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Christmas Greetings

Dear Resident,

As Christmas and the New Year draw near, I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous festive season.

Christmas is a time to relax with our loved ones and also to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ; to remember those less fortunate than ourselves; and to consider how we can spread the Christian message of hope, love and salvation in our daily lives.

This year has been an exciting one for the O'Brien family, with the arrival of our first grandchild, following the wedding of our first son, Rees, in November last year.

As well as these moments of celebration in my personal life, there has been a lot of hard work done in Wide Bay and Canberra as your representative in Parliament.

This steadfast advocacy has secured more than \$1 billion for our region, including \$800 million to complete the Bruce Highway Section D project and more than \$36 million to create long-term local jobs.

As we move towards 2019, I will continue my work ensuring a brighter future for Wide Bay.

I hope you and your family have a happy Christmas, stay safe on the roads, and enjoy a healthy, prosperous New Year.

- Llew O'Brien

\$36 million to build jobs in Wide Bay

Job creation is a top priority for the Liberal Nationals Government, particularly in Wide Bay. Our Government has set aside \$28.5 million from the Regional Growth Fund to help establish a projectile forging plant in Maryborough, which will create 178 jobs.

In addition to this, the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Jobs and Investment

Package is providing matching funds with business to generate \$14.6 million of new investment. More than 300 jobs in Wide Bay will be created through six significant projects to drive economic growth.

These initiatives will help people build new careers and also deliver a stronger economy for Wide Bay, ensuring more opportunities in 2019 and beyond.



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Working for Wide Bay



NOOSA: Steven Boyd, Colin Graham, Kate Bowmaker, Kirstin Gail, Gary Swanepoel, Llew O'Brien, and Brett de Chastel at the launch of the Noosa Venture Playbook.



GYMPIE: Llew O'Brien, Ben Riches, Julie Williams, Tony Perrett MP, and Cr Mick Curran at the Ignite Gympie business conference.



CHERBOURG: The Coalition Government is helping to fire up the Barambah Pottery through a \$59,000 grant with Warren Collins, Cr Kathy Duff, Aunty Ada Simpson, Rocko Langton, Llew O'Brien and Deb Frecklington MP at the announcement.



MARYBOROUGH: Llew O'Brien and Cr Paul Truscott at the South Street / Lamington Bridge boat ramp, which is being upgraded through a \$390,328 contribution from the Liberal Nationals Government.

Saluting Their Service

More than \$161,000 in federal grants will help support Wide Bay veterans and their families, and commemorate the Armistice Centenary.

Llew O'Brien announced **Cooroy Pomona** RSL Sub-Branch, **Cherbourg** Historical Precinct Group, **Maryborough** RSL Sub-Branch, **Maryborough** Military and Colonial Museum, **Gympie** RSL Sub-Branch, and **Mary Valley** RSL Sub-Branch will share \$48,774 to deliver local projects commemorating the Armistice Centenary.

These projects include exhibitions, murals, plaques, restoration works and a memorial book to commemorate Australia's wartime history and pay tribute to service men and women.

The **Tin Can Bay** RSL will receive more than \$45,000 as part of the Australian Government's Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) program to upgrade its facilities including external shade areas.

More than \$68,000 is being provided for advocacy and welfare services to Wide Bay veterans, serving defence force members, and their loved ones in **Tewantin**, **Cooroy**, **Pomona**, **Gympie**, **Maryborough** and the **Fraser Coast and Country** through the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) grants program.

"These grants honour the service and sacrifice of defence force personnel and recognise their significant contributions to our nation and our communities," Mr O'Brien said.



COOROY: Llew O'Brien was honoured to open an exhibition by the Cooroy Pomona RSL Sub-Branch to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice.



TIN CAN BAY: Llew O'Brien meets with representatives from the Tin Can Bay RSL to announce a \$45,796 grant to construct a new shaded area to benefit members and the community.

Mobile phone coverage extended



MAAROOM: Telstra Regional General Manager May Boisen joined Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, and locals in Maaroom after the activation of a new mobile base station.

