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The alleged murder of a millionaire businessman at a party has rocked a ritzy Brisbane suburb as a 15-year-old faces charges.

The co-founder of chain Universal Store, Greg Josephson, was found dead in his multi-million home in the exclusive Clayfield on Thursday. He was allegedly stabbed.

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with the murder after the party, which had teenagers in attendance. **REPORT P4-5**

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There are calls for Queensland schools to face criminal charges if they mishandle the reporting of nude images by their students.

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Rachelle Childs was brutally killed and her body set alight but her killer has never been found. These are the unanswered questions into her unsolved murder.

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Jeff Bezos started Amazon out of his garage in 1994. Now, 30 years later, he's the third richest man in the world with vast business interests and philanthropic endeavours. So just...

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Aussie trio spearhead comeback to flip first Test on its head

Travis Head set the tone - before Beau Webster and Alex Carey helped turn the first Test in Australia's favour as the tourists set a dangerous target for the West Indies. Follow th...

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Young mum's plea after horrifying diagnosis

A mum has issued a warning to everyone under the age of 40 to check their history after being diagnosed with cancer after this one symptom.

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Schoolchildren in the public gallery at state parliament this week may have thought they were watching a soap opera, writes Des Houghton.

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Maroons sweat with Ponga in doubt for Origin decider

Maroons coach Billy Slater will be sweating on the results of scans, with Kalyn Ponga in doubt for the State of

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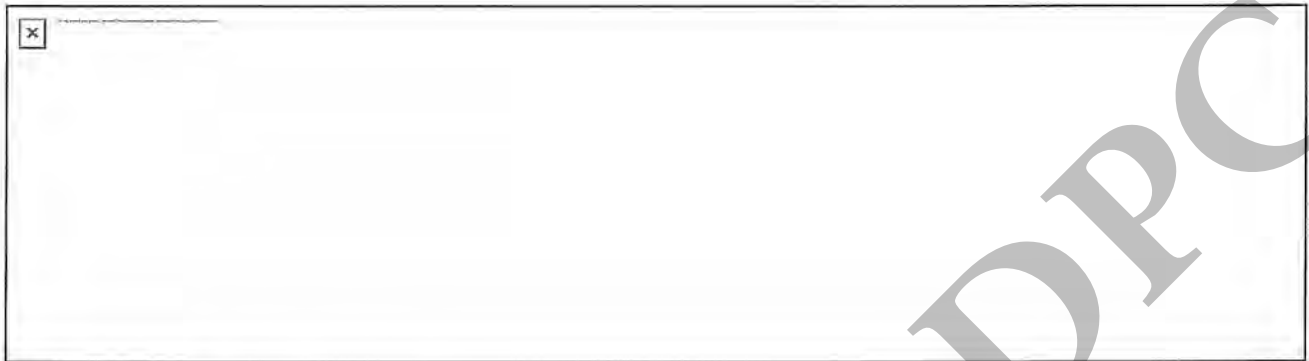
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Insolvent trading claim

- [ABC Online](#) reports **Premier David Crisafulli** failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators pursuing an insolvent trading claim against him, a parliamentary committee has found.

Hourly news bulletins

4pm NEWS

4BC Brisbane

- Suncorp Stadium will host a match between the Rabbitohs and Dolphins, as well as the Brisbane Broncos against the NZ Warriors this weekend. General Manager Alan Graham states it will be a challenge. [Stream](#)

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- The **Premier** has slammed comments by the **Opposition Leader** accusing the LNP of stealing Labor policies for its latest budget. **David Crisafulli** told Parliament the Budget is making up for the former government's inaction. [Stream](#)

3pm NEWS

ABC Radio Brisbane

- There are opportunities that'll be realised, not just as **Games** infrastructure, but as pieces of infrastructure in the city that will be used for generations to come
- We aren't in the shadow of Sydney and Melbourne; we've got a lot to offer and we can stand on our own two feet and we should be really proud of the city that we are and the city that we will become

4BC Brisbane Afternoons – Interview with **Queensland Academy of Sport** Advisory Board member Cate Campbell discussing Brisbane 2032. [Stream](#)

Cate Campbell:

- My long-term goal is to get involved with the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee and the delivery of the Games
- There are so many facets of what goes into make a good Games, including infrastructure, legacy planning, and good investment in athletes
- Ultimately, our Games will be measured on how successful our athletes are, and that investment needs to come early
- I'm super excited to be joining the board of the **Queensland Academy of Sport**
- We'll be looking at World's Best Practice, what are the best people in the world doing and how we can emulate that in Queensland
- But also, what is our pathway looking like? Are we identifying new talent? Where is that coming from? How can we plug them into Olympic sports?

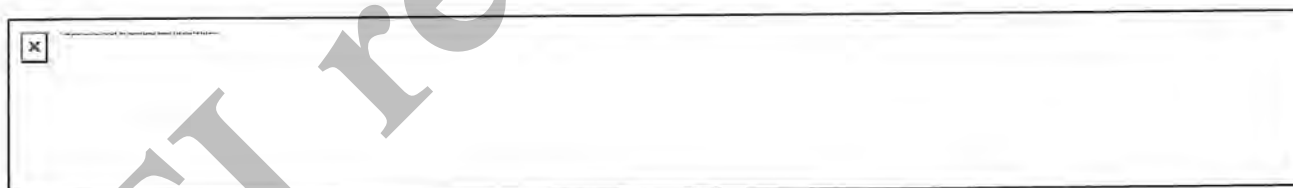
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George St Beat: Latest gossip and news from Qld Parliament

Headlining this week's edition: LNP's epic fail in attempt to connect with young voters.

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Australia has roared back onto the ASX, as boss Dave Emerson breaks his
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Universities need to embrace the AI revolution – quickly



By **ROBERT GOTTLIEBSEN**

Business Columnist

The alarm bells are ringing, with PwC noting a global survey showed that employer demand for formal degrees is declining for all jobs, but more quickly for jobs exposed to AI.

Latest news



Qld coal boss warns of wave of mine closures due to royalty hikes

Bowen Coking Coal boss Nick Jorss says Queensland's crippling royalty regime means 500 jobs at its flagship mine are on the line as it 'shovels money' to the state government.

By GLEN NORRIS



Super funds land heavyweight support for Melbourne airport battle

The owners of Melbourne airport are trading legal salvos with the property company that handles their accounts stepping up to protect its clients.

By BEN WILMOT



Ten Pound Poms: Australia looks to UK to fill 200,000 tech roles

Australia's peak tech lobby group has signed a deal with its UK counterpart that means tech workers can more easily get jobs here in a bid solve a projected chronic IT shortage.

By JARED LYNCH



Military millions: the huge cost of Donald Trump's war chest

The US's attack on Iran's nuclear sites involved billions for high-tech weapons and assets. From sending seven B2 stealth bombers to dropping 14 bunker-busting bombs, here's the latest costings.

By ANTHONY KEANE



Penfolds earnings slow, Treasury Wine announces share buyback

Treasury Wine, whose shares have slumped 35 per cent in the last 12 months, has now warned

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By ELI GREENBLAT



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Leaked document: Every NRL club's commercial revenue revealed

A secret NRL document has revealed the enormous financial gulf between the Broncos and their 16 premiership rivals. See the breakdown of every NRL club's commercial revenue.

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Cummins told where to go as Australia torn apart

A new look Australian outfit has been torn apart on day one of the first Test against the West Indies, and things could have been even worse. Follow the action live!

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Paro destroys Navarro with monstrous left, targets world titles

Liam Paro has destroyed Jonathan Navarro to bounce back into the winner's circle, as he and Liam Wilson kept their world title hopes alive. Relive the action live here.

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While you were sleeping: Windies tyro gets last laugh as Konstas cops it

Shamar Joseph copped a brutal rebuke from an Australian legend after calling out Sam Konstas pre-series. The West Indies quick got the last laugh, with Aussie rookie suffering a ro...

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ASSRL insider: Qld 14-15 years schoolboys league team deep dive

Who were the mini-Maroons set for battle at the ASSRL national championships to be staged in Townsville from this weekend? Here the state's 40 best of the best schoolboy league pla...

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What makes Proctor, Toohey, stand apart in 2025 NBA Draft

Tyrese Proctor and Alex Toohey followed different paths to the 2025 NBA Draft, but both have done it their way. Find out what sets them apart ahead of the biggest day of their prof...

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Shock Broncos signing leaves Cobbo's Red Hill career on brink

Selwyn Cobbo's Broncos career is on the brink of ending after Brisbane announced the acquisition of a Melbourne Storm flyer.

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'Who doesn't want to be Usain?': Following Bolt's blueprint to greatness

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'Hope to god it's true': Papalii Origin rumours that won't go away

Queensland coach Billy Slater has been urged to make a major selection call by bringing veteran Josh Papalii out of representative retirement for the State of Origin decider.

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How Woolf broke the Bennett 'curse'

Dolphins coach Kristian Woolf is on track to do what no other coach has done before - succeed in a post-Wayne Bennett era - this is how he's done it.

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NRL CEO defends ARLC's new judiciary powers after backlash

Andrew Abdo has come out in defence of the ARL Commission's new powers to send players to the NRL judiciary following concern in clubland and backlash from the players union.

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Rocco's modern life: The 'hectic' reality of Australia's next big thing

Rocco Zikarsky plans to do it his own way on NBA Draft night. He'll wear a used suit, have family by his side and hope to join the honour roll of Aussie hoops stars to make it big....

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This summer's Ashes series is going to be a cracker, perhaps the close contest we've been secretly craving for half a century. And all signs point to England having Australia cover...

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Schmidt stands firm in face of Lions' bold tour demands

Joe Schmidt has made a key decision about his Wallabies' squad for tour matches against the Lions, but remains steadfast in the face of criticism. And Australia's best attacking ha...

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Montemurro's stamp all over Matildas revolution

Joe Montemurro's Matildas won't play like Tom Sermanni's or Tony Gustavsson's did. Erin Smith lifts the lid on the big

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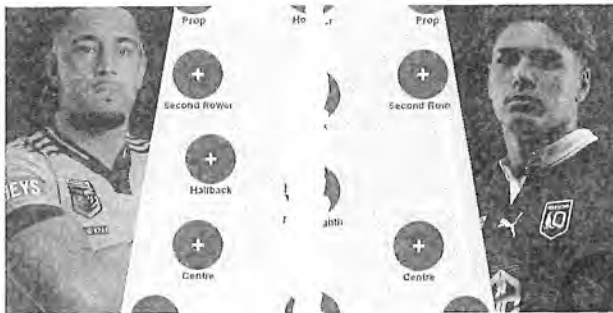
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Gout Gout stuns world in extraordinary European debut

Against the toughest field he'd ever faced, Gout Gout put the athletics world on notice in emphatic style to lower his career best 200m record and again draw comparisons to the gre...

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Origin III team picker: Keaon vs Stefano, Ponga vs Walsh

Will Laurie Daley and Billy Slater stick to their guns or gamble on some fresh faces for Origin III? Put yourself in the hot seat and pick your NSW and Queensland teams as we count...

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Lions tip O'Connor recall after shock at Wallabies snub

Lions centre Garry Ringrose is shocked James O'Connor hasn't been able to make the Wallabies squad, but believes coach Joe Schmidt could yet call on him for the series.

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NRLW Top-50 rankings: Queen of Qld overthrown in 2025 shake-up

They're the very best the NRLW has to offer, and in a newly expanded competition player rankings are tougher than ever. See who clinched top spot – and who missed out – in the wome...

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'I'm in it for the fun': Hobby trainer trucking towards Group 1 tilt

John Dann, who runs a truck repair and services company and only has a small team of horses, will have his first Group 1 runner in the Tatt's Tiara and is bullish about his mare's ...

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HOT TOPICS

- The **Courier Mail** reports barrister Peter Hastie KC will lead a review into the operations of Queensland's Parole Board after allegations parole decisions were being published online without any legislative framework. Minister for Corrective Services Laura Gerber expressed confidence in the ability of the review to deliver recommendations to restore stability and confidence in the board's operations.
- The **Courier Mail** reports Treasurer Jim Chalmers has declined to intervene to increase Queensland's revenue share in the Commonwealth Grants Commission's GST carve-up despite calls from Queensland Treasurer David Janetzki. Mr Chalmers said the GST decrease was due to Queensland receiving additional coal royalties.
- The **Courier Mail** reports teachers' unions and the Opposition have criticised the delayed release of Queensland's Comprehensive Review of School Resourcing report, which was finalised in December of last year. Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek said the report remains subject to cabinet discussions and would be released in the "relatively near future".

- The Australian reports the Department of Premier and Cabinet spent \$651,107 on services from polling and research companies between December and April, despite Premier David Crisafulli criticising the previous government for similar practices when in opposition. A government spokesperson said the development of communication campaigns was a longstanding practice and necessary to provide effective messaging to Queenslanders.

