



# Community Renewal

Developing sustainable solutions to local issues in partnership with government, business and the community.

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## Background

- The program was initiated 1998 as centrepiece of the Queensland Government's Crime Prevention Strategy. In 2004 a second 5 year phase of the program was commenced
- The program is a place-based and time-limited community regeneration initiative
- Since 1998 the program has been located as a service area within the Department of Housing



## Community Renewal Zones

Since 1 July 2004 the program has operated in 10 zones:

- Brisbane South (Acacia Ridge)
- Brisbane South West (Carole Park, Inala)
- Caboolture (Caboolture East, Caboolture South, Deception Bay)
- Cairns (Mooroobool, Manoora)
- Gold Coast North (Beenleigh, Eagleby)
- Gold Coast South (Labrador, Varsity Lakes)
- Logan (Marsden/Creatmead, Loganlea, Kingston, Woodridge)
- Palm Island
- Townsville (West Townsville, Upper Ross including Kelso and Condon)



## Program Details

### The program constitutes a major investment by the Queensland Government:

- \$158.5 million from 1998 to 2009 for the regeneration of 24 neighbourhoods across the State
- At 31 December 2007 the program had delivered over 950 projects
- The program has 65 staff members
- 41 in the 10 zones
- 24 in central office: renewal systems (grants administration, performance measurement); business support; policy & strategy; renewal delivery



## Key Result Areas

**The program reports against 10 Key Result Areas:**

- Health & wellbeing
- Strengthening families
- Education & skills
- Community safety
- Culture & identity
- Mobility, access & communication networks
- Economic development & access to jobs
- Infrastructure & amenities
- Community capacity building
- Service integration



## Some Key Achievements

Since 2004 the program has engaged nearly over 6,500 residents in community and project planning activities through various forms of community participation, including:

- Community meetings
- Focus and reference groups
- Local festivals and project launches
- Community newsletters
- The program will have delivered in excess of 1,000 projects by June 2009 to some of the State's most disadvantaged people across the 10 Key Result Areas



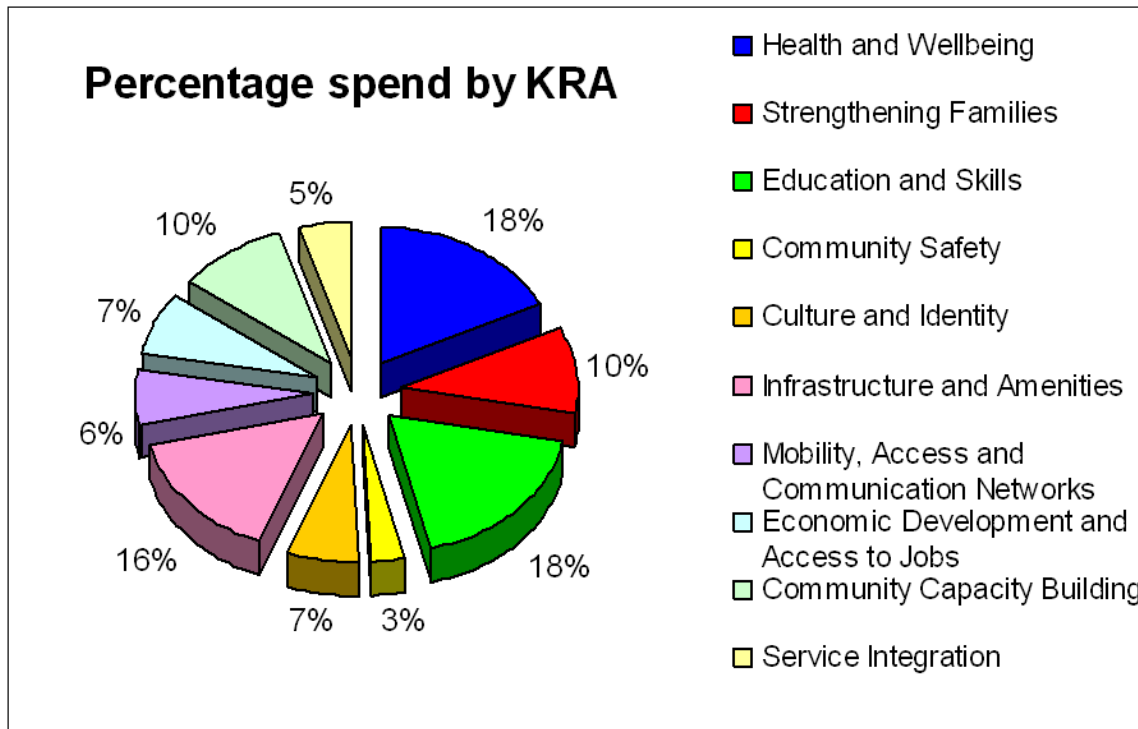
## Some Key Achievements (cont.)

The program has succeeded in leveraging project funds and in-kind support from partners (Queensland, national and local government agencies, NGOs, business).

In 2006-07:

- \$13.3 million CR (45% of total)
- \$16.1 million Partner funding (55% of total)

## Expenditure by Key Result Area 2004-2007





## Community Life Survey

- The CLS is an evaluation tool of the Community Renewal program and provides information on residents' perceptions of their neighbourhood and lifestyle.
- The surveys are conducted annually. To date, there have been three: 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- Approximately 2,500 residents are contacted each year.



## Critical Success Factors

- Working off an evidence base
- Strong resident involvement
- Effective partnerships – Government and non-government
- Place-based/narrow geographic focus/flexible pool of seed funding



## Conclusion

- End-of-program evaluation – commenced December 2007. The evaluation will be completed late April 2008. Consultancy commissioned to perform the work.
- The results of the evaluation and potential future options for the program will be taken to the Queensland Government in late 2008.



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