Sandy Strait residents and tourists now have improved phone coverage with a new mobile base station activated at **Maaroom**.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the station was supported through the Liberal Nationals Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

"Better mobile coverage at **Maaroom** means more people can now call, stream video and music, and work at home, on the road and on the water," Mr O'Brien said.

A total of 15 base stations in Wide Bay have been funded through the program including stations at **Wide Bay Highway**, **Poona**, **Boreen Point** and **Cootharaba Road** that will soon be in operation.



MARYBOROUGH: Queens Park Military Trail President Nancy Bates led Veterans' Affairs Minister Darren Chester on a tour of the poignant Gallipoli to Armistice Memorial. The Australian Government contributed \$900,000 to the landmark project.

FUNDING BUILDS STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Almost \$30,000 in Stronger Communities Program funding will help five Wide Bay community groups aid people needing medical care, increase water safety, improve facilities and deliver more services.

A \$15,000 grant for new vehicles will help keep the wheels of **Cooloola Coast** Medical Transport turning to continue its valuable service for people who need help getting to medical appointments.

Noosa Volunteer Coast Guard will receive \$3,500 for fire-fighting equipment and training room upgrades, and \$4,000 will help fund installation of solar panels on the **Tin Can Bay** RSL & Citizens Memorial Hall.

A \$4,800 grant will help South Burnett First Aid Volunteers provide disabled parking and allow wheelchair access to the **Murgon** Training Centre, while **Gympie** Chamber of Commerce will benefit from \$2,521 to purchase a data projector and equipment for use at its monthly functions.

More announcements will be made in the coming weeks.

One-stop shop opens for financial complaints

Wide Bay shoppers and small businesses now have access to a free, fast and binding financial dispute resolution service with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) now open for business.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the new authority is a "one-stop shop" for all financial complaints, whether they relate to banks, credit providers, insurance companies or superannuation funds.

The ACFA was created along side the Royal Commission into misconduct in the banking industry, which came about after Mr O'Brien's strong advocacy raised attention to the problems experienced by families and investors.

Grant helps new industry to grow 178 jobs

A new projectile forging plant will bring 178 jobs to **Maryborough**, thanks to a \$28.5 million funding allocation provided through the Liberal Nationals Government's Regional Growth Fund.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, said the high-tech facility would create long-term, well-paid jobs, diversify Maryborough's industrial base and transform the Wide Bay's economy.

The joint venture project by leading Australian weapons and ammunition supplier NIOA and Dusseldorf-based Rheinmetall AG will manufacture casings for large calibre projectiles for the

Australian Defence Force and selected export markets, providing opportunities for expansion in the years ahead.

"The NOIA project is a game-changer for Wide Bay," Mr O'Brien said.

"It represents the dawn of a new era of manufacturing and will put Maryborough on the defence industry map with access to a global supply chain."

The project will support 78 jobs through the construction phase, and once operational, the plant will create 100 direct manufacturing positions delivering flow-on economic benefits to Maryborough and Wide Bay.



Robert Nioa, Llew O'Brien and Gary Stewart at the Brolga Theatre for the Regional Growth Fund announcement.

Noosa's Digital Hub expansion to generate more digital entrepreneurs

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has secured a \$2.55 million investment from the Liberal Nationals Government to expand the Digital Hub at **Peregian Beach**.

"This investment will enable people in **Noosa** to seize opportunities in the digital economy, building the Digital Hub as a focal point of entrepreneurial activity, innovation and education," Mr O'Brien said.

The project, managed by Noosa Council, will expand the Digital Hub into the Community House after a new Community House is constructed.

Noosa is at the forefront of innovation, with Accelerating Commercialisation grants worth \$667,000 helping three businesses bring new ideas to market, diversifying the local economy.

Unattended Technology in **Noosaville**, Champion Life Education in **Sunshine Beach** and Provectus Algae in **Peregian Springs** received funding for a new cloud-based software platform, a virtual mentoring platform for school students, and a revolutionary algae lighting system for the global aquaculture market.



Llew O'Brien checks out some virtual reality equipment at the Peregian Beach Digital Hub with Ben Duncan, Fox Rogers, Cr Tony Wellington and Chris Boden.

