the first flight simulator of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Specifically, Bundaberg will be the home of the Southern Hemisphere's only Textron Beechcraft B300 aircraft simulator. Part of the new Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) (RFDS) base upgrade, the facility will be a key destination for both local and international pilots seeking training on this aircraft.

With the next nearest simulator of its kind in Florida (USA), it is anticipated that the new facility will attract pilots for training from across the Asia Pacific region including New Zealand, China and Indonesia, just to name a few.



Closer to home, the new Bundaberg facility will be critical in supporting the RFDS in its mission to provide the finest care to the furthest corner. With a near-100-year history, the RFDS is renowned for its high-quality aeromedical and healthcare services for regional, rural and remote Queenslanders, and the new facility is an essential piece of infrastructure that will be critical in maintaining the skill level of RFDS pilots in the operation of its Beechcraft aircraft fleet.

The project will also be a benefit for the Bundaberg regional economy. During construction, the project is predicted to inject at least \$20 million into the local economy and support approximately 40 full time equivalent jobs.

Construction of the flight simulator is underway, with the construction of the facility commencing by the end of 2022.



Enhance Local Communities

The population of Hervey Bay and Bundaberg has significantly grown over recent years. The Deal identified the need for projects that would assist the region's economic development, resilience, liveability and community.

The projects are focussed on providing opportunities to contribute to a thriving economy. In strengthening the economy, this helps to ensure that the community is resilient to economic and environmental change.

Redevelopment of the Hervey Bay City Centre

The Hervey Bay region grew over time from small coastal villages, to the vibrant and well known Queensland destination. Creating a town centre as a central point to work, shop and meet has been a priority for the community, to be realised through this project and other complementary projects also occurring in the area.

Progress

Fraser Coast Regional Council appointed Savills Project Management to program manage the City Centre Redevelopment program of works. Key requirements and functional specifications as well as community consultation have been conducted over recent months, noting delays due to the impacts of COVID-19.

A large team have been working together to establish the concept, schematic and detailed designs of the new building. Works are continuing, with construction works commencing over the next year.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q3 2020: Fraser Coast Regional Council appointed Savills Project Management to assist with management of the project.

Q3 2021: The Council began community consultation on the Draft Master Plan.

Q4 2021: Hervey Bay City Centre Town Master Plan was released for further consultation.

Q1 2022: Hervey Bay City Centre Master Plan completed.

Q2 2022: Concept design and site investigation work is finalised.





Key Next Steps

Q2 2023: Early contractor involvement and associated detailed design for the Library and Administration Centre (incorporating the Disaster Resilience Centre) due to be finalised.

Q2 2023: Traffic Management and Public Realm Strategy is due to be finalised.

Q4 2023: Construction of the Library and Administration Centre (incorporating the Disaster Resilience Centre) is due to commence.

Q4 2024: 50 per cent of construction for the Library and Administration Centre (incorporating the Disaster Resilience Centre) is due to be complete.

Q2 2026: Completion of construction of the Library and Administration Centre (incorporating the Disaster Resilience Centre).



De-maining of Quay Street

Quay Street is a major thoroughfare through the Bundaberg CBD, with the majority of traffic travelling through this part of the city centre daily. The road, whilst an important freight route, divides the CBD from the Burnett River, which limits economic and liveability opportunities for the city. The de-maining of Quay Street, through appropriate bypass routes, will enable the community to develop this area as a great space to work, play and do business in the region.

Progress

A preliminary business case and options analysis has been completed by Bundaberg Regional Council. The Queensland Government and Bundaberg Regional Council are currently completing the Queensland Bundaberg Integrated Transport Study and this study will inform next steps for the project.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q3 2019: Bundaberg Regional Council completes preliminary business case and options for de-maining of Quay Street.

2020: Queensland Bundaberg Integrated Transport Study underway.

Key Next Steps

Q4 2022: Queensland Bundaberg Integrated Transport Study due for completion.

Fraser Coast Hospice

Preliminary work on establishing a purpose built hospice to address the need for end of life care on Queensland's Fraser Coast began in June 2019. Works on the hospice continued through 2020 and 2021, with the Hospice being opened on 8 October 2021.

