

Question on Notice

No. 525

Asked on 3 May 2018

MRS J GILBERT asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Hon S Hinchliffe) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister update the House on the government's 'Works for Queensland' program and the jobs and new infrastructure it is delivering in regional Queensland, especially in the wider Mackay region?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mackay for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government's highly successful Works for Queensland program supports regional Councils to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects. Under the 2017-19 Works for Queensland program, more than 600 projects have been approved and Councils estimate the works will support, sustain or create almost 5,700 jobs in regional towns and cities. An additional \$200 million is approved to extend the Works for Queensland until 2020–21, now totalling a \$600 million funding program that commenced in 2016–17.

Under the 2017-19 Works for Queensland program, Mackay Regional Council has received a total allocation of \$10.95 million to complete 28 projects, supporting an estimated 221 jobs in the Mackay region. Of the 28 projects currently in progress, 11 involve the construction of minor infrastructure including footpaths, bus shelters and pedestrian refuges. Council has estimated 70 jobs will be supported by these projects.

A full list of projects funded under 2017-19 Works for Queensland for Mackay Regional Council can be found in **Attachment 1**.

2017-19 Works for Queensland projects for Mackay Regional Council as at 31 March 2018

Project title	Project description	Estimated jobs supported	Estimated jobs created	W4Q project budget (GST Excl.)	Project Status	New Infrastructure Yes/No
Roadwork/parking upgrades - Casey Avenue	Upgrade to Casey Avenue and associated footpaths/street parking	20	0	\$1,700,000.00	In progress	No
Roundabout reconstruction - Casey Avenue/Bridge Road	Roundabout reconstruction to align with Casey Avenue roadwork project	20	0	\$610,000.00	In progress	No
Footpath/kerb improvements - Walkerston State School	Footpath and kerb improvements at Walkerston State School	5	0	\$179,000.00	In progress	No
Traffic improvement works - Bridge Road IGA	Traffic improvement works at Bridge Road IGA	8	0	\$75,000.00	In progress	No
Bourke Street footpath - Stage 1	Footpath construction - Blacks Beach Road to Belbin Street	8	0	\$68,000.00	In progress	Yes
Bourke Street footpath - Stage 2	Footpath construction - Belbin Street to Carroll Street	8	0	\$101,000.00	In progress	Yes
Bourke Street footpath - Stage 3	Footpath construction - Carroll Street to existing northern end footpath	8	0	\$227,000.00	In progress	Yes
Footpath construction - Hoey Street	Footpath construction - Hoey Street, Sarina	5	0	\$248,000.00	In progress	Yes
Footpath construction - Burgess Street	Footpath construction - Burgess Street (Malcomson-High Streets)	5	0	\$62,485.00	In progress	Yes
Bucasia Esplanade Shared Pathway - Stage 3	Shared pathway construction - Bucasia Esplanade	8	0	\$623,405.00	In progress	Yes
Bucasia Esplanade Shared Pathway - Stage 4	Shared pathway construction - Bucasia Esplanade	8	0	\$355,361.00	In progress	Yes
Bus shelter installation - Sarina Beach Road	Installation of bus shelter - Sarina Beach Road/Grasstree Road	5	0	\$65,000.00	In progress	Yes
Bus shelter installation - Petersen Street	Installation of bus shelter - Petersen Street, Sarina	5	0	\$45,000.00	In progress	Yes
Pedestrian Refuge - Mackay Base Hospital	Construction of pedestrian refuge - Mackay Base Hospital	5	0	\$40,000.00	In progress	Yes
Pedestrian Refuge - Brandon Street, Sarina	Construction of pedestrian refuge to address safety issue concerns	5	0	\$35,374.00	In progress	Yes
Culvert upgrades - Camilleri's Road Causeway	Culvert upgrades to reduce flooding - Camilleri's Road Causeway	10	0	\$1,286,000.00	In progress	No
Drainage upgrades - Hampden Court	Drainage upgrades to address localised drainage issues	8	0	\$115,000.00	In progress	No
Drain lining - Celeber Drive	Drain lining works to assist with ongoing and future maintenance	5	0	\$260,503.00	In progress	No
Koumala water supply upgrades	Upgrades to water supply to reduce water hardness levels	6	0	\$249,750.00	In progress	No
Sarina Sewerage Works - Stage 2	Sewerage relining works/additional EROS pits	8	0	\$810,000.00	In progress	No
Blacks Beach Park Fitness Stairs	Rebuild existing cliff staircase accessed from Blacks Beach Park	8	0	\$500,000.00	In progress	No
Upgrades to North Mackay Rotary Lookout	Upgrade existing Rotary Lookout at North Mackay	8	0	\$500,000.00	In progress	No
Barber Drive Park upgrade	Upgrades to Barber Drive Park, Blacks Beach	6	0	\$300,000.00	In progress	No
Old Skillshare Warehouse Renovations	Upgrade to Council facility to address building condition assessment	6	0	\$86,766.00	In progress	No
Air conditioning upgrade - Dome Ground Floor	Upgrade of air conditioning at Council owned facility	4	0	\$307,230.00	In progress	No
Tourism directional signage	Targeted signage for tourism in region	3	0	\$200,000.00	In progress	No
Timber bridge rehabilitation works	Upgrades to timber bridges to address compliance issues	6	0	\$300,000.00	In progress	No
Roads - Gravel resheeting	Gravel resheeting - rural roads	20	0	\$1,600,126.00	Yet to commence	No
		221	0	\$10,950,000.00		