Giving young apprentices a helping hand

Small businesses in Wide Bay will have a new incentive to employ young apprentices, with a \$60 million trial offering generous wage subsidies.

Under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program (Aaip), eligible regional employers could receive subsidies of up to 75 per cent of the apprentice's award wage in the first year, 50 per cent in the second year and 25 per cent in the third year.

The trial is expected to support up to 1,630 new apprentices in areas such as plumbing, mechanical, electrical, painting trades and hairdressing.

Creating long-term jobs in Wide Bay

A \$7.3 million Regional Jobs and Investment Package is helping create more than 300 jobs in Wide Bay, by jointly funding six new projects to stimulate new employment.

The Liberal Nationals Government funding includes:

- \$5 million to expand Nolan Meats processing facilities, creating 245 jobs at **Gympie**.
- \$1.75 million to generate 30 jobs at Dale and Meyers sawmill in **Maryborough** by creating a new product line.
- \$267,400 to expand Teys Australia's cattle hide processing plant at **Murgon**.
- \$270,000 for two projects at Suncoast Macadamias at **Glanmire**, improving factory output.
- \$10,000 to provide skills and training to help **Rainbow Beach** tourism operators expand.



New Gympie headspace is here to help

A bright, welcoming new **headspace** service is now open in **Gympie** offering mental health assistance for people aged 12 to 25.

It is delivering a range of services including mental and physical health, alcohol and drug prevention, and social and vocational advice, in a safe, supportive and comfortable environment.

Gympie **headspace** is one of 10 new services announced as part of the Government's \$28.9 million additional investment in regional and rural mental health care.

The service is operated by United Synergies and is funded through the Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN.





Llew O'Brien and the Liberal Nationals Government are delivering more than \$1.4 billion to Wide Bay to create jobs, upgrade roads, improve services, and support community groups.

Working for
Wide Bay

Fraser Coast Regional Council Area - Funding Highlights

- ✓ \$30,400,000 – New **Tinana Interchange**, Bruce Hwy
- ✓ \$13,513 – **Legacy Fraser Coast & Country Burnett**, BEST grant
- ✓ \$370,000 – Fraser Coast Regional Council, Betterment Fund, **Gundiah**
- ✓ \$395,000 – Fraser Coast Regional Council, Portside Cultural Precinct, **Maryborough**
- ✓ \$13,185 – Peter Pan Literacy Club, **Maryborough**
- ✓ \$1,600,000 – Bruce Highway resurfacing, **Aldershot**
- ✓ \$325,000 – **Broilga Theatre** river terrace
- ✓ \$3,832,854 – **Fraser Coast Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2016/17
- ✓ \$6,626,148 – **Fraser Coast Regional Council**, Financial Assistance Grants 2016/17
- ✓ \$3,320,308 – **Fraser Coast Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2017/18
- ✓ \$6,990,250 – **Fraser Coast Regional Council**, Financial Assistance Grants 2017/18
- ✓ \$191,000 – Blackspot funding, **Churchill Street, Maryborough**
- ✓ \$13,240,000 – Bruce Highway **Tiaro** safety works
- ✓ \$300,000 – Indigenous drug and alcohol program, **Maryborough**
- ✓ \$152,500 – Smart Cities and Suburbs Programme, **Fraser Coast Regional Council**
- ✓ \$13,637 – **Bauple Band Hall**
- ✓ \$16,362 – **Wide Bay Motor Complex**
- ✓ \$13,320,000 – **Tinana** overtaking lanes
- ✓ \$5,000 – **Maryborough Military & Colonial Museum**
- ✓ \$11,170 – **Maryborough RSL Sub-Branch**, RSL Military Mural Project
- ✓ \$1,175,000 – **Dale & Meyers Maryborough**, job creation
- ✓ \$1,645,002 – **Fraser Coast Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2018/19
- ✓ \$7,394,975 – **Fraser Coast Regional Council**, Financial Assistance Grants 2018/19
- ✓ \$725,000 – to protect and enhance **Fraser Island**
- ✓ \$28,500,000 – NIOA Rheinmetall **Maryborough**
- ✓ Mobile phone base stations – **Maryborough-Biggenden Road; Maaroom; Yerra; Poona**

