

# Tasmanian Budget **2026-27**

## Overview

Delivering a **strong economy**  
and **caring community**.



*Cosgrove High School*

# Key 2026-27 Budget Initiatives

## Expanding access to healthcare



- ✓ \$364 million in the Launceston General Hospital Redevelopment, including the Mental Health Precinct and the Northern Health Complex;
- ✓ \$14.3 million to upgrade the North West Regional Hospital, including for an expanded ambulance drop-off area and Emergency Department expansion;
- ✓ \$40 million North West Mental Health Precinct providing a safe and supportive 22-bed mental health inpatient unit to replace the Spencer Clinic;
- ✓ \$126.7 million to deliver more treatment points and improved patient care spaces in the Emergency Department at the Royal Hobart Hospital;
- ✓ Significantly increasing access to bulk-billed GP appointments through TassieDocs;
- ✓ Expand the highly successful Youth Mental Health in the Home program to Northern Tasmania;
- ✓ Help more women fulfil their dream of having children by providing financial support for In Vitro Fertilisation, other assisted reproductive technology treatments, or fertility preservation services;
- ✓ Boost access to life-saving breast screening across Tasmania by delivering four new permanent clinics at Kingborough, Devonport, Triabunna, and Glenorchy; and
- ✓ Deliver a contemporary Older Persons Mental Health facility at St Johns Park to replace the Roy Fagan Centre.

## Easing cost of living pressures



- ✓ Extend free public transport for a year, ensuring Tasmanians can get to where they need to go without the cost;
- ✓ Supporting students to thrive and help families save money through our Healthy School Lunch and School Breakfast programs;
- ✓ Helping Tasmanians get active and connect with the community through the Ticket to Wellbeing and Ticket to Play vouchers; and
- ✓ Concessions and subsidies for 70,000 eligible Tasmanians across electricity, water and sewerage bills.

## Making housing more affordable and accessible



- ✓ Delivering a \$20,000 First Home Owner Grant to help more Tasmanians build their dream home, increase supply and stimulate the construction industry;
- ✓ Support eligible Tasmanians to buy a home, valued up to \$800,000, with as little as a 2 per cent deposit through the MyHome Shared Equity Program; and
- ✓ Unlock land at Dowsing Point to deliver at least 1,000 new homes for Tasmanians.

## A Message from the Premier, Jeremy Rockliff MP

The 2026-27 Budget continues to drive the delivery of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, enabling a strong economy and a caring community.

It secures significant investment in the services and infrastructure that Tasmanians must have now, and for the future.

It is a Budget that ensures our economy continues to be strong, resilient and well-positioned for years to come. It recognises that our nation and the world are facing turbulent times, while giving us the headroom to handle the challenges ahead.

To help Tasmanians, the Budget delivers targeted cost of living relief measures, including a one-year extension of free public transport so that more Tasmanians can move around our State at no cost.

We are delivering fairer, cheaper insurance for Tasmanians through the creation of TasInsure, with legislation to establish the state-owned authority to be delivered this year.

The Budget continues to deliver record investments in health services, including tens of thousands of additional bulk-billed GP appointments, made possible through our new TassieDocs initiative. These appointments will mean more Tasmanians can see a GP closer to home, and ease pressure on our hospitals.

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*We are getting the balance right here in Tasmania, making sensible, balanced budgetary decisions, whilst shielding Tasmanians from rising cost of living pressures.*

**Jeremy Rockliff MP**  
Premier



Helping Tasmanians into their own home is a priority for our Government. The 2026-27 Budget continues to support Tasmanians into their first home through the First Home Owner Grant, as well as the expanded MyHome Shared Equity Program, which has already helped more than 1,000 households realise the dream of home ownership.

Tasmania maintains its strong economic position, with Treasury forecasts showing about 8 per cent growth in real per-capita terms over the next four years, outstripping population growth and placing Tasmania ahead of every other Australian jurisdiction. The 2026-27 Budget builds on this success to ensure we continue to attract strong private investment and a resilient business community.

The infrastructure investment pipeline has reached almost \$40 billion, with the Budget delivering new and improved roads, hospitals, schools and generational community and sporting infrastructure. These projects are driving significant economic activity and creating thousands of jobs.

The Tasmanian Budget confirms that we are getting the balance right.

It makes the savings needed to return to a balanced budget sooner, whilst securing the services and infrastructure Tasmania must have now, and for the future.

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## A Message from the Treasurer, Eric Abetz MP

The 2026-27 Budget is delivering a strong economy and caring community.

We have seen a decade of rapid growth, with our economy now worth a record \$42.8 billion.

Unemployment has consistently remained among the lowest in the nation.

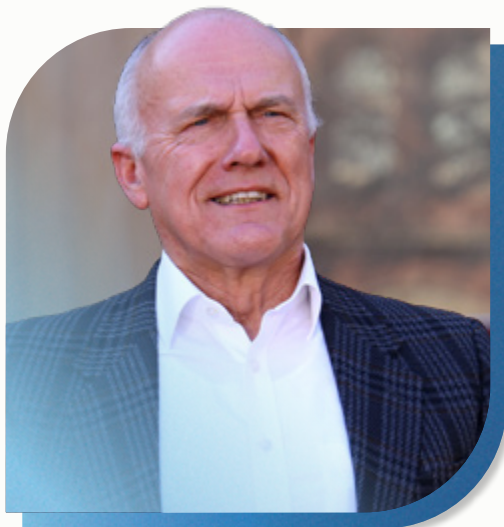
Tasmania's businesses remain some of the most confident in the nation, supported by strong business conditions.

Now is the time to ensure we are getting the balance right.

It recognises that our nation, and the world, are facing turbulent times, and, in turn, we must respond to this uncertainty by delivering a Budget that can navigate it.

We are making the sensible savings needed while continuing to invest in the essential services and productive infrastructure that Tasmania needs to thrive now and into the future.

We are continuing our strong investment in the things that matter to Tasmanians – health, housing, cost of living, and more.



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**Eric Abetz MP**  
Treasurer

The 2026-27 Budget will invest over \$15 billion into the Tasmanian Health System, continuing our strong commitment to the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians.

Investment in housing continues, with almost \$900 million in the 2026-27 Budget.

Cost of living and education, public transport and tourism, roads, our veterans, Tasmanians living with disability and our emergency services are all key pillars the 2026-27 Budget supports.

We are getting the balance right and returning to a stronger fiscal position, moving to an operational balance in two years, and a fiscal balance in four.

We are doing this without increasing taxes, mindful of the cost of living pressures our fellow Tasmanians are already facing, and maintaining those services on which they rely while our economy continues to grow.

As a nation, we are navigating an uncertain geopolitical landscape that is having real impacts here at home.

This sensible pathway will be central to maintaining our strong position in the future.

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## Making life more affordable

The Tasmanian Government is delivering significant cost of living support for Tasmanians.

Free public transport has supported an almost 30 per cent increase in patronage across the State.

That's thousands of Tasmanians who have been able to get around our State without paying a cent.

Our Government is extending free public transport for another 12 months as part of the 2026–27 Budget.

We are helping more Tasmanians get to where they need to be for free.

We are providing about \$600 million in cost of living relief and concessions for eligible Tasmanians.

These targeted investments make a real difference to the household budgets of every Tasmanian.

Lowering the cost of seeing a GP is vital for the health of Tasmanians and helps take pressure off hospitals. Our investment in new TassieDocs will deliver tens of thousands of extra bulk-billed GP appointments.

Ensuring Tasmanians can access healthcare where and when they need it is a priority. We are expanding services provided by community pharmacists to ensure Tasmanians can access more healthcare in their community without needing a GP appointment, saving families time and money.

More than 10,000 Tasmanians have already benefitted from continuous dispensing of the contraceptive pill and over the counter treatment for uncomplicated UTIs.

We are helping families on their IVF journey, with the Government introducing a rebate to support couples through the process.

Getting to medical appointments can be expensive for Tasmanians living in regional and remote areas, with support available through our patient transport services program.

We are also supporting families through free school lunch and breakfast programs, ensuring young people can learn and thrive with full bellies to help them reach their full potential.

The Ticket to Play program helps young people participate in sport and recreation, offering two vouchers worth up to \$100 each for eligible children.

