



# Llew O'BRIEN

## Federal Member for Wide Bay

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## Christmas Greetings

Christmas is a time of peace and goodwill, when we enjoy our time with family and friends.

We also remember the meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, and the Christian message of hope, love and salvation. It is also important to remember others in the community who might be alone at Christmas, the elderly, sick, and homeless, as well as those who may have lost someone close to them, and think about what we might be able to do to help them.

I hope that everyone is able to enjoy a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous 2017.



*From the  
O'Brien family  
to yours,  
Best Wishes for a  
Happy Christmas*

## Llew O'Brien thanks Wide Bay

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the first edition of my electorate newsletter.

It is a great honour to be elected to serve in Australia's 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament and I thank the people of Wide Bay for the great responsibility that has been entrusted to me.

In the time since the election, I have been engaging with constituents, visiting schools, community service, sporting, and veteran's organisations to advance their concerns.

I am committed to building a better future for Wide Bay. Finishing the Cooroy to Curra Bruce Highway four lane project, strengthening the economy to create jobs, upgrading communications and improving aged care are some of my local priorities.

We're rolling out the NBN faster, with nearly 25,000 premises in Wide Bay able to connect to the network. Under Labor, not one premises in Wide Bay was connected to NBN fibre.

Throughout my policing career road safety has been especially important to me. I am now continuing to improve road safety in my new role as the Chair of the Queensland Road Black Spot Consultative Panel which works with a range of road user groups and agencies to allocate funding to upgrade some of the most dangerous roads.

I have been appointed to a number of Parliamentary Committees, including Indigenous Affairs, Infrastructure Transport and Cities, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, and Law Enforcement.

I am also working with a range of government departments to deliver my election commitments, including: the \$20 million Wide Bay Burnett Jobs Package; \$2 million towards upgrading the Cooloola-Noosa Road; grants to make our streets safer; and funding to help local volunteer groups deliver better services.

With so many good things about our region like our climate, environment, lower cost of living, and the good work of so many community service and sporting organisations, I am working to promote the Wide Bay region as a great place to live, work, invest and holiday.

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Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien addresses the House of Representatives

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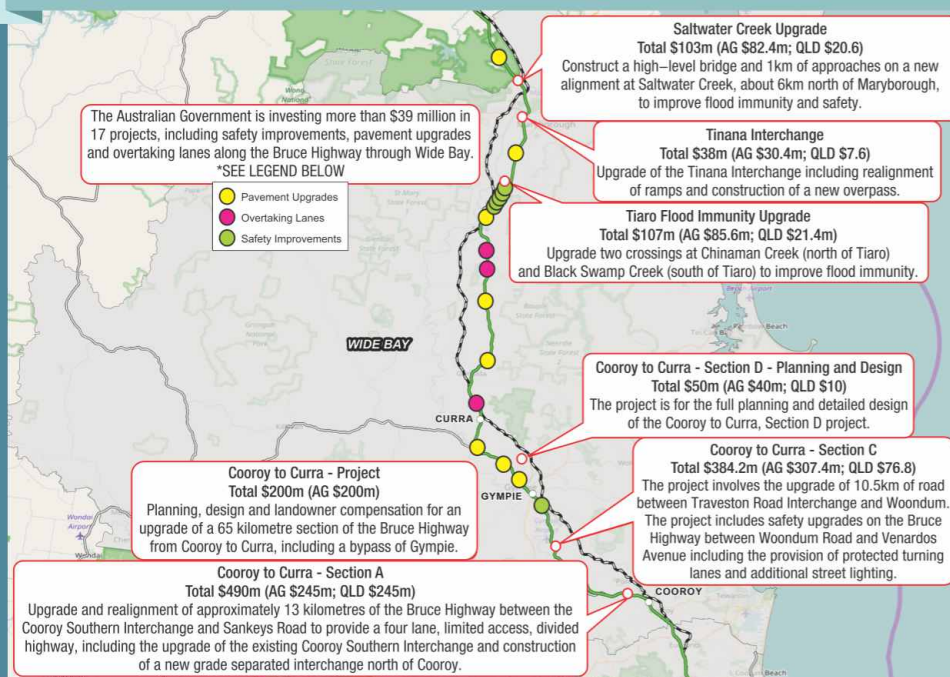
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## Bruce Highway update



