

Budget highlights

2017–2018

About us

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (NPSR) is committed to a vision that Queenslanders are enriched and connected through healthy parks and active lifestyles.

The department's key priorities are to:

- Protect and manage our parks, forests and the Great Barrier Reef for current and future generations.
- Support and encourage active participation in physical activity.
- Support the Queensland racing industry.

Our responsibilities include:

 <h4>National parks</h4> <p>National parks—we manage our parks and forests in a way that sustains natural and cultural values, builds environmental resilience to ensure healthy species and ecosystems and facilitates ecotourism, recreation and heritage experiences. We do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conserving natural and cultural values on parks and forests including through fire, pest and weed management • facilitating ecotourism, recreation and heritage experiences within parks and forests, including building and maintaining visitor and tourism infrastructure • providing protected area services with traditional owners and Indigenous communities, including the implementation of Indigenous joint management plans and agreements • managing parks and forests permissions, including administering permits and authorities for tourism, infrastructure and sustainable resource use, and delivering a streamlined permit system • delivering field management in the Great Barrier Reef in partnership with the Australian Government. 	 <h4>Sport and recreation</h4> <p>Sport and recreation—we aim to ensure that Queenslanders lead active and healthy lifestyles through participation in physical activity. We do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing and delivering a suite of funding programs to support community sport and recreation needs • providing education and training programs that contribute to building the capacity of the sport and recreation sector • providing resources for parents and teachers aimed at encouraging all Queenslanders, particularly young people, to be more physically active • managing purpose-built sport and active recreation facilities, including the Queensland Recreation Centres • developing elite athletes at the Queensland Academy of Sport. 	 <h4>Racing</h4> <p>Racing—we administer legislation related to the racing industry and manage programs to support Queensland racing. We do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing policy advice to government on racing matters • administering programs related to the provision of Queensland Government funding to the racing industry.
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Our service delivery

NPSR has over 1,400 staff engaged in developing and delivering our programs and services for the benefit of our customers and the community.

Our sport and recreation services are delivered from a central office in Brisbane and from a network of more than 20 offices throughout Queensland. We also operate the Queensland Recreation Centres on the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has six regional offices with around 770 rangers working out of 107 workplace locations around the state, managing more than 1,000 land areas. This includes 311 national parks (including national parks CYPAL) and more than 400 state forests in addition to more than 300 other QPWS managed lands including Queensland's marine parks.

2017–18 Budget highlights

The 2017–18 budget delivers a number of initiatives to protect and manage our parks and forests; support and encourage active participation in physical activity; and support the Queensland racing industry.

The figures below are funding for the 2017–18 financial year only. This may form only a portion of total funding, which may be allocated for multiple years.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

\$15 million to enhance infrastructure and nature-based tourism opportunities in national parks.



Continuing preparation for scuttling the **ex-HMAS Tobruk** as a regional tourism dive destination.



\$5.7 million for redevelopment of the Mon Repos Turtle Centre.

Partner with industry and the community to deliver shared portfolio outcomes throughout regional Queensland, including **events and activities on parks and forests** with **active recreation, tourism and economic benefits**.



\$965,000 for moorings to improve tourism and recreation use of the Great Barrier Reef.



\$2.8 million to improve and upgrade facilities in the Daisy Hill Koala Bushland area.

\$1.3 million for park management bases and supporting infrastructure on Cape York Peninsula.



\$1.4 million for preliminary activities, including roads and fences at recently established protected areas.

Ongoing contributions to the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan, including the Raine Island recovery project.

Office of Racing



\$25 million for racing infrastructure projects across the three codes of racing.

\$6 million for the Country Racing Support Program to support country racing.



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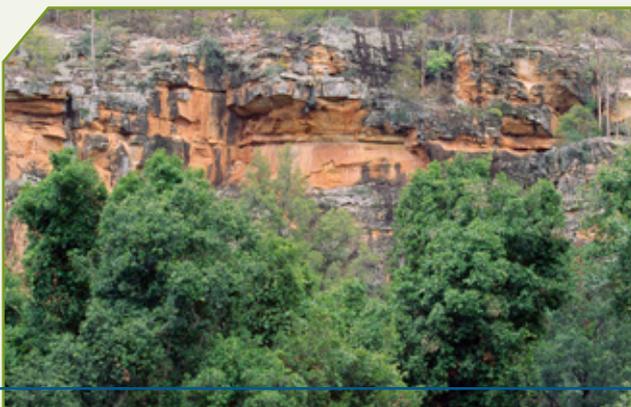


Ongoing contributions to the **acquisition** and **management** of protected areas.

Implementing the Queensland Ecotourism Plan, including **ecotourism facilities** proposals on protected areas.



\$1.3 million for **visitor access** and **park management facilities** on North Stradbroke Island, jointly managed with the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation.



Sport and Recreation Services



\$5 million to support Stadiums Queensland and enhance management of the State's premier sporting facilities.



\$10.8 million to work with industry and key partners to enhance statewide capabilities and deliver quality sport and recreation services and increase participation.



\$2 million to deliver female friendly change facilities.



\$4.3 million for works on Queensland recreation centres, sports grounds and houses.



\$39.5 million under the Get Playing and Get Playing Plus programs to help Queenslanders become involved in sport and active recreation.



\$4.9 million to deliver quality sport and recreation opportunities in Indigenous communities.



Continue to support Queensland athletes through the Queensland Academy of Sport in their preparations for the Commonwealth Games 2018.



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