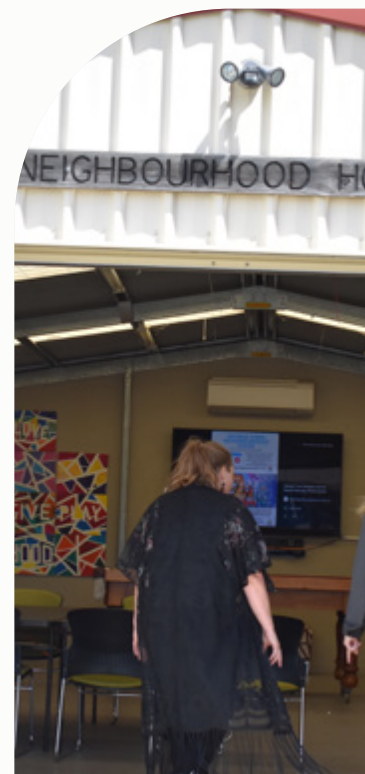
For older Tasmanians, our nation leading Ticket to Wellbeing program provides \$100 vouchers to eligible seniors to stay active through sport or recreation.

Our Government is supporting more Tasmanians into home ownership, with the First Home Owner Grant now \$20,000.

For concession card holders, more than \$370 million in discounts, concessions and subsidies is available across the Budget - including assistance with rates, travel, electricity, and water and sewerage bills.



- ✔ Delivering a life-saving Government-funded Meningococcal B vaccination program;
- ✔ Delivering our popular Ticket to Play with \$100 vouchers available for young people to help with sporting fees;
- ✔ Delivering our Ticket to Wellbeing which keeps older Tasmanians active and engaged with \$100 sporting and recreation vouchers;
- ✔ Increasing access to free GP appointments across the State through TassieDocs;
- ✔ Providing support to Tasmanians struggling to pay their energy bills with the Energy Hardship Fund;
- ✔ Expanding pharmacists' scope of practice to treat common conditions – saving you time and money from attending the GP or emergency department;
- ✔ Concessions and subsidies for transport, including taxi fares, registration, air and sea travel and driver licences for eligible Tasmanians;
- ✔ Concessions for water and sewerage for 70,000 eligible Tasmanians;
- ✔ Helping women on their journey to start a family with a rebate for IVF and assisted reproductive treatments;
- ✔ Offering \$20,000 First Home Buyer Grants for Tasmanians purchasing or building a new home;
- ✔ Supporting Tasmanians on low incomes with access to the No Interest Loan Network;
- ✔ Continuing support for Neighbourhood Houses and emergency food relief providers; and
- ✔ Ongoing support for the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme, helping Tasmanians who live a long way from healthcare services.



# Delivering better healthcare for Tasmanians

The 2026-27 Budget continues the Tasmanian Government's plan to deliver better healthcare for Tasmanians.

With more than \$15 billion in health expenditure in 2026-27 and over the Forward Estimates, the Budget invests in hospitals, ambulance services, preventive health, primary care, mental health, community services and modern health infrastructure.

Across the North, North West and South, the Budget is delivering the facilities, services and healthcare workforce Tasmania needs to meet growing demand.

Department of Health annual reporting shows Tasmania's four major Emergency Departments manage around 145,000 presentations each year, with tens of thousands of patients admitted to hospital through Emergency Departments for further care. This reflects the critical role EDs play as the main entry point to hospital services.

The 2026-27 Tasmanian Budget includes \$1.2 billion for Emergency Departments, supporting timely, high-quality emergency care for Tasmanians and strengthening the frontline of the hospital system.

A significant investment of \$20 million is allocated to The Health Revolution: 20 Year Preventive Health Strategy, the Tasmanian Government's bold, long-term plan to place prevention at the heart of our health system and communities. The Health Revolution strategy acknowledges good health is shaped by more than clinical care, it is also influenced by employment, education, housing, transport, food security and community connection.

The Budget includes \$16 million for new fully bulk-billed GP TassieDoc clinics. The clinics will improve access to primary care, ease pressure on our hospitals, and provide free GP services in areas of community need.

Our commitment to a new \$15 million Huon Health Precinct and Mental Health Hub is also outlined in the Budget, delivering 100 per cent bulk-billed GP appointments, after-hours and weekend services and a base for mental health outreach programs.

The Budget also supports the expansion of the Bicheno Medical Centre. This \$500,000 investment will provide additional consulting rooms, increase appointment availability and create opportunities to host GP trainees, allied health professionals and nurses on the East Coast.

We are delivering more access to timely healthcare with the expansion of the role of community pharmacies. This Budget includes just over \$1 million funding to support more than 150 pharmacists to complete additional training, enabling them to treat more common conditions, and a further \$1 million grant program to extend pharmacy opening hours on evenings and weekends.

Ambulance Tasmania responds to around 105,000 incidents each year, playing a critical role in keeping Tasmanians safe and ensuring the health system continues to function effectively.

The 2026-27 Tasmanian Budget delivers \$776.6 million for ambulance services, strengthening emergency care, supporting a skilled workforce and ensuring Tasmanians can rely on fast, high-quality care when they need it most.

The Budget increases access to life-saving breast screening across Tasmania, with a major \$30.8 million funding boost including the delivery and operation of the new Tasmanian Breast Care Centre and four new permanent breast screening clinics, prioritising early detection.

We are delivering a strong economy and caring community by investing in the frontline health services Tasmanians need and expect, including investing \$1.47 billion into community health representing our strong support for our regions.

The 2026-27 Budget continues the Government's long-term plan to strengthen Tasmania's health system, improve access to care and deliver the services Tasmanians need, closer to home.



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**\$1.47 billion into  
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for ambulance services**

# Delivering modern health infrastructure

The 2026-27 Budget continues major investment in hospital and health infrastructure across Tasmania.

The capital investment program includes more than \$844 million to deliver new and existing projects across the State.

In the North, the Budget invests over \$364 million in the Launceston General Hospital Redevelopment, including Stage 1 and Stage 2 works, and the Mental Health Precinct, and the Northern Health Complex.

Work is also continuing on the dedicated Launceston Hospice, which will provide hospice and respite care for people with life-limiting conditions and their families and carers.

In the North West, the Budget provides funding for upgrades to the North West Regional Hospital, including \$14.3 million for an expanded ambulance drop-off area and Emergency Department expansion, as well as a new \$40 million Mental Health Precinct providing a safe and supportive 22-bed mental health inpatient unit to replace the Spencer Clinic.

In the South, investment continues in the Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment – Expanded Stage 2, including \$126.7 million to deliver more treatment points and improved patient care spaces in the Emergency Department.

The Budget also supports the Royal Hobart Hospital Pharmacy Redevelopment, cardiology angiography works, and the new Diagnostic Breast Imaging Clinic which is now operational.

Funding is allocated to provide a contemporary Older Persons Mental Health facility at St Johns Park to replace the Roy Fagan Centre. This facility will better cater for older people with mental illness and complex dementia.

Our Government is delivering a strong economy and caring community by investing in the health infrastructure Tasmania needs for decades to come.



## North

- ✔ New **TassieDoc clinics**;
- ✔ New **multistorey car park** and **expanded Emergency Department** at the **LGH**;
- ✔ State-of-the-art **Northern Heart Centre**;
- ✔ A new, dedicated **hospice and respite care facility**;
- ✔ Upgrades to the **Kings Meadows Community Health Centre**; and
- ✔ New **ambulance stations** at **Legana** and **Longford**.

## North-West

- ✔ New **TassieDoc clinics**;
- ✔ An expanded **NWRH Emergency Department** and **ambulance drop-off area**;
- ✔ A brand new, dedicated **Mental Health Precinct** at the **NWRH**;
- ✔ A new **mental health hub** in **Devonport**;
- ✔ A new **ambulance station** on **King Island**; and
- ✔ Upgrades to the **West Coast District Hospital** to improve access to **aged care services**.

## South

- ✔ New **TassieDoc clinics**;
- ✔ Expanded **Emergency Department**, redeveloped **Pharmacy**, and increased **cardiology** and **angiography** services at the **RHH**;
- ✔ A new **Public Diagnostic Breast Care Centre**;
- ✔ Upgrades to the **Kingston Community Health Centre**; and
- ✔ New **ambulance stations** at **Snug** and **Cygnnet**.

# Strengthening mental health and wellbeing support

Boosting access to mental health and wellbeing services is a key focus of the Tasmanian Government's health investment.

The Budget includes more than \$1 billion of funding for mental health services.

This includes our investment in new mental health beds at St Johns Park, \$120,000 for Perinatal Mental Health graduate positions based at Gidget House services across the State, and \$20 million to deliver greater mental health services for young Tasmanians, including expanding Youth Mental Health Hospital in the Home to the North.

The Budget also delivers a \$7.6 million investment in the new Devonport Mental Health Hub, which will offer a Safe Haven, Recovery College and Integration Hub in the North West.