*Work is continuing to progress on many projects to upgrade the Bruce Highway through Wide Bay.*

### Key projects include:

- A new interchange at Tinana will provide a safer and more inviting entrance to Maryborough and the Fraser Coast. The \$38 million project is expected to be completed in 2017.
- The \$490 million Cooroy to Curra Section A project extends from the Cooroy Interchange to Sankeys Road. A seven kilometre section of this project between Cudgerie Drive and Sankeys Road is open to traffic and the entire project is due to be completed early next year.
- The \$384.2 million Cooroy to Curra Section C project from Traveston to Woondum is under construction and is anticipated to be finished in mid 2018.
- Detailed planning and design work on the 26 kilometre Section D which includes the Gympie Bypass is underway and is expected to be completed before the end of next year.

## Updated Age Pension Guide available

A new edition of the Age Pension Guide has been released by Llew O'Brien.

"The Guide explains as simply as possible the pensions, allowances and benefits that are available to retirees and outlines eligibility criteria," Llew O'Brien said.

"The Age Pension rules can be confusing and complicated. The Guide is designed in an easy to use question and answer format and provides people with information on how to access support. The Guide also outlines information about a range of matters relating to pensions, including deeming, the Carer Payment and Allowance, as well as health and discount cards."

The Age Pension Guide is available free by phoning 4121 2936 or from the website [www.llewobrien.com.au](http://www.llewobrien.com.au)

## nbn starts Noosa rollout

Construction of the National Broadband Network (nbn) will start in Noosa communities before the end of the year, ahead of the rollout schedule.

"The Liberal Nationals Government prioritized the rollout of the nbn to underserved areas and I'm pleased that construction will soon begin to deliver the nbn to approximately 23,300 premises across Noosa," Llew O'Brien said.

"Residents in Castaways Beach, Cooroibah, Doonan, Noosa Heads, Noosaville, Sunrise Beach, Sunshine Beach, Tewantin, Tinbeerwah, and Verrierdale should see nbn contractors working on the rollout over the next few weeks.

"This work is ahead of schedule and contractors are boring and digging trenches, installing new pits and cabinets, and splicing and testing fibre cables."

Access to fast broadband will provide a range of benefits to homes and businesses, including improved opportunities to work from home, better access to online education and health services, and more options for on-demand entertainment.

"This is welcome news for local residents and businesses as Noosa communities move closer to being able to connect to the nbn and access fast broadband services."

More information on the nbn and rollout areas is available at: [www.nbnco.com.au/maps](http://www.nbnco.com.au/maps)

## Funding for Cherbourg's Ration Shed



Cherbourg's Ration Shed Museum will receive \$237,000 from the Coalition Government to deliver programs, repair buildings, and strengthen the organisation.

"The Ration Shed is an iconic asset, - it houses art, documents, and exhibits which tell the story of Cherbourg and its people," Llew O'Brien said.

"It delivers education, artistic and cultural courses, informing visitors on how life in Cherbourg was - and how the community has grown and developed over the years. I thank Ration Shed Museum President Sandra Morgan and her team and I encourage everyone to visit the Museum."

## New lights for Mary Valley Show Society



The Coalition Government is helping the Mary Valley Show Society to light up at night by investing \$7,459 in upgraded lighting at the Imbil show grounds.

"The project will install lighting at the southern end of the arena, yards and rodeo chutes, and provide security lighting at the show grounds," Llew O'Brien said.

"The lighting will enable more events to be hosted by the Mary Valley Show Society, including rodeos, calcuttas at the campdraft, and bull and bronc rides, delivering economic benefits to the Mary Valley.

"The Mary Valley Show Grounds also serve as an evacuation centre during floods and times of natural disasters, and new lighting will help to provide a safe area to support the community during emergencies."