KEY PUBLICATIONS

Parole board shake-up

Courier Mail, General News, 20/06/2025, Thomas Chamberlin, Page 3

A major review into the operations and issues of Queensland's Parole Board is set to begin amid allegations parole decisions were being published without lawful authority. [...] Minister for Corrective Services Laura Gerber said she was confident the review, expected to be handed to the government later this year, would deliver recommendations to restore stability and confidence back to the board.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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Chalmers rejects Queensland's GST plea

Courier Mail, General News, 20/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 4

Queensland will suffer a \$5bn GST shortfall after Treasurer Jim Chalmers formally rejected the state's plea to change the scheme and provide more cash. The Independent Commonwealth Grants Commission in March flagged Queensland's share of Australia's \$95.2bn GST pool would fall due to strong resources industry revenue. [...] The controversial carve-up prompted state Treasurer David Janetzki to call for Mr Chalmers to intervene and change how GST was redistributed.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#)

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Tools throw a tantrum

Courier Mail, General News, 20/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 7

Hundreds of CFMEU members face being sacked or their pay docked as unlawful strikes across Brisbane send the city's largest construction sites into near-shutdown. [...] Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg called the union a "national disgrace" and vowed to stamp out behaviour that impeded the productivity rate.

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Langbroek sits on school report

Courier Mail, General News, 20/06/2025, Rose Innes, Page 11

A major report meant to overhaul the way schools are funded in Queensland has not been released by the state government, despite being finalised last year. The ongoing delay has prompted teachers' unions and the Opposition to accuse Education Minister John Paul Langbroek of failing to properly provide the sector with [...] Education Minister John Paul Langbroek denied the report was delayed, saying it was subject to cabinet discussions.

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On road to repair

Courier Mail, General News, 20/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 19

Shovels have broken ground for the first projects in the \$9bn Bruce Highway upgrade. Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Catherine King and state Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg will announce the start of five projects as part of the jointly funded program on Friday. Three projects have broken ground at Bauple, with works to include dedicated left and right-turn lanes and widening at the Stratford Rd intersection; a new right-turn lane at the Brooks Rd intersection and pavement widening between Chapmans and Stratford roads.

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Speaking of CEOs

Courier Mail, Business News, 20/06/2025, Kathleen Skene, Page 75

Beleaguered state Government-owned corporation CS Energy has appointed Brian Gillespie as its new CEO effective next week. Chairman Tony Bellas said Gillespie brought a wealth of experience, including from his most recent role as group executive and president of Latin America for mining and infrastructure group Orica.

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Premier's big polling spend

The Australian, General News, 20/06/2025, Sarah Elks, Page 1

David Crisafulli's department has quietly commissioned more than \$650,000 in taxpayer-funded polling and market research in just five months, after he criticised former premier Annastacia Palaszczuk for doing the same thing. Government spending disclosures show Mr Crisafulli's Department of Premier and Cabinet ordered four tranches of "market research" and "concept testing" from polling and research companies The Lab Insight and Strategy, Verian Group, and Fifty-Five Five between December and April, at a total cost of \$651,107.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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Teachers' pay offer cut back

The Australian, General News, 20/06/2025, Mackenzie Scott, Page 10

Teachers in Queensland have been presented with a new wage offer that strips back cost-of-living allowances just hours after the state's education minister, JohnPaul Langbroek, refused to release a generational review into school resourcing. On Thursday afternoon, the LNP government offered the Queensland Teachers' Union and its 48,000 members a new enterprise bargaining agreement that would lock in a 3 per cent pay rise in 2025, and 2.5 per cent annually over the following two years, replicating an offer rejected by the public service in March.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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Traffic chaos as CFMEU shut down Brisbane city, Bowen Hills, Fortitude Valley

The Courier Mail, Other, 19/06/2025, Jarrod Tulbury and Andreas Nicola

Hundreds of the militant CFMEU members have shut down major streets across Brisbane amid peak-hour sparking traffic chaos. Hoards of members of the construction union have shut down streets across Brisbane in a major protest this morning. Between 100 and 200 CFMEU members have been spotted marching up Queen St in Brisbane City and Fortitude Valley.

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'An affront': Queensland Teachers' Union to reject latest pay offer from Crisafulli Govt

The Courier Mail, Other, 19/06/2025, Rose Innes

The Queensland Teachers' Union has rejected a new pay offer it says is an "affront to teachers and school leaders across the state", as the deadline for a deal to be struck approaches. Queensland teachers are set to reject a pay offer from the state government, with the sector's union labelling the latest deal "disappointing".

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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Teachers weigh up options as union slams pay offer

Brisbane Times, Other, 19/06/2025, William Davis

Queensland teachers are considering taking industrial action, with the union slamming a new pay offer from the government as "an affront". A department email, sent to public school teachers across the state and seen by this masthead, puts forward a wage increase of 8 per cent across three years.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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Lord Mayor calls for 80-20 split on Story Bridge, as new footpath details revealed

Brisbane Times, Other, 19/06/2025, Felicity Caldwell

The new footpath deck on the Story Bridge will be similar to the South Bank boardwalk, Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner says, as he calls for an 80-20 funding split with the federal government on the full restoration. The Brisbane City Council budget, released on Wednesday, includes \$18 million for the Story Bridge over the next 12 months, including \$6.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#)

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Queensland government vows to 'do a better job' of maintaining roads with more than \$8 billion in work needed

ABC Online, Other, 19/06/2025, Jack McKay

The Queensland government is pledging to get on top of its more than \$8 billion maintenance and renewal bill for works needed on thousands of kilometres of state-owned roads. At a time when those costs are only growing, the government has declared it needs to do more to maintain existing assets. [...] 'We need to do a better job' Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg said he wanted to stabilise the cost of outstanding works and "hopefully start to turn the curve and reduce the backlog over time".

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Queensland government refuses to say when it'll release landmark school review

ABC Online, Other, 19/06/2025, Alex Brewster

The Queensland government is refusing to say when it will release a two-year landmark review into teacher resourcing. The Queensland government is refusing to say when it will release a two-year landmark review into teacher resourcing. [...] Opposition leader Steven Miles called on the state government to release the review.

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Queensland minister calls on federal government to crackdown on illegal tobacco trade

ABC Online, Other, 19/06/2025, Liam Walsh

Queensland's health minister has called on the federal government to tighten laws after revelations about how largely unregulated private ATMs are helping fuel illegal tobacco sales. [...] "The Commonwealth government should be pulling every appropriate lever to stop this criminal trade and prevent these illicit products from getting into the country in the first place," Health Minister Tim Nicholls told the ABC.

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Queensland's new disclosure laws fall short when it comes to natural hazard risk

ABC Online, Other, 19/06/2025, Danielle Mahe

Leon and Olga Radunz should be enjoying their retirement but instead they're living in fear because their "forever home" in Queensland's Scenic Rim is falling down. [...] The state government passed the Property Law Act in 2023, which requires owners to disclose important information about a property to prospective buyers.

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FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

Council eyes state budget for housing expansion

Cairns Post, General News, 20/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann and Samuel Davis, Page 1

Cairns Regional Council will expect the first stage of state funding to address the city's housing crisis in next week's budget, a southside councillor says. [...] Mr Moller said he accepted the council's most immediate request of the state government wouldn't directly fund new infrastructure, but backed the council's position of there already being sufficient supply of land.

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Pollies fire up on jetty

Cairns Post, General News, 20/06/2025, Samuel Davis, Page 3

Anger harboured over a rundown Far North jetty has erupted with pollies swapping insults over rotten timber piles and crumbling support structures on a popular tropical island getaway. [...] Asked if funding for the critical infrastructure would be included in the budget, tourism minister Andrew Powell pointed the finger at his predecessor.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#)

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\$6m for Brothers' grand plan

Cairns Post, General News, 20/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 5

A Cairns football club has received a multimillion-dollar upgrade it says will benefit the wider community. [...] Ms James also spoke of the state government's recently announced \$62.5m annual budget for individual \$200 Play On vouchers for kids aged five to 17.

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Bridge builds a path forward

Cairns Post, General News, 20/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 16

Advocates for an alternative route between Cairns and the Tablelands will have to change gears with their strategy after the LNP jumped into Labor's lane on the future of the Kuranda Range Rd. But the state government has committed to delivering a new \$490m Barron River Bridge by 2031, with transport minister Brent Mickelberg declaring the detailed design process would begin immediately.

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Out of range

Cairns Post, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 40

Far North Queenslanders are celebrating news the state government will deliver a new Barron River Bridge by 2032. But advocates for an alternative route between Cairns and the Tablelands will be extremely critical the LNP has sided with Labor, declaring the Labor-commissioned Northern Tablelands Access Strategy which found the Kuranda Range Rd won't reach capacity until 2051.

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Disaster recovery team continues support and outreach in Cardwell and surrounding areas

Wet Tropic Times, General News, 19/06/2025, Page 13

Centacare FNQ's Disaster Recovery team has been supporting communities across the Cassowary Coast in the wake of this year's floods. [...] The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a Commonwealth State jointly funded program, through which the Australian Government provides financial assistance to support state governments with disaster recovery costs.

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NORTH QUEENSLAND

Focus on future

North West Star, General News, 19/06/2025, Sally Gall, Page 1

A minister who stands up to bureaucrats - that's what leaders in north west Queensland say is needed if the region is to get a water allocation that will allow the economic development they're craving. Mid West Water Alliance CEO, Jim Pruss, was given the opportunity to speak at the community renewables forum at Hughenden at the end of May, and said they were struggling for support with the state government.

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Fired up over cull proposal

North West Star, General News, 19/06/2025, Savannah Meacham, Page 4

The father of Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin has hit out at calls for the large reptiles to be culled in popular waterways, describing it as pointless. [...] The Queensland environment department's deputy director general said education was paramount in preventing crocodile attacks, not culling. "No amount of crocodile removal can guarantee the absence of crocodiles in a waterway, nor can it assure that an area is completely safe to swim," Ben Klaassen told the committee on Wednesday.

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Miles turns up heat on LNP to reduce energy costs

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 20/06/2025, Josh Mercer and Caillan Charles, Page 3

Labor leader Steven Miles is calling on the LNP to not break their promise to the people of Queensland and make sure that energy prices go down. The state opposition leader was in Townsville this week to speak with shadow ministers, community members, organisations and businesses about what they would like Labor to deliver in the future.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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High-level talks heat up

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 20/06/2025, Jill Poulsen, Page 5

The state and federal governments have held high-level talks with Glencore over the future of the Mount Isa copper smelter and Townsville refinery, the Townsville Bulletin can reveal. Federal Minister for Industry and Innovation Tim Ayres and Queensland Minister for Resources and Mines Dale Last met with senior leaders at Glencore in Brisbane yesterday to discuss next steps over the smelter.

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'Work together' to gain best results

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 20/06/2025, Caitlan Charles, Page 21

It's time for Herbert MP Phillip Thompson to move in sync with Townsville's leaders, former councillor Margie Ryder says. She's called on Mr Thompson to work with other leaders for the greater good of the city, despite years of refusing to work with the council. This comes after Mr Thompson slammed Townsville City Council for "poor civic leadership" in the wake of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music's decision to relocate the festival to Cairns.

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'Ill-informed': David Crisafulli angers greenies, Labor with coal comments

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 19/06/2025, Daneka Hill

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli has angered greenies and Labor after talking up coal and promising 'no more' coal royalty surprises on a recent trip to Townsville. Speaking at the Future Townsville event hosted by the Bulletin the Premier threw his total support behind Queensland coal and criticised the former Labor government for springing the largest coal royalty tax in the world on the mining industry with 'no consultation' in 2022.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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KAP leader Robbie Katter fighting for all students to be eligible for remote school charter flights

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 19/06/2025, Nikita McGuire

Calling out a "fundamentally flawed and unfair" agreement, Robbie Katter says action is needed to help remote and rural families and students access school charter flights. [...] The Townsville Bulletin contacted both Services Australia and the Queensland Department of Education, with each department directing the Bulletin to the other for comment.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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MACKAY WHITSUNDAY

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CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Range call costly one

Gladstone Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Di Stanley, Page 1

Gladstone MP Glenn Butcher has labelled the State Government's calling in of the \$1 billion Moonlight Range wind farm development as 'economic sabotage' and an attack on Gladstone's future. In State Parliament last week, Mr Butcher said the decision to axe Greenleaf Renewables 97 turbine project at Morinish South, some 40kms west of Rockhampton, was reckless.

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E-scooter, e-bike safety submissions closing

Gladstone Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Page 3

The State Government is encouraging Queenslanders to have their say on the future of e-scooter and e-bike safety, with public submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry closing this Friday, 20 June. The Inquiry, launched by the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee, is examining the safety, regulation, and future of personal e-mobility devices (PMDs) such as escooters and e-bikes.

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Changes in store

Gladstone Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Di Stanley, Page 3

Renewables developer Private Energy Partners has sensationally withdrawn its development applications for a large-scale solar farm and Battery Energy Storage System near Miriam Vale. In an email from the Gladstone council's development technical officer customer experience Jodie Chow on Friday, 13 June, the formal withdrawal of the applications was confirmed.

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Butcher's bill bid thwarted

Gladstone Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Di Stanley, Page 9

Gladstone MP Glenn Butcher has failed to sway the State Government to support a ban on the sale of machetes to anyone as the Making Jack's Law Permanent Bill passed through State Parliament last week. [...] Minister for Police and Emergency Services Dan Purdie said making Jack's Law permanent was a critical step towards restoring community safety.

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Councils unite to combat levy

Gladstone Today, Other, 19/06/2025

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett has teamed up with six other mayors from across regional Queensland to demand action on a waste levy that will hit Gladstone residents with \$9.5 million in fees and charges over the next six years. [...] Mayors from across the seven regions have written to Treasurer David Janetzki and Minister for the Environment and Tourism Andrew Powell, calling for an urgent rethink of the plans with only three weeks to go before the charges take effect.