Progress

Design work was completed in consultation with the community to ensure the six-bed Hospice would be suitable for people at the end of their lives and their families. Construction commenced in December 2020, following the granting of a lease on the 1.3 hectare site at 222 Urraween Road, Hervey Bay in early 2020.

Construction progressed by the Fraser Coast Hospice Association into early 2021, with the facility opening on 8 October 2021.

The Hospice, during construction and ongoing operations, has helped to employ approximately 118 people.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q3 2020: Development Approval received from Fraser Coast Regional Council.

Q4 2020: Site establishment and formal sod turning.

Q4 2020: Main building works, including civil works, commenced.

Q1 2021: Completion of base construction works, including concrete slab and civil works.

Q2 2021: Completion of main construction works.

Q3 2021: Commencement of volunteer works, including hospice gardens and landscaping.

Q3 2021: Commencement of ongoing hospice operations.

The Deal commitment is now complete.



Unlock Regional Transport

The Deal incorporates road projects funded through the Australian Government's Infrastructure Investment Program, with the aim to enhance road safety, reduce congestion and increase freight efficiency and capacity. These projects will benefit current as well as future road users, and also invest in local jobs through construction of these projects.



Bargara Road / Princess Street Upgrade

Bargara Road/Princess Street is a major connector between Bundaberg and the coastal town of Bargara.

Progress

The Queensland Government is currently completing the Queensland Bundaberg Integrated Transport Study (with funding assistance from Bundaberg Regional Council), which will inform a final design specification for the project.

Key Milestones Achieved

2020: Queensland Bundaberg Integrated Transport Study underway.

Key Next Steps

Q4 2022: Queensland Bundaberg Integrated Transport Study due for completion.



Bruce Highway / Buxton Road Intersection Upgrade

The Bruce Highway is a major road that connects all communities across the region. The Township of Buxton is currently served by the Bruce Highway/Buxton Road intersection.

Progress

Discussions are underway to progress this project alongside the broader Bruce Highway Safety Package, which include major upgrades and realignments, strengthening and widening type works, plus a range of safety and efficiency measures to target poor crash sites and to provide additional overtaking lanes and rest areas. Projects are also aimed at improving capacity and flood impact along the length of the Bruce Highway.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q3 2020: Detailed design work commenced.

Key Next Steps

Q3 2023: Detailed design works to be finalised.

Q1 2024: Construction expected to commence following procurement process and contract award.

Childers Road Overtaking Lanes

Childers Road (also known as the Isis Highway) acts as a key thoroughfare connecting the regional town of Childers with Bundaberg, as well as the Burnett region with the coast, and the Port of Bundaberg.

Progress

Construction on the new overtaking lane is complete and it was opened to traffic in June 2021.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q4 2020: Construction commenced.

Q3 2021: Construction complete.

Key Next Steps

Q4 2022: Project's Post Completion report due.

The Deal commitment is now complete.

Torbanlea Pialba Road

The Torbanlea Pialba Road is a major connector between Hervey Bay and the Bruce Highway.

Progress

Construction has commenced, with the majority of the upgrade occurring in the 2022-23 financial year.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q2 2021: Survey, design and environmental assessments underway.

Q3 2021: Survey and environmental assessments were completed.

Q4 2021: Detailed design completed, and tenders for construction were submitted.

Q2 2022: Preliminary site works and construction commenced.

Key Next Steps

Q2 2023: 50 per cent of construction is due to be completed.

Q4 2023: Practical completion of construction is due to be finalised.

Urraween to Boundary Road

The Urraween and Boundary Roads in Hervey Bay provide a southern route around the Hervey Bay city centre to facilitate access to the Hervey Bay Airport and Urangan areas. However, the route is disconnected and limits use for the community by causing congestion on Boat Harbour Drive.

Progress

Detailed design on the 1.9 kilometre dual lane road is underway, with construction commencing in 2022 for approximately 23 months.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q2 2021: Detailed design work complete, and construction firms invited to submit tender.

Q3 2021: Tender was awarded to local construction company SGQ.

Q1 2022: Construction commenced.

Key Next Steps

Q2 2024: Practical completion of construction is due to be finalised.



In focus:

Fraser Coast Hospice

The Australian Government and Fraser Coast Regional Council came together to fund the construction of the Fraser Coast Hospice, which is essential infrastructure for the region.

