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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

As the world went into lockdown and COVID-19 cases multiplied in cities, the advantages of living and working in regional New South Wales (NSW) have never been clearer.

The 2019-20 period will go down in history as one of the toughest for regional NSW.

The worst drought on record was followed by the worst bushfire catastrophe on record. Then, when the drought broke, the rains brought localised flooding.

Of course, all of that was hard enough – but then came a global pandemic, which apart from the health threat, has cost thousands of people their jobs and livelihoods, and brought new challenges for producers facing disrupted supply chains and subdued demand.

Throughout this period the people of regional and rural NSW have shown their resilience.

Just as the drought has broken over much of the state, and rain has brought nature roaring back to life, so too will our regional communities rebound.

As they do, the 2020-21 NSW Budget will help them every step of the way, with funding to keep rebuilding communities still recovering from natural disasters, major investments to generate jobs, and additional mental health services to ease the strain of an impossibly difficult year.

We will continue to ensure our regional and rural residents have access to vital, world class services, and across the regions, projects big and small are laying the foundations for future growth, from schools and hospitals to national highways, metro-quality internet, and regional rail.

But this Budget is about more than just rebuilding in our regions and responding to COVID-19. We are taking the opportunity to make regional NSW the powerhouse of our state's economic future, and never has that future looked brighter.

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We are building new industrial capacity, with precincts in Parkes, Wagga Wagga, and the Hunter, tailor-made to ensure local industries will thrive long into the future.

And we will continue to make regional and rural NSW the renewable energy powerhouse of Australia, getting ahead of the curve to secure clean, cheap energy future for our state.

The coming months and years will be critical in securing a strong recovery for regional NSW. This Budget holds nothing back, as we move on from the year that was, and look with hope to the opportunities that lie ahead.



Dominic Perrottet
NSW Treasurer

01. Supporting our Regions

PAYNES CROSSING BRIDGE, HUNTER VALLEY
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OVERVIEW

The 2020-21 NSW Budget reflects the NSW Government's clear focus on supporting our regions through recovery, reform and a return to prosperity after a year of unprecedented challenges. There has never been a more important time to make sure that our regional communities impacted by drought, bushfires, floods and COVID-19 are getting the help they need to rebuild and recover.

The NSW Government is focused on supporting our regional businesses, including manufacturing, resource and agricultural sectors, to recover quickly and return to growth, while also positioning regional economies to further specialise in innovation and technology-focused industries. Our investment in regional NSW will:

- Support economic recovery for the communities and businesses of regional NSW.
- Provide vital assistance for communities following the drought and 2019-20 summer bushfires.
- Reinforce a targeted approach to drought resilience and water security.
- Improve road and rail connections between regions and cities to enable faster movement of goods and improve access for visitors.
- Assist businesses to expand, establish, invest and create more jobs in the regions.
- Protect and improve the environment and local character of NSW's regional communities.

Highlights of the NSW Government's new and existing key regional investments are included in this document.



\$4.5 billion

in drought assistance and water security support

\$4.2 billion
Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund

\$300 million
*boost for the \$2 billion
Regional Growth Fund*

\$100 million
Regional Job Creation Fund



\$4.4 billion

in bushfire recovery support



Support economic
recovery in regional NSW



Vital assistance for
regional communities



Create more jobs
in the regions

DROUGHT RELIEF

From mid-2017 to 2020, NSW experienced one of the worst droughts on record which continues to cast a long shadow across our regions. As of October 2020, 12 per cent of the State still remains in drought, presenting significant challenges to the agriculture sector across the State. The NSW Government is standing by our farmers, their families and rural communities, and has committed approximately **\$4.5 billion** in drought assistance and water security support.

Drought assistance in NSW provides ongoing support to farmers, while helping to accelerate recovery for producers who have seen conditions improve. Existing NSW Government support includes:

- **\$1 billion** for the Farm Innovation Fund to provide concessional loans and provide greater drought resilience.

- **\$1 billion** for the Safe and Secure Water Program to provide safe, secure and sustainable water and wastewater services to regional NSW.
- **\$170 million** for the Drought Stimulus Package to fund shovel-ready infrastructure projects.
- Waiving of heavy vehicle charges for eligible primary producers.
- Deferral or extended installment plans for drought-affected customers who have difficulty meeting their payroll tax obligations.
- Waiving of Local Land Services rates and other Government charges.

The NSW Government has provided **\$310 million** in additional funding since the 2019-20 Half-Yearly Review. This includes:

- **\$116 million** to continue the Drought Transport Subsidy.
- **\$99 million** in assistance for eligible primary producers, including waiving Local Land Services rates, bee site permits, Western Lands lease rent, wild dog fence rates and meeting vehicle registration costs.
- **\$28.5 million** to continue existing water license fee waivers for stock, domestic, general and high security water users.
- Continuing health and wellbeing programs, including the Farmgate Counselors program, Aboriginal wellbeing services and Royal Flying Doctors Far West Drought Support programs.



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REBUILDING COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES

The NSW Government is providing vital assistance to rebuild communities, committing **\$4.4 billion** across bushfire response, recovery and preparedness efforts. This includes the restoration and future-proofing of assets against natural disasters, while also providing important stimulus and resilience to communities impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires.