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Queensland cattle producer urges regulatory reform in agriculture

Queensland Country Life, Other, 19/06/2025, Melanie Groves

Rockhampton Wagyu producer Billy Geddes wants to spend more time thinking about cattle and less about paperwork. That was the message he hoped to get across to Primary Industries Minister Tony Perrett while the minister was visiting central Queensland this week.

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New hope for Queensland's seafood industry as bans lifted

North Queensland Register, Other, 19/06/2025, Melanie Groves

The Queensland seafood industry is rejoicing after the state government removed "investment warnings", which it says stunted industry growth for decades. The announcement was made at Yeppoon in central Queensland. Queensland Seafood Industry Association CEO David Bobberman said the industry had a renewed sense of purpose.

Also reported by: [Queensland Country Life \(Online\)](#)

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WIDE BAY

Smith: Fully fund the dam

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Tahlia Facer, Page 1

Bundaberg MP Tom Smith has called for the LNP to pledge \$3.8 billion towards the Paradise Dam rebuild in the upcoming State Budget. [...] Water Minister Ann Leahy said the Labor Government had been in government for 10 years and yet had done nothing about the Paradise Dam situation.

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Sweet hope for fuel

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 1

The Bundaberg region's sugar industry could soon fuel Queensland's energy future with the launch of a Committee Inquiry into the potential of biofuel and alternative energy production from sugar cane. [...] Acting Minister for Primary Industries Dale Last said the Inquiry would examine opportunities to grow Queensland's agri-economy and create jobs in regional communities.

Also reported by: [Bundaberg Today \(Online\)](#)

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Mon Repos upgrade

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 2

Work has begun on a major upgrade to parking facilities at Mon Repos Turtle Centre to support the growing number of visitors to the popular tourist destination. [...] Minister for the Environment and Tourism Andrew Powell highlighted the importance of Mon Repos Turtle Centre to the region's tourism industry.

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\$24m in funding grants to protect the Great Barrier Reef

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 6

The Australian and Queensland Governments are launching the \$24 million Great Barrier Reef Urban Technology and Innovation Fund, a transformative initiative set to drive cutting edge solutions for improving water quality in the Great Barrier Reef. [...] State Environment and Tourism, Science and Innovation Minister Andrew Powell said new technologies and approaches in urban water management must be adopted.

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Commercial fishing back in business under LNP change

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 8

The Queensland Government is revoking investment warnings for the State's commercial fishing industry a move intended to restore confidence, improve financial access and support industry growth. [...] Primary Industries Minister Tony Perrett said the change was vital to the future of the industry, which contributes around \$354 million annually to Queensland's economy while supporting about 2,835 jobs.

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From Coast to Parliament

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 17

From farming and small business to fine dining and tourism, the Bundaberg and surrounding areas have a lot to celebrate throughout this patch of paradise. Local MPs David Lee, John Barounis, and Stephen Bennett are set to take the Wide Bay to Queensland Parliament for a special roadshow event celebrating the region's excellence in the state's capital city next week.

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Works stabilise shoreline

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 27

A bird's eye view of Jayteen's Park has highlighted the scale of restoration efforts currently underway along Bargara's coast, with more than 7400 cubic metres of sand being placed on the adjacent beach to help stabilise the shoreline. [...] The Bargara SEMP supports Council's broader Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy and is funded through QCoast2100 – a joint initiative between the Queensland Government and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ).

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Budget time is a crucial moment for Queensland

Bundaberg Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Stephen Bennett, Page 30

Next week's State Budget is a crucial moment for Queensland and I'm looking forward to seeing some real wins for our community. In recent days we received some long-awaited news on Paradise Dam. We're paving the way for major construction after Labor left Queenslanders high and dry.

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Big wait for cops

South Burnett Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Julian Lehnert, Page 1

Five months after Queensland's LNP government announced it would dedicate over \$15 million to boosting membership of its vaunted Youth Crime Taskforce, police data has shown the law enforcement group still only has the same four permanent staff positions on its books that Labor funded in 2021. [...] The money, according to premier David Crisafulli and police minister Dan Purdie, will allow the Youth Crime Group to tackle "high harm offending" by attaching itself to rapid response squads like the QPS's Taskforce Guardian.

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No-warrant police searches

South Burnett Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Julian Lehnert, Page 4

The LNP-led Queensland government has pushed through a bill amendment that allows police permanent and wide-reaching stop-and-search powers aimed at tackling knife crime - but South Burnett police have so far not confirmed if they will be making use of the new law. [...] Queensland's minister for police, Dan Purdie, defended the wide-reaching powers given to police under Jack's Law, saying in parliament on Wednesday that the amendment contained a number of safeguards.

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QLD GP incentive grants

South Burnett Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Sarah Dimond, Page 8

Queensland Health Minister Tim Nicholls announced the launch of the Queensland Health General Practice Trainee Incentive Grants in Mount Isa on 27 May. The \$24 million General Practice Trainee Incentive is providing eligible doctors starting their GP training in Queensland in 2025 with a substantial one-off payment of \$40,000.

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Bunya's a top destination

South Burnett Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Sarah Dimond, Page 18

Destination 2045 is set to deliver many amazing tourism projects in the Darling Downs, including transforming Bunya Mountains facilities. The initiative is aimed at creating more events in regional Queensland, more agritourism experiences like farm stays and paddock-to-plate offerings, helping farmers improve profitability. [...] Treasurer and Toowoomba South MP David Janetzki said the Darling Downs communities would benefit from investments in its tourism destinations.

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New social housing opens

South Burnett Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Page 21

Kingaroy is now home to a brand-new social housing triplex, delivering safe and secure homes for locals in need. The new chapter in community support was celebrated on Friday, 30 May thanks to the generosity of the South Burnett Regional Council who donated the land, and funding from the Queensland Government. The opening was attended by local councillors, Nanango MP Deb Frecklington and representatives from key community organisations, including South Burnett CTC.

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Butchulla Native Title group issues statement regarding Burrum Heads beach access

Fraser Coast Chronicle, Other, 18/06/2025, Carlie Walker

A four-year long dispute over a strip of exclusive native title land near a Burrum Heads beach continues to rage after a recent community meeting. [...] In a statement Fraser Coast Councillor Michelle Byrne said on Wednesday the council's powers to take action were limited given the land parcels were controlled by the State Government but it was still engaging with "all parties to try and find a positive resolution to the concerns of residents".

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#)

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WESTERN QUEENSLAND

State budget to deliver windfalls for regional Qld

Maranoa Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Jeremy Cook, Page 3

Grassroots sporting facilities across regional Queensland will be given substantial investments under a state-funded program aimed at boosting sports participation ahead of the 2032 Olympics. Up to 117 Queensland sporting clubs have already been identified for upgrades by the state government under its "Games On!" [...] Queensland Premier David Crisafulli said both programs would deliver the largest investment in community sport the state had seen.

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A step forward in finding a solar panel recycling solution

Stanthorpe Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Lucy Waldron, Page 4

Southern Downs locals are being called to take part in Australia's first-ever solar panel recycling pilot program, with dedicated drop-off points now open in Warwick and Stanthorpe. The initiative, launched by the Smart Energy Council in partnership with the Queensland Government, is a significant step toward establishing a long-term, nationwide solar panel recycling solution.

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Four years of funds

Stanthorpe Today, General News, 19/06/2025, Lucy Waldron, Page 5

A surprise funding announcement from the State Government has delivered a major boost to WillowTree 37, enabling the Warwick-based women's support centre to continue operating at an expanded capacity. [...] Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Amanda Camm, who visited both Protea Place and WillowTree 37, said frontline services needed to be equipped to meet demand.

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Million-dollar support for the "vulnerable" No Headline

Town & Country Journal, General News, 19/06/2025, Selina Venier, Page 1

Advocates of WillowTree 37 in Warwick were further buoyed by the announcement last week of \$1.04 million in state government funding following the April visit of the Honourable Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety. Despite feeling unwell, the Member for Southern Downs, James Lister was in touch with our newspaper to express his pride at this "terrific outcome".

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20-year tourism plan

Town & Country Journal, General News, 19/06/2025, Elizabeth Voneiff, Page 6

Where are you going to holiday in 20 years' time? The state government announced "Destination 2045" which they are describing as a "fresh start for the Darling Downs", including the Southern Downs, as part of a 20-year plan. "From Queen Mary Falls to the Girraween National Park, Darling Downs is a natural gem ready to be crowned an ecotourism destination in Queensland", reads the statement from Minister for the Environment and Tourism etc Andrew Powell.

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2000 new homes on horizon

Town & Country Journal, General News, 19/06/2025, Elizabeth Voneiff, Page 6

At long last, the Queensland government is taking real steps towards increasing the housing supply and the Southern Downs is in line to benefit. Specifically, a large-scale development on the western side of Warwick may become a reality with funds from the Residential Activation Fund. [...] Local governments are "knocking down the doors to work with us to get more land ready to build" according to Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie.

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New health service opens

Western Downs Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 1

The Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service Facility is now open. The new Millmerran MHSF has been open to the public since late last month, treating patients and supporting the community. [...] Millmerran MPHS is part of the more than \$1 billion Queensland government-funded Building Rural and Remote Health Program, which is dedicated to enhancing healthcare services in regional and remote communities.

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Truck pitfalls and potholes

Western Downs Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Jeremy Cook, Page 11

Lead trucking figures have voiced frustration at stretches of damaged highway in southern Queensland amid growing volumes of freight and claims that regulations have stifled safety. [...] Today News Group understands Queensland Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg's visit to the region has been delayed while Southern Downs MP James Lister recovers from a back injury.

Also reported by: [Goondiwindi Argus \(Goondiwindi\)](#), [Maranoa Today \(Maranoa\)](#), [Stanthorpe Today \(Stanthorpe\)](#)

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New QLD general practice trainee incentive program

Western Downs Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Sarah Dimond, Page 30

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Cattle carbon emission less

Western Downs Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 36

With the release of Australia's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report 2023, the Australian Government has revised the feedlot industry's contribution to carbon emissions. The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) has adopted a new Australian-specific equation to calculate enteric methane emissions from grainfed cattle following research conducted by the University of New England (UNE).

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Outback open after record floods

Leader Today, Other, 19/06/2025

The State Government is calling on Australians to visit Western Queensland as the region continues recovering from record-breaking floods earlier this year. Communities and businesses across the Channel Country are welcoming back visitors after floodwaters swept through an area twice the size of Victoria.

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State, federal governments invest \$186.75m into flood-impacted western Queensland

The Western Star, Other, 19/06/2025

The Queensland government has provided \$186.75m in aid to flood-affected western Queensland and is urging tourists to visit the region now lush with flora and fauna. [...] Premier David Crisafulli, Disaster Recovery Minister and Member for Warrego Ann Leahy, and Member for Gregory Sean Dillon were in Thargomindah and Jundah last Friday and urged tourists to visit the region with school holidays and popular annual events, such as the Channel Country Music Muster and Jundah Camel Races approaching.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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SUNSHINE COAST

Move forward on housing

Noosa Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 4

Six years after land for social housing was purchased in Tewantin, the project is expected to be completed in two years after the state government recently committed to construction funding and the release of a tender for construction by the end of the year. [...] "This is about us all working together for the benefit of our community, and I thank the Minister for Housing, Sam O'Connor, for committing to the construction funding after what has been a very slow process since government purchased the site in 2019."

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Marcoola affordable housing draws 200 applications

Noosa Today, General News, 20/06/2025, Page 5

A new affordable housing project in Marcoola has already received more than 200 applications from hopeful tenants. Coast2Bay Housing Group chief executive officer Andrew Elvin said this demonstrated the desperate need for more affordable rental housing in the region. [...] Queensland Housing and Public Works Minister Sam O'Connor, said the project was a great example of what could be achieved through collaboration.

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\$20m Bribie reprieve

Sunshine Coast Daily, General News, 20/06/2025, Chloe Grimshaw and Jorina Maureschal, Page 14

A key figure in restoring Bribie Island following two breakthroughs has declared residents feel "comforted" by the state government announcing \$20m in rapid works. [...] Infrastructure Minister Jarrod Bleijie said, without the immediate action, further damage could present a "heightened infrastructure risk".

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Developer slams council over 'dated' conditions

Sunshine Coast Daily, General News, 20/06/2025, Chloe Grimshaw, Page 14

A developer seeking to subdivide a large vacant block on the Sunshine Coast has begun legal action against the local government over "unreasonable" and outdated approval conditions. The company, JZS Property Developments Pty Ltd, filed an application in the Planning and Environment Court regarding the Sunshine Coast Council's response to a development application at 51 Myla Rd, Landsborough.

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Sunshine Coast to get a brand new school, Qld's teachers fighting for pay

The Courier Mail, Other, 19/06/2025, Bimini Plessner

The Queensland government has pledged to build a primary school on the Sunshine Coast but refuses to comment on its negotiations with the state's teachers. [...] Opposition leader Steven Miles was asked about the LNP's claims Labor failed to deliver the school in Caloundra when speaking to the media in Townsville on Thursday.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#)

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Noosa, Sunshine Coast flying clubs fight plan to shut Teewah airstrip

Gympie Times, Other, 19/06/2025, Scott Kovacevic

Community groups are fighting to save an almost 80-year-old airstrip north of Noosa, saying they have nowhere to go and will be bankrupted if it is closed down. Community groups are fighting to save an almost 80-year-old airstrip at Teewah, between Noosa and Rainbow Beach, saying they will be bankrupted if it is shut down.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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Tourism boost a 'golden goose' threat: parliament

Gympie Today, Other, 20/06/2025

Big expansion plans for Queensland's tourist industry had become a threat to the industry's natural foundations, including the Cooloola Recreation Area and K'gari (Fraser Island), state parliament has been told. [...] Tourism and Environment Minister Andrew Powell said he and Premier David Crisafulli had recently launched Destination 2045, which he described as "a bold vision to ensure Queensland stays the home of the holiday."

