

MOUNT COOT-THA

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State Budget delivers big on a local level in Mount Coot-tha

Auchenflower's Hear and Say Centre and new classrooms at Milton State School are amongst a collection of key local projects to receive funding in today's State Budget, Treasurer and Member for Mount Coot-tha Andrew Fraser said.

Handing down the Budget in Parliament today, Mr Fraser said the 2010-11 State Budget would deliver on Labor's promise to create more jobs, sooner.

"This is a responsible Budget that builds on the foundations for a stronger economic recovery," he said.

"Our massive statewide building program will deliver jobs and vital infrastructure for the future as we secure a stronger, more robust Queensland economy."

Mr Fraser said The Hear and Say Centre, established in 1992 by speech pathologist and Suncorp Queenslander of the year Dimity Dornan AO, will benefit from a \$4.5 million injection.

"This world-leading not-for-profit centre provides an amazing gift to Queensland kids," he said.

"We know that early detection and intervention of hearing loss for infants and children is vital to giving our kids a better start in life, and we've committed this funding to help ensure Hear and Say can continue to assist children for generations to come."

Mr Fraser said westside children's services would also receive a funding boost.

"Locally, our kids will benefit from an \$800,000 investment in new classrooms for Milton State School as part \$1.5 million project to build for the future," he said.

"We know that families have returned to the inner-west in recent years and this project follows on from major expansions at Ithaca Creek State School."

Mr Fraser said a further \$30,000 will also be spent on targeted maintenance at the school.

"And almost \$125,000 will fund three new kindergarten programs at API Little Cribb Street Child Care Centre, ABC Developmental Learning Centre - Red Hill North and Toowong Child Care Centre."

Mr Fraser said vital local community services also received funding, with more than \$17,000 contributed to Paddington's Meals on Wheels program.

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