The Fraser Coast Hospice Association was founded by Jasine Leslie after she realised the lack of enhanced care for those in the community with a terminal illness.

The new purpose-built Fraser Coast Hospice provides 24-hour home-like accommodation, professional and compassionate care to clients at the end of their life, and bereavement care to their families. This allows ill patients to receive specialised end-of-life care in an alternative setting from their home or hospital. The Hospice was even modelled on successful Hospice

Associations in other Queensland communities to ensure the best possible care for its patients.

The six-bed Hospice has been thoughtfully designed to include several reflection areas, family meeting rooms and large, private guest rooms for families to gather and spend time together. Each room has a garden view with private verandah, and visits from pets are also welcome.

The Hospice has also provided employment opportunities during construction and in operation, and is an important service which can be provided to the local community, allowing for this high level of care to be provided locally without residents needing to travel to more metropolitan areas of Queensland.





Hervey Bay Airport Redevelopment ✓

Two stages of redevelopment of the Hervey Bay Airport were funded as part of the Hinkler Regional Deal. This included the improvement of all infrastructure for the main runway and taxiways and the construction of a specialised aviation and associated supply chain industry subdivision.

The project forms part of the Fraser Coast Airports Master Plan 2011–2031. The strategic plan provides the basis for development of aviation facilities and infrastructure for the Fraser Coast region.

Committed through the Hinkler Regional Deal, this project is funded through the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

Progress

Construction has been completed on the redevelopment of the Hervey Bay Airport, with approximately 150 people being employed during construction. The revitalisation of the airport runway was delivered in four stages throughout 2020 and 2021.

The project even helped the Hervey Bay Airport to win the Corporate Project of the Year Award – Large Regional Airport at the National Airport Industry Awards in 2021. This further validates the excellent work that has been undertaken in this region and the works are a major achievement in securing the long term sustainability of this regional hub.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q3 2020: Design of Avion Airside Precinct.

Q3 2020: Renewal of Airport Runway works completed to date.

Q2 2021: 100% completion of Runway Overlay and AGL Lightening project.

Q2 2021: Project completed.

The Deal commitment is now complete.

Port of Bundaberg Upgrades

As part of the Australian Government's place-based approach to regional development, upgrades to the Port of Bundaberg are occurring, including a new multi-use bulk goods conveyor facility and a pre-feasibility assessment of an outer harbour development.

Port of Bundaberg: Multi-Use Conveyor Project

The new bulk goods conveyor facility at the Port will enable it to provide options for a wider range of port users and goods, with improved loading and unloading times compared to current facilities. This project is facilitated by the Queensland Government and will be delivered jointly by Gladstone Ports Corporation and Sugar Terminals Limited.

Progress

Detailed design of the multi-use conveyor is now complete, with construction commencing in July 2022. Up to 30 June 2022, approximately 121 people have been employed on this project

Key Milestones Achieved

Q3 2020: Detailed business case relating to the construction and commissioning of a new bulk goods conveyor approved to proceed.

Q4 2020: Project Agreement executed between Queensland and Australian Governments.

Q4 2020: Execution of Framework Deed for Sugar Terminals Ltd (STL) to design, construct, operate and maintain the multi-use conveyor.

Q1 2021: Selection of specialist engineer to deliver detailed design.

Q4 2021: Detailed design completed.

Q1 2022: Tenders for construction of the conveyor system submitted, evaluated and contract award consideration underway.

Q2 2022: Construction contract awarded and construction commenced.

Key Next Steps

Q2 2023: Construction due to be finalised.





Port of Bundaberg: Pre-feasibility Study

The pre-feasibility study, being facilitated by the Queensland Government and undertaken by Gladstone Ports Corporation, is considering potential long term opportunities and options for a new outer harbour development and connecting infrastructure to the port, which will help assess the market interest for new commercial users willing to underwrite new import and export facilities.

Progress

The pre-feasibility study will be used to understand critical issues such as environmental, planning, engineering and infrastructure that require consideration in planning for an outer harbour development. Gladstone Ports Corporation has engaged a specialist consultant to undertake the study, which is forecast for completion by the end of 2022. As part of the pre-feasibility study, a local firm has undertaken a turtle habitat suitability assessment using drone technology. This work will assist in understanding potential nesting locations to influence the concept layouts and will feed into scoping of any future nesting turtle studies.