The NSW Government has created a **\$1 billion** Bushfire Infrastructure Package to clean-up and repair roads, bridges, schools and other state assets affected by the 2019-20 bushfires. The package will also be used to repair fencing destroyed by bushfire and upgrade critical communication networks used by emergency service workers. Further initiatives supported by the Bushfire Infrastructure Package include:

- **\$217 million** to continue the rollout of critical communications infrastructure.
- **\$190 million** for local infrastructure projects and additional agricultural research stations to stimulate local economies and improve the resilience of regional communities and industries.
- **\$100 million** to replace, repair and build resilience in NSW Government infrastructure impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires.
- **\$46 million** to the forestry industry for urgent infrastructure repairs, nursery expansions and replanting the forest.

Further support is being provided to local communities, including:

- **\$540 million** committed in partnership with the Commonwealth to drive economic recovery under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, including establishing a \$250 million grants program for regional areas.

- **\$335 million** to support more than 20,000 businesses affected by bushfires through small business recovery and support grants.
- **\$209 million** to re-establish boundary fences adjoining Crown Land destroyed in the bushfires.
- **\$110 million** to support 1,800 farmers through Primary Producer Recovery Grants.
- **\$10 million** in partnership with Minderoo Foundation (\$2.5 million), Red Cross (\$2 million) and Salvation Army (\$1.5 million) to provide more than 200 temporary accommodation pods for people who have lost their homes. Over 8,000 people have also been provided with emergency accommodation since November 2019.



JADE CORBY, WANDELLA
Dion Georgopoulos – The Canberra Times, ACM

FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

The NSW Government has allocated funding into health and economic stimulus measures designed to support the people, businesses and communities of regional NSW.

- A **\$1.8 billion** commitment for regional NSW from the \$3 billion Jobs and Infrastructure Acceleration Fund to accelerate economic recovery and create new jobs. This includes:
 - **\$300 million** to support the accelerated delivery of the \$500 million Fixing Country Bridges program, to better connect regional and rural communities.
 - **\$198.8 million** for businesses in regional NSW from the Small Business Support Fund ensuring businesses receive the support they need to keep operating.
- **\$72.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$673.3 million project) for the Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment.
- **\$10.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$698.6 million project) for the new Shellharbour Hospital (State and Federal funded).
- New primary schools at Googong and Murrumbateman.
- An additional **\$300 million** to recharge the Regional Growth Fund (bringing the total to \$2 billion) to support growing regional centres, activate local economies and improve services.
- **\$50 million** for Resources for Regions Round 7, supporting the ongoing prosperity of mining communities in regional NSW by providing economic opportunities, improved local amenities and positive social outcomes.

The NSW Government is investing **\$4.2 billion** through the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund to build transformational infrastructure across regional NSW. Several projects are now underway, including:

- **\$185.4 million** for the Parkes Special Activation Precinct, delivering vital infrastructure including roads, water and wastewater connections to the precinct.
- **\$100 million** for the Gig State Project to deliver a metro-level internet service to regional communities and businesses.
- **\$20.6 million** to progress early works for the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct.



WAGGA WAGGA SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT
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BOOSTING JOBS AND SKILLS

The NSW Government is committed to creating jobs and arming the people of NSW with the right skills to meet the needs of our recovering economy:

- **\$140 million** from the Bushfire Industry Recovery Package to support retaining and creating jobs in the forestry, horticulture and agriculture industries.
- **\$100 million** for the Regional Job Creation Fund to support existing businesses in regional NSW to grow and encourage interstate or overseas businesses to invest in regional NSW.
- **\$50.8 million** in the State's primary industries research and development infrastructure portfolio under the World Class Food and Fibre (WCFF) program.
- **\$9.8 million** in 2020-21 to deliver Business Connect advisory services to support businesses to start, run, adapt or grow. Around 60 per cent of Business Connect advisory services are delivered to regional businesses.
- Further development of the NSW Industry Capability Network, which provides complementary capability matching services to local NSW suppliers in the supply chain of major government and private sector projects.
- Support for workers moving to regional NSW through Skills Relocation Assistance, providing grants of **up to \$10,000** per eligible skilled worker to meet the cost of moving from metropolitan areas.

DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY AND ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

Investing in infrastructure and services to address the needs of communities living and working in regional NSW, including education, healthcare and support for young people living in regional locations.

- **\$120 million** for the Regional Schools Renewal Program.
- **\$100 million** to bring forward Stage 2 of the Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration.
- Continuation of the **\$100 million** Regional Cultural Fund to enhance cultural vitality and increase cultural and creative participation across our regions.
- **\$60 million** for the Regional Schools Roof Replacement Program.
- **\$50 million** for a Arts Rescue and Restart Package to support arts and cultural organisations, which includes \$8 million for 60 organisations across regional NSW.



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- **\$46.8 million** over four years to recruit 100 additional wellbeing and in-reach nurses in vulnerable regions to provide wellbeing and health checks and referrals in schools.
- **\$28.3 million** (as part of \$59 million over two years) for the delivery of the NSW Government's Marine Estate Management Strategy.
- **\$19.1 million** (as part of \$43.5 million over two years) to bolster the delivery of the State's biosecurity activities in combating pests weeds and plant and animal disease in rural communities.
- **\$10 million** for the Office for Regional Youth.
- **\$3.8 million** for ongoing development of the State's Spatial Data Infrastructure.
- **\$1.4 million** for the Corsnet System to provide improved positioning and guidance information for users across the State.
- **\$1 million** in 2020-21 to support the Office of Drought Response.

BLUEBERRY GREENS FARM
Regional NSW





TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure projects to boost facilities in regional NSW while also providing rapid job creation through their construction and maintenance.