Support for community-based organisations continues, including services delivered through a \$6.9 million investment in Rural Alive and Well, \$1.3 million for Lifeline Tasmania, \$898,000 for Cancer Council Tasmania, \$742,000 for Bapcare, \$140,000 for Huntington's Australia, \$330,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association of Tasmania, \$960,000 for Mental Health Council of Tasmania, \$840,000 for Youth Live4Life and several other community sector partners.

*Tasmanian Breast Care Centre, Hobart*

## North

- ✔ A new **Mental Health Precinct** at the **LGH**, including a 30-bed inpatient unit, a five-bed short stay unit, a Recovery College, and a Safe Haven; and
- ✔ Expanding the **Youth Mental Health Hospital in the Home** service in the North.

## North-West

- ✔ A new **Mental Health Precinct** at the **North West Regional Hospital** providing a safe and supportive 22-bed mental health inpatient unit to replace the current Spencer Clinic; and
- ✔ A new **Mental Health Hub** in **Devonport** including a Safe Haven, Recovery College and Integration Hub.

## South

- ✔ Construction of a **Health and Wellbeing Precinct** at **St Johns Park**, which will include:
  - » 15 **short stay mental health beds**, a **Mental Health Integration Hub**, and a **Safe Haven**;
  - » A state-wide **Tasmanian Eating Disorder Service**, including a 12-bed Inpatient Unit;
  - » A 12-bed stand-alone **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Unit and Day Centre**;
  - » A contemporary **Older Persons Mental Health facility** for older people with mental illness and complex dementia; and
  - » Establishment of a new **Intensive Residential Parenting Unit** to support mothers experiencing postnatal challenges.

## Supporting Tasmanians, where and when they need it

More than \$650 million is being invested in community organisations across the State as part of the 2026-27 Budget.

Tasmania's community sector provides significant services to support individuals, families and communities, and our Government is backing them.

This Budget delivers \$46 million for 32 Neighbourhood Houses, as well as \$6 million for the Neighbourhood Houses Capital Improvement Program and almost \$2 million for Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania Inc. Neighbourhood Houses support Tasmanians all across the State, delivering services, programs and a safe space.

The Tasmanian Government has delivered the Building Food Resilient Communities: Tasmania's Food Resilience Strategy 2025-2031, Valuing Our Volunteers: Tasmania's Volunteering Strategy 2025-2030, and Our Inclusive Island: Tasmania's LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2025-2030 to respond to the aspirations and challenges of our communities and show the path ahead.

We have launched Tasmania's Multicultural Action Plan 2025-2029: Embracing Diversity, Fostering Belonging, which is backed by funding for the Multicultural Council of Tasmania, the Migrant Resource Centre and Welcome Cultural Services in the North.

The Government is establishing a Ministerial Multicultural Advisory Group – a first for Tasmania.

Across Government in health, mental health and wellbeing, housing, domestic and family violence, the investments in the community services sector reinforce our commitment to inclusive, cohesive and resilient communities across Tasmania.

### Key initiatives

- ✔ \$4.8 million into Tasmanian Council of Social Service;
- ✔ \$1.3 million into Foodbank of Tasmania;
- ✔ \$230,000 into Glenhaven Family Care;
- ✔ \$845,644 into Hobart City Mission;
- ✔ \$6.7 million into Launceston City Mission;
- ✔ \$4.2 million into Lifeline Tasmania;
- ✔ \$806,966 into Multicultural Council of Tasmania;
- ✔ \$660,500 into Tasmanian Men's Shed Association;
- ✔ \$941,154 into Youth Network of Tasmania; and
- ✔ \$2.1 million into Volunteering Tasmania.

### This Budget delivers strong investment in community health services, including:

- ✔ \$31.9 million to Anglicare Tasmania;
- ✔ \$9.4 million to Baptcare;
- ✔ \$401,679 to Beyond Blue;
- ✔ \$8.7 million to Cancer Council of Tasmania;
- ✔ \$2.4 million to Colony 47;
- ✔ \$7.5 million to Community Transport Services Tasmania;
- ✔ \$9.4 million to Family Based Care Association North West;
- ✔ \$8.2 million to Family Planning Tasmania;
- ✔ \$4.7 million into Life Without Barriers;
- ✔ \$4.7 million for the Mental Health Council of Tasmania; and
- ✔ \$17 million into Richmond Futures.

# More homes for those who need them

The Tasmanian Government's 2026-27 Budget continues to deliver more homes for more Tasmanians.

We have reached almost 50 per cent of our target to deliver 10,000 more social and affordable homes by 2032. The 2026-27 Budget provides over \$900 million over the next four years in housing to ensure we continue to deliver.

This investment means putting and keeping roofs over the heads of Tasmanians and support across the spectrum of housing need, from crisis accommodation, social or affordable housing or owning their own home.

Our Government recognises that our nation, and the world, are facing turbulent times. This is having an impact at home and as the cost of living rises, so too does demand on services.

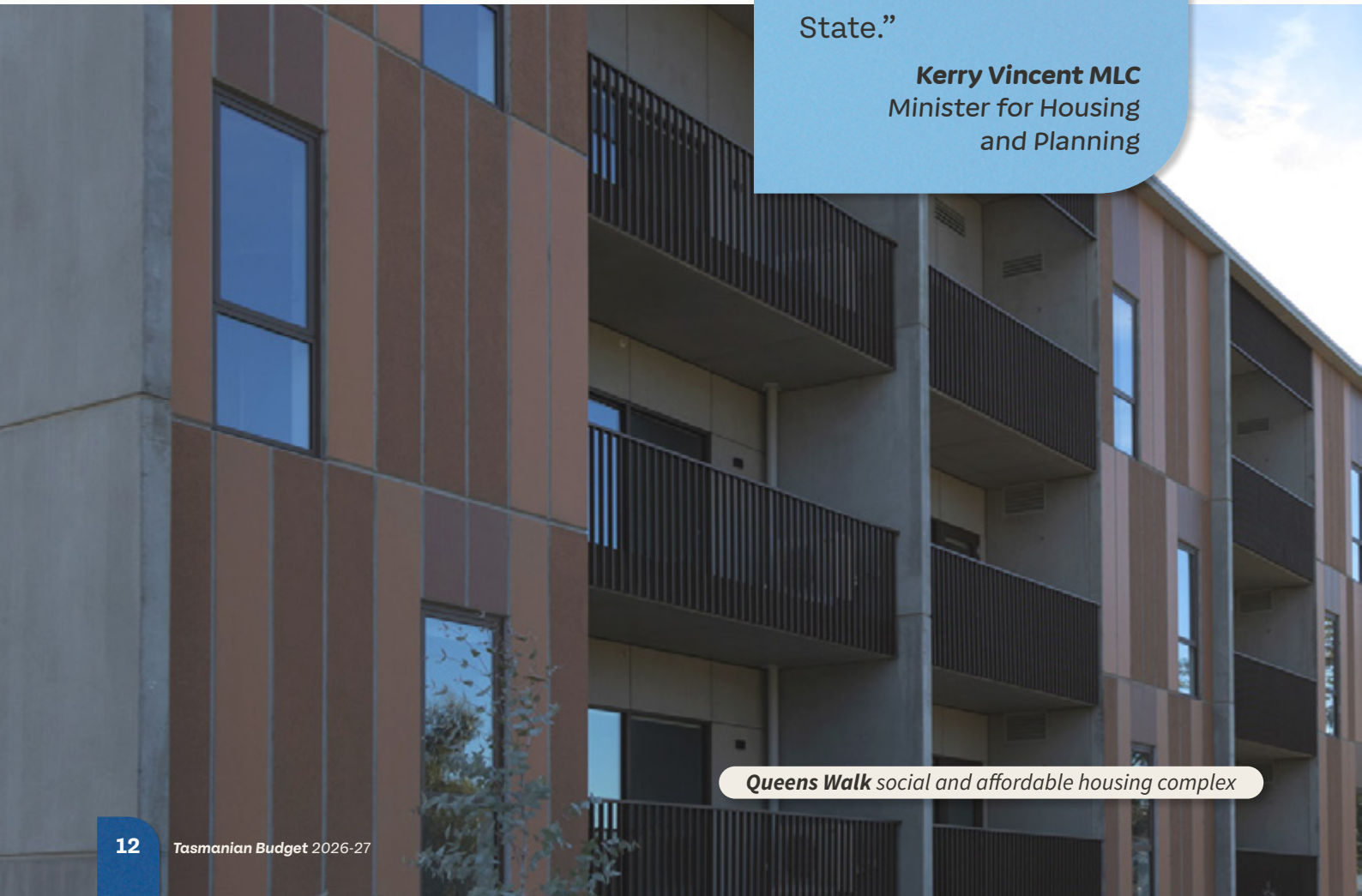
The Budget includes continued investment in supporting our most in-need cohorts, with over \$50 million per year invested in specialist homelessness services. This will continue to ensure housing is not just a roof overhead, but a foundation for safety, stability, and community participation.