As at December 2021, this project has helped to support approximately 41 jobs.

Key Milestones Achieved

Q4 2020: Project Agreement executed between Queensland and Australian Governments.

Q1 2021: Agreement on project scope negotiated with Queensland Government.

Q2 2021: Project plan for the study agreed.

Q3 2021: Pre-feasibility study commenced.

Q1 2022: Turtle habitat suitability assessment completed.

Q2 2022: Flood study was completed.

Key Next Steps

Q3 2022: Pre-feasibility study completed.



Fast Facts

Sources for 2022 data

Population: Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population.

Population projects: Source: Queensland Government Population Projections, 2018 editions (from [Queensland Treasury](#) report).

Median Age: Source: Queensland Treasury analysis of ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Number of families: Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing, from Queensland Treasury report.

First Nations: Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing

Median total personal income: Source: Queensland Treasury analysis of ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Largest industries (Industry of employment): Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Unemployment rate: Source: BCARR analysis of National Skills Commission Small Area Labour Markets (SALM) estimates.

Agricultural output: Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences ([ABARES](#)).

Number of businesses: Source: ABS Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits (CABEE).

Note: From 2020–21 onwards there has been a change in scope where superannuation funds have been removed from the CABEE collection. This has resulted in a decrease in business counts which the ABS has adjusted for previous years.

Residential building approvals: Source: ABS Building Approvals, Australia.

Number and proportion of people with a vocational or higher education qualification: Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Trade through the Port of Bundaberg: Source: Gladstone Ports Corporation. [Link to website](#)

Passenger movements through airports: Source: BITRE Airport traffic data. [Link to website](#)

Volunteering: Source: ABS 2016 Population and Housing.

Age pension recipients: Source: Queensland Treasury analysis of data from the Department of Social Services.

Age care places: Source: Queensland Treasury analysis of data from the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Road safety: Source: Queensland Government, Road Crash Locations. [Link to data](#)

Note: The data are subject to revision as road incidents can take time to investigate. Data for previous years have been updated.

Sources for 2021 data

Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads analysed by Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Research Economics

Gladstone Port Commission (2020), <http://content1.gpcl.com.au/viewcontent/CargoComparisonsSelection/CargoOriginDestination.aspx?View=B&Durat=F&Key=2020>

Queensland Treasury (2021) Queensland regional Profiles, 22 June 2021

ABARES (2021) About my region – Wide Bay Queensland, <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/aboutmyregion/qld-wide-bay#agricultural-sector>

BITRE (2021) Airport traffic statistics

First Nations: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016

Number of Families: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile – G25

Number and proportion of people with a vocational or higher education qualification: Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, ABS Census

Number of Businesses: ABS 8165.0 Counts of Australian Businesses including Entries and Exits

Agricultural Output: Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2018–19

Volunteering: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016

Sources for 2020 data

First Nations: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016

Number of Families: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile – G25

Number and proportion of people with a vocational or higher education qualification: Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, ABS Census

Number of Businesses: ABS 8165.0 Counts of Australian Businesses including Entries and Exits

Agricultural Output: Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2018–19

Volunteering: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016
Population: ABS 3218.0 Regional Population Growth, 2018

Population Growth: ABS 3218.0 Regional Population Growth, various

First Nations: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016

Median Age: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, ABS 3235.0 Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia

Number of Families: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile – G25

Number of Businesses: ABS 8165.0 Counts of Australian Businesses including Entries and Exits

Building Approvals: ABS 8731.0, Building Approvals, Australia, Various (12 months to 31 August 2019)

Number and proportion of people with a vocational or higher education qualification: Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, ABS Census

Trade Through Port: Gladstone Ports Corporation, Trade Statistics

Passenger Movements: Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics

Unemployment: Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, Small Area Labour Markets Australia (March Quarter 2019)

Agricultural Output: ABS 7121.0 Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2017–18

Newstart Recipients: Department of Social Services, Payment Demographic Data, June 2019

Largest Industries: Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics

Crime: Queensland Police Service – June 2019.

Volunteering: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016

Pension Recipients: Department of Social Services, Payment Demographic Data, June 2019

Aged Care Places: Department of Health

Road Safety: Department of Transport and Main Roads (Qld) analysed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development

Motor Vehicles per Household: ABS, Census of Population and Housing





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