- **\$255 million** for shovel-ready regional maintenance projects, including \$108 million in 2019-20, as part of a \$500 million NSW Government investment.
- **\$100 million** over two years for the Greater Cities and Regional Sports Facility Fund to deliver sports infrastructure grants of up to \$1 million, with a focus on regional NSW.
- **\$60 million** over three years to upgrade Goulburn Police Academy, providing for a state of the art training facility that enables essential and efficient resourcing capability development through effective training, development and enhanced technology.
- **\$52.1 million** (as part of a \$107.9 million program) to continue redeveloping police stations across NSW including at Cessnock, Broken Hill, and Inverell, as well as land acquisition and planning for Port Macquarie Police Station.
- **\$14.1 million** (as part of a \$100 million program) to continue investment to build and upgrade police stations in Bega, Goulburn, Jindabyne area (including Jindabyne, Perisher and Thredbo), Bourke and Bathurst, and a new police education and training facility at Dubbo.

CONNECTING OUR REGIONS

Better connecting our regions and cities through a pipeline of investment and job creation opportunities.

- **\$335 million** in 2020-21 for the continued delivery of the New Intercity Fleet to deliver a new, state-of-the-art fleet that will provide a new level of comfort and convenience for customers who travel between Sydney, the Central Coast and Newcastle, the Blue Mountains, and the South Coast.
- **\$43.3 million** in 2020-21 for the continued delivery of the Regional Rail Fleet Program.
- **\$31.4 million** in 2020-21 for the continued planning of the Fast Rail Program (State and Federal funded).
- **\$13.5 million** in 2020-21 for the continued planning and delivery of the 16 Cities Program which is boosting bus services in key regional centres.

POWERING OUR STATE

Working closely with NSW communities and the renewable energy industry to increase renewable energy generation in the State at the least cost to the consumer.

- **\$110.5 million** for Renewable Energy Zones to unlock a significant pipeline of large-scale renewable energy and storage projects, which will support an estimated **\$32 billion** of private investment and 9,000 jobs in the regions by 2030.
- **\$49.7 million** over two years to fast-track and incentivise pre-investment studies provided for pumped hydro projects and improved competition under the Electricity Infrastructure Investment Safeguard.

CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE

Providing housing and essential support services to people experiencing homelessness in NSW including regional locations.

- **\$600 million** over three years for the construction and acceleration of new social housing properties across a range of major regional and metro locations, as well as upgrades and maintenance to over 3,500 social housing properties.

EMPOWERING ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Upgrading infrastructure and improving living standards in Aboriginal communities.

- **\$212 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities across a range of major regional and metro locations, and supporting employment in the local construction and trade industries.
- **\$69.3 million** to deliver the Roads to Home program, which will provide planning and infrastructure upgrades to up to seven further Aboriginal communities, in addition to the original ten communities.

BRINGING THE BEST OF NSW TO THE WORLD

Showcasing the strengths of the regional NSW economy and incentivising businesses from Australia and overseas to operate in our regions.

- **\$6.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$59.5 million over four years) to expand NSW's international trade and investment network, promoting made-in-NSW products to countries across the world.
- **\$1.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$6.4 million over four years) for the Going Global export program, providing tailored support for NSW businesses to enter new export markets.
- **\$0.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$12.4 million over four years) to extend Study NSW, supporting international education, particularly through the regional universities network.
- **\$0.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$6.5 million over four years) to boost the NSW Export team, connecting businesses in regional NSW with exporter support programs.

PROTECTING OUR WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT

Highlighting NSW's natural beauty, building on local character, enhancing liveability and improving the quality of the local environment.

- **\$37.5 million** commitment over two years to deliver expanded wildlife hospital facilities at Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo and Taronga Zoo Sydney.
- **\$6.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8.8 million project) for a world-class Platypus Visitor and Education Facility at Taronga Western Plains Zoo.
- **\$3.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.7 million project) to upgrade the Murramarang South Coast Walk connecting the coastal villages of Maloneys Beach, Durras, Depot Beach, Kioloa and Bawley Point.
- **\$2.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.9 million project) to upgrade the Light to Light Great Walk connecting historic Boyds Tower and the Green Cape Light Station.



02. Regional highlights

Central Coast

BOUDDI NATIONAL PARK, BOUDDI
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HEALTH

- **\$111.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$200 million project) for the Wyong Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$8.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$39.6 million project) for the Central Coast Medical Schools and Central Coast Research Institute (third party funding contribution).

EDUCATION

- **\$15 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$38 million project) to build the new Porters Creek Public School.

TRANSPORT

- **\$39.2 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction for widening the Pacific Highway to four lanes between Parsons Road and Ourimbah Street at Lisarow.
- **\$5.2 million** in 2020-21 on traffic efficiency improvements including intersection upgrades.
- **\$4.3 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the upgrade of the Pacific Highway through Wyong Town Centre.

- **\$3.1 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the future upgrade of Manns Road between Stockyard Place and Narara Creek Road.

PLANNING

- **\$0.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.9 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Killarney Vale.

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- **\$3.2 million** in 2020-21 for the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf Redevelopment project.
- **\$0.4 million** for the Central Coast Youth Collective – Personal Development Programming for Young People, Families & Community.
- **\$0.3 million** for the Terrigal BMX Facility Upgrade.

