

\$14b more needed to save kids

THE federal government was spruiking its spend on mental health in this week's budget — but experts warn an extra \$14bn is needed every year.

That's according to Sydney University modelling done following Tuesday's federal budget, where new spending of \$2.3bn over four years for the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan was announced.

But Brain and Mind policy co-director Professor Ian Hickie said state and federal governments would only have to spend an extra \$6bn if there were significant changes to the system.

The changes would see young people treated before they get suicidal and make care affordable, thus saving lives and ultimately saving money.

The public sector mental health spend is currently \$8.3bn across state and federal governments, however NDIS spending and employment programs bring that up to \$10.6bn. Professor Hickie said the Medicare fee-for-service system, which is rarely bulk-billed and often leaves families and young people seeking help hundreds of dollars out of pocket per visit, needs reforms.

One stop mum shop

A LACK of tailored advice for expectant mums, time and health complications, as well as pressure to keep pregnancy plans secret from employers, all hamper a woman's ability to be healthy for both themselves and their baby, according to new Australian research.

Monash University has launched a \$2.5 million research centre, that will act as a world-first one stop shop for employers and families, by overhauling how women are supported in the workplace while planning a pregnancy, while pregnant and while on maternity leave.

Savvy buyers hunt for the next Noosa

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Emma and Jay Walker at their unique Burleigh Heads home. Picture: Luke Marsden

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BUMPER-to-bumper traffic on Hastings St, mayhem on Main Beach and out-of-control property prices. Noosa ain't what it used to be.

Once a haven of space and natural beauty, Noosa Heads has now been invaded by southerners, influencers and the rich and richer.

We've asked the experts for the state's "new Noosas".

1. BURLEIGH HEADS

Guru John McGrath says Burleigh Heads is "next in line for a growth spurt".

CoreLogic data shows the median house price is \$1.12m, up 9.2 per cent in the March quarter, while units are sitting at \$666,668.

Earlier this year, jaws dropped when a humble 1920s beach shack at 10 Goodwin Tce sold for \$7m.

Spyre Group's \$77m 33-apartment Natura tower was 80 per cent sold on its first day, with prices from \$1.85m.

Ed Cherry of Harcourts Coastal said people who had traditionally gone to Broadbeach or Surfers were now buying in Burleigh.

2. BARGARA

This village near Bundaberg has beaches, protected bays, headlands and surf — but not the insane prices.

The median house price in Bargara rose more than 11 per cent in the past year to \$451,768, more than a third less than Noosa's \$1.57m median, according to CoreLogic.

Units go for around \$350,000 with a median rent of \$380 a week, providing a yield of 5.6 per cent.

Property commentator Terry Ryder predicts big things for the region, with affordable homes, high yields and pipeline of infrastructure.

PRD Bundaberg's Ainsley Driver also loves neighbouring Elliott Heads.

"Elliott Heads is truly reminiscent of the old Noosa Heads or Byron Bay of the 1970s and we expect it to become one of the most sought after residential hot spots in the years to come," she said.

3. BOKARINA

This Sunshine Coast suburb near Kawana Waters and Warana has just hit the \$1m median house price mark.

Prices rose 9.3 per cent to \$1.03m in the March quarter, according to the latest figures from CoreLogic.

Elite Lifestyle Properties owner Jordan Lund said Bokarina had been "undervalued for some time".

"Not only is there the appeal of living on the beach in a beautiful part of the Sunshine Coast, but there has also been incredible growth in surrounding areas, and developments like the new Maroochydore CBD and Sunshine Coast Hospital," he said.

Belle Property Queensland head Jon Icton also believes there is "still excellent value" in Wurtulla.

"This direct beachside suburb is tightly held, but you can still find exceptional value if you are not in

EVERYBODY LOVES BURLEIGH HEADS

WHETHER it's five-star dining or beers on the beach, Jay Walker reckons Burleigh Heads has it all.

"I just love that the food is easily better than Melbourne and Sydney," he said. "The bars and restaurants are as good as you're going to get and you never have to get into a car — you can walk everywhere."

Mr Walker and wife Emma are selling their unique home at 13 Deodar Drive. The four-bedroom house was inspired by Palm Springs and is just 100m from the beach and Burleigh's dining precinct.

"I've hardly seen anything like it," Mr Walker said.

4. PALM COVE

This coastal suburb of Cairns is fast becoming the Noosa Heads of the far north.

Outside the southeast corner, Palm Cove is now the state's most expensive housing market with a median house price of \$708,230, according to CoreLogic.

Ray White Cairns Beaches' Matthew Pearce said the "trendy and up-and-coming" suburb had plenty of properties around \$500,000 that would rival million-dollar homes in the big cities.

"We're getting a lot of inquiries from people in Melbourne and Sydney who are looking to sell there and move north," he said.

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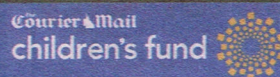
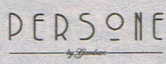
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