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GOLD COAST

On top of the world

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 20/06/2025, Andrew Polls, Page 1

A Melbourne-based consortium is planning to build Australia's tallest tower at a whopping 101-storeys in the heart of Southport. The two tower project, to be known as One Park Lane, is earmarked for a 1507sq m site behind Southport Bowls Club which is close to the location of the planned Gold Coast Arena.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#)

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Units for our most vulnerable

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 20/06/2025, Andrew Polls, Page 4

Construction has begun on a social housing tower in Southport. The 23-storey tower, which will contain 200 units, is being built on a site on the corner of Scarborough and Queen streets, next door to a proposed 101-level residential tower and 60-storey commercial tower. The first sod was turned on Wednesday by Housing Minister Sam O'Connor and Southport MP Rob Molhoek.

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Issues to be managed before the Gates open

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 20/06/2025, Paul Weston, Page 6

A Dreamworld minitown project in the north is the Gold Coast's next biggest development battle. So many unresolved issues. [...] The theme park's owners Coast Entertainment want Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie to "call-in" their project council would no longer plan it, nor could it be legally challenged.

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Camping petition reaches 20,000 signatures

Tamborine Mountain News, General News, 19/06/2025, Page 14

A change.org petition asking for red tape to be cut to allow Scenic Rim farmers to earn income from camping on their properties has exceeded 20,000 signatures. The petition started following a compliance crackdown by Scenic Rim Regional Council which resulted in a number of properties ceasing their camping operations.

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Blowout in childcare costs

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 20/06/2025, Adella Beaini, Page 12

Childcare is eating up more than half the median household income in six Queensland regions making the state the most expensive place in Australia for parents. Families in Beaudesert are among those forking out more than fifty per cent of their income on care, with a 52.7 per cent spend. Even worse are BribieBeachmere (55 per cent), Granite Belt (53.9 per cent), Hervey Bay (53.4 per cent) and Burnett (53.1 per cent).

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TOOWOOMBA

Funding for women's crisis support centre

On Our Selection News, General News, 19/06/2025, Page 8

The Queensland Government will provide \$2.544 million over the next four years to Protea Place Women's Support Centre. Based in Toowoomba, Protea Place provides advocacy and referrals for women experiencing or recovering from domestic and family violence, as well as those at risk of homelessness, or struggling with mental health and other health issues. Treasurer and Member for Toowoomba South David Janetzki said Protea Place provided critical support, dignity and safety to Toowoomba women in need.

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New \$200 voucher for kids'sport

On Our Selection News, General News, 19/06/2025, Page 8

From August, families will be able to claim one \$200 Play On! Sport Voucher per child aged between five and 17. [...] Treasurer David Janetzki said the Queensland Government was proud to deliver cost-of-living relief to Queensland families while also encouraging kids to play sport.

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\$1.04m boost for vital service

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 20/06/2025, Jessica Klein, Page 6

Women escaping violence or facing homelessness are increasingly left in the lurch, but a regional Queensland women's support service is helping to step into the breach. [...] a VITAL service Southern Downs MP James Lister recently expressed his gratitude to the state government, in particular Treasurer David Janetzki and Child Safety and Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Minister Amanda Camm for the vital funding.

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SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

Virgin Australia opens new flights to Qatar from Brisbane

The Courier Mail, Other, 19/06/2025, Jack Nivison

Virgin Australia has announced a new flight path from Brisbane to Doha, opening up travel for Aussies hoping to explore the Middle East. The official unveiling of Western Sydney International Airport Terminal The Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese attended the official unveiling of Western Sydney International Airport [...] Queensland Tourism Minister Andrew Powell said the new flights to Hamad would position the Sunshine State as a new gateway between Australia and the rest of the world.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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Lord mayor defends \$100 rate hike for inner-city units

Brisbane Times, Other, 19/06/2025, Courtney Kruk

Brisbane's lord mayor has defended a rate rise that will cost inner-city unit buyers an extra \$100 a year, saying the measure will ensure "everyone contributes their fair share". Brisbane City Council's budget, delivered on Wednesday, included a new rating category that would apply to anyone buying an inner-city unit or apartment from October 1 this year.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#)

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New biosecurity plan to safeguard Redlands Coast lifestyle

Redlands Coast Today, Other, 19/06/2025, Jordan Crick

Redland City Council has endorsed a new Biosecurity Plan that will enable the continued robust management of invasive weeds, pest animals and other biosecurity risks across the city. [...] The plan covers invasive biosecurity matter across all land and waterways on Redlands Coast, including areas managed by the Queensland Government, private landholders, and community groups.

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Council levy to combat 'years of underfunding'

Local Ipswich News, Other, 19/06/2025

Ipswich ratepayers will face an additional charge in the city's 2025-2026 Budget, with the revenue earmarked for vital infrastructure projects. [...] Cr Harding said the State Government cap on what councils could charge developers would cause a billion-dollar infrastructure gap for Council over the next decade.

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NATIONAL AND INTERSTATE METRO

Queensland commercial fishing industry 'open for business' as investment warnings lifted

ABC Online, Other, 19/06/2025, Kairina Beavan and Adam Stephen

The Queensland government has declared the state is "open for business" when it comes to commercial fishing, lifting investment warnings from every fishery in the state. Investment warnings have served as a buyer-beware label in some areas for more than a decade, creating industry uncertainty by warning that regulation changes could affect the financial viability of fishing businesses. [...] Primary Industries Minister Tony Perrett said the decision would help grow the industry, which generated \$354 million a year.

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Calls for electric bike owners to pay for registration, CTP insurance and licensing

ABC Online, Other, 19/06/2025

A Queensland MP says he backs residents in his electorate's calls for e-bikes and e-scooters to be registered and thereby covered by compulsory third-party (CTP) insurance. The state announced a parliamentary inquiry into e-bike safety last month which has already attracted more than 600 public submissions.

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Family Court chief justice uses State of Origin to send message against domestic violence

ABC Online, Other, 19/06/2025, Andrew Hanlon

At a time when family and domestic violence reports spike, the chief justice of the Family Court of Australia saw the State of Origin series as an opportunity to send a powerful message. Thousands of passionate rugby league fans flocked to Perth Stadium on Wednesday to watch the New South Wales Blues take on the Queensland Maroons.

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Queensland to repeal diversity quotas for Brisbane Olympics board

The Guardian, Other, 20/06/2025, Andrew Messenger

The Queensland government plans to repeal a requirement that half the board overseeing the organising of the Brisbane Olympics be women and at least one member Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The change to the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG) board is contained in an obscure clause in broad-ranging legislation sponsored by the deputy premier, Jarrod Bleijie, in May.

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Native title group condemns 'anti-social' behaviour after residents chased away from beach

NEWS.com.au, Other, 19/06/2025, Frank Chung

An Indigenous group holding exclusive native title to a strip of land near a Queensland beach has assured locals that the public may use the land, despite claims that residents have been chased away and made to feel unsafe while attempting to cross the area. The long-running stoush over access to a Burrum Heads beach, near Hervey Bay, was addressed at a community meeting held last month.

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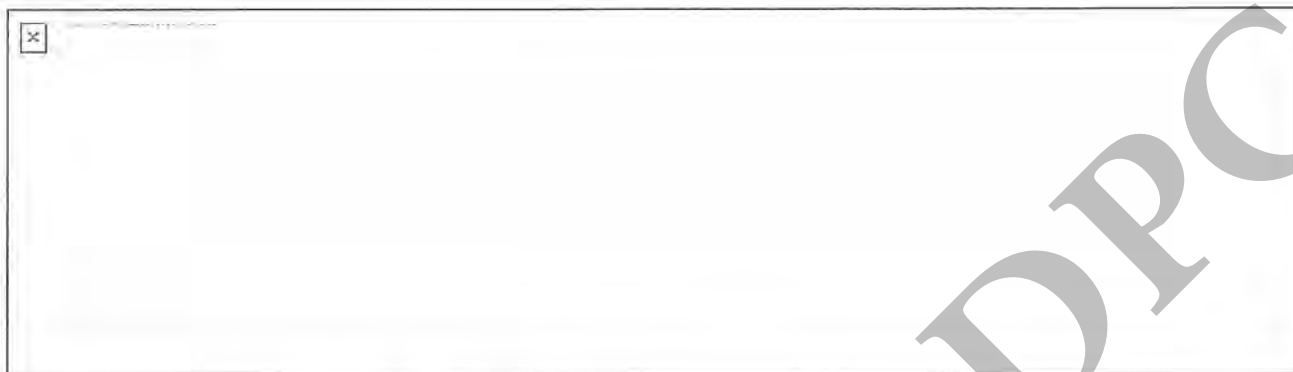
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Friday 27 June 2025

Channel 10

1. Clayfield murder
2. **Premier David Crisafulli** has been accused of having an integrity problem after a long awaited report by the Ethics Committee was made public. The report was blunt, arguing the **Premier** was careless in the discharge of his obligations. **Premier David Crisafulli** says "I should have sought advice from the Clerk, but I did act in good faith". **Deputy Opposition Leader Cameron Dick** says "The most powerful man in Queensland has a big, big integrity problem". [Stream](#)
3. *World News*: US strike on Iran
4. Defence spending
5. Mackay police raid
6. Traffic Report
7. Cassius Turvey murder trial
8. Betting probe investigation
9. Melbourne EV Auto Show
10. Weather Report

Channel 7

1. Clayfield murder
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4. Betting probe investigation
5. Mackay police raid
6. Cassius Turvey murder trial
7. **Premier David Crisafulli** has been cleared by the Parliamentary Ethics Committee over a \$200,000 payment he had to settle claims from liquidators. **Premier David Crisafulli** says "The report has cleared me, there is no further actions, I don't even have to make a contribution in the parliament and for that to be a unanimous decision of the committee is a big deal". [Stream](#)
8. Reality TV contestant murder charge

9. From next week water along with the cost of electricity will increase. From July 1 Urban Utilities say a typical water and sewerage bill will increase by 3.5 per cent. The **Crisafulli Government** is winding back widespread rebates however are confident this week's state budget offers enough relief for the future. **Opposition Leader Steven Miles** says "Why has this government deliberately left out universal cost of living relief?" **Treasurer David Janetzki** says "Targeted. Timely. Recurrent and responsible cost of living package".
Stream
10. Sport Report: Selwyn Cobbo signs with Dolphins
11. Gold Coast beach erosion
12. Weather Report
13. *World News*: Bali shooting investigation
14. Appeal against police taser sentence
15. Wildlife rangers have attempted to catch a crocodile in the Mary River. Stream
16. Hackers targeted
17. Heart tissue research

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8. Parliament's Ethics Committee has cleared the **Premier** of contempt, but declared he was careless for not publicly disclosing all his financial liabilities when he was Opposition leader. **David Crisafulli** today accepted he should have sought advice, sparking a war of words with the **Opposition**. The **Premier's** \$200,000 payment over a failed jobs training company followed him during the election campaign. Parliament's Ethics Committee today ruled there is some evidence that the **Premier** ought to have known that such payments were to be declared and that he was careless in the discharge of his obligations. **Mr Crisafulli** says, "If you're asking me if I should have sought the advice of the clerk, the answer is yes." Deputy Opposition Leader **Cameron Dick** says, "David Crisafulli has been saying for years to Queenslanders he fulfilled his obligations, and he did not." The committee also found on balance it did not have evidence to meet the threshold required to prove that the **Premier** knowingly did not disclose the liability, concluding "the Premier is not guilty of a contempt." **Mr Crisafulli** says, "The report has cleared me. There are no further actions." **Mr Dick** asks, "Where did the \$200,000 come from? That's never been properly explained. ... Queenslanders need to inform themselves and I think understand what the Ethics Committee has said today." The **Premier** says, "I would urge you to have a look at the report. Read every word of it." Stream
9. Mackay police raid
10. Betting probe investigation

ABC

1. Clayfield murder
2. *World News*: Responses to US airstrike
3. Cassius Turvey murder trial
4. A Parliamentary Ethics Committee has found **Premier David Crisafulli** failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators. For several months, **Mr Crisafulli** was sole director of a long-struggling training organisation that collapsed in 2016. The Committee found there was insufficient evidence that the **Premier** had knowingly failed to mention it. **Mr Crisafulli** says, "I acted in good faith. I genuinely did, and the report shows that. I should have sought advice from the clerk, but I did act in good faith." Stream
5. *World News*: Israel-Hamas conflict
6. *World News*: Bali shooting probe
7. *World News*: PNG HIV crisis

8. *World News: Bezos in Venice*

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Evening Briefing



Friday 27 June 2025

Hot Topics

Insolvent trading claim

- [ABC Online](#) reports **Premier David Crisafulli** failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators pursuing an insolvent trading claim against him, a parliamentary committee has found.

