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W I D E B A Y B U R N E T T



Hervey Bay Chamber of Commerce

State of the Region

2020

What is RDA?

Regional Development Australia:

- National network of 52 committees made up of local leaders who work across all levels of government, business and community to support economic development.

Charter (from January 1, 2021)

- 1/ Facilitate regional economic development outcomes, investment, local procurement and jobs
- 2/ Promote greater awareness of and engagement with federal govt policies, grant programs and research
- 3/ Improve regional policy making by providing intelligence and evidence-based advice back to govt
- 4/ co-ordinate the development of a strategic regional plan





Regional Unemployment Oct 2020

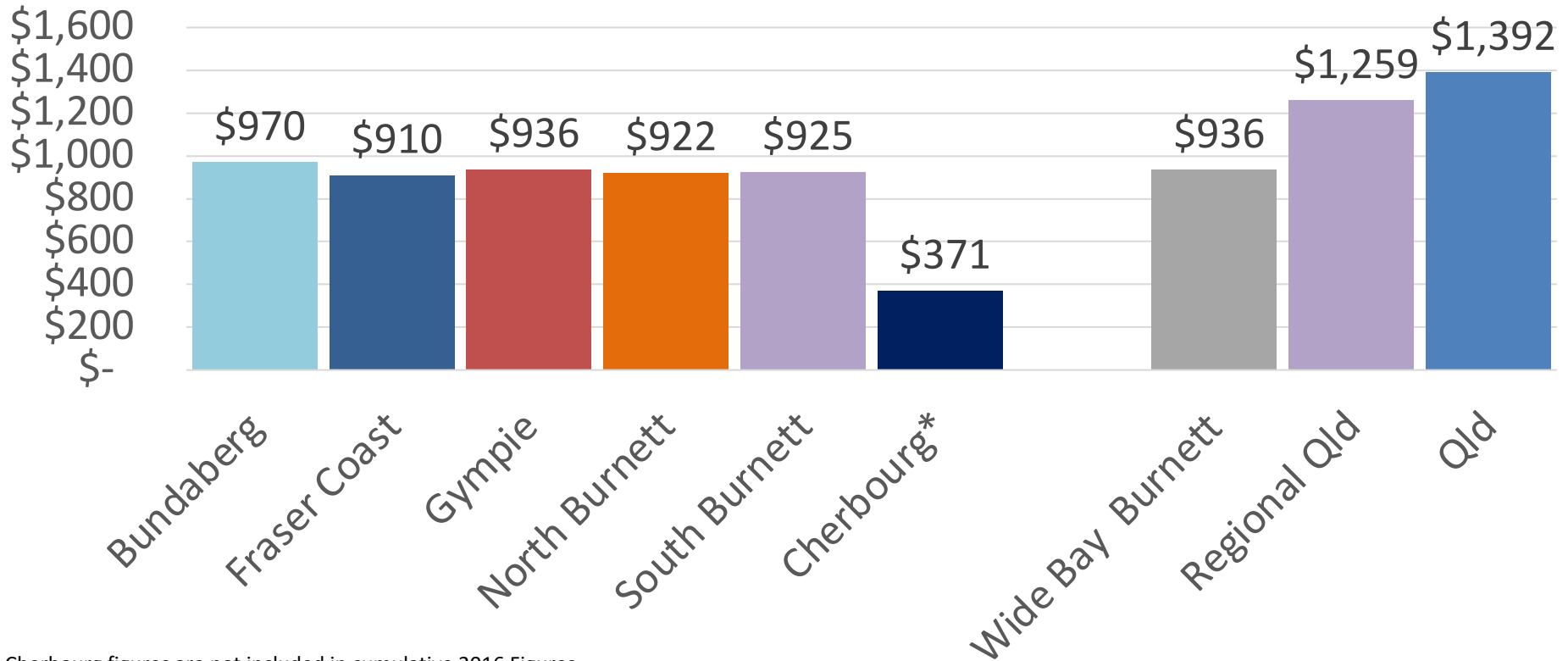
Wide Bay Burnett – Local Government Area	Unemployment rate
Bundaberg	8.7%
Hervey Bay	9.1%
Maryborough	11.7%
Gympie	8.2%
North Burnett & South Burnett	9.5%
Youth Unemployment	27.9%

ALGA State of Region 2019-20

- WBB has the lowest disposable income per capita in Australia (\$33, 941 pa)
- WBB has the fourth-lowest hourly rate-of-pay in Australia
- Despite the lower cost-of-living, the household debt-to-income-ratio is the fifth highest in Australia.
- The WBB region has the third-highest unemployment rate in the country. Highest coastal youth unemployment rate.
- 70.3% of the over-65 population in WBB are on the pension (Australian average is 59.8%)
- WBB has lower education and health outcomes than regional Qld, QLD and Australia.

