



## Fast Facts

- Rockhampton is the **Capital** of Central Queensland, located on the Tropic of Capricorn, ideally positioned between **mining and agricultural** pursuits and the **Great Barrier Reef**
- Rockhampton is one of two **key regional logistical centres** outside of the south east corner contributing to 7.5% of the state's Gross State Product.
- Sustainable **population** of 114,000 (projected increase to 153,256 by 2020), with an **average age of 37 years** (last decade the greatest increase in population were persons aged 25-29). 450,000 people live within a 3 hr drive of Rockhampton
- **Rockhampton Region Gross Product** is \$5.25B (2010)
- **Mining, manufacturing, construction, agricultural, health, education and retail** sectors account for 65% of the job market
- **Beef Capital of Australia** - two of the largest abattoirs in the country; livestock makes up 65.6% of the regions total agricultural production.
- **Tourism** in CQ employs 4,100 people, injecting 343 million dollars into the economy by attracting over 1.25 million overnight visitors to the region.
- The Rockhampton & Capricorn Coast Region boasts a majority share in production of the **state's gold, limestone, magnesium and salt**, with its **ports** helping facilitate 25% of the State's exports. Throughput at Port Alma is excess of 250,000 tpa for 2010.

- **Energy**; the region is home to the 1434 megawatt Stanwell Power Station, supplying electricity to the national grid, with a capacity sufficient to power 1.5 million homes.

## 7 Priority Projects

- [1.] Critical Priority Road, Rail & Air Infrastructure
- [2.] CQUniversity and TAFE Partnership to up skill Central Queensland and Form Queensland's' first dual sector University
- [3.] Rockhampton Riverfront redevelopment including Convention and Sporting precincts
- [4.] Great Keppel Island and Coastal foreshore revitalisation
- [5.] Industrial land and associated infrastructure
- [6.] CQ NRL Bid Success; securing the region's first NRL team
- [7.] Support Major Regional Events

## [1.] Critical Priority Road, Rail & Air Infrastructure

**Road** - (National Bruce Hwy, with the Capricorn, Leichhardt and Burnett Hwys radiating out from Rockhampton)

**We have**.....

\$5M Australian govt. Funded Fitzroy River Floodplain and Road Planning Study flood immunity, capacity, freight movement & amenity. \$500,000 planning underway and funding commitments made by both the State & Federal govt. (\$40M) to upgrade and duplicate the Bruce Hwy at Yeppen Bridge between Jellicoe street & the Yeppen roundabout.

**We want**.....

Commitment to construct the Yeppen Bridge duplication as the first stage of the high level crossing of the floodplain

**We want**.....

\$500M commitment to construct a high level flood-free crossing across the 5km flood plain section on the National (Bruce) hwy into Rockhampton

**Rail** - (Rockhampton is the major Qld Rail centre which can handle close to 200 million tonnes of rail freight each year, providing 100% of Australia's rail freight between economies north of Gladstone and the rest of the nation's producers and consumers)

**We want**.....

\$500M Commitment to funding of essential road and rail corridors and infrastructure realignments.

**Air** - Rockhampton is the 12th busiest airport in the country carrying 750,000 passengers in the last 12 months. It provides valuable international heavy-lift and freight capabilities, defence services for three nations, charters, training, has unrestricted widebodied operations and aircraft including the B747 to B777 and A340 types.

**We want**.....

Support for improving the flood immunity of the Rockhampton Airport in conjunction with proposed road infrastructure.

## [2.] CQUniversity and TAFE Partnership to up skill Central Queensland and form Queensland's' first dual sector University

**We need**.....

State Government formalisation of tripartite commitment between the federal and state governments, and CQUniversity.

**We need**.....

An investment of \$80M from the Commonwealth Structural Adjustment Fund

## [3.] Rockhampton Riverfront redevelopment including Convention and Sporting precincts

**We have**.....

Agreement between the State Government, Council and Community for the need to revitalise the Rockhampton Riverfront. Council has commissioned Tract Consultants to prepare the Rockhampton Riverfront Precinct Options Plan (10 identified precincts). Concept brief developed and consultation with stakeholders ongoing.

**We need**.....

Funding commitment from State and Federal government to commence construction of Stage 1 (between the two bridges in the CBD) by 2012/13.

## [4.] Great Keppel Island and Coastal foreshore revitalisation

**We have**.....

A private operator (Tower Holdings) currently undergoing the EIS process under the Federal govt's Environment Protections and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. GKI is one of 28 islands in the Great Barrier Reef that has formerly had a purpose-built tourism resort it is one of the most accessible of the over 900 GBR islands/coral cays in Qld.

\$2M expended from the Queensland Government to demolish the former Yeppoon foreshore hospital.

Council committed \$185,000 to commence preliminary/conceptual planning, design and cost estimation works on the Yeppoon Foreshore Redevelopment Project. Community

and stakeholder input completed. Preliminary drawings and cost estimates for a staged development completed.

**We need**.....

Further monetary commitment from State and Federal govt. to progress construction works of the Yeppoon Foreshore Redevelopment Project to commence in 2011/12.

# 7 Priority Projects

our region's coordinated regional 'blue print' of priority infrastructure needs are:

## [5.] Industrial land and associated infrastructure

**We have**.....

\$10M State govt. commitment to fund the first stage of the Stanwell Corridor rail overpass.

**We need**.....

A commitment to funding for long term solutions for road, rail, freight, and flooding impacts for the Bruce Highway (national hwy) and North coast railway in and around the city of Rockhampton.

## [6.] CQ NRL Bid Success securing the region's first NRL team

By securing the bid, a purpose built, state of the art stadium, seating 20,000 people, will be constructed. Proposal to include a 1,000 seat conference centre, capable of housing major outdoor events. A national sporting team will be established, 2359 full time equivalent jobs will be created with a gross output of \$454.8M.

**We have**.....

Commitment from the Premier of Qld that if the bid is successful, the State govt. will construct a stadium. 30,000 registered supporters and growing. Recruited QR National as a major sponsor.

## [7.] Support Major Regional Events

**We have**.....

Commitment from Federal and State govts. in supporting the triennial Beef 2012 International event held in Rockhampton. A Capricorn Business & Events Strategy for the Region (2010) which was funded by State govt and prepared by Capricorn Tourism & Economic Development Ltd.

**We need**.....

By local, state and federal governments supporting our major road, rail and air infrastructure needs as well as the Rockhampton Riverfront Precinct redevelopment, along with the securement of a CQNRL Bid team, our capacity to host major national and international events will increase dramatically and allow us to grow to our full potential complimenting the fact that Central Queensland is the major economic powerhouse of the State.