This investment in the 2026-27 Budget will ensure key support services like Bethlehem House, Youth2Independence, Karinya House and shelters across the state can continue their valuable work supporting Tasmanians most in need.



“Building Tasmania will supercharge the delivery of infrastructure and homes across the State.”

**Kerry Vincent MLC**  
Minister for Housing  
and Planning



*Queens Walk social and affordable housing complex*

# Supporting more Tasmanians realise the dream of home ownership

The Budget continues to support first home buyers, through the First Home Owner Grant and our MyHome shared equity scheme.

Since June 2020, almost 3,350 First Home Owner Grants totalling in excess of \$80 million, have been delivered, assisting thousands more Tasmanians into their very first home and increasing our housing stock.

This Budget continues to support our home builders with the First Home Owner Grant, providing \$20,000 towards building their own home.

The MyHome shared equity program has demonstrated a strong uptake with over 1,060 MyHome mortgages entered, assisting over 2,830 Tasmanians into homeownership since July 2022.

Supply is key to easing pressure on housing across the State, and the Government will continue to pursue important planning reform to make it easier to get more homes built sooner.



Delivering a **\$20,000 First Home Owner Grant** to help more Tasmanians build their dream home, increase supply and stimulate the construction industry.



Support eligible Tasmanians to **buy a home**, valued up to \$800,000, with as little as a **2 per cent deposit** through the **MyHome Shared Equity Program**.



Unlock land at **Dowsing Point** to deliver **1,000 homes** for Tasmanians.

## Building a better education system

Education is the most powerful driver for improving economic and social outcomes in Tasmania, which is why the 2026–27 Budget includes \$5.4 billion for in-school education, supporting students, teachers and school communities across Tasmania.

We have increased our investment in education year-on-year, delivering an overall budget increase of 71 per cent since 2014.

Our investment in education and school infrastructure over the next four years is \$327.8 million, delivering transformational upgrades for students, teachers and the community.

New and improved facilities supports student learning by delivering modern and fit-for-purpose environments.

Our Government's Teacher Residences Program continues, constructing and upgrading teacher residences across regional and remote Tasmania, ensuring our educators have access to quality housing in the communities they serve.

Our Healthy School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs are ensuring students have full tummies and are ready for a day of learning.

Schools have reported students are more engaged and ready for the day once they've eaten a nutritious meal.

Good nutrition and learning go hand-in-hand, and these programs deliver for Tasmanian students by giving them the energy they need to succeed while supporting families with cost of living pressures.

The Tasmanian Government's \$188 million School Building Blitz is delivering significant improvements to 15 schools across the State

- ✓ Burnie Primary School
- ✓ Campbell Town District High School
- ✓ Clarence High School
- ✓ Deloraine High School
- ✓ Dodges Ferry Primary School
- ✓ East Derwent Primary School
- ✓ Havenview Primary School
- ✓ Lindisfarne North Primary School
- ✓ Mowbray Heights Primary School
- ✓ Port Dalrymple School
- ✓ Princes Street Primary School
- ✓ Ringarooma Primary School
- ✓ Risdon Vale Primary School
- ✓ Rosetta Primary School
- ✓ South George Town Primary School

*Exeter High School*



## Growing our pipeline of Tasmanian teachers and setting them up for success

The Tasmanian Government is strengthening support for teachers to help them succeed in the classroom, because we know students thrive when their teachers feel confident, safe and ready to teach.

The 2026-2027 Budget provides \$15.5 million for the implementation of the Violence in Schools – Keeping Staff Safe 2026-28 Action Plan.

This three year plan will establish a Learning and Support Hub in two primary schools to provide safe, personalised support for children with highly complex physical and support needs.

It will also support 20 schools through two professional learning networks, provide funding for Teacher Assistants to participate in targeted professional learning, deliver training in safe intervention and facilitate workshops with colleges to improve flexible learning options.



This Budget also delivers more than \$8.5 million for the Change2Teaching pilot program, developed in partnership with the University of Tasmania to strengthen Tasmania's teacher workforce and support our schools.

The pilot will support mid-career Tasmanians to bring their real-world experience and skills from other industries into the classroom, contributing to the pipeline of highly qualified classroom ready teachers.

## Lifting literacy and numeracy for all Tasmanians

The Tasmanian Government is investing more than \$16.7 million to continue improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all Tasmanians as part of its long term vision for change across the State.

We have an aspirational goal of 100 per cent literacy – so that all Tasmanians have the right support to reach their full potential.

As part of the Government's approach, the 2026-2027 Budget will continue to invest in supercharging literacy resources and support in schools, delivering improved education outcomes and ensuring every teacher and leader feels confident, capable and supported to drive transformational change through the Lifting Literacy initiative.

This Budget is getting the balance right, with funding to lift numeracy outcomes by strengthening mathematics teaching and delivering on the election commitment that all Prep to Year 6 students will receive one hour of structured numeracy each day by 2027.

This work will be supported through a systematic, explicit, evidence based approach focused on building workforce capability, providing instructional materials, ensuring consistent screening and assessment, and emphasising early years learning and family engagement.



Hop on a **bus or ferry** at **no cost**

**Public transport free** for another year

## Free public transport to get Tasmanians moving

Free public transport has seen Tasmanians hopping on buses and ferries in exciting numbers.

There has been almost a 30 per cent uptick in patronage reported by public transport providers around the State.

This is incredibly positive – and the 2026-27 Budget has locked in free public transport for another year.

To support our ever-expanding public transport network, the 2026-27 Budget invests in ferry terminals, bus stops and strong service delivery to keep Tasmania moving.

Working in partnership with new transport models like Hobart's future Rapid Bus Network, increased ferry access will be a big win.

To support this, we are investing \$5 million into Hobart's ferry network to facilitate upgrades. Work to upgrade the Bellerive terminal will begin shortly and work to deliver terminals along the Derwent are progressing.

We are making the savings needed, whilst continuing to deliver the services and build the transport infrastructure Tasmania must have now, and for the future.

Launceston Airport continues to soar to new heights, with this Budget investing \$1 million to trial a Skybus to the city – backing this airport in as it sees tourist numbers grow.

Public transport is vitally important for Tasmanians, and that's why we are making it free to travel.



*The Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub in Mowbray*

## Keeping Tasmanians active

Our Government is delivering sport and community infrastructure across the State to build a healthier Tasmania.

The 2026-27 Budget invests almost \$200 million through sport and recreation initiatives, investments, subsidies and capital investment.

We are delivering a strong economy and caring community, with this investment driving improved access and participation in sport.

Our Government is ensuring people of all ages have access to high-quality facilities and opportunities to stay active and connected.

We have made targeted investments since coming to Government in 2014, delivering more social and sporting opportunities than ever before for Tasmanians of all ages.

More young Tasmanians have been supported to stay active through our Ticket to Play program.

We are also supporting older Tasmanians to participate in sport and recreation through the expansion of Ticket to Wellbeing. The Budget includes \$3.6 million to ensure this highly successful program continues over the next two years.

We want sport and active recreation to be more accessible, enabling Tasmanians to continue playing the sport they love. The Budget delivers just that.

- ✔ **\$12.5 million** for the **New Town Bay** project to deliver **four new multipurpose indoor sporting courts**;
- ✔ Additional **\$25 million** investment in **community sporting infrastructure** at **Kingborough**;
- ✔ Additional **\$2.1 million** for **Elphin Sports Centre** improvements;
- ✔ **\$350,000** to support **Football Tasmania's** business case to find a **future home of football**;
- ✔ **\$119,000** for **Invermay Park's** new **electronic scoreboard**;
- ✔ **\$2.25 million** for **Cricket Tasmania's Centre of Excellence**;
- ✔ **Ticket to Wellbeing** program funding increased to **\$1.8 million** per year;
- ✔ Investing **\$8 million** in the **Domain Tennis Centre**;
- ✔ Extending the **Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grant Program** until 2029;
- ✔ **\$300,000** for improvements to the **Burnie Surf Life Saving Club's clubroom**; and
- ✔ **\$750,000** to develop the **Tasmanian Community Sporting Infrastructure Plan**.

## Keeping our community safe

With our nation, and the world, facing turbulent times, the Tasmanian Government is investing \$1.37 billion in public safety to keep our community safe as part of the 2026-27 Budget.

As part of our Government's response to the tragic Bondi terror attack, we are cracking down on criminals in possession of illegal firearms and implementing a nation-leading firearm buyback scheme.