Current Economic Status

Median Household Income By Region




* Cherbourg figures are not included in cumulative 2016 Figures

Industry sector

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2018
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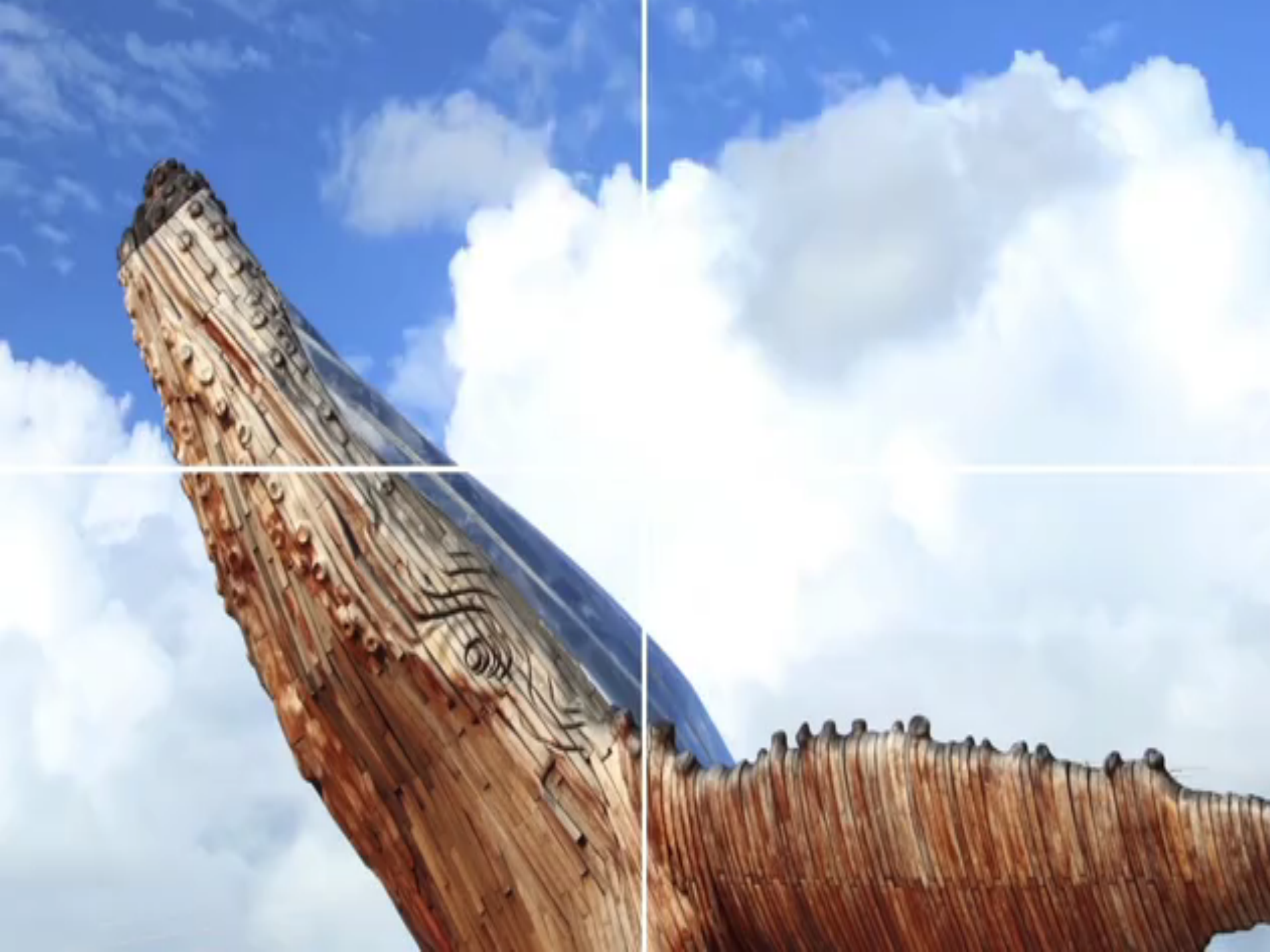
Competitive Advantages

- Largest population base outside of SEQ
 - Produces 28% of QLD's fruit and nuts
 - Produces 17% of QLD's vegetable production
 - Strong manufacturing history and future
 - Fastest growing tourism industries (pre COVID)
 - Close proximity to export markets, ports and airports
 - Growing food supply chain and livestock processing facilities
 - Three University campuses
 - Emerging resource sector with strong potential
 - Port of Bundaberg state development area
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\$260m Hinkler Regional Deal

Total Cost	Project
\$100m	Road upgrade projects
\$40m	Hervey Bay CBD
\$15m	Emergency response flight training simulator facility
\$10m	Multi-use conveyor for Port of Bundaberg
\$10m	Hervey Bay Airport upgrade
\$7m	Palliative care facility for Hervey Bay
\$5m	Ag Tech facility for Bundaberg
\$750,000	Outer-harbour feasibility study





Wide Bay Pipeline Projects

Project	Total Cost
Bruce Highway Section D upgrade	\$1 billion
Bundaberg Brewed Drinks super brewery	\$156 million
Proposed Bundaberg Hospital	\$1 billion
Abattoir expansions and processing	\$30m
Aircraft manufacturing Fraser Coast	\$100m
Forest Wind Farm	\$2 billion
Rheinmettal-Nioa Munitions Facility	\$60m
Common-use infrastructure Port of Bundy	\$10m
New generation rolling stock	\$335m
Fraser Coast Sustainability Park	\$178m
Laminex Gympie co-generation plant	\$10m



Key Regional Opportunities

Project

Port of Bundaberg Outer Harbour

Glass Manufacturing / Bottling Facility

Hervey Bay Marina Redevelopment

Inland Rail link to Wide Bay Burnett

Fast Rail to Sunshine Coast

SEQ Olympics Bid

Gympie Gateway Project

Fraser Island Interpretive Centre

Renewable energy growth

Mining a more positive future

Wide Bay Burnett
Minerals Region

\$570 million

17 boutique mines



Who makes the Melbourne Cup?

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Thank you

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