# Wide Bay in Pictures COMPETITION

The walls of Llew O'Brien's Parliament House and Electorate Offices are a perfect place to showcase the scenery and sights of Wide Bay - and help to promote the region to visitors and tourists.

Llew is inviting local school students to send him copies of their photographic and artistic pictures which highlight the diversity and beauty of Wide Bay. A selection of pictures will be printed on canvas to decorate Llew's offices to encourage people to come and stay in Wide Bay and explore the region.

"Wide Bay in Pictures will be an important conversation piece and enable people to see for themselves how appealing our region is and the variety of attractions we have, right on our doorstep," Llew O'Brien said.

"From pristine beaches, historic towns, beautiful hinterland and stunning landscapes, the pictures will provide a great opportunity to highlight all our region has to offer.

"The tourism industry is a major driver of our regional economy, creating jobs and supporting other small businesses. We can all support the tourism industry by promoting our region to the rest of the world and encouraging visitors to come here. I hope that the iconic pictures of our region will bring people to Wide Bay to experience the beauty and great hospitality for themselves."

All schools in Wide Bay are invited to participate in the competition and a winner will be selected from one school in each of the Council areas in Wide Bay. Cash prizes will be awarded to the school's P&C. The closing date for entries is Friday, 10 February 2017.

To enter, email a copy of your picture with #lovewidebay in the subject line to [Llew.O'Brien.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Llew.O'Brien.MP@aph.gov.au). For full details visit the website [www.llewobrien.com.au](http://www.llewobrien.com.au) or contact the office on 4121 2936.

## Coalition strengthening Medicare

Last year the Liberal Nationals Government delivered over \$21 billion to Medicare as part of the Coalition's commitment to ensure all Australians have access to affordable healthcare. This investment will increase to nearly \$26 billion in 2019-20.

In 2015-16, 123 million out of 145 million GP services were fully funded by the Government at no cost to patients through Medicare. Bulk billing rates are now the highest they have ever been. General Practitioner bulk billing is over 85 percent compared to an average of 79 percent under Labor. An extra 17 million GP services were bulk billed under the Coalition compared to when Labor was in Government.

Medicare is not a business that can be sold and it will never be privatised by the Turnbull-Joyce Government. It is a vital service that supports all Australians. The Coalition is committed to protecting the future of Medicare.

Over the next three years, the Coalition Government will increase funding to public hospitals by \$2.9 billion through an agreement with State and Territory Governments that places a greater focus on patient outcomes.

The Coalition has also announced a Health Care Homes policy which gives GPs the flexibility to manage and support patients with chronic illness in their own home rather than in hospital.

In the first three years of the Coalition Government, nearly 1,000 new medicines were approved for listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme worth \$4.4 billion. Under Labor, only 331 new medicines were listed in their last three years of Government. Medicines for Melanoma, Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis and Hepatitis C which could cost thousands of dollars are now available for around \$38 or just over \$6 for a concession script.

The Coalition Government is also investing more than \$36.8 million this year in the Central Queensland, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Primary Health Network to deliver local programs to improve local healthcare.

## Local problem, Federal Issue Ask Llew...

While the bricks and mortar of my office is located in Maryborough, my mobile office is regularly on the road and available to meet with people in local communities.

If you have any concerns about a matter that is controlled by the Federal Government, such as Centrelink, Veterans Affairs, Taxation or Immigration, please make an appointment to meet me at one of the locations listed below.



### Monday, 12 December

**Pomona** Community House 10.00am

**Cooroy** Library 11.30am

**Peregian Beach** Community House, 2.00pm

**Noosa** The J, 4.00pm

### Tuesday, 13 December

**Tewantin** Council Office 10.00am

**Gympie** Council Office 2.00pm

### Wednesday, 14 December

**Tin Can Bay** RSL 9.00am

**Coooloolo Cove** Veterans Hall 11.00am

**Rainbow Beach** Community Hall 1.30pm

### Thursday, 15 December

**Murgon** Council Office 10.00am

**Goomeri** SES Office 12.00pm

**Kilkivan** Council Office 1.30pm

**Widgee** Community Complex 3.00pm

For an appointment please contact:

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The Liberal Nationals Government is investing in a range of projects in Wide Bay to upgrade the Bruce Highway, build safer roads, support local community groups, and strengthen the economy to create jobs.