South Burnett Regional Council Area - Funding Highlights

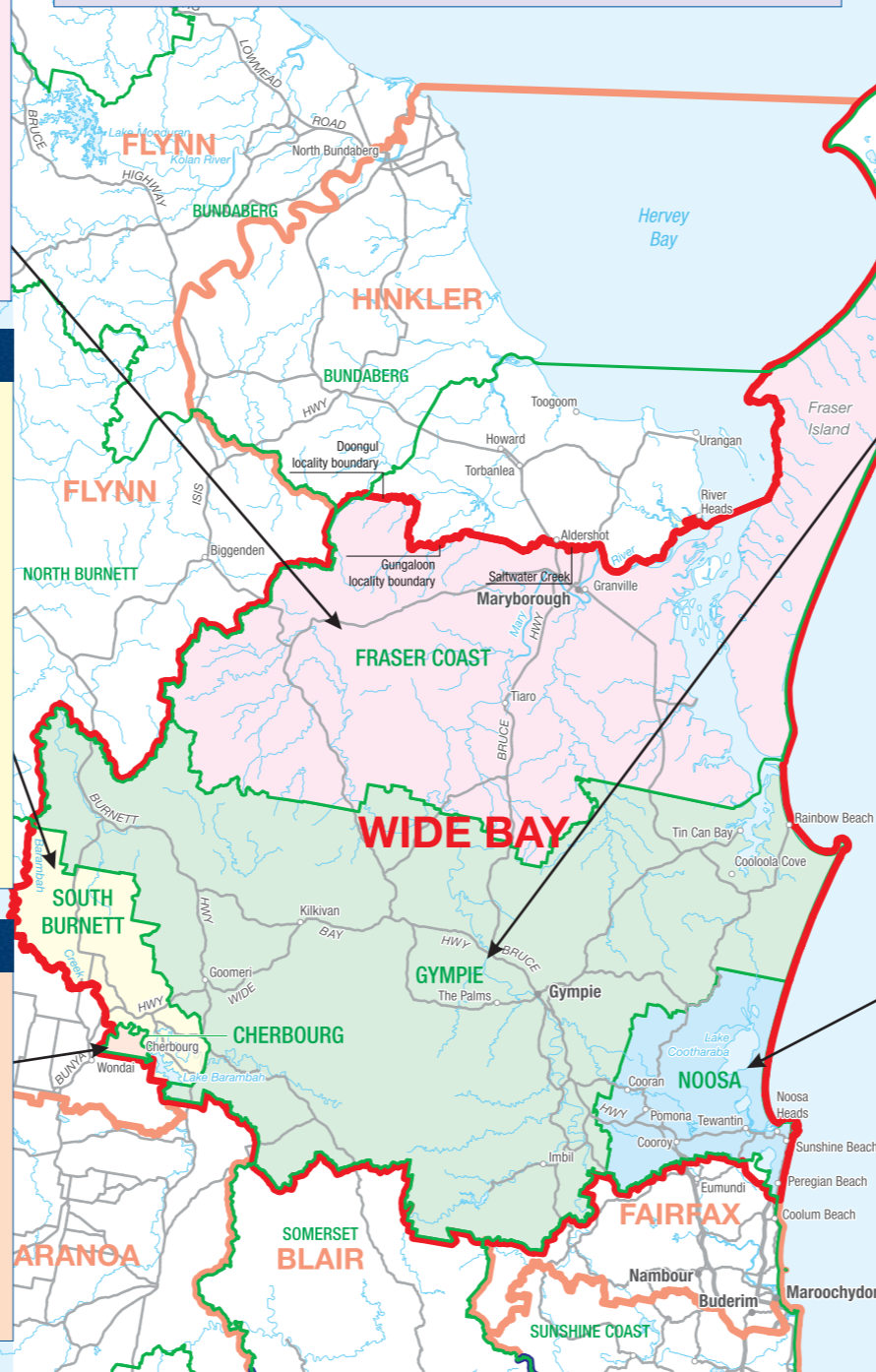
- ✓ \$6,849,934 – Financial Assistance Grants 2016/17, **South Burnett Regional Council**
- ✓ \$2,638,102 – **South Burnett Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2016/17
- ✓ \$20,000 – Contribution for playground, **Murgon**
- ✓ \$25,000 – **Murgon Men's Shed**
- ✓ \$396,698 – **Murgon CBD** CCTV cameras and security lighting
- ✓ \$6,730,714 – Financial Assistance Grants 2017/18, **South Burnett Regional Council**
- ✓ \$2,285,323 – **South Burnett Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2017/18
- ✓ \$2,500 – **Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum, Murgon**
- ✓ \$19,307 – **South Burnett PCYC**
- ✓ \$9,917 – **Graham House, Murgon**
- ✓ \$13,662 – **Murgon Lions Club** food van fit out
- ✓ \$468,000 – **Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation, Murgon**
- ✓ \$1,456,301 – **South Burnett Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery 2018/19
- ✓ \$6,998,730 – **South Burnett Regional Council**, Financial Assistance Grants 2018/19
- ✓ \$25,000 – **Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation**, business information sessions
- ✓ \$4,800 – **South Burnett First Aid Volunteers**
- ✓ \$267,406 – **Teys Australia, Murgon**, job creation
- ✓ Mobile phone base stations – **Tansey; Windera**