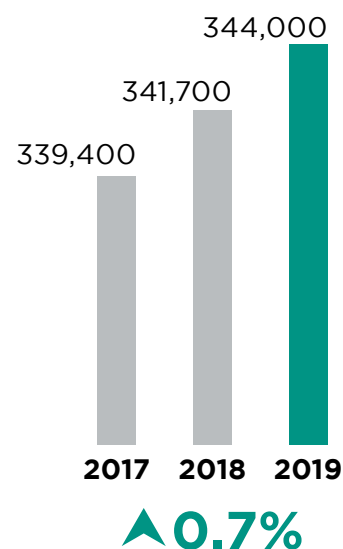


LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Central Coast



POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



MANUFACTURING



RETAIL TRADE



CONSTRUCTION



HEALTH CARE
& SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

03. Regional highlights

Central West and Orana

WARRUMBUNGLE NATIONAL PARK
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HEALTH

- **\$27.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$241.3 million project) for the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment (Stages 1 to 4).
- **\$20.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$35 million project) for the Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo (State and Federal funded).
- **\$10.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the commencement of the Dubbo Hospital Car Park.
- **\$7.5 million** for the establishment of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in Dubbo to treat people that have become dependent upon alcohol or drugs.
- **\$5.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$70.7 million project) for the demolition of existing buildings to complete the Mudgee Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 for a new MRI service at Bathurst Hospital.
- **\$0.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$70.2 million project) for the commencement of the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment.

EDUCATION

Major upgrades and refurbishments to schools including Bletchington Public School, Young High School including a new joint-use library and community facility, and Millthorpe Public School.

TRANSPORT

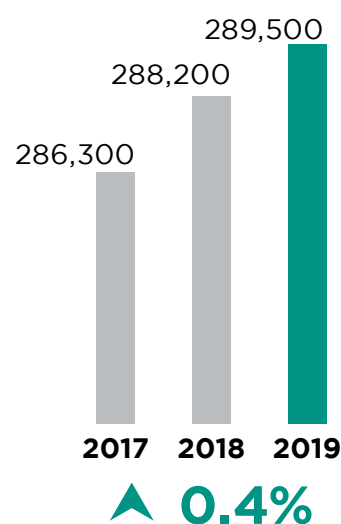
- **\$27.9 million** in 2020-21 to continue delivery of the Main Western Rail Line Capacity Enhancements.
- **\$23.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Great Western Highway upgrade between Kelso and Raglan.
- **\$20.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning of the new Dubbo Bridge (State and Federal funded).
- **\$15.3 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Great Western Highway upgrade between Katoomba and Lithgow.
- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Parkes Bypass on the Newell Highway (State and Federal funded).



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Bogan, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo Regional, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle and Weddin.

POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



TOURISM



AGRICULTURE



MANUFACTURING



LOGISTICS



MINING

PLANNING

- **\$14.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$18.0 million project) for the delivery of a pipeline to connect the augmented bore field to Condobolin.
- **\$8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to plan and deliver a series of bores and a pipeline to increase water security for Cowra.
- **\$7.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$19.9 million project) to complete the whole-of-Government office hub in Orange.
- **\$6.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8.8 million project) for a world-class Platypus Visitor and Education Facility at Taronga Western Plains Zoo.
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5 million project) for the implementation of stormwater harvesting in Bathurst to supplement water supplies for the Bathurst Water Treatment Plant.
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5 million project) for the delivery of a replacement pipeline from Winburndale Dam to the Bathurst Water Treatment Plant.
- **\$2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.5 million project) for the delivery of a pipeline to connect the Spring Creek Dam to the Icely Road Water Treatment Plant.
- **\$2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.5 million project) for the duplication of the Orange stormwater harvesting scheme.
- **\$1.5 million** in 2020-21 to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Dubbo.
- **\$1.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.7 million project) to upgrade Tyers Park Racecourse including additional stabling and a reconfiguration of the course.



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\$4 million

*Stormwater harvesting
in Bathurst to supplement
water supplies*



\$1.5 million

*Quality social and affordable
housing for Aboriginal
communities*

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- **\$7.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8.5 million project) for the Jenolan Caves House Revitalisation Project.
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) for the delivery of Stage 2 of the Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex.
- **\$3.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10.1 million project) for the Destination Dubbo project.
- **\$2.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$25 million project) for the construction of the Orange Sports Complex.
- **\$4.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10.1 million project) for the Condobolin Improved Freight Logistics & Visitor Information Centre Project.
- **\$1.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.9 million project) for the Bathurst Aerodrome upgrade.
- **\$0.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.5 million project) for the Mudgee Cultural Precinct.



SIERRA ESCAPE, PIAMBONG, MUDGEE
Destination NSW

04. Regional highlights

Far West

GUNDERBOOKA NATIONAL PARK
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HEALTH

- **\$1.1 million** in 2020-21 for the establishment of a mobile CT service for Cobar, Walgett and Bourke.
- **\$0.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$0.8 million project) for the refurbishment of the Broken Hill Medical Imaging and Breastscreen Service.
- A trial of drinking water technologies for the drought affected communities of Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

TRANSPORT

- **\$50 million** in 2020-21 for continued sealing of the Silver and Cobb Highways to provide all-weather and more durable highways in the region.
- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$17.1 million commitment) for the sealing of the Pooncarie Road in far west NSW.

PLANNING

- **\$1.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$6.5 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Walgett, Wilcannia and Broken Hill.

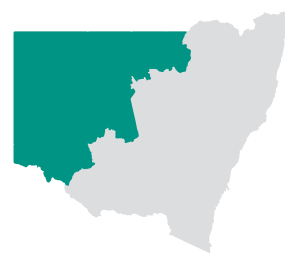
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$4 million project) for the upgrade of the Line of Lode Crown Reserve.

