

Premier and Minister for the Arts
The Honourable Anna Bligh
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Partners on target for Q2

Premier Anna Bligh has announced the first Toward Q2 Partner Projects which are aimed at making Queensland a better place for everyone.

"We knew Government could not do this alone. We know that Queenslanders want to make a difference. That is the essence of what Q2 is all about," said Ms Bligh.

"Q2 Partners is one way we can recognise the shared responsibility that business and community organisations are taking Toward Q2."

Among the flagship projects are surf lifesavers saving lives beyond the beach, job protection training for business leaders and councils creating healthy environments.

The Premier said Q2 Partner Projects promotes and supports Queensland projects that work towards achieving the Q2 targets the government set for 2020.

"When we launched Q2 last September, we knew we had set a big challenge to achieve our ambitions of a strong, green, smart, healthy and fair Queensland," said the Premier.

Ms Bligh said each of the 11 foundations partners were delivering projects that directly contributed to at least one of the ten Q2 targets.

"Queenslanders love their State and what Q2 is about is providing the springboard that lets us all get to work to make this great State an even better place to live and raise a family," she said.

"I encourage everyone to do what they can towards achieving our Q2 targets and on behalf of all Queenslanders I thank those who have already started."

The Premier said the foundation Q2 partners contribution to six projects are:

- Australian Industry Group (AIG) and QMI Solutions (strong)
- Green Cross Australia (green)
- Queensland Heart Foundation, Local Government Association of Queensland (LQAG), Suncorp (healthy)
- C&K and Childcare Queensland (smart)
- Surf Life Saving Queensland, Volunteering Queensland and the Bendigo bank (fair).

"Surf Life Saving Queensland will be signing an agreement with the Queensland Government to provide additional support and facilities during emergency response situations," said the Premier.

"That means we'll be tapping into the world famous expertise of this iconic organisation to save lives beyond our beaches for the first time."

The Premier said the VolBiz database will help connect business volunteers with community organisations across Queensland. It is being developed by Volunteering Queensland following an idea presented by the Bendigo Bank during Q2 community consultation.

"AIG and QMI are delivering the Tomorrow's Industry program which contributes to strengthening Queensland's economy by helping business become more innovative," said the Premier.

"This program includes training for our CEOs in the job retention strategies to protect our jobs and our skills base and keep Queensland's economy strong."

The Premier Green Cross Australia's Build it Back Green project would help reduce Queenslanders' carbon footprint by providing information and guidance to people on sustainable building, especially after natural disasters.

C&K Pre-schooling Professionals and Childcare Queensland have agreed to team up to help deliver the 240 extra kindergarten services the State Government is planning for 2014.

The Supportive Environments for Physical Activity and Healthy Eating (SEPAHE) project, organised by the Queensland Heart Foundation and Queensland Health will provide local government with best practice ideas on how to create active and healthy lifestyles in their communities.

Finally, Suncorp's Sunwise program provides sun protection including free hats and sunscreen to people across Queensland. The program also provides community groups, clubs and schools with portable shade tents.

Today, Ms Bligh also released the report in response to the Q2 Community Consultation which produced more than 4500 ideas from people across Queensland.

"This report is a summary of the ideas submitted during community consultation and maps out some of the things government, business, industry and communities are doing to help achieve the Q2 targets," said the Premier.

"All submitted ideas are available on the Q2 website, and will continue to inform the government's programs, policies and initiatives."

More information about the Q2 Partners Program is available at www.towardQ2.qld.gov.au

The community consultation report is available for download at

www.towardQ2.qld.gov.au

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