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Area - Funding Highlights

- ✓ \$64,080 – **Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2016/17
- ✓ \$581,102 – Financial Assistance Grants 2016/17, **Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**
- ✓ \$237,000 – Indigenous Advancement Strategy - **Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum**
- ✓ \$12,585 – **Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum**
- ✓ \$618,268 – Financial Assistance Grants 2017/18, **Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**
- ✓ \$55,510 – **Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2017/18
- ✓ \$254,143 – Roads to Recovery Program 2018/19, **Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**
- ✓ \$660,767 – Financial Assistance Grants 2018/19, **Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**
- ✓ \$2,728 – **Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum**, Armistice Centenary Grants Program
- ✓ \$1,025,458 – **Cherbourg-Murgon Reconnect Service**
- ✓ \$2,340,100 – **CRAICCHS**, facility upgrade
- ✓ \$580,000 – **Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**, community radio

Electorate Wide - Funding Highlights

- ✓ \$307,400,000 – **Cooroy to Curra Section C** four lane upgrade
- ✓ \$52,000,000 – **Cooroy to Curra Section D** detailed design
- ✓ \$800,000,000 – **Cooroy to Curra Section D** construction
- ✓ \$9,600,000 – **Bruce Highway intersection upgrades**, Gympie
- ✓ \$94,600 – Local Sporting Champions, **173 athletes**
- ✓ \$160,000 – Volunteer Grants Program - **40 Wide Bay community groups**
- ✓ \$13,100,000 – **Cooinda, Infin8, and Regis Aged Care**
- ✓ \$800,925 – Commonwealth Home Support Program, **Wide Bay** services
- ✓ \$4,000,000 – **Primary Health Network** Suicide Prevention Programs
- ✓ \$820,000 – **Wide Bay Schools**, National Chaplaincy Program
- ✓ \$72.6 million – Government and non-systemic independent schools in **Wide Bay**