Hourly news bulletins

4pm NEWS

4BC Brisbane

- Suncorp Stadium will host a match between the Rabbitohs and Dolphins, as well as the Brisbane Broncos against the NZ Warriors this weekend. General Manager Alan Graham states it will be a challenge. [Stream](#)

KIIS FM

- The **Premier** has slammed comments by the **Opposition Leader** accusing the LNP of stealing Labor policies for its latest budget. **David Crisafulli** told Parliament the Budget is making up for the former government's inaction. [Stream](#)

3pm NEWS

ABC Radio Brisbane

- The **Queensland Government** and **Opposition** had a debate in Parliament over the cost-of-living measures in the State Budget. Last year's temporary relief measures, including the \$1000 energy rebates and rego discounts, have ended. Opposition Leader **Steven Miles** questioned the lack of support for households and **Treasurer David Janetzki** responded by detailing the LNP's cost-of-living measures. [Stream](#)
- Early childhood education safety will be highlighted at the first meeting of the country's **Education Ministers** since the federal election. In March, the ABC's *Four Corners* exposed systemic issues plaguing the sector, including cases of abuse, neglect, and injury. [Stream](#)

4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** backs the LNP's 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' laws following backlash from Opposition Leader **Steven Miles** that the legislation will not work in Queensland. **Mr Bleijie** says the crackdown on youth offenders will take time. [Stream](#)

Radio Afternoon and Drive interviews

Brisbane

ABC Brisbane Drive – Interview with former Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda discussing the potential impacts of Olympics infrastructure on cultural heritage laws. [Stream](#)

Host plays an excerpt of a presser conference by Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie yesterday, during which he responds to a question on whether the government intended to honour the Indigenous heritage of Victoria Park, a traditional bora ring and Aboriginal birthing place.

Mick Gooda:

- The **Deputy Premier** said no one spoke about an concerns Victoria Park, well, we just heard Yuggera Elder Sandra King OAM talk about her story of that place and how important it was in her life
- It's just that people like **Jarrod Bleijie** haven't been part of that conversation
- The whole purpose of Truth Telling is to make public the complete history of Queensland, not just one side
- It's part of the blindness that goes on in Australia around the significance of those places
- It reflects the attitude that we're seeing right now, particularly in places like Queensland and the Northern Territory
- If the **Olympic Games Organising Committee** didn't have Indigenous people, it would not be representative of the whole community
- It should be representative of women, migrants and Indigenous people

4BC Brisbane Afternoons – Interview with 4BC host Sophie Formica discussing ideas promoted at the Brand Brisbane event where she was part of a special guest panel. [Stream](#)

Sophie Formica:

- They looked at how Brisbane looks now as we look towards the future, with the city evolving and going through a period of transformation
- Also discussed was how we make sure we change and grow wisely while remaining very clear about the essence of who we are and ensuring the DNA of the city doesn't change
- Our regional areas also offer much value, such as the beautiful Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast beaches

- There are opportunities that'll be realised, not just as **Games** infrastructure, but as pieces of infrastructure in the city that will be used for generations to come
- We aren't in the shadow of Sydney and Melbourne; we've got a lot to offer and we can stand on our own two feet and we should be really proud of the city that we are and the city that we will become

4BC Brisbane Afternoons – Interview with **Queensland Academy of Sport** Advisory Board member Cate Campbell discussing Brisbane 2032. [Stream](#)

Cate Campbell:

- My long-term goal is to get involved with the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee and the delivery of the Games
- There are so many facets of what goes into make a good Games, including infrastructure, legacy planning, and good investment in athletes
- Ultimately, our Games will be measured on how successful our athletes are, and that investment needs to come early
- I'm super excited to be joining the board of the **Queensland Academy of Sport**
- We'll be looking at World's Best Practice, what are the best people in the world doing and how we can emulate that in Queensland
- But also, what is our pathway looking like? Are we identifying new talent? Where is that coming from? How can we plug them into Olympic sports?

Online

Courier Mail

George St Beat: Latest gossip and news from Qld Parliament

Headlining this week's edition: LNP's epic fail in attempt to connect with young voters.

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HOT TOPICS

- The [Courier Mail](#) leads widespread coverage reporting Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson was allegedly stabbed to death by a 15-year-old boy at a house party in Clayfield, with police charging the teen with murder. Premier David Crisafulli declined to comment on whether the case would be the first test of the 'adult crime, adult time' laws, citing respect for the grieving family. Meanwhile, the [Courier Mail](#) reports retired magistrate Ron Kilner has called the youth justice policy a "Band-Aid approach" with limited long-term effect.
- The [Courier Mail](#) and [ABC Online](#) report Premier David Crisafulli was found by the Ethics Committee to have failed to disclose \$200,000 in settlement payments to liquidators but was cleared of contempt of parliament. Mr Crisafulli said he acted in good faith but admitted he should have sought advice.
- The [Courier Mail](#) reports shadow minister Shannon Fentiman has called for an overhaul of laws requiring schools to report the sharing of nude images by children on social media,

warning schools should face penalties for failing to notify police. Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek said he had written to the accreditation board to ensure schools comply.

- The Courier Mail reports the Queensland Government will hire 150 staff to deliver a \$9 billion Bruce Highway upgrade aiming to meet modern safety standards by 2030, Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg said. About \$5.5 billion will go towards wide centre line treatments, targeting high-risk areas north of Gympie to reduce head-on collisions.

KEY PUBLICATIONS

House party horror

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Iwan Jones & Tayla Couacaud, Page 1

The co-founder of clothing chain Universal Store, 58-year-old Greg Josephson, was found unresponsive in his multimillion-dollar home in the exclusive suburb of Clayfield on Thursday night after he was allegedly stabbed. [...] Premier David Crisafulli on Friday declined to comment on whether the teenager would be the first to be tried for murder under the government's 'adult crime, adult time' policy.

Also reported by: Toowoomba Chronicle (Toowoomba), Weekend Post (Cairns), Daily Telegraph (Sydney), Herald Sun (Melbourne), Adelaide Advertiser (Adelaide), The Courier Mail (Online), Gold Coast Bulletin (Online), Toowoomba Chronicle (Online)

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Class action on nudity

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Kylie Lang, Page 3

The state government is being called on to urgently overhaul laws around the reporting of nude imagery shared by children on social media with schools which fail to notify police to face criminal charges. [...] Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek did not respond to questions from The Courier-Mail around reviewing legislation or hosting a summit.

Also reported by: The Courier Mail (Online), Gold Coast Bulletin (Online), Toowoomba Chronicle (Online), Cairns Post (Online), Townsville Bulletin (Online)

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Premier league gambling inquiry

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Chelsea Bunting & Erin Smith, Page 4

Police are investigating claims a Gold Coast soccer player was approached by a Chinese company's representatives to help manipulate a state premier league match outcome. [...] A Queensland Police spokeswoman confirmed it was investigating

Also reported by: Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin (Gold Coast), Cairns Post (Online), The Courier Mail (Online), Gold Coast Bulletin (Online), Townsville Bulletin (Online)

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'Rubber hitting road' on \$9bn fix

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 6

The state government will hire 150 full-time employees to deliver the \$9bn Bruce Highway upgrade plan, now backed by a newly released priority list that aims to see Queensland's deadliest road fixed by 2030. [...] Premier David Crisafulli said works on Bootooloo Rd between Bowen and Ayr and the Toomulla Intersection at Townsville and Ingham would begin "within weeks".

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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'Careless' but in the clear

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 9

Premier David Crisafulli has been labelled "careless" for failing to disclose a \$200,000 settlement on his register of interests but has been cleared of contempt of parliament. The powerful Ethics Committee on Friday found Mr Crisafulli failed to disclose three payments he made to liquidators between March 12, 2020 and July 19, 2021 over his involvement as a director of failed training company SET Solutions.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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'The world is watching'

Courier Mail, Qweekend, 28/06/2025, Natassia Wheele, Page 10

As someone who started out in a visitor information centre and built a career across every level of tourism, I know its power to change lives my own included. [...] The Honourable Andrew Powell Environment and Tourism Minister and Science and Innovation Minister: Tourism is more than an industry in Queensland; it's the foundation of tens of thousands of small businesses, and the livelihood of more than 270,000 Queenslanders.

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Bleijie: Games will stay up here

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 19

Concerns that Olympic Games events could be taken outside Queensland have been dismissed by Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie. Mr Bleijie insisted all events would remain in Queensland, per the government's plan announced in March.

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Finger on the pulse of city

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Rachel Riley, Page 24

Brisbane's brains trust pumps out a new baseline for our future branding "I think at the moment the liquor laws across Queensland don't represent who we want to be, and that's my job, to work towards with the (state) government, to come up with taking some restrictions off," he said. [...] "I think if the (state) government, which it says it's committed to, gets out of the way of opening up of the opportunities, opening up the river, I think that could really add a whole lot of vibrancy."

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Shiploads of drugs

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Shayla Bulloch, Page 27

International drug syndicates are smuggling cocaine into Queensland in sea chests and attaching packages to cargo ships in extreme operations to get drugs ashore. It comes as the Australian Border Force (ABF) braces for a 70 per cent increase in cargo coming to the nation's waters over the next decade, bringing with it the threat of more illicit drugs hidden onboard ships.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#)

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No butts about it

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Peter Carruthers, Page 35

A dramatic raid of illicit tobacco and vapes during which authorities were unlawfully locked inside has netted a haul of alleged illegal cigarettes, vapes, bongs valued at almost a quarter of a million dollars. Queensland Health environmental health officers ran a compliance inspection of the Urban Tobacconist and Snacks shop on Grafton St in central Cairns this week.

Also reported by: [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#)

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Jack's keeping streets safer

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Greg Stolz, Page 38

Together, Brett and Belinda Beasley are responsible for one of Queensland's most historic and far-reaching public safety laws. But it's a distinction they wish was never bestowed on them, and one they'd forgo in a heartbeat, if only they could bring their boy Jack back.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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EX-magistrate says LNP wrong with youth crime mantra

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Jeremy Pierce, Page 75

A retired Gold Coast magistrate who returned to work on the other side of the bench has hit out at the state government's adult crime, adult time laws, saying they were "kidding themselves" if they think "a clever catchphrase" will achieve meaningful results. [...] A spokesman for youth justice minister Laura Gerber said the LNP government was committed to solving the youth crime crisis.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#)

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Dual genocide claims from MP

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghton, Page 78

In an astonishing outburst in Queensland parliament this week the only surviving Greens MP likened the "genocide" against Palestine by Israel to the "genocide" against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by white Australians. The inflammatory comments came from Member for Maiwar, Michael Berkman, whose electorate straddles suburbs including Indooroopilly, Auchenflower and Toowong.

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Oddball week in state parliament

Courier Mail, General News, 28/06/2025, Des Houghlon, Page 78

Welcome to my brain tumour. Pity poor Palestine. "Clowns on the left, jokers on the right." [...] David Crisafulli rarely speaks about his wife Tegan or his daughters, but he did this week.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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Start spreading the news about Brissie

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Regardless of whether we consider Brisbane's "big country town" label a sledge or a badge of honour, the reality is we have the next seven years to capitalise on hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games - and we can't miss the chance. Yesterday, some of the state's brightest and boldest brains came together to discuss how Brisbane can sell itself to the world, and the challenges ahead.

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Bruce upgrade off and running at last

Courier Mail, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 81

Finally, there is light at the end of the tunnel as works begin to bring the Bruce Highway up to standard. [...] Queensland's Transport and Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg says high-risk sections of the highway north of Gympie are being targeted as a priority, with wide centre lines, overtaking lanes, and intersection upgrades.

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Disgraced greyhound trainer takes aim at QRIC during appeal

Courier Mail, Sport, 28/06/2025, Adam Dobbin, Page 109

Former Hall of Fame greyhound trainer and convicted live baiter Ron Ball issued a stinging broadside to Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) officials in a lastditch attempt to return to the industry this week. Ball, who prepared the great Flying Amy during his six-decade training career, fronted the Queensland Racing Appeals Panel on Thursday in a bid to have a 10-year disqualification overturned.

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Was it murder at the mansion? Boy, 15, held after tycoon stabbed during 'school party'

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan & Marcus De Blonk Smith, Page 1

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing chain has allegedly been stabbed to death by a teenage boy, who police say was known to him, during an afterschool party at his Brisbane mansion. [...] Queensland Police Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said it was alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the boy.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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Olympics out of Brisbane's league

Weekend Australian, General News, 28/06/2025, Noel Pearson, Page 23

It's not too late for Brisbane to withdraw from hosting the 2032 Olympics. [...] The new Liberal National Party government of Premier David Crisafulli has inherited a liability, and no doubt is excited and enthusiastic about likely being the government in charge when Brisbane 2032 comes around.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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CEO dies in party stabbing

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Amelia Swan, Page 4

The co-founder of the Universal Store clothing company and chief executive of another company has been stabbed to death during a house party in a ritzy Brisbane suburb. [...] Acting assistant commissioner Rhys Wildman said police alleged a household implement was used during an altercation between Mr Josephson and the teen.

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What to do when girls go out of control

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Ann Wason Moore, Page 78

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cures. It's a cliché so old that it uses the imperial system, but its metrics stand true today. [...] Which is why the Queensland Government's \$50m commitment to 'crime prevention schools', including \$10m to the Gold Coast's own Men of Business (MOB) Academy, makes cents - even with the state debt now ballooning past \$200bn.