Accelerating the National Firearms Register is a priority for our Government, with Tasmania one of the leading jurisdictions on current milestones.

Tasmania has an establishment of a record 1,459 officers on the beat, with an extra 79 police joining in the past 12 months.

We've rolled out hundreds of metal detection wands across the state to take more dangerous weapons off our streets. Since 1 January 2026, more than 5,300 wand searches have occurred across the State, resulting in 105 knives and weapons being detected and 30 dangerous weapons seized.

Our police on the beat put their lives on the line every day they go to work, and our Government is investing \$748,000 to roll out new body-worn cameras and protection vests to give our officers greater confidence to go about their day, and keep Tasmanians safe.

Up to 50 frontline officers will be trained in the use of tasers as part of a \$650,000 12 month trial, providing greater safety in high-risk situations and bringing Tasmania in line with all other Australian jurisdictions.



Targeted crime-fighting taskforces such as Artemis and Raven help crack down on criminals and keep our community safe. This Budget delivers more than \$265.8 million to investigate crime and continue this important work.

Tasmania's search and rescue capability will be strengthened with a new electro optical infrared camera to significantly improve detection in low light, night time and poor weather conditions. This technological boost will see faster location of missing persons and vessels, more accurate tasking of ground and marine assets, and reduced risk to crews.

This will increase the likelihood of positive outcomes when every minute matters.

The capability forms part of a \$41.9 million investment in a new rescue helicopter service contract, including a new southern airbase at Cambridge Aerodrome.

We opened the new Arch Burnie, the third centre of its kind in the State, delivering wraparound, trauma-informed support services for victims of sexual violence in the North West.

Our Government is delivering modern rostering for Police, with Project Horizon underway. A proof of concept is expected in late 2026, with a focus on improving officer safety, fatigue management, roster compliance, and workforce reporting.

We are investing in community safety, reflecting our clear and ongoing commitment to delivering for all Tasmanians. By equipping frontline officers with the best tools, training and infrastructure available, and ensuring victims of crime and violence have access to wraparound support, the Government is building a safer, more resilient State.

These measures demonstrate that when it comes to protecting Tasmanian families and communities, this Government will always back those on the frontline.

### Strengthening Tasmania's search and rescue capability



### New emergency service hubs at Rosebery, Wynyard and Kingston

### Upgrading the State Emergency Service vehicle fleet



*Job Ready Program, Risdon Prison Complex*

## Strengthening Justice

The 2026-27 Budget delivers significant additional resourcing right across the justice and corrections systems.

We are investing in supporting and growing the capacity of critical parts of our justice system to ensure we are protecting Tasmanians and keeping them safe.

The 2026-27 Budget includes an additional \$8.2 million funding over four years for the Magistrates Court, \$4 million over four years for the Tasmanian Administrative and Civil Tribunal, \$110 million over four years for the Tasmania Prison Service, \$9.6 million over four years for Community Corrections, and \$3.5 million over four years for Crown Law.

We are continuing to deliver on important initiatives, including \$2 million funding for Tasmania Legal Aid, the construction of a new Burnie Court Complex, and the construction of a new Maximum-Security Unit at Risdon Prison including a new drug and alcohol treatment facility.

Our Government is delivering a strong economy and caring community.

Helping to right the wrongs of the past, the Budget establishes the Tasmanian Government’s nation leading Historic Forced Adoptions Redress Scheme.

Our Government continues to invest in strengthening integrity, with the Budget delivering substantial additional funding of \$2 million over four years for the Integrity Commission.

As part of our strong commitment to deliver the 191 recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry, we are investing additional funding into the Office of the National Preventative Mechanism and the Custodial Inspector.

This will support both offices in implementing a number of recommendations.

The 2026-27 Budget supports the Government’s ongoing law reform process, which includes major legislative reforms on family violence, integrity, removing good character references in sentencing, and implementing further recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.

The Tasmanian Government is getting the balance right and strengthening Tasmania’s justice system.

## Getting you home sooner, and safer

Roads are a part of everyday life. Tasmanians use them to get to work, education and everything in between.

They are key economic enablers moving freight, they deliver safe access to our tourism hot spots and keep our cities and regions moving every single day.

The 2026-27 Budget will invest \$1.7 billion into Tasmania's roads and bridges across the State over the next four years. This makes up almost half our infrastructure investment.

This investment will fund key safety upgrades, with the Community Safety Grants Program supported through this budget.

Across the state, iconic corridors like the Great Eastern Drive support freight, locals and tourism while connecting our regions. The 2026-27 Budget ensures these roads are not only maintained but improved.

Stage 2 of the Northern Roads Package is continued through the 2026-27 Budget. A total of \$84 million will be invested for the projects, including upgrades on the East Tamar Highway, West Tamar Highway and Bass Highway to support increased heavy vehicle movement and improved safety for all road users.

### *West Tamar Highway*

In the State's south, major investment is planned for the Arthur Highway, with \$71 million in improvements committed over the next four years and the South East Traffic Solution, which will see \$87.7 million invested over the same period between Sorell and the Hobart Airport interchange on the Tasman Highway.

In the North West priority safety projects are supported through the 2026-27 Budget, with a \$145 million investment in place to support the Bass Highway Devonport to Launceston Corridor Strategy.

This Budget delivers a strong economy and caring community. It ensures our roads are safely moving freight, Tasmanians and visitors alike from A to B as efficiently as possible.

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East Traffic Solution,**  
between Sorell and the  
Hobart Airport interchange  
on the **Tasman Highway.**



### ✓ Algona Interchange and Kingston Bypass

Deliver safety and congestion improvements, including a new highway overpass with on-off ramps to replace the Algona Road roundabout;

### ✓ Brooker/Domain Highway Interchange

Planning will be undertaken to assess and develop options for upgrading and improving this challenging intersection;

### ✓ Devonport to Cradle Mountain Corridor

The Cradle Mountain/Lake St Clair National Park attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists per year, with this project delivering improvements along the primary tourist route;

### ✓ West Tamar Highway

Upgrades are progressing between Freshwater Point Road and Acropolis Drive, Legana, as well as the Bridgenorth Road;

### ✓ East Tamar Highway

This important freight, tourist and local route will undergo improvements to increase capacity; safer access; provision for heavy vehicles; public and active transport facilities; and improved road surfaces;

### ✓ Huon Highway Corridor

Targeted upgrades on the Huon Highway from Kingston to Southport will improve safety and deliver a consistent driving environment;

### ✓ Lyell Highway Corridor

Planning work is underway to identify and prioritise improvement opportunities on the Lyell Highway, including the most heavily travelled section between Granton and New Norfolk.

### ✓ Midland Highway Corridor

This transformative plan started construction in 2015 and has delivered 143 kilometres of the upgraded highway. The final stage is the improvements between Campbell Town and Cleveland.

### ✓ Rokeby Stage 3 Pass Road to Oakdowns

Improve traffic congestion, travel time reliability, and road safety for eastern shore communities.

### ✓ Stanley Highway Tourism Upgrades

The Stanley Highway leads to some of the state's most iconic tourist destinations, and this project will complete upgrades to improve safety and the visitor experience.

### ✓ Tasman Highway Corridor

Current works on the Great Eastern Drive around Apsley, Triabunna and Lisdillon include road widening, creating an overtaking lane and corner realignments to reduce crashes.

### ✓ Bass Highway Corridor

Improve safety and maintain the important link between the North West, the North and the rest of Tasmania.

### ✓ Arthur Highway Corridor

The project will deliver a safe, efficient, reliable and consistent travel experience by providing increased overtaking opportunities and improving the tourism driving experience.

### ✓ South East Traffic Solution

Work continues to increase the road capacity from the airport to the Midway Point Causeway as well as duplicating the Midway Point and Sorell causeways.

# Investing in Tasmania's national parks

There is nothing better than taking in Tasmania's fresh air in one of our iconic national parks and reserves.

The 2026-27 Budget ensures Tasmanians and visitors will be able to continue to enjoy these special places for generations to come.

This Budget invests \$116 million into managing and preserving our world-class areas, with \$52.9 million for the capital investment program.

We're making it easier to enjoy Tasmania's favourite camping spots with \$1.25 million invested in a modern, user friendly online booking system for campsites, walks, tours and parks passes to streamline the visitor experience.

The Tasmanian Government is delivering new nature-based experiences, with the \$40 million Next Iconic Walk progressing. Once constructed, it'll offer a 31-kilometre Tyndall Ranges track including overnight accommodation, day shelters and associated infrastructure.

We are delivering a strong economy and caring community by investing in our visitor economy and national parks.

