



Queensland
Government
Department of Housing

**WIDE BAY-BURNETT
AREA OFFICE
PROFILE**

Bundaberg Area Office	
Office Officially Opened	17 November 1992
Address:	16 Quay Street, Bundaberg
Phone:	4131 5990
Manager:	Scott Pollock
Direct Phone:	4131 5970
Staffing Level:	10.5
Maryborough Client Service Centre	
Centre Officially Opened:	December 1995
Address:	75 Lennox Street, Maryborough
Phone:	4121 1918
Staffing Level:	8
Boundaries:	The Wide Bay-Burnett Area Office covers a region from the east coast north of Bundaberg, northwest to Monto, south to Nanango and east to Gympie including the principal cities of Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Gympie and Kingaroy.
Population	220,583
State Members:	John Kingston (Maryborough) Andrew McNamara (Hervey Bay) Dorothy Pratt (Barambah) Trevor Strong (Burnett) Elisa Roberts (Gympie) Nita Cunningham (Bundaberg) Jeff Seeney (Callide)
Federal Members:	Paul Neville (Hinkler) Warren Truss (Wide Bay) Kirsten Livermore (Capricornia)
Local Government:	Monto, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Wondai, Kingaroy, Nanango, Kolan, Perry, Gayndah, Murgon, Bundaberg (City), Isis, Biggenden, Woocoo, Kilkivan, Hervey Bay (Town), Maryborough (City), Tiaro, Cooloola, Burnett.
Services:	Public Rental Housing. Private Housing Assistance - Bond Loans/Rental Grants. Occupational Therapist Services. Home Ownership. Community Housing. Tenant Participation Support. Property Management.

Stock Profile:	Seniors' units	467
	1 bedroom	117
	2 bedroom	498
	3 bedroom	1,045
	4 bedroom	149
	4+ bedroom	15
	Total	2,291
	Households:	2,235
Rental Applicants:	917	
Average Bond Loans per month	157 (based on period 1/11/1999 to 1/11/2000)	
Community Contacts:	<p>Bundaberg Housing Action Group – BHAG. Bundaberg Community Rent Scheme. Bundaberg Area Youth Service – BAYS. Bundaberg Accommodation Support Service Inc. Maryborough Housing Action Group – MHAG. Maryborough Community Rent Scheme. Hervey Bay Community Housing Association. Fraser Coast Community Rental Group Inc. Cooloola Community Housing Association Inc. Cooloola Community Rent Scheme. Gympie/Widgee Youth Service. Hervey Bay Accommodation Support Group. Intellectual Disability Service Bundaberg. Wide Bay-Burnett Community Resource Worker. Wide Bay-Burnett Regional Tenant Group. Eidsvold ATSI Housing. Avenues Disability Housing Gympie.</p>	
Capital Works Target 2000/2001:	17	
Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited availability of 4 bedroom detached houses in Hervey Bay and Bundaberg. • High demand for 1 bedroom (SNR) and 1 and 2 bedroom (RGS) ground level accommodation in Bundaberg and Hervey Bay. • High demand for 1 bedroom accommodation in all areas of Wide Bay-Burnett Area generally. • High stock levels but low demand for 3 bedroom detached houses in Maryborough and Monto; also seniors accommodation at Kingaroy, Murgon and Wondai. 	

<p>Issues: (con't)</p>	<p>Rapid population growth (Hervey Bay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past 20 years, the Wide Bay-Burnett region has experienced significant population growth with some 72,000 new residents in this area enjoying its high quality lifestyle. It is predicted by the year 2021, a continuation of the region's high level of population growth is expected with a forecast of 135,000 new residents. At present there is a severe shortage of youth & crisis accommodation in the Hervey Bay area, due to this population growth. • High demand from people with high support needs. • Increasing workloads experienced by staff from purpose built disability housing, de-institutionalisation, and the increase in modifications of existing stock due to an ageing population in Maryborough, Bundaberg and Hervey Bay. The Wide Bay-Burnett area has the highest population over (60) years of age. There is an increasing demand for ground level accommodation from Seniors and people with a disability. • Significant proportion of older stock. • 53% of housing stock is aged 10 years or less with a significant proportion of older stock requiring upgrade, re-development and/or realignment through the objectives of proposed Self-Funded Projects. • High turnover of properties in rural areas. • 30% of Wide Bay-Burnett housing stock turns over each year. This is due to a transient workforce employed at local small crops industry, as this area is heavily dependent on its rural economy. <p>Highly decentralised region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wide Bay-Burnett area is a highly decentralised region, which includes the principal cities of Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg and Kingaroy. • 500 bed Correctional Centre to be constructed in Maryborough in 2003.
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