Llew O'Brien is working with the Coalition Government to deliver Coalition commitments to Wide Bay including:

- ✈ A \$20 million Wide Bay Burnett Jobs Package to create local jobs;
- ✈ Funding to fix the Bruce Highway including \$307.4 million for Section C and \$40 million for planning and design for Section D of the Cooroy to Curra four lane upgrade;
- ✈ \$30.4 million for the new Tinana interchange
- ✈ \$1.6 million to upgrade the Bruce Highway at Aldershot
- ✈ \$900,000 for Stage Two of the Fraser Coast Military Trail, Maryborough's Duncan Chapman Memorial
- ✈ \$325,000 for an all weather extension to the Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
- ✈ \$5 million for Gympie's new aquatic centre
- ✈ \$548,250 to upgrade Gympie's Pavilion and Conference Centre
- ✈ \$395,000 to renovate historic buildings along Kent and Wharf Streets, Maryborough;
- ✈ \$2 million towards upgrading the Cooloola-Noosa Road to create better access and new opportunities for tourism and agriculture;
- ✈ \$22,000 for a new kitchen and bathroom at Noosa's Men's Shed;
- ✈ \$20,000 for a new kitchen at the Peregian Beach Surf Life Saving Club;
- ✈ \$400,000 to improve access at Noosa National Park;
- ✈ \$237,000 to support and strengthen the Ration Shed Museum at Cherbourg;
- ✈ \$12,585 to purchase conservation and storage materials for the Ration Shed Museum at Cherbourg;
- ✈ \$396,698 for CCTV cameras to improve community safety at Murgon;
- ✈ \$25,000 to extend Murgon's Men's Shed
- ✈ \$20,000 for a new acoustic ceiling at Murgon's PCYC;
- ✈ \$200,000 to the Cooroy Chamber of Commerce for CCTV cameras at Cooroy;
- ✈ Mobile phone coverage to Poona and along the Wide Bay Highway between Woolooga and Kilkivan;
- ✈ \$68,000 to fund a Men's Shed at Tin Can Bay;
- ✈ \$11,752 towards new vehicles for Cooloola Coast Medical Transport at Tin Can Bay;
- ✈ \$11,352 towards a new building for Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical and Historical Research Group;
- ✈ \$7,800 to assist with renovations at Gympie's Girl Guide Jacana Hut;
- ✈ \$11,658 towards a new shed for the Maryborough Motorcyclist Club;
- ✈ \$5,160 to assist with the purchase of outdoor broadcasting equipment for Noosa Community Radio;
- ✈ \$20,000 towards upgraded lighting at Noosa District Rugby Union Club;
- ✈ \$20,000 towards the refurbishment of Tait-Duke Community Cottage at Tewantin;
- ✈ \$13,185 to upgrade technology at Maryborough's Maisie Kaufmann Learning Centre;
- ✈ \$20,000 to purchase playground equipment at Murgon's Rotary Park;
- ✈ \$7,459 towards the installation of new lighting at the Mary Valley Show Ground.
- ✈ \$21.4 million in 2015-16 Financial Assistance Grants to help deliver better services in the Fraser Coast, Gympie, Cherbourg, South Burnett and Noosa Council areas; and
- ✈ \$15.6 million in 2016-17 Roads to Recovery Funding to improve local roads in the Fraser Coast, Gympie, Cherbourg, South Burnett and Noosa Council areas.



## Local Sporting Champions presentation

There are many people achieving great things in sport in Wide Bay and Llew O'Brien was pleased to visit Murgon High School recently to congratulate Peter Langton, Elwyn Fewquandie, Erroll Simpson, and Barry Tapau Fewquandie on being recognised as Local Sporting Champions for their participation in the School Boys State Rugby League Carnival.