- ✔ **\$800,000** to deliver a new Management Plan for **Ben Lomond National Park**;
- ✔ **Priority upgrades to tracks and visitor infrastructure** to support year round recreation;
- ✔ **\$700,000** investment in the **bushfire winning program**;
- ✔ **Improving camping areas and better access** for motorhomes, caravans and trailers at **Cockle Creek**;
- ✔ **\$11.57 million** to manage and maintain **Crown Land assets and structures**;
- ✔ **Improving disability access** in our **Parks and Reserves** with **\$1 million** investment;
- ✔ **\$840,000** for the **Peri-Urban Deer Program**;
- ✔ **\$3.68 million** to deliver the **Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens'** biggest upgrade in its history;
- ✔ **Upgrading ageing boardwalks and bridges** at **Tamar Island Wetlands**; and
- ✔ Delivering stage 2 of the **Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen Revitalisation** works.

*Dove Lake viewing shelter*



## Protecting Tasmania's pristine environment

Tasmania has built a global reputation on its pristine environment and our Government is investing \$114 million in environmental management across the Budget and Forward Estimates.

The 2026-27 Budget continues to deliver practical action to protect the natural environment making Tasmania unique, while supporting strong communities, regional jobs and a sustainable future.

Caring for Tasmania's natural values and land resources is a priority for the Government, with the Budget delivering \$53 million for natural values management.

This supports sustainable use and conservation through a variety of community engagement actions including the Natural Values Atlas.

We are protecting the places and species that make Tasmania special, while building a strong economy and a sustainable future for generations to come.

The Budget is delivering a strong economy and caring community.

- ✔ More than **\$27 million** for **threatened species management and recovery programs**, with funding to support on-ground conservation, habitat restoration, species monitoring and targeted recovery actions.
- ✔ **\$12 million** to continue the internationally recognised marine and Antarctic research at the **University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies**.
- ✔ The 2026-27 Budget also supports upgrades to **EPA's statewide air monitoring network**, improving the quality of environmental data and health advisory alerts for smoke and pollution events.
- ✔ Work will also continue to develop the **Marine Environment Tasmania Act**.



*Maugean skate facility at IMAS Tarooma*

## Taking tourism to the next level

Tasmania's tourism industry is world-class and world-renowned. It supports one in six Tasmanian jobs, with visitors injecting \$3.7 billion into our economy each year, helping fund our hospitals, schools and roads.

Tasmania welcomed a record 1.386 million visitors in 2025, which is a 5.8 per cent increase year-on-year.

The 2026-2027 Budget ensures we continue to drive visitation to our State, while giving us room to handle the challenges ahead. It recognises our nation - and the world - are facing turbulent times. But Tasmania is well positioned as a safe, trusted and highly regarded destination.

This Budget is keeping our economy strong by backing in jobs, business and economic growth.

Guided by our 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy, the Tasmanian Government is sustainably growing the visitor economy by strategically investing in events, infrastructure and upskilling staff.

Not only are more visitors coming to Tasmania, but they are also spending more per trip and per night, which is why we are backing the visitor economy workforce to upskill and grow. This Budget includes a \$2.55 million investment in our greatest asset – the workers - by supporting more training through the Tasmanian Hospitality and Tourism Training Academy.

This will enable the organisation to deliver industry-led training particularly in our regions, grow workforce attraction and build the profile of the industry.

Since Come Down For Air first launched in October 2019, awareness of Tasmania as a holiday destination has risen by 12 percentage points.

Last year, the Off Season campaign was strengthened with the launch of Winternships. The campaign invited Australians to apply for unique winter experiences across Tasmania, further promoting the State as a must-visit winter destination.



More than 13,400 applications were received, driving about 90,000 unique visitors to the Discover Tasmania website, and achieved a global media reach of 337 million.

In a highly saturated market, we must continue to be competitive and stand out from the crowd. That's why this Budget includes \$82 million for tourism marketing.

Our Government is investing in growing Tasmania's reputation as a year-round destination.

Business events play a critical role in this reputation. We are continuing to support this high-yielding visitor sector through additional funding to the Business Events Attraction Fund.

We are backing future growth for this sector by investing \$10 million in a new convention centre in Launceston, which will generate many additional visitor nights, delivering significant flow on benefits for hotels, hospitality, retail and tourism operators.

Through our Aviation Attraction Fund, we have delivered new direct routes from Hobart to Newcastle and Launceston to Canberra. We are committed to attracting new international flight routes, expanding the State's visitor economy and giving Tasmanians more choice when travelling.



Winter Feast, Dark Mofo 2025

## Boosting the visitor economy through hospitality and events

A strong hospitality and events sector is at the core of our visitor economy, and the 2026-2027 Budget ensures it continues to be resilient and well positioned for the future.

Tasmania's major events are continuing to deliver strong outcomes for the State's economy, attracting thousands of visitors and generating millions in spending.

This Budget ensures we continue support for our visitor economy with \$98.8 million invested in tourism, hospitality and events.

With one in six Tasmanian jobs supported by tourism and hospitality, it is critical we continue to grow Tasmania's reputation as a year-round destination.

Iconic events supported through the Budget include Dark Mofo, Festivale, The Unconformity, the ECHO Festival, and the Taste of Summer, as well as innovative off-season and shoulder season events across the State.

Government support for events plays an important role in showcasing Tasmania's regions, culture, food, sport, and visitor experiences.

For every dollar contributed by the Tasmanian Government to support the 155 events delivered in 2024-25, the return on investment was 5:1.

Event and festival visitors are among Tasmania's highest-value visitors, typically spending more per day and staying longer than the average visitor.

The Tasmanian Government recognises the important role Hospitality Tasmania plays in strengthening and supporting the state's hospitality sector, including workforce capability, business development, and industry sustainability.

The Government has committed significant multi-year funding to support key industry initiatives that focus on long-term sector growth, workforce development, customer experience, and industry wellbeing.

### Key initiatives supported through this investment include:

- ✔ **\$2.4 million** for **Hospitality 2030** supporting the long-term **growth and future planning of the hospitality sector**;
- ✔ **\$3 million** for the **Great Customer Experience** program helping **businesses enhance service standards and visitor experiences**;
- ✔ **\$1.5 million** for the **Clubs Tasmania** program supporting **Tasmania's club sector and local community organisations**; and
- ✔ **\$1.5 million** for **Women in Leadership, Mental Health** and **HOSPO Health** initiatives **strengthening leadership pathways and improving wellbeing outcomes** across the industry.



## Growing our agriculture industry

Tasmania's primary producers are the backbone of our economy, and our Government is supporting the industry with \$195 million in funding across the 2026-27 Budget.

As we work with farmers and agribusiness to develop a new long-term agriculture strategy, the Tasmanian Government is investing to support continuous growth across our agriculture industry.

The 2026-27 Budget delivers \$1.6 million for the Strategic Industry Partnership Program, which supports industry projects and drives growth across the sector as we continue to work towards our annual farmgate target value of \$10 billion by 2050.

A \$750,000 investment in the Agriculture Research and Development Fund boosts our capacity for innovation across the industry, backing in Tasmania's primary producers as early-adopters of new and emerging technologies.

This Budget recognises our nation, and the world, are facing turbulent times. It ensures our economy continues to be strong, resilient and well positioned for the future.

To further future-proof the agriculture industry, the 2026-27 Budget invests in our next generations of farmers, delivering \$450,000 over three years to TasFarmers to connect young Tasmanians with careers in agriculture. Backing in those who put food on the table for so many, the Tasmanian Government is delivering a range of supports for our farmers and agribusinesses as they deal with the impacts of global events.

The 2026-27 Budget provides \$630,000 for the Farm Business Resilience program and Regional Drought Resilience Planning program, strengthening the capability and wellbeing of the agricultural sector.

This is further supported through a \$134,000 investment in the Rural Financial Counselling Service, providing primary producers free, independent financial guidance.

Importantly, ongoing funding for Rural Alive and Well will ensure the continued delivery of mental health services for the sector.

Our Government recognises the State's agricultural land is a significant asset. Building on the more than \$6.4 million invested by this government since 2014 to tackle serious invasive weeds, the 2026-27 Budget invests an additional \$90,000 in the Weeds Action Fund program.

This work is bolstered by an additional \$2.3 million investment in our Natural Resource Management bodies.

Keeping the water flowing and crops growing, Tasmanian Irrigation is investing \$392.9 million to continue delivery of its Tranche 3 irrigation program, including works associated with the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme; Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation; and the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme.