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- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8.4 million project) for the Wentworth Aerodrome.
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.2 million project) for the Sturt's Steps project.
- **\$1.9 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.4 million project) for the Broken Hill Airport safety upgrade.
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.5 million project) for the Baaka Cultural Centre in Wilcannia.
- **\$1.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.8 million project) for the Bourke Business District Regeneration.
- An additional **\$1 million** (as part of a \$8.4 million project) to complete the new PCYC at Walgett that will include sports courts, a gymnastics centre, youth club and amenities.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

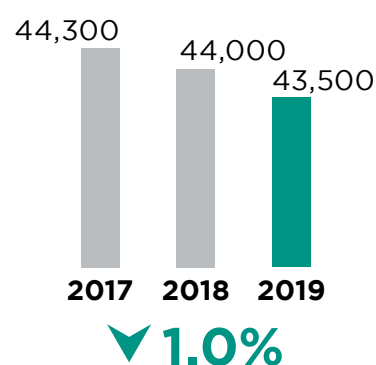
- Redevelopment of the Broken Hill Police Station as part of a larger \$107.9 million multi-purpose police station program.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Balranald, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Walgett and Wentworth.

POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



TOURISM



AGRICULTURE



EDUCATION
& TRAINING



HEALTH CARE
& SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



MINING

05. Regional highlights

Hunter

NELSON BAY, PORT STEPHENS
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HEALTH

- **\$220.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$470 million project) for the New Maitland Hospital.
- **\$18 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the New Maitland Hospital car park.
- **\$16 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$780 million project) for the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct.
- **\$7.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$40 million project) for the completion of the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1.
- **\$2.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$18 million project) for the completion of the John Hunter Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Stages 2 and 3.
- **\$1.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$100 million project) for the commencement of the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2.
- Planning for the Forster-Tuncurry health facility and the John Hunter Hospital car park.

EDUCATION

- Major upgrades and refurbishments at Ashtonfield Public School and Rutherford Public School.

TRANSPORT

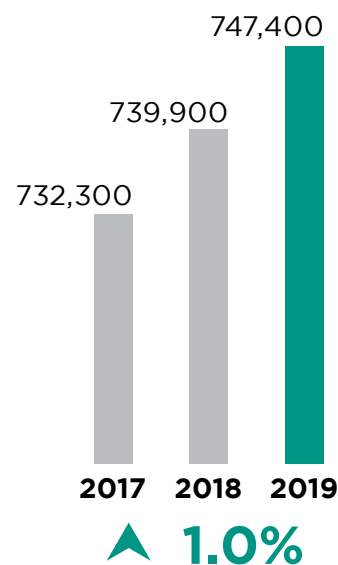
- **\$21.7 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Pacific Motorway (M1) extension to Raymond Terrace and Hexham Straight (State and Federal funded).
- **\$20 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond and continue construction of early work (State and Federal funded).
- **\$8.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Muswellbrook and Singleton bypasses on the New England Highway (State and Federal funded).
- **\$6 million** in 2020-21 to continue the upgrade of Nelson Bay Road.
- **\$0.7 million** in 2020-21 for the upgrade of intersections of the Pacific Highway (City Rd) with Northcott Dr and Kahibah Rd, Highfields.
- **\$0.5 million** in 2020-21 for construction of the replacement of Barrington Bridge on Thunderbolts Way over Barrington River at Barrington.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, MidCoast, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton and Upper Hunter.

POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



MANUFACTURING



COAL MINING
& ENERGY



EDUCATION
& TRAINING



HEALTH CARE
& SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



DEFENCE

PLANNING

- **\$10.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$13 million project) to assist MidCoast Council safeguard against drought.
- **\$5.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.2 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Wallsend, Taree, Woodberry, Toronto and Forster.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$18.9 million project) for Water Security for Economic Development in the Upper Hunter region.
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.5 million project) for the Fernleigh Awabakal shared pathway.
- **\$3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$6.6 million project) for upgrades at Cessnock Airport.