"It was great to meet with the boys and hear about their commitment to sport and their aspirations," Llew O'Brien said.

"Wide Bay's sporting champions come from all communities in the electorate, they participate in a diverse range of sports, and they distinguish themselves in state, national and international competitions.

"The cost of participating in these events can be quite high, especially where travel over great distances is required, so this funding will help to ease that pressure and assist them towards achieving their sporting goals."

Applications for the grants can be made at any time throughout the year, through the Australian Sports Commission's website [www.ausport.gov.au/champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions). For further information contact Llew O'Brien's office on 1300 301 968.



## Outdoor broadcasts for Noosa Radio

Llew O'Brien visited Noosa Community Radio to be interviewed by Jill Morley and announce Coalition Government funding to assist with the purchase of outdoor broadcasting equipment.

"Noosa Community Radio is a great service that keeps Noosa informed about local news and activities and I'm pleased this \$5,160 contribution from the Federal Government will enable the station to support and broadcast outdoor events," Llew O'Brien said.

"Noosa Community Radio delivers approximately 16 outdoor broadcasts each year, assisting local groups, musicians, and artists, and promoting Noosa. The new equipment will assist Noosa Community Radio to continue to provide a valuable service to Noosa communities."

During the interview, Jill Morley asked Llew questions about his priorities for Wide Bay, including creating jobs, building roads and delivering services.

"It was a pleasure to meet with Jill and the team at Noosa Community Radio."



## New home coming for Cooroy-Noosa Genealogy Society

After more than 18 years of fundraising, work is finally set to start on building a new home for Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical & Historical Research Group.

Llew O'Brien visited the site of the new Cooroy-Noosa Heritage Centre, which will enable research on local family history.

"The Coalition Government is contributing \$11,352 to the project that will help people to find out more about their relatives and their connections to the community," Llew O'Brien said.

"The Centre will also house a resource archive, and an extensive library of books, journals and other items of historical interest. This is a project that has been long in the making and I thank the Noosa Council for supplying the land and I commend the efforts of local volunteers, who worked so hard for so many years to realise this goal."



## Noosa Dolphins Rugby Club lights

New LED lights at Noosa District Rugby Club will enable night training and more competitions and events at the field.

"I'm pleased the Coalition Government is providing \$20,000 towards this project that will benefit Noosa communities," Llew O'Brien said.

"The lighting will be cheaper to operate and will improve the amenity of the field, providing a safer, less hazardous playing environment and better playing conditions at night. Better lighting will also increase the playing time so that training, matches and competitions can be played in cooler evening temperatures.

"The Club also anticipates that the new lighting will attract other sports to use the oval and allow it to host other events and activities. The Noosa Dolphins is a great club in an idyllic setting and the new lighting will further enhance its reputation for excellence."





## Grant for new shed for Maryborough Motorcyclists Club



The Coalition Government is delivering \$11,658 towards the construction of a new shed at Maryborough's Action Park.

"The funding will be used to build a new multi-purpose shed that will provide space for a meeting room, training facility, and administrative services, as well as storage for the Club's equipment," Llew O'Brien said.

"The shed will assist with the growth and development of the Club, and encourage greater community use of the site.

"One of the Club's core objectives is to train safer motorcyclists, so enhancing the site will help the Club to deliver better training programs."

Gympie's St Vincent de Paul shop has recently been refurbished with the Coalition Government contributing \$14,364 to the project.

"The recent renovations included the replacement of the shop counter and the lowering of shop fixtures to create a more accessible and welcoming space for volunteers to work and people to shop," Llew O'Brien said.

"Gympie's St Vincent de Paul store provides a valuable community service, raising funds to support its work to help the disadvantaged in the community. People donate clothing, furniture and household items and they are sold at the store and the funds are used to deliver support services in the region.