As part of our ongoing \$163 million investment in biosecurity, we are raising awareness and ensuring better farm protections against pests and diseases, with the Budget including \$125,000 for TasFarmers to enhance on-farm biosecurity engagement.

Importantly, the 2026-27 Budget invests \$750,000 for the delivery of the Wild Fallow Deer Management Plan, bolstered by an additional \$840,000 to tackle wild fallow deer numbers in peri-urban areas across the state.

The Tasmanian Government is continuing to make sure people do the right thing on our waters, investing \$639,000 over the next four years for fisheries compliance and enforcement checks.

To help tackle the issues under the water, the 2026-27 Budget injects \$1 million into the Abalone Industry Reinvestment Fund, supporting efforts to control the invasive long-spined sea urchin and ensure sustainability across the Abalone industry, bringing the total investment in this initiative since its inception to over \$9 million.

## Honouring our veterans

Tasmania has a long and proud history of military service, and the Tasmanian Government will always support those who answer the call to serve.

The 2026-27 Budget invests \$983,000 across Veterans' Affairs, delivering a range of supports for those who stepped up to defend our nation, their families, and the organisations that represent them.

Our Government recognises that our veterans are highly trained and skilled professionals. That's why we continue to invest in the Veterans' Employment Strategy with \$144,000 in the Budget to remove barriers, recognise Defence-acquired skills and create meaningful employment for our veterans.

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to improving the mental and physical wellbeing of our veteran community, investing \$100,000 for the continued delivery of our response to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans' Suicide.

Building on this work, the 2026-27 Budget invests in the continuation of the Veterans' Wellbeing Voucher Program. Since its launch in 2022, the program has proven highly successful in helping veterans participate in health and wellbeing activities, with over 168 sporting organisations, recreation clubs and gyms participating.

We continue to honour our veterans through existing grant funding programs held in the name of heroic Tasmanian War Veterans. This includes the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize, giving young Tasmanians a unique opportunity to stand where the ANZAC legend was born, the Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program, and the continuation of the Cameron Baird Scholarship Program.

Our Government is building a strong economy and caring community, with the 2026-27 Budget continuing support for the legacy of our Veterans, with funding for Hobart and Launceston Legacy and the Eternal Flame.

Ongoing funding is also delivered for RSL Tasmania, the Veterans' Reference Group, the Premier's State Reception and service delivery support.

## Backing business

The Tasmanian Government is investing in our small businesses to ensure they continue to grow, invest and create jobs.

With over 42,000 small businesses in Tasmania, making up 97 per cent of all businesses, they are the backbone of our economy, especially in rural and regional areas.

With the next Small Business Growth Strategy currently under development, the Budget continues the Government's investment in services supporting small businesses, including the Tasmanian Business Advice Service and New Business Support Service.

The Business Tasmania website has been refreshed and includes free, personalised and independent one-on-one advisory services.

This includes a variety of resources to support businesses with emergency event preparedness and continuity planning, including the Emergency Ready Business tool, Emergency Preparation Toolkit, a Business Continuity Plan template, and several preparation checklists. The Budget continues support of TCCI and the TSBC, extending the delivery of Government support for small businesses.

The Budget delivers a strong economy and caring community by supporting Tasmanian businesses, manufacturers, producers and growers.

We are investing an additional \$5.5 million in additional funding in the Tasmanian Trade Strategy 2030. This investment recognises the critical role trade plays in strengthening and diversifying our economy, generating new wealth and investment for Tasmania, and contributing to the long-term ambition of \$15 billion in annual exports by 2050.

Our total investment in trade is more than \$30 million over the Budget and Forward Estimates, ensuring our economy remains strong, resilient and well-positioned for the future, despite the turbulent conditions facing the nation and the world.

We are also slashing red tape to ensure businesses can spend more time doing what they love and less time behind a desk.

This includes replacing a slow and inefficient process for our state's electricians and plumbers by developing an online lodgement system for Electrical and gas fitters and developing a single start-up permit.

We're cracking down on scrap metal and copper thefts and working to stop the changes to the National Construction Code to ensure homes are built faster.

## Supporting Tasmanians with disability

The Tasmanian Government is developing stronger communities and delivering meaningful change for Tasmanians with disability.

The 2026–2027 Budget continues to support the implementation of the *Disability Rights, Inclusion and Safeguarding Act 2024*, which will play a critical role in creating a safer and more inclusive Tasmania.

As part of this Act, the Government has established the Office of the Disability Commissioner of Tasmania, providing independent oversight and a strong, dedicated voice to safeguard the rights and wellbeing of Tasmanians with disability.

This Budget delivers a strong economy and caring community, including through our investment in the rollout of Thriving Kids. We are ensuring the delivery of early intervention services for children aged eight and under with developmental delay and/or autism with low to moderate support needs, and their families, carers and kin.

Our Government is committed to supporting Tasmanian students with disability to learn, contribute and fully participate in school life, with planning underway for a new North West Support School campus in Devonport, alongside significant upgrades to the Burnie campus.

## Powering up Tasmania

The Tasmanian Government continues to deliver strong cost of living relief, with over \$56 million in electricity bill concessions in 2026-27, and a total of \$234 million over the Budget and Forward Estimates.

The Energy Retailer Concession, a discount for eligible low-income customers, has increased to approximately \$650 each year, acknowledging the number of households receiving the annual electricity concession and changes in electricity prices.

While Tasmania continues to have the lowest regulated power in the country, we recognise many household budgets are challenged.

In addition, the 2026-27 Budget includes \$450,000 in funding for the Energy Hardship Fund, operated by the Salvation Army.

Delivering more renewable energy will help keep Tasmania's power bills low, which is why we're continuing to invest in the State's next generation of renewables.

We're bringing on the next generation of power and delivering our Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target through the \$14.4 million Renewable Energy Approvals Pathway.

There are also significant energy infrastructure projects in the pipeline. Project Marinus is at the top of the list, with \$169 million outlined in the Budget to fund construction of the North West Transmission Developments project.

### Power bill concessions



We are supporting people with the cost of living through \$50 million in power bill concessions for eligible Tasmanians.

### Next generation of renewables



Project Marinus and the North West Transmission Developments will deliver growth in our economy and lower electricity prices than without it.

**Lemonthyme Power Station**



## Delivering for Bass

- ✓ \$364 million in the Launceston General Hospital Redevelopment, including the Mental Health Precinct and the Northern Health Complex;
- ✓ \$145m for improvements to the Bass Highway – Devonport to Launceston;
- ✓ Upgrades to the East and West Tamar Highway;
- ✓ \$7.5m for Launceston Park and Ride facilities;
- ✓ \$2m for the Launceston and Tamar Valley Traffic Vision to address congestion;
- ✓ Upgrades at South George Town Primary School, Mowbray Heights Primary School and Port Dalrymple School;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Beaconsfield Primary, Invermay Primary, Legana Primary, Port Dalrymple, Ravenswood Primary, and Waverley Primary School;
- ✓ Delivering and progressing upgrades to school playgrounds and sports courts;
- ✓ \$10m for a new purpose-built Launceston Convention Centre;
- ✓ Investing in Therapeutic Services in the Northern Arch Centre;
- ✓ Invest in economy-boosting events, including Festivale, Junctions Arts Festival and the V8 Supercars;

- ✓ \$2.2m to support the Elphin Sports Centre;
- ✓ \$2.5m for the Tamar Island Wetlands Boardwalk replacement; and
- ✓ \$800,000 for a new Management Plan for Ben Lomond National Park and priority upgrades to tracks and visitor infrastructure to support year round recreation.

### Dorset and Flinders Island Regions

- ✓ Improve safety and efficiency as part of the Tasman Highway Sideling upgrades;
- ✓ \$800,000 to deliver an upgrade for the Ringarooma Primary School;
- ✓ Deliver a new Child and Family Learning Centre at Scottsdale;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Bridport Primary, Cape Barren Island Primary, Flinders Island and Winnaleah District High School;
- ✓ \$300,000 to fund the Better Health for Dorset community prevention program;
- ✓ \$250,000 to fund a new Derby Master Plan; and
- ✓ Delivering and progressing upgrades to school playgrounds and sports courts at Flinders Island District High School, Scottsdale High School and Winnaleah District High School.