HUNTER VALLEY
Destination NSW



\$10.4 million

Assist MidCoast Council to safeguard against drought



\$6.6 million

Upgrades at Cessnock Airport



\$4 million

Fernleigh Awabakal shared pathway

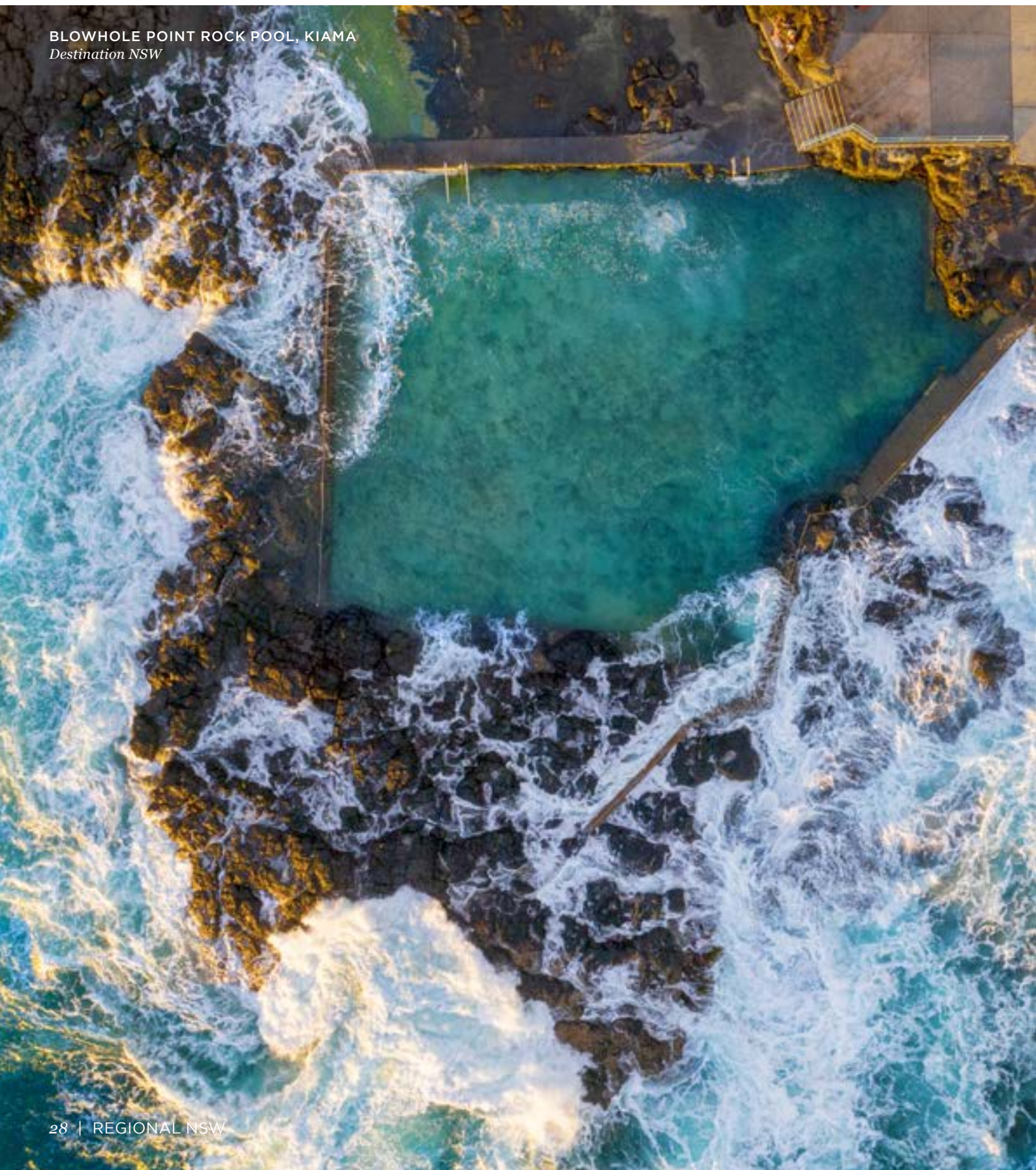


CAVES BEACH, LAKE MACQUARIE
Destination NSW

06. Regional highlights

Illawarra-Shoalhaven

BLOWHOLE POINT ROCK POOL, KIAMA
Destination NSW



HEALTH

- **\$10.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$698.6 million project) for the new Shellharbour Hospital (State and Federal funded).
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$438 million project) for the commencement of the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment.

EDUCATION

- Planning for a new school in South Nowra/Worrigee, and a major upgrade at Dapto Public School.

TRANSPORT

- **\$148.2 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Albion Park Rail bypass, Yallah to Oak Flats, Princes Highway.
- **\$102.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade on the Princes Highway.
- **\$5.8 million** in 2020-21 for the continued planning for the Kiama to Bomaderry Rail Capacity Increase.

PLANNING

- **\$3.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.7 million project) to continue improvements to the Murramarang South Coast Walk.
- **\$1.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.6 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Bomaderry, Oak Flats and Nowra.
- **\$1.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.5 million project) for the reconstruction and upgrade of the Kembla Grange Racecourse.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.3 million project) for the Shoalhaven Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure Package.
- **\$3.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$6.5 million project) for the Killalea Multifunction Facility.
- **\$2.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3 million project) for Employment Land Activation in the Shoalhaven - Flinders Industrial Estate.
- **\$0.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$0.9 million project) for the delivery of the Dunn Lewis Multi Purpose Auditorium.

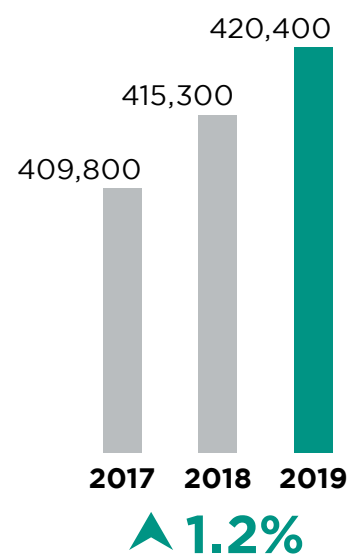


LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven and Wollongong.

POPULATION

(LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



TOURISM



ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING



ENERGY



KNOWLEDGE
BASED SERVICES



DEFENCE

07. Regional highlights

New England and North West

OXLEY SCENIC LOOKOUT, TAMWORTH
Destination NSW



HEALTH

- **\$13 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$60 million project) for the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$0.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$20 million project) for the commencement of the Glen Innes Hospital upgrade.
- Planning for the Gunnedah and Moree hospital redevelopments.

TRANSPORT

- **\$58.9 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the upgrade of the New England Highway at Bolivia Hill (State and Federal funded).
- **\$47.1 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Newell Highway heavy duty pavement upgrade between Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla (State and Federal funded).
- **\$6.2 million** in 2020-21 for continued construction of Second Road over Rail Bridge on the Oxley Highway, Gunnedah.

EDUCATION

- **\$27.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$121.2 million project) for the new Armidale Secondary College.
- **\$6.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$14.8 million project) to upgrade Tamworth Public School.