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George St Beat: LNP's epic fail in attempt to connect with young voters

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Mikaela Mulveney, Chris Burns & Taylah Fellows

Welcome to a calm and methodical, budget-themed edition of George Street Beat. [...] David Crisafulli wants to change Queensland's colour to blue so I've got a surprise for him," Mr Miles this week said.

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Queensland GP chain DoctorLink goes bust, owes creditors millions

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025, Sarah Perillo

A group of medical companies across Queensland have collapsed into administration owing millions of dollars to creditors. Several entities under the popular GP brand DoctorLink entered administration late last month, a notice lodged with the corporate regulator reveals.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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QEM to progress environmental assessment for Julia Creek vanadium and energy project

The Courier Mail, Other, 27/06/2025

The finalised TOR outlines the scope and requirements for the EIS, enabling QEM to begin preparations which can be carried out concurrently with its pre-feasibility study. [...] Its potential scale has been recognised by the Queensland Government, which granted a 'Coordinated Project Declaration' in December 2024 that will streamline the entire approvals process, making it easier and faster to get through regulatory requirements while still meeting environmental and community standards.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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Universal Store co-founder's death to test adult crime, adult time laws

Brisbane Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Cameron Alfield, Cloe Read & William Davis

The teenage boy charged with Universal Store co-founder Greg Josephson's murder looks set to be the first major test of Queensland's controversial adult crime, adult time legislation. Under the new laws, which were a key plank of Premier David Crisafulli's election pitch last year, juveniles can face life sentences for serious criminal offences.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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Ethics committee finds David Crisafulli failed to declare \$200,000 payment to liquidators

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Liam Walsh

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidators pursuing an insolvent trading claim against him, a parliamentary committee has found. The failure of Mr Crisafulli to list the liability on his MP register of interests was "careless", the bipartisan ethics committee found in a report tabled on Friday.

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Hospital study finds link between La Niña events and spread of deadly *Vibrio vulnificus* infection

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, James Taylor

Anamika Ganju had not seen anything like it in more than 20 years as an intensive care clinician. [...] In a statement, Queensland Health says the department issues public health advice about the risks of exposure to floodwaters, particularly around severe weather events.

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East-west link in spotlight

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 3

Northern Australia's east-west connectivity will be a major focus of an upcoming conference set to host more than 400 delegates, including leading decision makers and policy influencers. The Developing Northern Australia Conference will sit at the Convention Centre for three days from July 22, with the event "strategically" lured to Cairns, in line with the beginning of a new federal parliament term, TTNQ chief executive Mark Olsen said.

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Reckless actions rampant

Weekend Post, General News, 28/06/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 5

Not a single penalty has been issued for reckless human behaviour around crocodiles since the introduction of tough new laws in Queensland, sparking calls for further reform. [...] Cairns Division 1 councillor Brett Moller said he believed the men were not locals, and on Monday, June 16 lodged a complaint to the Department of Environment Tourism, Science and Innovation.

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Rate rise of \$155 a year

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 3

The average ratepayer on the minimum general rate in Cairns will pay \$155 a year more in rates this year. [...] "The state government's recent land revaluation with an average increase of 30 per cent across our region placed significant pressure on rates.

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Giving a boost to FNQ

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Lizzie Vigar, Page 4

Far North Queensland has welcomed a multi-billion-dollar makeover after Premier David Crisafulli unveiled the 2025-26 state budget, pitching it as a "fresh start" that tackles youth crime, health backlogs, housing shortages and cost-of-living pain. Key spending includes \$560 million for early-intervention programs such as a new regional reset scheme for highrisk teens and a youth justice school for offenders on court orders.

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Budget is fresh start for state

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 5

The Crisafulli government's 2025-26 \$116.8 billion budget lays the foundation for the fresh start Queenslanders voted for, addressing Labor's youth crime, health, housing and cost of living crises. Premier David Crisafulli said the Queensland budget was "delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland".

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Legacy's \$5.7m crusade

Cairns Local News, General News, 27/06/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 7

A petition has been launched to try to secure nearly \$6 million for the proposed FNQ Legacy House, a vital new hub for veterans and their families in Far North Queensland. Barron River MP Bree James is leading the call for \$5.7m in state and federal government support to deliver a purpose-built facility that will provide crisis accommodation, mental health and wellness services and ongoing support for over 300 beneficiaries across the region.

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Far North Queensland kids face life-threatening delays as support services face cuts despite 300-day cardiac waitlists

Cairns Post, Other, 27/06/2025, Emma Cam

Far North Queensland families have been left out of the state budget despite heart disease being the leading cause of death in remote areas of Australia. [...] Member for Hill Shane Knuth accused Health Minister Tim Nicholls of inaction on a solution to a second cardiologist for Cairns kids.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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Far North's economic strengths, challenges hit the road

Cape York Weekly, Other, 27/06/2025, Cape York

The latest economic and employment data for Far North Queensland will be unpacked at a series of free Regional Development Australia (RDA) Tropical North forums across the region in June and July. [...] A longer session will be held in Cairns, with RDA Tropical North giving an update on current priorities alongside AusIndustry, the Office of Northern Australia, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and nbn.

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NORTH QUEENSLAND

Kirwan High's nursing program gets national nod

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Evan Morgan, Page 3

Kirwan High has been named as a double finalist in the prestigious 2025 Australian Education Awards honours that showcase the principals, teachers and best performing schools in the country. [...]

Developed in partnership with Queensland Health and local aged care providers, the program offers year 12 students from not just Kirwan High but other schools in the region, the opportunity to gain real-world industry qualifications and employability skills in the healthcare sector.

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Katter runs into brick wall

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Josh Mercer, Page 4

Traeger MP Robbie Katter says a developer is ready to take on the challenge of turning defunct parts of Eventide Aged Care Facility into social and affordable housing. [...] Mr Katter put a question on notice to the Health and Ambulance Services Minister, Tim Nicholls, in parliament in May asking if he supported repositioning the proposed Charters Towers Hospital so the Eventide Aged Care Facility can be repurposed for housing.

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Help to protect women

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Page 5

A Townsville chief executive, who has been helping support NQ women in need for almost two decades, has started work as part of the state government's newly established Sexual Violence Review Board. [...] Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support Laura Gerber said the Sexual Violence Review Board is another step towards ensuring victims' rights are front and centre.

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Copper clock ticking down

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Chris Burns, Page 7

Queensland's critical mineral supply faces a "five minutes to midnight" threat on the proverbial doomsday clock, with industry insiders fearing the closure of its only copper smelter could derail the \$13.9bn CopperString transmission project. [...] High-level discussions have been held between Glencore and Premier David Crisafulli, with the company indicating it would need \$2bn over a decade to justify keeping the smelter open.

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Airport celebrates 20 years with QAL

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Daneka Hill, Page 22

It's been a crazy 20 years for Townsville Airport, with passenger numbers growing 45 per cent and \$118m in upgrades completed. Our little airport was acquired by its current owner, QAL (Queensland Airports Limited), on March 15, 2005 a time when fire engines made ceremonial water archways for planes carrying the Cowboys NRL squad, and the 2004 mining boom was making FIFO a household acronym.

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Gold Coast fast rail is the untold State Budget story - and it could make a big difference to the gridlocked M1

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Paul Weston

The untold Gold Coast story from the State Budget is not about funding for light rail going south to the border being on pause. It's about faster train services north to Brisbane. [...] Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg, in a Budget chat with your columnist about light rail and the Coomera Connector, when asked about fast rail, provided some stunning statistics.

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CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Rates rise

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, McKenzie Neal, Page 1

Longreach ratepayers will see an average increase of 2.7 per cent in their rates bills this financial year, following the adoption of Longreach Regional Council's 202526 Budget.[...] A further \$8 million will be spent on roads, streets and stormwater maintenance, with \$7 million allocated to contract works in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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Millions are committed for the West

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Gregor Mactaggart, Page 1

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 202526 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

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Telstra wins tower appeal

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Matthew Pearce, Page 3

Telstra has won an appeal to build a new 5G tower near Longreach's Stockman's Hall of Fame on Ilfracombe Road. After the proposal was rejected by Longreach Regional Council in November, Telstra appealed the decision in the Planning and Environment Court.

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Big month at Blackall-Tambo

The Longreach Leader, General News, 27/06/2025, Andrew Martin, Page 9

June is almost over. [...] The Queensland Government is partnering with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (BTRC) to support a trial designed to increase transport connections to essential medical, education and community services,' he said.

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Mirani MP champions renewables' bill as restoring 'voice of rural Qlders'

Morning Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025

A Central Qld grazier-turned-politician is lauding wind and solar farm legislation which will empower local voices, but the peak state body has warned there could be negative outcomes. Grazier-turned-politician Glen Kelly is lauding renewables legislation which will make large-scale solar farms and wind farms impact assessable and ensure mandatory public consultation.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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CQ's 'fresh start on Budget

CQ Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacLaggart

A new high school in Gracemere, a TAFE Centre of Excellence, and close to \$2 billion for the Rockhampton Ring Road headline a 2025–26 State Budget the Queensland Government says delivers a "fresh start" for Central Queensland. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday.

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Millions committed in state budget to Western Queensland

Emerald Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Jin Hui

Funding for several key projects across the Central West features in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget. Premier David Crisafulli and Treasurer David Janetzki handed down the Budget on Tuesday, 24 June.

Also reported by: [Leader Today \(Online\)](#)

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WIDE BAY

Council supports housing action in Gin Gin

Bundaberg Now, Other, 27/06/2025, Nalasha Harth

In another win for Bundaberg Regional Council's Housing Action Plan a State Government social housing project has been delivered in Gin Gin after Council gifted land to the State. [...] Queensland Government Minister for Housing and Public Works Sam O'Connor said the project was representative of the collaborative approach needed.

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State Budget commits \$4.4 billion to Paradise Dam

Bundaberg Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Gregor MacLaggart & Tahlia Facer

Rebuilding Paradise Dam headlines a number of Wide Bay–Burnett initiatives in the 2025–26 Queensland Budget handed down on Tuesday. The State Government allocated \$4.4 billion to construct a new wall at Paradise Dam, which Deputy Premier and State Development Minister Jarrod Bleijie said was a long-awaited step to restore water security in the region.

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Council conditions major intersection upgrades on 256 lot development approval

Bundaberg Today, Other, 27/06/2025, Tahlia Facer

East Bundaberg is set to welcome yet another housing development with council approving a 256 lot subdivision at its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday. Encompassing almost an entire block between Telegraph Rd, Ashfield Rd and Bargara Rd, the development will be established upon land previously used for cropping.

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WESTERN QUEENSLAND

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SUNSHINE COAST

Budget delivers funding

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 3

Gympie South will benefit from a new Queensland Fire and Rescue Station as part of a \$36 million investment outlined in the 202526 Queensland Budget, handed down this week. [...] "This Budget is delivering the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland," Premier David Crisafulli said.

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Highway fix starts

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Arthur Gorrie, Page 7

The \$9 billion joint federal-state government project to "fix the Bruce" got started just north of Gympie on 20 June with major works at Bauple. [...] State Main Roads Minister Brent Mickelberg, Federal Assistant Regional Development Minister Anthony Chisholm and state Primary Industries Minister and Gympie MP Tony Perrett also welcomed the projects, which are being informed by advice from the Bruce Highway Advisory Council.

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Fishing shackles released

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 27

A media statement from the Crisafulli Government has said it is revoking investment warnings for the state's commercial fishing industry a move, it says, will restore confidence, improve financial access, and support industry growth. [...] Minister for Primary Industries and Gympie MP Tony Perrett said the change was vital to the future of the industry, which contributes around \$354 million annually to Queensland's economy while supporting about 2835 jobs.

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Step in the right direction

Gympie Today, General News, 27/06/2025, Donna Jones, Page 28

The Gympie Regional Council, and specifically the Cooloola Coast, is set to benefit from next month with \$30,000 to improve walking track facilities in the area. [...] Minister for Transport and Main Roads Brent Mickelberg said that through this round of grants, more than \$8.8 million will be invested in regional Queensland to help deliver improved pathways for children travelling to school and for people walking or cycling in their neighbourhoods.

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GOLD COAST

Labor's green dreams put out of their misery

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Matt Canavan, Page 81

The Queensland Budget this week revealed that the former Labor government wasted a rainy-day fund on various renewable and hydrogen pet projects. When the Labor party increased coal royalties a few years ago, it knew that Queensland would lose part of the windfall revenue to other states as part of the GST redistribution.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#)

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Here's what \$380m buys in south east

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 26

The Sunshine State has become the nation's new money magnet for property seekers, with the top 20 biggest sales of the financial year in Queensland eclipsing all other states except for NSW. A whopping \$380m was spent on just 20 residential properties in the past 12 months five in Brisbane and the rest scattered across the Gold Coast and Noosa with agents reporting an exodus of Melbourne buyers and an influx of local buyers.

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We need a new model for mental health emergencies

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Carly Hudson, Page 78

There's a growing crisis in how we respond to mental health emergencies, and it's playing out in hospital emergency departments every day. [...] I note the recent announcement from the Queensland Government of a dedicated low-stimulus space for mental health ED presentations at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

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What we're doing with your money

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Tate, Page 79

The Gold Coast continues to experience record population growth and residents have an expectation that council, and other levels of government, will focus on delivering core services and infrastructure. [...] The City has funding set aside for the detailed business case for Stage 4 yet we have now learned the State Government is still yet to match that funding in their 2025-26 state budget.