Gympie Regional Council Area - Funding Highlights

- ✓ \$5,000,000 – **Cooinda Aged Care** capital works
- ✓ \$16,590 – **Gympie RSL Sub-Branch** BEST grant
- ✓ \$5,020,322 – Financial Assistance Grants 2016/17, **Gympie Regional Council**
- ✓ \$2,171,319 – **Gympie Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2016/17
- ✓ \$756,595 – Capital Grants, **Gympie Flexible Learning Centre**
- ✓ \$535,000 – Capital Grants, **Cooloola Christian College**
- ✓ \$245,000 – Capital Grants, **Victory College**
- ✓ \$68,000 – **Tin Can Bay Men's Shed**
- ✓ \$5,188,035 – **Gympie Regional Council**, Financial Assistance Grants 2017/18
- ✓ \$1,880,961 – **Gympie Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2017/18
- ✓ \$750,000 – Blackspot funding, **Station Road, Gympie**
- ✓ \$3,971 – Saluting Their Service, **Rainbow Beach RSL**
- ✓ \$11,600 – **Gympie Heart of Gold**
- ✓ \$1,500,000 – **Upper Mary Street Gympie**
- ✓ \$355,000 – **Victory College Gympie**, hospitality centre, classrooms
- ✓ \$34,000 – **Mary Valley Growers Co-operative**
- ✓ \$16,362 – **Kilkivan Men's Shed**
- ✓ \$14,980 – **Little Haven Palliative Care**
- ✓ \$16,362 – **Goomeri & District Show Society**
- ✓ \$13,899 – **Kilkivan Great Horse Ride**
- ✓ \$4,546 – **Gympie RSL Sub-Branch**, Memorial Lane restoration
- ✓ \$15,000 – **Mary Valley RSL Sub-Branch**, Memorial at Kandanga Cemetery
- ✓ \$270,000 – **Suncoast Gold Macadamias Gympie**, job creation
- ✓ \$10,000 – **Gympie Regional Council**, Rainbow Beach Skills Training Tourism Program
- ✓ \$4,979,706 – **Nolan Meats Gympie**, job creation
- ✓ \$716,000 – **Gympie headspace service**
- ✓ \$725,790 – **Gympie Regional Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2018/19
- ✓ \$5,394,573 – **Gympie Regional Council**, Financial Assistance Grants 2018/19
- ✓ \$2,000,000 – **Gympie Regional Council**, part sealing Counter Road, Cooloola-Noosa link
- ✓ \$20,000 – **Gympie Chamber of Commerce**, Ignite Business Conference
- ✓ \$75,000 – **Gympie Regional Council**, Rush Festival
- ✓ \$15,000 – **Cooloola Coast Medical Transport**
- ✓ \$4,000 – **Tin Can Bay RSL Sub-Branch**
- ✓ \$5,000,000 – **Coondoo Creek Bridge** upgrade, Tin Can Bay Road
- ✓ \$372,500 – Bruce Highway, Wadell Road intersection, **Two Mile**
- ✓ Mobile phone base stations – **Glastonbury; Widgee; Woollooga; Wide Bay Highway**

Noosa Council Area - Funding Highlights

- ✓ \$6,655 – **Tewantin Noosa RSL Sub-Branch** BEST grant
- ✓ \$2,103,778 – Financial Assistance Grants 2016/17, **Noosa Council**
- ✓ \$400,000 – **Noosa National Park** walking trail
- ✓ \$11,352 – **Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical & Historical Research Group**
- ✓ \$20,000 – **Noosa District Rugby Union Club**
- ✓ \$5,160 – **Noosa District Community FM Radio Assoc Inc**
- ✓ \$4,000 – **Pomona Men's Shed**
- ✓ \$22,000 – **Noosa Men's Shed**
- ✓ \$24,600 – BEST grant, **Cooroy Pomona RSL Sub-Branch**
- ✓ \$20,000 – **Tait-Duke Cottage, Tewantin**
- ✓ \$2,164,006 – Financial Assistance Grants 2017/18, **Noosa Council**
- ✓ \$500,000 – Thedocyard, **Peregian Beach**
- ✓ \$965,644 – **Noosa Eco Marine Holdings, Noosaville**
- ✓ \$372,204 – Unattended Technologies, **Noosaville**
- ✓ \$255,000 – Champion Life Education, **Sunshine Beach**
- ✓ \$663,429 – **Noosa Council**, Mary River Road bridge replacement
- ✓ \$922,256 – **Noosa Council**, Orealla Bridge upgrade
- ✓ \$875,000 – **Noosa Council**, Old Noosa Road bridge replacement
- ✓ \$10,330 – **Cooroy Pomona RSL Sub-Branch**, Centenary of Armistice WWI exhibition
- ✓ \$16,362 – **Sunshine Butterflies**
- ✓ \$10,313 – **Sunshine Beach Surf Life Saving Club**
- ✓ \$34,500 – **Cooroy Chamber of Commerce**, Body Art Festival
- ✓ \$47,425 – **Noosa Council** Floating Land Exhibition
- ✓ \$5,069,189 – **Noosa Council**, Roads to Recovery Program 2014/15-2018/19
- ✓ \$2,236,982 – **Noosa Council**, Financial Assistance Grants 2018/19
- ✓ \$155,920 – **Noosa Council**, upgrade the Hastings Street and bus interchange CCTV network
- ✓ \$18,600 – **Tewantin-Noosa RSL Sub-Branch**, BEST grant
- ✓ \$19,500 – **Noosa Chamber of Commerce**, Noosa Venture Playbook
- ✓ \$2,550,179 – **Noosa Council** Peregian Beach Digital Hub
- ✓ \$3,500 – **Noosa Coast Guard**
- ✓ Mobile phone base stations – **Kin Kin; Boreen Point; Cootharaba Road; Pomona-Kin Kin Road**

