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Toward Q2 eNews

Welcome to the April edition of Toward Q2 eNews.

It's great to see just how much the community wants to be involved in shaping Queensland's future. To see thousands of Queenslanders have their say on the Queensland Growth Summit and also on the Green Paper, *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*, is nothing short of fantastic. Thank you Queensland.

Our new Q2 Partner Lifeline Community Care Queensland is helping us to reach our target to increase volunteering by 50 per cent. I invite more organisations to come on board and help us make *Tomorrow's Queensland* everything we love today but only better.

Over the past two months we have increased our green space with the addition of new and expanded national parks and passed the quarter way mark on the Airport Link Road.

These are just some of the initiatives that are helping make *Tomorrow's Queensland* strong, green, smart, healthy and fair.

Anna Bligh MP
Premier of Queensland

Increasing our volunteers



The community will benefit with the arrival of our latest Q2 Partner Lifeline Community Care Queensland. The Volunteer Management Program, developed by Lifeline Community Care Queensland is aimed at engaging Queenslanders, in particular 18-34 year olds in volunteering. Already the organisation has 4500 volunteers and assists more the 371,000 Queenslanders a year.

The Q2 Partners program is one small way we can recognise the shared responsibility that business, community, industry and local government are taking toward the achievement of the Q2 targets.

To become a Q2 Partner or to find out more information about the program, visit [the Toward Q2 website](#).

Have your say on early childhood education



More than 1000 Queenslanders have already had their say at [30 forums](#) on the future of the State's education system outlined in the Green Paper, [A Flying Start for Queensland Children](#).

Fifty more forums are planned around the State before the end of June. There has been some excellent discussions around the plans to move Year 7 to secondary school by 2014 and the importance of providing children with a flying start to education.

A consistent theme at the forums has been a call for greater practical experience for pre-school teachers, including the possibility of an internship or trainee year. Participants have also expressed support for the [Queensland Ready Readers](#) program.

We want to hear what you think of our big plans. For more information on the discussion paper and forums visit deta.qld.gov.au/aflyingstart

Growth Management Summit hit the spot



Queensland's future.

Queensland has a population of four million people and we are on track to double to eight million in less than a decade. The Queensland Government's Growth Management Summit on 30 and 31 March encouraged everyone - individuals, families, communities, businesses and government - to get involved in looking at strong, green, smart, healthy and fair options for shaping

View the full deliberations online - ideas about regionalisation, sharper approval and planning processes, better transport and infrastructure, commitment to more open spaces, parks and more. The Queensland Government's response and proposed actions will be available mid-May.

Some statistics for you to consider:

- the summit was attended by 240 delegates and streamed live online
- 10,000 Queenslanders visited the summit website
- 800 completed an online survey
- 16,000 experimented with scenarios to accommodate future growth.

More information on the Queensland Growth Management Summit 2010 is available from the [Queensland Growth Management Summit website](#).

Work on Oonoonba kindy progressing



Up to 44 children a week will have access to early childhood education at the new kindergarten at Oonoonba State School in North Queensland from Term 3 this year. Families can enrol their children by contacting the Q2 Partner [C&K Preschool Professionals](#) who will be running the kindergarten program.

The new kindergarten at Oonoonba is part of the [Q2 target](#) to ensure all children have access to quality early childhood education, so they are better prepared for school.

The Queensland Government is investing \$321 million to establish up to 240 extra kindergarten services across the State.

More green space for the community



Four new national parks and an expansion of another six gives more than 60,000 hectares of the State the greatest possible protection, and is directly contributing to our [Q2 target](#) to protect 50 per cent more land for nature conservation and public recreation.

The newly protected area is the equivalent of more than 100,000 football fields and takes Queensland's total national park area well past eight million hectares.

The new and expanded parks are located near Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Mission Beach, Hughenden, Woodford, St George, Kingaroy, Ingham and Proserpine.

A 40 hectare park at Fitzgibbon and almost four hectares of prime riverfront land at Long Pocket in Indooroopilly will be turned into green space and parklands for the community to enjoy. These new parks follow the completion of the new Kangaroo Point Cliffs Park and will be a welcome addition to the green space in South East Queensland.

Airport Link Road one-quarter complete



Work on the 274 metre Airport Link Road cavern is one-quarter complete. In two years when it opens, the road will cut traffic on Lutwyche Road by 40 per cent, allowing commuters to avoid 18 sets of traffic lights or even avoid Lutwyche Road altogether.

Two tunnel boring machines are scheduled to begin tunnelling a further four kilometres from Toombul to Lutwyche in the next few months. The Airport Link Road is helping fulfil our target to be Australia's strongest economy with infrastructure that anticipates growth.

Did you know?

- the Airport Link Road is part of a massive \$4.8 billion infrastructure investment on Brisbane's Northside
- one million plants, including 5300 mature trees, will be planted during the project
- in 2016, the busway will cater for 47,000 public transport trips a day - more than five times the current number
- in 2026, there will be a bus every 20 seconds
- 25 bridges, 15km of tunnels and 7km of new roads with bus and transit lanes will be constructed.

Share your ideas

What can we do individually, as communities and as a state to put Queensland out in front?

Share your ideas:

- **online** [Share your ideas form](#)
- **by phone** 1800 082 105
- **by mail** Performance and Delivery Office, PO Box 15185, City East QLD, 4002

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