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Gold Coast Turf Club: \$1bn lifestyle precinct Sunshine development's big step forward

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 27/06/2025, Andrew Potts

A \$1 billion Gold Coast Turf Club transformation plan for a "world-class" residential and retail entertainment precinct will burst out of the gates after more than a year of delays. [...] "This has never been about moving fast, it's about doing it properly, and with the community beside us (and) to have that support, and the backing of Gold Coast City Council and the State Government, gives us the confidence to now take the next step.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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TOOWOOMBA

17 lives within 24 years

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 1

One of the Toowoomba region's deadliest roads will receive a massive funding boost to upgrade it, as part of funding within the Queensland budget. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will start work this month on \$27m in improvements to Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road, which stretches from Wellcamp to the township of Cecil Plains.

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Public service spending spree ahead of new cap

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 4

Millions of dollars will be spent appointing new public service executives before the government's hiring cap kicks in next week. Job advertisements for three senior positions in the Treasury department were posted on Seek on Wednesday June 25 the day after Treasurer David Janetzki announced a public service hiring freeze in his first budget.

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Delay to protect disgrace: Vonhoff

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 5

Deputy mayor Rebecca Vonhoff has lashed council bureaucrats over a seven-month delay in developing environmental protections for the Toowoomba region, calling it a "damn disgrace" to ratepayers. Dr Vonhoff secured enough support from colleagues at last week's ordinary meeting to continue work by the council's planning department into the "management of significant vegetation".

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Housing projects ditched and delayed

Toowoomba Chronicle, Real Estate, 28/06/2025, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 8

More than a quarter of Brisbane's apartment projects are at risk of not getting off the ground, as new figures reveal more than 1100 units are stuck in limbo as construction costs and productivity delays continue to plague the industry. [...] "Queensland has the worst construction productivity in the country and we need to get things moving if we have any hope of realising Queensland's Olympic dreams and ensuring every Queenslanders has a roof over their head," Caire said.

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Toowoomba council accused of stopping development of 100 new affordable homes in Glenvale over earthworks opposition

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Tom Gillespie

A Brisbane developer has slammed the Toowoomba Regional Council for holding up the construction of 100 houses for first homebuyers, over requirements he has described as "stupid". [...] "Our objective is to sell lowset homes for under \$750,000 — the land price is \$300,000, and the house is \$400,000, and the state government is encouraging us to move ahead with these," he said.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#)

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Qld government to start work on \$27m upgrade of Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road after 25 years of carnage

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/06/2025, Tom Gillespie

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Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#)

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Future farming: CQU's collaborative vision with Ag department

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Melanie Groves

A major university is chasing a partnership with the Department of Primary Industries in an effort to encourage more people to enter the agricultural workforce. Representatives from Central Queensland University met with the Primary Industries Minister, Tony Perrett, at the Belmont Research Station near Rockhampton last week, on June 18.

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Council rates rise across Queensland by up to 10 per cent

Queensland Country Life, Other, 27/06/2025, Zac Braxton-Smith

Ratepayers in most of Queensland's rural and regional areas will pay between 2.7 and 9.5 per cent more to councils from July 1, but the rate increase could be even higher in one local government area. Most of Queensland's 77 councils had voted to increase their FY25-26 rates by June 26, with a handful of exceptions.

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Toowoomba-Cecil Plains road upgrades underway

WEB The Toowoomba Minute, Other, 27/06/2025

Construction has officially commenced on the Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road safety upgrade project, following extensive community consultation in 2024. Led by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), the project will deliver several targeted safety improvements aimed at reducing crash risks and improving efficiency on this key agricultural corridor.

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SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

Ipswich households to receive a new green lid bin

Moreton Border News, General News, 27/06/2025, Page 20

Ipswich is improving the way it handles waste, with an important change on the way for households. [...] The new GO bin will be delivered to every Ipswich household kerbside at no additional cost to residents, with funding from the State Government.

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TMR looks to Germany for Bremer River bridge woes

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

With no silver bullet in sight to fix the Warrego Highway's westbound Bremer River bridge, the Transport and Main Roads Department has turned its attention to Germany, where laboratory testing could see the damaged bridge effectively patched, sparing commuters a re-decking project after two long years of waiting. Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, who attended last Thursday's Pine Mountain and Districts Progress Association AGM confirmed the growing whispers behind closed doors.

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Fitzroy's loss is local's gain

Ipswich News Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Questions have been asked since the state government's decision to divert the 2032 Olympic rowing events from SEQ to Rockhampton's Fitzroy River, but criticisms of the Olympic facility are getting louder following a big change to the rowing calendar. Rockhampton was supposed to host the 2025 Queensland Schools Championship Regatta but it has been moved back to the Queensland State Rowing Centre (Wyaralong Dam) – the venue overlooked by the State when making its games choice.

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Waft a stench! Mangrove smelly season pongs again

Redlands Coast Today, Other, 27/06/2025

Some Redlands Coast residents living close to mangrove wetlands are experiencing the annual 'pong-a-thon'. [...] Queensland Health has previously advised Council and residents that there are no long-term health impacts associated with exposure to hydrogen-sulphide odours produced by mangrove seeds breaking down, as the levels are well below those known to cause health effects.

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Helping hand for Moreton Bay businesses

Moreton Daily, Other, 27/06/2025, Nick Crockford

Seven small and family businesses in Redcliffe and Pumicestone have been selected for State Government Business Basics Grants. [...] Small and Family Business Minister Steve Minnikin said the Business Basics Grants program was part of the Small and Family Business First Action Statement.

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New transport sub-committee drives push for better connectivity on Tamborine Mountain

beautesertbulletin.com, Other, 27/06/2025

The Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce has launched a new Transport Sub-Committee, formed in response to mounting concerns about the region's limited public transport options. The Committee is currently updating its formal submission to the Queensland Government to reflect: Current service usage and gaps, 2021 Census data, Economic benefits of expanded transport for tourism and employment, A business case for weekend and late-service transport

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NATIONAL AND INTERSTATE METRO

Olympic rivalry a national sport

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 28/06/2025, Page 14

Sibling rivalry certainly is a thing for federations as well as families. [...] This week's Queensland budget set out the parlous position of the state's economy, which is sliding deeper into debt.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#)

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Third surplus in Chalmers' sights

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Michael Read, Page 1

Treasurer Jim Chalmers will come close to delivering a shock third budget surplus this year, even as new research showed state and federal government debt repayments were on track to reach their highest share of economic activity in at least two decades.

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Victoria leads the country in building homes

AFR Weekend, General News, 28/06/2025, Myriam Robin, Page 18

A year ago on Tuesday, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese gave the nation five years to build 1.2 million homes, divided proportionately by population among all the states and territories.

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QLD Premier David Crisafulli should have declared \$200k settlement

The Australian, Other, 27/06/2025, Sarah Elks, Mackenzie Scott & Michael McKenna

G'day readers and welcome to this week's Feeding the Chooks, your regular insight into the fascinating world of Queensland politics. Trading barbs David Crisafulli failed to disclose to the parliament a \$200,000 legal settlement he made to liquidators to avoid being sued for insolvent trading, the powerful ethics committee has found.

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All the changes coming on July 1, and what they mean for your wallet

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 27/06/2025

It's not just end-of-financial-year sales that could hit your hip pocket from July 1. [...] Penalty unit rates are being indexed by the Queensland government from July 1, meaning people convicted of a crime will pay \$5.60 more per penalty unit for most offences under state legislation.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#)

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Teen held on murder charge after businessman's stabbing

Canberra Times, Other, 27/06/2025, Fraser Barton & Laine Clark

A teenager will be held in custody on a murder charge after the multimillionaire co-founder of a national clothing chain was fatally stabbed at a house party packed with youths. [...] Acting Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman said there had been "some sort of altercation" before Mr Josephson was found dead.

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CCTV emerges in case of teen accused of murdering Universal Store founder Greg Josephson at Clayfield mansion

West Australian, Other, 27/06/2025, Pela Rasdien

The teen accused of killing the millionaire co-founder of popular clothing retailer Universal Store at an affluent Brisbane home allegedly phoned police before his arrest. [...] Queensland Premier David Crisafulli declined to speculate on whether the boy would face the State's tough new "adult crime, adult time" policy, under which youth offenders can be sentenced as adults for serious crimes like murder.

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Repeated Cape York ferry breakdowns leave tourists in kilometres-long queues

ABC Online, Other, 27/06/2025, Brendan Mounter, Adam Stephen & Christopher Testa

Getting to mainland Australia's northernmost point is difficult at the best of times but constant ferry breakdowns at the final river crossing has made it all the harder. [...] Tourism Tropical North Queensland estimates tourism is worth \$175 million annually to Cape York.

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Solar power: Kangaroo Point Bridge leads winners as Queensland architecture awards put spotlight on sustainability

The Guardian, Other, 27/06/2025, Kelly Burke

The newest bridge spanning the Brisbane River – the longest cable-stayed pedestrian bridge in the country – has taken out top honours in the 2025 Australian Institute of Architects Queensland awards. A week after Sydney's new network of city metro stations collected architecture's most prestigious prize in New South Wales, Brisbane's Kangaroo Point Bridge was lauded at Friday night's award ceremony as another example of the significant value of state governments investing in architecture to realise major infrastructure projects that raise the bar beyond the realm of mere functionality.

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The CFMEU 's* fight' after High Court decision**

The Saturday Paper, Other, 28/06/2025, Martin McKenzie-Murray

It was a significant victory for the CFMEU's administration, however predictable the outcome seemed to observers. Last Wednesday, the High Court unanimously rejected a challenge to the administration's constitutional validity, made last year by expelled Queensland officials.

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Afternoon Briefing



Friday 27 June 2025

Hot Topics

Government re-brand

- **National Indigenous Times** reports Queensland's opposition has accused the state government of directing public servants to remove Acknowledgments of Country from their email signatures. Shadow Minister for Reconciliation **Leeanne Enoch** on Thursday tabled a **Queensland Government** directive in Parliament that stated: "Departments are no longer permitted to add additional departmental branding elements such as the First Nations acknowledgement...".

Brisbane 2032:

- **The Australian** reports that Brisbane is not a world-class city – the Olympics are out of its league. Entertainment in the form of sporting and gaming facilities are all that politicians seem to support with unadulterated enthusiasm and massive public investment. The unwillingness to take the risk on Victoria Park is not because Labor was or is particularly prudent with public funds. It is a testament to how diabolic the cost-benefit numbers must be for all options.

Hourly news bulletins

2pm NEWS

ABC Radio Brisbane

- A parliamentary ethics committee found Queensland **Premier David Crisafulli** should have declared payments to liquidators of collapsed Melbourne company SET Solutions but found no wrongdoing. Crisafulli led SET Solutions in 2016 during a political break and didn't declare \$200,000 paid to liquidators for insolvent trading claims, as revealed by the

ABC. The committee ruled he was careless but did not knowingly withhold disclosure. The Premier thanked the bipartisan committee. [Stream](#)

4BC Brisbane

- Olympics swimmer Cate Campbell states Victoria Park can give a lasting legacy for Brisbane, however critics have raised concerns about the effects of green space. Taking Sydney as an example, Campbell says the Sydney Olympic Park is still being used. [Stream](#)

1pm NEWS

ABC Radio Brisbane

- **Premier David Crisafulli** has expressed condolences over a tragic incident in Clayfield, Brisbane's north. A 15yo boy has been charged with murder after a 58yo man was fatally stabbed during an altercation last night. Police say the two knew each other. **Crisafulli** says his thoughts are with everyone affected. [Stream](#)

4BC Brisbane

- The **Queensland Government** has announced another 43 enforcement officers to crack down on the sale of illegal tobacco and vapes, with \$12.7m being spent. Offices will be spread across Queensland's 11 public health units and central compliance team. [Stream](#)

12pm NEWS

ABC Radio Brisbane

- The **Queensland Government** and Queensland Opposition clashed in Parliament over cost of living measures in this week's Budget. Last year's relief, including \$1,000 energy rebates and rego discounts, ended. Queensland **Opposition Leader Steven Miles** criticised the Budget's lack of support for households, while Queensland **Treasurer David Janetzki** highlighted the LNP's cost of living initiatives. The Budget is expected to pass today. [Stream](#)
- **Queensland Health** researchers say climate change is increasing the risk of exposure to *Vibrio vulnificus*, a potentially fatal flesh-eating bacteria. After the 2022 eastern Australia floods, five Fraser Coast fishermen were infected. The study found exposure is nearly five times more likely during La Niña events. Lead author Daniel Bermingham says more public health awareness is needed. The findings are published in the Rural and Remote Health journal. [Stream](#)

4BC Brisbane

- Queensland **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** has taken aim at the State Opposition in parliament after remarks made by Queensland **Opposition Leader Steven Miles** relating to Adult Time, Adult Crime laws, noting they won't work despite Labor voting for it. [Stream](#)
- As part of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells says some events may need to be held in other states. Executives from World Rowing will visit Rockhampton in the coming months to check if the Fitzroy River is up to standard. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has already flagged the possibility for Sydney's Penrith to host rowing, and Melbourne for tennis. Meanwhile, Queensland **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** says if the Fitzroy River is okay for a rocky Queensland rower, then it should be fine. [Stream](#)