"It was a pleasure to join with representatives from St Vincent de Paul to open their renovated store. The volunteers are the backbone of the organisation, contributing to the work of the Society, enabling it to assist people in our community in need and I thank them for the good work they do."

## St Vinnies Gympie upgrade



## Tait Duke Cottage restoration



The Coalition Government is investing \$20,000 to renovate Noosa Council's historic Tait Duke Community Cottage.

"This is a great project that is restoring a 98 year old Queensland cottage and providing new skills to young people," Llew O'Brien said.

"When completed, the cottage will become a one stop shop for community information, as well as providing meeting and office spaces for local community groups.

"This is a great example of the Council and the community working together to renovate a building that will become an important community asset. The project is also providing construction traineeships to help people gain skills and experience that potential employers look for. The work that has been done so far on the cottage and its garden is a credit to their efforts.

"Tait Duke Cottage was gifted to the Noosa Council by the Tait and Duke family to benefit the Noosa community, and it's great to see it being restored for use by local schools and service groups."

The project is being managed by the Noosa Council, United Synergies and the Rotary Club of Noosa Heads.

Cooloola Coast Medical Transport (CCMT) is a fantastic community organization run by volunteers who drive people to medical appointments.

The Liberal Nationals Government is providing \$11,752 to CCMT to assist it to update its fleet of vehicles.

"This investment will help CCMT to renew its fleet of vehicles so it can continue to provide safe, reliable, door to door transport for people living on the Cooloola Coast to their medical appointments, all the way from Brisbane to Hervey Bay," Llew O'Brien said.

"It was a pleasure to meet with the volunteers to confirm the funding and thank them for the great work they do."

For information on Cooloola Coast Medical Transport please visit the website [www.cooloolamedicaltransport.com.au](http://www.cooloolamedicaltransport.com.au)

## New vehicles for CCMT





# Llew O'Brien has a comprehensive plan to strengthen Wide Bay



## Working for you and your community

As your representative in the Australian Parliament, my commitment is to:

- Provide strong and effective representation to achieve results for you, your community and the electorate.
- Advance and progress individual concerns and perspectives on a range of issues in the Parliament and in the community.
- Support local projects that create jobs and new opportunities in Wide Bay.
- Be part of a team that works for a stronger economy, building a healthier and safer future.



## Improving mobile and broadband communications

I am committed to extending the mobile phone network and rolling out the National Broadband Network in Wide Bay to ensure that local communities are connected to family and friends, and online health, education and commercial services.



## Improving community safety

People need to feel safe and secure in their homes, streets and communities. I will continue to support Liberal Nationals Government investments to install security lighting and CCTV cameras to deter criminal activity and catch offenders.



## Boosting local health services

Our family's health and wellbeing is a top priority and everyone needs to have access to local and affordable quality healthcare.

I'm working to make Medicare stronger and improve access to medical services in local communities.



## Building safer local roads

I frequently visit all Wide Bay communities and I understand the need for safer and less congested roads.

The Coalition Government is investing around \$2 billion on the Bruce Highway in the Wide Bay region making it safer, faster and less prone to flooding, and Roads to Recovery and Black Spot programs are also funding local upgrades.

Good roads are essential to connect family and friends, business and industry and I am committed to securing more funding to build better roads.



## Lifting education standards

All children deserve the best start in life and teaching them to read and write is absolutely essential for their future.

I support a back to basics approach to education that includes mandatory literacy and numeracy testing, and a greater focus on teaching strong values and our nation's history.



## Creating more local jobs

Building a stronger economy that creates jobs is a priority for me and the Coalition Government.

Our \$20 million Wide Bay Burnett Jobs Plan, tax cuts and accelerated depreciation for small business, as well as a comprehensive range of employment initiatives will help job seekers and grow the economy.

## Maisie Kaufmann Tech Upgrade



The Liberal Nationals Government is contributing \$13,185 to the Maisie Kaufmann Learning Centre's technology upgrade project in Maryborough.

Llew O'Brien visited the Centre with the Minister for Regional Development, Fiona Nash, to announce the funding.

