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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR RANKIN



Local and Proud

## MAJOR FUNDING BOOST FOR BURROWES STATE SCHOOL



### BOOST TO LITERACY & NUMERACY

Picture: Craig Emerson and Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard make the announcement of the funding at a local school.

A good education means a good start to life — that's why the Rudd Government is committed to making sure our children have access to the best opportunities.

I'm really proud that since the Rudd Government was elected just over two years ago, our schools have received more money than they did in the entire time the previous Liberal Government was in office.

We are not just talking about a better future for our kids — we are providing the facilities they need for the best possible education.

Together with 23 other local schools, Burrowes State School will receive an extra funding boost under the Rudd Government's Smarter Schools Program to improve numeracy and literacy. This money will see specialist programs running to assist children with alternate learning opportunities.

The Rudd Government's quick action in the face of the Global Financial Crisis has meant that many promised improvements to our local schools are well underway or have now been finalised.

These projects have created employment, supported local small businesses and most importantly benefitted the students and teachers at Burrowes State School.

Commonwealth funding to Burrowes State School includes:

- \$1.5million new school library
- \$1.5 million new hall
- \$134,000 cool school — sun shade and seating
- \$60,000 school chaplaincy program
- \$43,299 external building upgrades and painting
- \$22,701 prep room upgrades

As your local Member of Parliament I will continue to make sure schools in Logan City get their fair share of the Rudd Government's nation-building infrastructure projects.

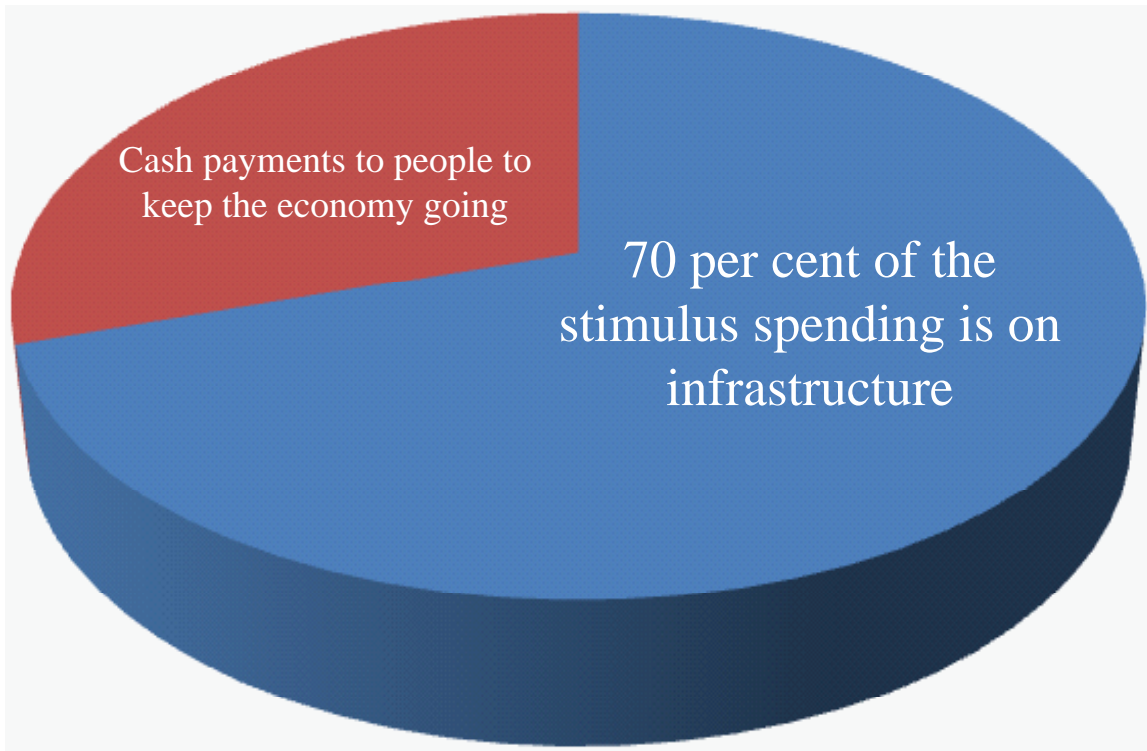


Picture: Burrowes students are now enjoying a sun safe area to eat lunches and relax.

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# THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE



You've probably heard about the Economic Stimulus Package which kept Australia safe from the worst of the global recession.

But did you know that most of the money is being spent on school buildings to ensure our kids have access to the best facilities?

This spending is not just an investment in the future of our kids — it is putting money into the pockets of our tradies and small businesspeople to keep the economy bubbling along.

Seventy per cent of the money in the Economic Stimulus Package is being spent on infrastructure — that is, on vital school buildings and other community resources.

That means we will have better, stronger communities after the world economy recovers.

In our area, more than \$107 million is being spent to improve our schools and provide other new buildings.

Every primary school has received up to \$3 million to build a new hall or other much-needed facilities.

And there are three new trade training centres costing almost \$6 million to make sure the next generation of tradies is on the way.

## EDUCATION TAX REFUND

From 1 July 2010 you can claim the Education Tax Refund for eligible education spending from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

This means you could get 50% back on a range of primary and secondary school education expenses.

Remember to keep your receipts. They will help you calculate your refund and you may be required to show them as proof of purchase. You can claim:

- \$780 for each primary school child — that's a maximum refund of \$390 for each primary school child you have, and
- \$1,558 for each secondary school child — that's a maximum refund of \$779 for each secondary school child.