## Delivering for Braddon

- ✓ \$145m for improvements to the Bass Highway – Devonport to Launceston;
- ✓ \$42m to complete the Wynyard to Marrawah section of the Bass Highway;
- ✓ Finalisation of the \$50m Bass Highway – Cooee to Wynyard, including the completed Cam River Bridge replacement;
- ✓ \$16.6m for the Devonport to Cradle Mountain corridor improvements;
- ✓ Upgrades to the Ridgley and Stanley highways;
- ✓ Redevelop Burnie Primary School, Havenview Primary School and Montello Primary School;
- ✓ \$60.4m for the North-West Support School new Devonport campus and upgrades to the Burnie Campus;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at East Devonport Primary, Havenview Primary, Hillcrest Primary, Montello Primary, Romaine Park Primary, Sassafras Primary, Smithton High, West Ulverstone Primary and Yolla District High School;
- ✓ Deliver a new Child and Family Learning Centre in Smithton;
- ✓ Deliver a new permanent breast screening clinic in Devonport;
- ✓ \$7.6m for the Devonport Mental Health Hub, including a Safe Haven, Recovery College and Integration Hub;
- ✓ \$40m for the North-West Regional Hospital – Mental Health Precinct;
- ✓ \$14.2m for the North-West Regional Hospital upgrade, including an expanded Ambulance drop-off area and Emergency Department expansion;
- ✓ \$69.3m for the construction of the Burnie Court complex;
- ✓ Invest in visitor and walking experiences at the Nut and Dial Range;
- ✓ \$10m for the Wynyard Emergency Services Hub;
- ✓ \$13.5m for the Dial Regional Sports Complex Infrastructure Upgrades Project; and
- ✓ \$311m for three Tranche 3 irrigation schemes including the Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme Augmentation.

## West Coast and King Island

- ✓ \$5.5m to deliver the West Coast District Hospital Stage 2 redevelopment;
- ✓ \$16m to deliver new bulkbilling GP clinics to improve access to primary care, including on the West Coast;
- ✓ Deliver a new ambulance station on King Island;
- ✓ \$900,000 for a CT Scanner on the West Coast to enable access to diagnostic imaging health services;
- ✓ \$36.7m for the West Coast Wilderness Railway;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Mountain Heights and King Island District School;
- ✓ \$7.2m for the maintenance and upgrading of existing tracks in the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area;
- ✓ \$2.3m for the Edge of the World experience at the mouth of the Arthur River;
- ✓ \$33.3m for the Next Iconic multi-day Walk on the West Coast; and
- ✓ \$2m for the Rosebery Emergency Services Hub.

## Delivering for Clark



- ✓ \$75.6m for the Macquarie Point Northern Access Road;
- ✓ \$4m for the interchange improvements at the Brooker Highway/Domain Highway;
- ✓ \$8.2m for the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor planning;
- ✓ \$130m for the Tasman Bridge Pathways project;
- ✓ \$25.5m to finalise the Hobart Southern Outlet Transit Lane project;
- ✓ \$84.1m for the Southern Road Maintenance Contract;
- ✓ Invest in the Derwent Ferry expansion plan and terminal upgrades to Sandy Bay and Wilkinsons Point;
- ✓ \$2m for the Greater Hobart Park and Ride facilities including Claremont;
- ✓ Redevelop Princes Street Primary and Rosetta Primary;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Collinsvale Primary, Cosgrove High School, Glenorchy Primary, Goodwood Primary, Moonah Primary, Springfield Gardens Primary and Windermere Primary;
- ✓ Deliver new permanent breast screening clinics in Glenorchy and Kingborough;
- ✓ \$15m for the operationalisation of the Third LINAC at the Royal Hobart Hospital Holman Clinic;
- ✓ Delivering the \$47m St Johns Park Health precinct – Older Persons Mental Health Facility;
- ✓ \$5.3m for the St Johns Park Eating Disorders Treatment Centre;
- ✓ Redevelop the Royal Hobart Hospital Pharmacy and emergency department;
- ✓ \$8.9m for the St Johns Park Child and Adolescent Mental Health inpatient unit and day facility;
- ✓ \$12.5m for the New Town Bay Basketball Courts;
- ✓ \$8m for the redevelopment of the Domain Tennis Centre;
- ✓ Deliver the new Glenorchy Sports Centre in Claremont;
- ✓ \$3.4m for priority works at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery; and
- ✓ Supporting events, including the Taste of Summer, Dark Mofo and the Beaker Street Festival.



## Delivering for Franklin

- ✓ Deliver a new permanent breast screening clinic in Kingborough;
- ✓ \$886,000 for the Tasmanian Bike Collective youth mentoring program; and
- ✓ \$350,000 for the completion of a detailed business case for the development of a home for Football in Tasmania.

### Eastern Shore

- ✓ \$130m for the Tasman Bridge Pathways project;
- ✓ \$74m towards the \$100m Mornington interchange and supporting networks;
- ✓ \$55m to deliver the new South Arm Highway stage between Rokeby and Lauderdale;
- ✓ \$87.7m to continue the South-East Traffic Solution including the Tasman Highway duplication to four lanes between Sorell and Hobart Airport;
- ✓ \$84.1m for the Southern Road Maintenance Contract;
- ✓ Investing in the Derwent Ferry expansion plan and terminal upgrades to Lindisfarne;
- ✓ \$2.2m for a new Centre for Excellence and Community Cricket infrastructure centre at Seven Mile Beach;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Clarendon Vale Primary, Risdon Vale Primary, Rokeby Primary and Warrane Primary;

- ✓ Redeveloping Cambridge Primary and Clarence High School; and
- ✓ Upgrading Lindisfarne North Primary School and Risdon Vale Primary School.

### Kingborough and Huon Region

- ✓ \$64.4m for the Algona Road grade separation and Kingston Bypass duplication;
- ✓ \$14m for the Huon Highway upgrades between Kingston and Southport;
- ✓ \$3.7m to deliver safety upgrades to Cygnet Township and the Mountain River Road Intersection;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Dover District School, Huonville Primary and Kingston Primary;
- ✓ Delivering a new purpose-built Medical Precinct for the Huon Valley, including a Mental Health Hub;
- ✓ \$15m to deliver new ambulance stations across the State, including in Cygnet and Snug;
- ✓ \$23.7m for the Kingston Health Centre – Stage 2;
- ✓ \$25m to deliver the new Kingborough Sporting Precinct; and
- ✓ \$30.5m investment for the Tasmanian JackJumpers and Jewels High Performance Training Centre in Kingston.

## Delivering for Lyons



### Southern Lyons

- ✓ \$66.5m for the Arthur Highway Improvements;
- ✓ \$87.7m to continue the South East Traffic Solution including the Tasman Highway duplication to four lanes between Sorell and Hobart Airport;
- ✓ \$24.2m for the redevelopment of the Dodges Ferry Primary School;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Bagdad Primary, Brighton Primary, Campania District School, Dodges Ferry Primary, Fairview Primary, JLRF East Derwent, JRLF Gagebrook, JRLF Herdsman Cove, JRLF Senior School, Kempton Primary, New Norfolk High, Oatlands District High, Sorell School, Tasman District and Westerway Primary;
- ✓ Investing in Mount Field National Park;
- ✓ Invest in the Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen revitalisation project;
- ✓ \$2m for clubroom extensions and upgraded infrastructure at Pembroke Park;
- ✓ \$311m for three Tranche 3 irrigation schemes including the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme.

### Northern Lyons

- ✓ Illawarra Road safety and amenity improvements;
- ✓ Develop the Lyell Highway Corridor Strategy;
- ✓ \$1.3m for Campbell Town District High School capital works;
- ✓ \$16m for the Deloraine High School redevelopment;
- ✓ Deliver a new Child and Family Learning Centre at Longford;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Bothwell District High, Campbell Town District High, Cressy District High, Mole Creek Primary and Westerway Primary;
- ✓ Deliver new bulkbilling GP clinics to improve access to primary care statewide, including in Deloraine and Westbury;
- ✓ Deliver new ambulance stations across including in Bicheno and Longford;
- ✓ Finalise Stage 2 of the Midlands Multipurpose Health Centre;
- ✓ A new Management Plan for Ben Lomond National Park and priority upgrades to tracks and visitor infrastructure to support year round recreation; and
- ✓ \$1m for the Central Highlands Neighbourhood House.

### East Coast

- ✓ Deliver upgrades to the Great Eastern Drive between Orford and St Helens;
- ✓ Delivering our Healthy School Lunch Program at Orford Primary, St Marys District, Swansea Primary and Triabunna District High;
- ✓ \$500,000 for the Bicheno Medical Centre Expansion;
- ✓ Deliver a new permanent breast screening clinic in Triabunna;
- ✓ \$8.1m for the Freycinet Peninsula wastewater project;
- ✓ \$11.8m to deliver the Freycinet National Park New Visitor Gateway;
- ✓ \$350,000 over two years for the East Coast Rock Lobster relocation program;
- ✓ \$3.8m for the Maria Island re-discovered project; and
- ✓ \$290,000 for the Spoke Motorcycle Festival.



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