DELIVERING ON OUR PLAN

The Federal Liberal Nationals Government is delivering for all Australians with a plan to support local jobs, secure our borders and help local families get ahead.

KEEPING OUR ECONOMY STRONG



✓ More Jobs

403,100 more jobs created in 2017 – the most jobs created in a calendar year on record. Jobs growth in 2017 was almost five times stronger than Labor's last year.

✓ Small business tax cuts

Tax cuts for 3.2 million businesses employing 6.7 million Australians.

✓ Instant asset write-off

Used last year by **300,000 small businesses** to invest in new equipment and machinery.

✓ Affordable, reliable energy

The Coalition's plan for affordable and reliable power gets big power companies under control, so we can **give the power back to the customers and get their prices down.**

✓ More exports

Rural exports up 19% last year, as we are locking in benefits from landmark trade agreements with China, Japan and South Korea.

✓ Record infrastructure investment

Record \$75 billion investment in highway upgrades, **congestion busting roads**, rail projects, improved local roads, inland rail and a new airport.

✓ Fixing the Budget

Over **\$37 billion in Budget savings** since the election. We have halved the growth in spending (4% per year under Labor, 1.9% under the Coalition).

✓ Tackling union lawlessness

Australian Building and Construction Commission restored to protect small businesses and the economy from CFMEU lawlessness. **Secret payments banned** between businesses and unions.

✓ Tax relief

By 2024-25 around **94% of taxpayers are projected to have a marginal tax rate of 32.5 per cent** or less compared with 63% previously.

KEEPING AUSTRALIA SAFE



✓ Secure borders

17 detention centres closed, saving the Budget billions.

✓ Fighting terror

14 major terrorist plots have been foiled. The Government is boosting our security agencies, has introduced tougher anti-terror laws and is revoking citizenship of dual nationals who engage in terrorism.

✓ Deporting criminals

We've changed the rules to **deport non-citizens who commit serious crimes.** The Government has cancelled visas of more than 3,000 serious criminals – including murderers, rapists, child sex offenders, armed robbers and drug dealers.

✓ Tackling scourge of ice

AFP has seized over 14 tonnes of ice since 2013. Record funding for law enforcement and treatment. Wastewater surveys show a recent drop in ice use.

✓ A stronger defence force

Undertaking the largest regeneration of our Navy since WW2, with **54 new ships** (Labor commissioned none). With new weapons and air defence for our Army and new air combat capability, we're building Australia's sovereign defence capability.

✓ Cracking down on paedophiles

Introduced **Carly's Law**, which has already led to high profile arrests. Banned registered sex offenders from holding an Australian passport. Introduced legislation that means paedophiles would spend longer in jail, be less likely to get bail or parole and face mandatory sentences.

✓ Stronger citizenship

We have put forward legislation to ensure new Australians are committed to our values and can successfully integrate. This includes requiring applicants to demonstrate integration into the community; and expanding the powers to revoke citizenship.

KEEPING AUSTRALIANS TOGETHER



✓ More affordable child care

Landmark reforms abolishing the \$7,500 cap for families (incomes up to \$185,000) and introducing a new Child Care Subsidy, means around **one million families are now better off.**

✓ More schools funding

Record schools funding means parents can send their child to the school of their choice. It means certainty for teachers so they can focus on the classroom and students. It means more resources for students so that they can get the best for their future.