"The funding will be used by the Centre to upgrade its facilities, including a new fit out of the training room as well as the purchase of new computer equipment that will be used to teach digital literacy," Llew O'Brien said.

"Approximately 300 local residents will benefit from the upgrade as they will be able to use the centre to improve their computer skills.

"Improving digital literacy provides people with more opportunities to access information on current affairs, health, education and commercial services. It also encourages people to become more socially active, connecting them with social media and community events, and I look forward to the benefits this project will deliver."

## Maryborough's Portside Precinct historical buildings given new life

Historic buildings along Kent and Wharf Streets will be renovated and refurbished as part of the Fraser Coast Regional Council's Portside Precinct revitalisation project.

The Liberal Nationals Government is contributing \$395,000 towards the project that will link the heritage sites into a unique cultural experience, encouraging locals and visitors to learn more about Maryborough's history.

Buildings located at 311 Kent Street (Gatakers Warehouse), 331 Kent Street (Australian Joint Stock Bank Building and the birthplace of Mary Poppins author PL Travers), and Lot 299 Wharf Street (Customs House Residence) will all be restored.

"The buildings will become home to new interpretive displays and creative spaces, attracting more people to the CBD and Portside Precinct," Llew O'Brien said.





# LIBERAL NATIONALS COALITION GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Strengthening the Budget and growing the economy



Australia's economic growth has strengthened to 3.3 percent, faster economic growth than any of the G7 economies.

Cracking down on multinational tax avoidance with some of the world's toughest laws to make these companies pay their fair share of tax.

## Creating jobs and supporting small business



Over the past year, almost 222,000 jobs have been created, over 60 percent of these going to women.

The Coalition is delivering:

- \$7.5 billion for the employment services provider model jobactive, to help job seekers move from welfare into work.
- Trade Support Loans of up to \$20,000 for apprentices, with a 20% discount for successful completion.
- \$200 million each year for the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network to lift apprenticeship completion rates
- Business can access up to \$10,000 to employ a mature age job seeker.
- Tax cuts for 870,000 incorporated small businesses across Australia which will help create even more new jobs.

## Securing Australia's borders



Two years without an illegal boat arrival, closing 17 detention centres. Labor opened 17.

## Keeping Australia safe



Stronger laws to give our troops and security agencies the tools they need.

A post-sentence preventative detention system to keep us safe from high risk terrorist offenders.

Working with our regional partners on counter terrorism to preserve stability.

## Improving mental healthcare services



Increasing funding for more localised mental health care and support services across Australia.

An additional \$192 million to provide 12 suicide prevention centres, 10 more headspace facilities and an innovative IT trial for 24/7 support.

## Building the NBN



Making strong progress on the delivery of the nbn - over 1.2 million homes and businesses are connected.

More than three million households and businesses can now be connected to super-fast broadband and the nbn is being rolled out to more and more Australians every day.

## Improving communications in regional Australia



Critical communications infrastructure across regional Australia is being improved with new nbn satellites enabling high speed broadband to be delivered to regional and remote areas.

499 new or improved mobile phone towers covering 3,000 black spots in regional areas delivered, with more to come under the \$220 million Mobile Black Spots Programme.

## Building stronger communities



Delivering the full roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, supporting over 460,000 people living with disability over three years.

Implementing our National Ice Action Strategy - including almost \$300 million to improve treatment, after care, education, prevention, support and community engagement.

Taking action on family and domestic violence through a \$100 million plan including funding to help keep women safe, support for training, front line services, and education.

## Delivering major infrastructure



Implementing a record \$50 billion land infrastructure package, promoting investment and building the economy.

This includes almost \$2 billion being invested to upgrade the Bruce Highway through the Wide Bay region.

## Delivering quality healthcare



An increase in bulk billing to record levels, with 17 million more GP services bulk billed in 2015-16 compared to Labor's last year in office.

Many medicines are now cheaper and we've added lifesaving medicines to the PBS.

Our Health Care Homes will improve care for people with chronic illness in the comfort of their home and out of hospital.