PLANNING

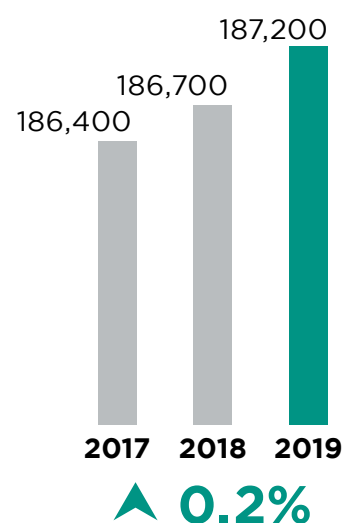
- **\$4.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to fast-track delivery of a 300 megalitre water storage facility at Walcha.
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.5 million project) for Uralla Shire Council to investigate the use of groundwater to supplement water supplies in times of drought.
- **\$1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.1 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Inverell and Armidale.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.

POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



SHEEP, BEEF CATTLE
& GRAIN FARMING



EDUCATION
& TRAINING



FOOD PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING



ROAD FREIGHT
TRANSPORT



ENERGY

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.4 million** (as part of a \$6.1 million project) for the University of New England Boilerhouse Discovery Space.
- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$16.8 million project) for the Narrabri Industrial and Logistics Hub.
- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$14 million project) for the Gunnedah Saleyard redevelopment.
- **\$3.8 million** (as part of a \$9.5 million project) for the Narrabri International Crop and Digital Agricultural Research Centre.
- **\$3.7 million** (as part of a \$5 million project) for the Copeton Northern Foreshores Upgrade.



UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND, ARMIDALE
Destination NSW



ARMIDALE
Destination NSW

08. Regional highlights

North Coast

EMERALD BEACH, COFFS COAST
Destination NSW



HEALTH

- **\$72.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$194 million project) for the expansion of Coffs Harbour Hospital.
- **\$72.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$673.3 million project) for the Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment.
- **\$21.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$312.8 million project) for the redevelopment of Lismore Hospital (Stages 3A, 3B, and 3C).
- **\$6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$50 million project) for the Tweed Hospital Car Park.
- **\$5.9 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$73 million project) to finalise the completion of the Macksville Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) for the Iluka Ambulance Station.
- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 towards the establishment of the Emmaus Memory Support Community Centre.
- **\$3.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$17.5 million project) for the completion of the Grafton Hospital Ambulatory Care Centre Redevelopment.

- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$11.5 million project) for the Port Macquarie Hospital Car Park.
- Planning for the Grafton Base Hospital redevelopment.
- Planning for the new helipad at Port Macquarie Hospital.

EDUCATION

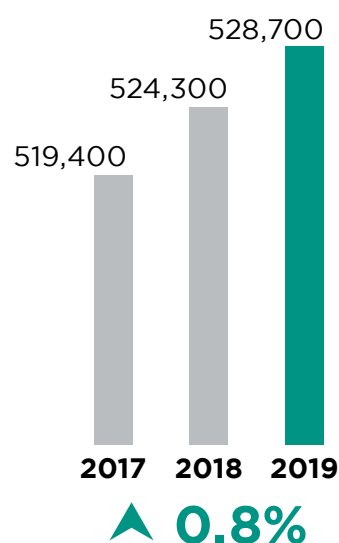
- Establishing a new Murwillumbah Education Campus to create a seamless education pathway from preschool to year 12.
- Six major upgrades for schools in the North Coast region at: Hastings Secondary College, Lennox Heads Public School, Tweed River High School, Tweed Heads South Public School, Kingscliff Public School, Kingscliff High School.
- Upgrades for TAFE NSW Coffs Harbour Education Campus – Applied Construction & Plumbing Technologies and TAFE NSW Coffs Harbour Connected Health Hub.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley and Tweed.

POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



MANUFACTURING



AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY & FISHING



REAL ESTATE



HEALTH CARE
& SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



CONSTRUCTION

TRANSPORT

- **\$341.9 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Woolgoolga and Ballina (State and Federal funded).
- **\$135 million** in 2020-21 for planning and early works for the Pacific Highway bypass of Coffs Harbour (State and Federal funded).
- **\$12 million** in 2020-21 for safety, traffic and pavement improvements on the Waterfall Way.

PLANNING

- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$20 million project) for the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore precinct.
- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$6.5 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Coffs Harbour, Goonellabah, Lismore and Tweed Heads.



CAPE BYRON LIGHTHOUSE, BYRON BAY
Destination NSW

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$20.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$798.8 million project) to finalise the completion of the Clarence Correctional Centre, a Private Public Partnership project which has been operational since 1 July 2020.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$3.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.7 million project) for the Evans Head Foreshore Rejuvenation Project.
- **\$3.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5 million project) for the Port Macquarie Iconic Koala Hospital's Conservation, Education & Tourism Precinct.
- **\$1.9 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.8 million project) for connecting the Harwood Marine Precinct to the Pacific Highway.



TWEED RIVER AND MOUNT WARNING
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09. Regional highlights

Riverina Murray

WAGYU FARM, ALBURY
Destination NSW



HEALTH

- **\$41.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$431.4 million project) for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$29.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$50 million project) for the Tumut Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$13.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$250 million project) for the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$9.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the Albury Base Hospital Emergency Department Expansion.
- **\$3.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Car Park.
- **\$2.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.7 million project) for the Deniliquin and Leeton Hospital Upgrades.
- **\$1.4 million** in 2020-21 for the Deniliquin Hospital Emergency Department Upgrade (Federal funding).