11am NEWS

4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** has taken aim at the **State Opposition** in parliament after remarks made by **Queensland Opposition Leader Steven Miles** relating to **Adult Time, Adult Crime laws**, noting they won't work despite Labor voting for it. [Stream](#)
- The caravan sector is calling for subsidised towing and road safety courses for Queenslanders. Research reveals 80% of RV owners would change their on-road behaviours if they had access to proper education. Caravan and Trade Industries Association Queensland CEO Jason Plant states detailed advice would help drive down the road toll. [Stream](#)

10am NEWS

ABC Radio Brisbane

- A 15yo boy is due to appear in Brisbane Children's Court today, charged with murder after a 58yo man was found dead at a house party on Oriel Road, Clayfield. Assistant Commissioner Rhys Wildman says the other teenagers at the house weren't involved. The charge is being treated as a domestic violence offence. [Stream](#)

4BC Brisbane

- **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie** backs the LNP's **Adult Crime Adult Time** laws following backlash from the Opposition that the legislation will not work in Qld. **Bleijie** says the Opposition's claims are 'ridiculous'. [Stream](#)

Radio Mornings and Afternoon Interviews

Brisbane

4BC Mornings – Interview with **Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie**, replying to **Steven Miles**, discussing **Adult Crime Adult Time**, land tax policy, Brisbane 2032 and the **State Government's** Logo change. [Stream](#)

Deputy Premier:

- **Steven Miles' Budget Reply Speech** was lacklustre; he reheated policies he's announced before and defended his time as Premier.
- **Miles** lied to 4BC listeners, saying that **Adult Crime, Adult Time** hasn't worked because it didn't solve all the issues of the world one month after the election, and if he didn't think the laws would work, why did he vote for the bill?
- He is a puerile, childish juvenile that is just not up to the job of Opposition Leader, or indeed, Premier before the election.
- **Miles** has his crayons out, and he's worried about the colour of budget documents; that's his priority, not the victims of crime.
- Our priority in the **LNP Government** under **David Crisafulli** is the same issues we talk to the election because they're the issues that People talk to us about youth crime, housing, cost of living and the health crisis.
- I think we saw **Steven Miles' first and last Budget Reply Speech**, since we know **Cameron Dick** and **Meaghan Scanlon** and **Shannon Fentiman** are coming for his job, but they are all as incompetent as each other.
- **Miles** went on 4BC this morning and used four examples of build-to-rent programmes and projects that were already being built before Labor changed the land tax policy.

- Additionally, no land tax exemptions were applied for by developers and no land tax exemptions were given by the **Treasury** and the **Queensland Revenue Office** while Labor was in power, so the Opposition have just reheated policy.
- The Coat of Arms has not changed, the colour has changed, and the Logo for this Government is 'Delivering For Queensland'.
- The **Premier** exposed yesterday when the last budget was handed down by the Labor government, their health documentation was colour blue – they changed it.
- The funding deal with the Federal Government for Brisbane 2032 is progressing well, and I have been in talks with Federal Infrastructure Minister, Catherine King, and it will be in the best interests of the Queensland taxpayer.
- We have already gone to market with the 17,000 seat Brisbane Arena, and there is already a strong, positive interest from the private sector - Brisbane will have an arena on the **Go Print** site before 2032.
- We have kept the funding envelope for the Games at \$7.1 billion, and we have also removed Best Practice Industry Principles – aka the CFMEU tax.
- Regarding the blue origin jersey, I suspect Steven-the-stuntman will carry on with his puerile attacks on the **Premier** rather than concentrating on what matters to Queenslanders.

ABC Radio Brisbane Mornings – Interview with State Parliament Ethics Committee Chair **Ray Stevens** discussing Labor MPs being absent during parliamentary sittings. [Stream](#)

Ray Stevens:

- We have absences for different reasons, medical reasons, for example, but for members to deliberately skip Parliament for other activity is highly unusual, I've been there 19 years and I haven't seen that behaviour before
- Labor definitely did not make a play towards the Speaker or anybody else in relation to the absences that were there, there were just empty seats which was very disappointing from the point of view of representing their constituencies and their electorates
- **Steven Miles** saying he sent them to regional Queensland doesn't change anything, it sounded more like an excuse why they weren't there
- Government ministers absolutely have a responsibility to answer the questions and they answer in the way that they feel is appropriate
- This was a budget that was very difficult for the Treasurer to bring down in the circumstances of huge debt and unfunded projects by the previous government, and that was the core of the answers that the ministers were giving

*Compere plays excerpt of interview with Shadow Treasurer **Shannon Fentiman** discussing regional tour by Labor MPs.*

Sunshine Coast

ABC Sunshine Coast Mornings – Interview with Gateway Care Managing Director Tom Lew discussing recent **State Budget** funding. [Stream](#)

Tom Lew:

- This funding will help with our operating costs because we have had to scale back some of our operations in recent times
- The demand in our community is significant, we don't see that necessarily going away anytime soon and the continued period of pressure on families has meant things like domestic violence and mental health issues are being escalated
- We operate as a social enterprise and so apart from government funding, we also operate a program where we buy in low-cost food and then distribute it on a no-cost, low-cost and affordable basis
- We're trying not to be a burden on the taxpayers and the **State Government** for funding, but it will add to our budget and potentially we could increase services into additional sites

- We currently help more than 1000 families a week in Caloundra, but our stretch goes beyond that because we work with around 30 different charities and similar crisis care and community group partners to support them with food items

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Repeated Cape York ferry breakdowns leave tourists in kilometres-long queues

The Jardine River ferry in Far North Queensland has broken down for the fourth time in as many weeks. The ferry has since been repaired and is operational again but there are concerns ongoing breakdowns will damage the reputation of the area.

Morning Bulletin

Mirani MP champions renewables' bill as restoring 'voice of rural Qlders'

Grazier-turned-politician **Glen Kelly** is lauding renewables legislation which will make large-scale solar farms and wind farms impact assessable and ensure mandatory public consultation.

Queensland Country Life

How this university aims to make Qld the ag education capital of the country

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ABC • Lexy Hamilton-Smith • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 7:09 pm

News A parliamentary ethics committee has found Queensland Premier David Crisafulli failed to declare a \$200,000 payout to liquidate For several months, Mr. Crisafulli was sole director of a long-struggling training organisation that collapsed in 2016. The ABC revealed last year that after he became an MP, he settled an insolvent trading claim against him involving that company, but he didn't list the debt on his register of interest. Today, the ...

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Channel 10 (2 media items)

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli faces integrity allegations following an Ethics Committee report revealing he was "careless" i...

Channel 10 • Sharon Ghidella • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 5:02 pm

Interview Premier David Crisafulli has been been accused of having an integrity problem after a long-awaited report by the Ethics Committee was made public. Live to state political reporter Matthew Karstunan And Matt, what did the report find? Yeah, good evening, Sharon. The report is in relation to three payments made by the Premier worth \$200,000 back in 2020 and 2021 to liquidators of Southern Edge Training. Now, Mr Crisafulli was the company's director ...

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Mr Josephson, co-founder of the Universal Store clothing chain, played a significant role the national company until its sale i...

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News Mr Josephson founded the clothing chain Universal Store with his brother in the 90s. He played a big role in the national company until it was sold in 2018. It's understood his wife had been away in Noosa this week. This is a tragic incident and that will affect the family, the community as a whole and other young persons who were at the house at the time who are assisting us with inquiries. The teenager's case was briefly mentioned in the C...

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Commentary I don't even have to make a contribution in the Parliament. And for that to be a unanimous decision of a committee is a big deal.

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The Parliamentary Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier over a \$200,000 payment made to settle claims from liquidators during h...

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News The Premier Premier has been cleared by the Parliamentary Ethics Committee over a \$200,000 payment he made to settle claims from liquidators. It relates to his time as the director of a training company called Southern Edge nine years ago. He failed to declare the money to Parliament when he returned to politics as the Member for Broadwater in 2017. The report has cleared me. There is no further actions.

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Item ID R00122823157 • Interviewees David Crisafulli, Queensland Premier •

Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:30 pm

News And State Parliament's Ethics Committee has cleared Premier David Crisafulli over an omission on his official register of interests. He said it had been careless, while Labor says there are still questions.

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The ethics committee cleared a government official of further action despite acknowledging carelessness, with the Premier and oppo...

Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:07 pm

News The ethics committee noted he was careless but recommended no further action be taken. The Premier and opposition called media conferences this afternoon to address the findings?

Let's take a listen. The report has cleared me. There is no further actions. I don't even have to make a contribution in the Parliament. And for that to be a unanimous decision of the committee is a big deal. Where did the money come from? Where did the \$200,000 come ...

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The Parliamentary Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier of contempt after he settles claims from liquidators with a \$200,000 pa...

Channel 7 • Samantha Heathwood • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 4:06 pm

News The Premier has been cleared of contempt by the Parliamentary Ethics Committee, after he made a \$200,000 payment to settle claims from liquidators. Let's go to State Political Editor Malina Wopp. Malina, this follows an eight-month investigation. Yes, Sam, Labor had pushed for David Crisafulli to face the Ethics Committee on the eve of the October election. It dates back to the time when he became the director of a training company after losing ...

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Queensland Premier David Crisafulli has been cleared of contempt by Parliament's Ethic Committee but was found careless for not p...

Channel 9 • Melissa Downes • TV • 27 Jun 2025, 6:13 pm

News Parliament's Ethics Committee has cleared the Premier of contempt, but declared he was careless for not publicly disclosing all of his financial liabilities when he was Opposition leader. David Crisafulli today accepted he should have sought advice, sparking a war of words with the opposition. David Crisafulli's \$200,000 payment over a failed jobs training company followed him during the election campaign. To Queenslanders who may not know about ...

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Katrina Blowers on the toughest year of her life



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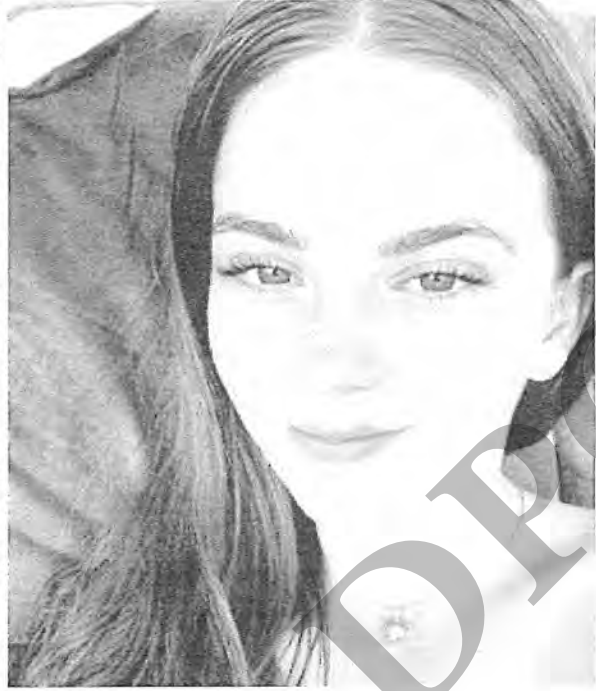
It's not about what happens to you in life, it's how you choose to respond – That's the mantra 7News Queensland presenter and chief reporter Katrina Blowers says to herself when times are tough.

In May 2024, she lost her beloved mum, Elizabeth Barnes, to motor neurone disease and weeks later her engagement to then partner of three years, Adam Yates (inset), ended abruptly.

"I thought it (the relationship) was great ... I thought I was in what was a fairytale relationship and I was pretty blindsided," she says.

Read on for what helped her through the tough times.

Pheobe's mum reveals touching keepsake



Pheobe was farewelled at a funeral in Bundaberg.

Pheobe Bishop's mum has shared heartbreaking images of jewellery she had made featuring the hair of her allegedly murdered daughter.

Kylie Johnson said she and her daughter Kaylea would always have a 'piece of Phee Phee'.

"Wherever we go she is with us," she said.

The tribute comes as it was revealed Pheobe's boyfriend Levi made the 5000-kilometre trip to attend the family's private farewell for the 17-year-old this week. He wasn't expected to attend.

[Read on for more on the touching tributes.](#)

Why kicking men out of childcare won't work



The childcare sector has failed on multiple occasions to care for children.

The fact that almost all sexual assault offenders are male supports the hot-button argument that men should be banned from working in childcare, writes Kylie Lang.

But excluding men fails to address grave problems in the way many early childhood centres are run.

It also demonises the brave men who do good work in this troubled sector. I say brave because it has been easy to question the motivation of those who choose this profession.

Read on for more of Kylie's take on the failings of the childcare sector.

Poll: Should men be banned from childcare centres?

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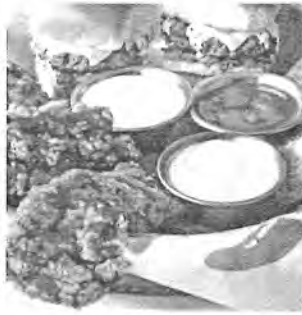
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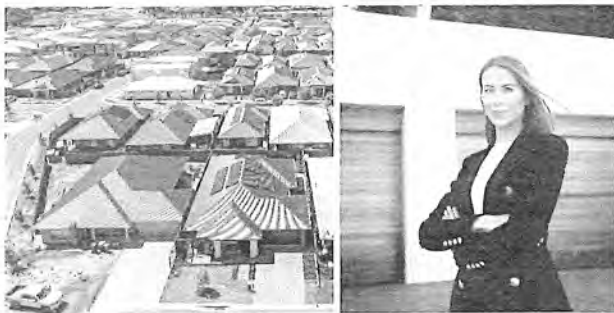
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