✓ Better health care

Over 85% of GP visits bulk billed last year – 21 million more than Labor's last year. Hospital funding at record levels and new reforms introduced to improve private health insurance.

✓ Drought support

A new \$5 billion Future Drought Fund will **support our farmers and communities against future droughts.**

✓ Immunisations

From next year all 12 and 13 year olds will get free **protection against the HPV virus and cervical cancer.**

Our **No Jab, No Pay** policy resulted in 210,000 extra children immunised in its first year.

✓ Welfare to work

We believe the best form of welfare is a job. We've reinvigorated **Work for the Dole** (105,000 participants last year). We're changing compliance rules and requiring welfare recipients on drugs to undertake available treatment.

✓ Building better communities

Improving services, creating jobs, connecting people and delivering more opportunities to Wide Bay through the **Building Better Regions Fund, Mobile Phone Black Spot Program, the Regional Growth Fund and our Stronger Communities Program.**

Information accurate as at October 2018.

Bruce Highway upgrades to start

Work will start soon on major safety upgrade of a 4.7 kilometre stretch of the Bruce Highway at **Chatsworth**, north of Gympie.

The \$12 million upgrade will provide safer travel conditions and enhance traffic flow, by upgrading eight intersections and adding dedicated turning lanes.

Noosa bridges to open to traffic

Two new bridges will soon be open, improving safety at Mary River Road in **Cooroy** and Old Noosa Road in **Cooran**.

The Mary River Road Bridge, Old Noosa Road Bridge, and Orealla Bridge at **Sunrise Beach** are being upgraded through \$2.4 million in funding under the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program.

The upgrade and replacement of these bridges will improve traffic flow and road conditions for residents and visitors.

Counter Road sealing works nearing completion

Work to seal a 1.9km stretch of Counter Road at **Wolvi** should be complete within weeks, improving travel time between **Noosa** and **Cooloola Coast**.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the project delivered on his 2016 election commitment.

"This improves safety, capacity and access for local residents, industry and tourists," Mr O'Brien said.



STRONG REPRESENTATION DELIVERS RESULTS

\$5 million to replace Coondoo Creek Bridge

The Liberal Nationals Government has stepped in to keep drivers safe with a \$5 million commitment to reconstruct the notorious Coondoo Creek Bridge on Tin Can Bay Road.

Mr O'Brien said the bridge is a vital connection between **Gympie** and the **Cooloola Coast** and its upgrade will enable the smoother and safer carriage of people and goods, and will boost the economy.

"The Federal Government's funding is enabling this bridge on a State road to be replaced. It should have been done by the State Government a decade ago," he said.

Cherbourg Aboriginal radio service back on air

South Burnett radio listeners can once again enjoy their local Indigenous broadcasting service, which has been brought back on air thanks to an Australian Government grant.

The Liberal Nationals Government will invest more than \$580,000 into the new service managed by the **Cherbourg** Aboriginal Shire Council, to be broadcasted from the former "Us Mob" radio studio in Cherbourg.

"The reinstatement of this service will keep the community informed and facilitate the sharing of Indigenous culture, news and events, which is crucial to maintaining a strong and proud regional community," Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said.

Call for Royal Commission to protect dairy farmers

Wide Bay MP Llew O'Brien has welcomed the Government's move towards a mandatory code of conduct for the dairy industry but believes a judicial inquiry is needed into the practices of the supermarket giants.

"While the Government is consulting with the dairy industry to determine how best a mandatory code would operate, I believe a Royal Commission is warranted," Mr O'Brien said.

"A Royal Commission would have the power to examine the supply chain to benefit suppliers and consumers alike."



The children at Woolooga State School were delighted to receive new Australian flags on National Flag Day, with a special presentation from Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien.



Available free from my office

Copies of the 2018 School Leaver's Guide and the Age Pension Guide are now available from my office. You can also request a free rainfall calendar with community contacts, '100 ways to praise a child' and times table posters, and growth charts.

For your copy, please call 1300 301 968 or 4121 2936