EDUCATION

- **\$32.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$42.5 million project) for a new primary school in Estella, Wagga Wagga.

- **\$10 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$25 million project) for the upgrade of Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

TRANSPORT

- **\$72 million** in 2020-21 for continued delivery of overtaking lanes along the Newell Highway (State and Federal funded).
- **\$46 million** contribution in 2020-21 to the construction of new Murray River bridge between Echuca (Victoria) and Moama (NSW) and intersection upgrade of the Cobb Highway and Link Road.

PLANNING

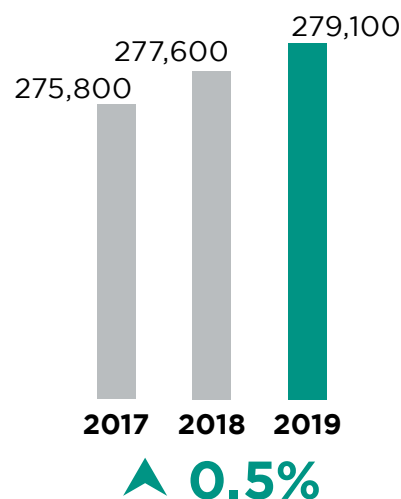
- **\$9.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to continue the upgrade of the Wagga Wagga Government office hub.
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.3 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Griffith and Lavington.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Albury, Berrigan, Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murray River, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Wagga Wagga.

POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



MANUFACTURING



AGRICULTURE
& FORESTRY



HEALTH CARE
& SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



TRANSPORT
& LOGISTICS



DEFENCE

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 to upgrade the Albury Courthouse, providing essential capacity upgrades to enhance service delivery including additional custodial courtrooms, judge's chambers, amenities, jury assembly space and refurbishment of the registry.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$3.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8 million project) for the playground on the Murrumbidgee project in Narrandera.
- **\$2.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$9.2 million project) to upgrade the Corowa Saleyards.
- **\$0.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.9 million project) to enhance the visitor experience at five key sites in Bago State Forest.



MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER, GUNDAGAI
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EDWARD RIVER, DENILIQUN
Destination NSW

10. Regional highlights

South East and Tablelands

KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK, SNOWY MOUNTAINS
Destination NSW



HEALTH

- **\$60.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$150 million project) for the Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$10 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$200 million project) for the commencement of the Eurobodalla Health Service Redevelopment.
- **\$6.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$68.7 million project) for the Bowral Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1.
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$55 million project) for the commencement of the Bowral Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2.
- **\$3.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$18.6 million project) for the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment.

EDUCATION

- **\$3 million** in 2020-21 to commence a new primary school at Murrumbateman.
- **\$2 million** in 2020-21 to commence a new primary school at Googong.
- Commitment to construct new high schools in Bungendore and Jerrabomberra.
- Upgrades at Queanbeyan West and Yass High School.

TRANSPORT

- **\$63.6 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement, Princes Highway.
- **\$24 million** in 2020-21 to commence the Barton Highway Duplication: ACT towards Murrumbateman and the completion of Barton Highway Safety Improvement (State and Federal funded).
- **\$11 million** in 2020-21 for the Monaro Highway Upgrade Program and continued planning of the future Kings Highway upgrade.

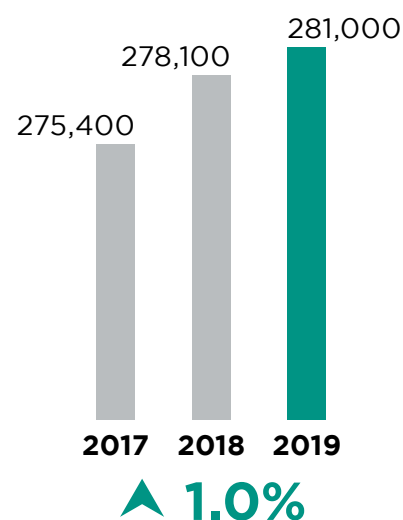


LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan Palerang, Snowy Monaro Regional, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee and Yass Valley.



POPULATION (LAST 3 YEARS)



KEY INDUSTRIES



AGRICULTURE



ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING



ELECTRICITY
GENERATION



TOURISM

PLANNING

- **\$8.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$20.8 million project) to continue improvements to the Snowies Iconic Great Walk.
- **\$5.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$9.9 million project) to continue the Thredbo Valley Track Extension.
- **\$2.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.9 million project) to continue improvements to the Light to Light Great Walk.
- **\$2.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.1 million project) to upgrade the Tathra Wharf.
- **\$1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.2 million project) to install temporary block blanks at the Lower Lachlan.
- **\$0.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$9.6 million project) to reinvigorate the Wombeyan Caves experience and deliver new nature-based tourism opportunities.



LAKE JINDABYNE, JINDABYNE
Destination NSW

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$8.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to continue the upgrade of Queanbeyan Courthouse, providing a full refurbishment of the Queanbeyan courthouse and facilitating integration into the broader precinct.
- **\$1.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$60 million project) to upgrade Goulburn Police Academy, providing for a “state of the art” training facility that enables essential and efficient resourcing capability development through effective training, development and enhanced technology.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$14 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$23 million project) for the South Jerrabomberra Innovation Precinct.
- **\$1.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$11.8 million project) for the Lake Jindabyne Shared Trail.
- **\$0.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1 million project) for the upgrades to Braidwood Pool.
- **\$0.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3 million project) for the Mogo Adventure Trails Hub.
- Investigate and plan for the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct, to help generate and increase in year-round alpine and adventure tourism.



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