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WA STATE BUDGET 2017-18

THE STATE OF THE FINANCES

Revenue write downs: \$5.03 BILLION since the State Election

- \$1.71 billion less GST grants
- \$1.76 billion less royalty revenue

Return to surplus in 2020-21

Net debt reduction over time

Public Sector

\$1.7 billion saved

- Wages policy & freeze for positions determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal
- Reduction in the number of Government Departments
- 20% reduction of the Senior Executive Service

Corporate Sector

\$922 million

- Temporary payroll tax rate changes for companies with payroll over \$100 million per year
- Gold royalty rate increase to 3.75% when spot price is over \$AU1,200/ounce
- Increase in Pilbara Port Authority port fees for the State's biggest companies

Government Trading Enterprises

\$473 million saved

Fees and charges increases & concession changes

\$303 million

Foreign buyers surcharge

\$48 million

Point of consumption wagering tax

\$52 million

BUDGET REPAIR

STATE OF THE FINANCES

Tackling the state of the finances to get Western Australia back on track.

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering a jobs focused agenda, with responsible financial management and fair budget repair measures which will deliver sustainable expense growth, an operating surplus and lower debt by 2020-21.

STATE FINANCES AT A GLANCE

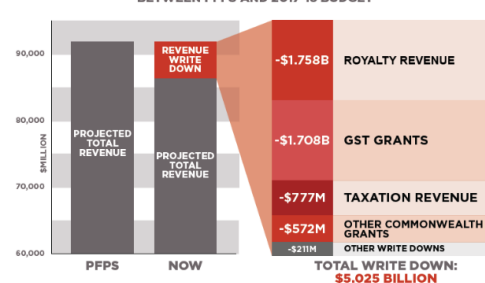
- Underlying general government expense growth of just 2.4% in 2017-18.
- Net debt forecast to peak at 30 June 2020, with an operating surplus forecast in 2020-21.
- \$3.5 billion in Budget repair measures fairly distributed across the Western Australian community including the public sector and the corporate sector.
- \$5 billion write down in revenue since the Pre-election Financial Projections Statement, largely offset by \$3.5 billion in new Budget repair measures.
- \$3.1 billion of expenditure on election commitments funded from within the existing Budget.

THE BUDGET CHALLENGE & RESPONSE

Constrained expense growth and Budget repair measures of \$3.5 billion have helped offset revenue write downs of \$5 billion to set the Budget on a path of sustainability which will lead to lower net debt, by the end of the forward estimates period.

- Underlying general government expense growth is forecast at just 2.4% in 2017-18.
- Average annual expense growth of 1.9% over forward estimates.
- Headline general government expense growth includes the once-off impact of reclassifying two agencies (\$194million) as part of public sector reform and the upfront costs of the Targeted Voluntary Separation Scheme (\$185 million in net terms).

REVENUE WRITE DOWNS BETWEEN PFPS AND 2017-18 BUDGET



THE PATH TO SURPLUS

It is forecast that by 2020-21 the general government sector will return to an operating surplus of \$1.3 billion. This would be the first operating surplus since 2013-14.

- This return to surplus in the final year of the forward estimates coincides with a reduction in net debt in the same year, with total public sector net debt forecast to peak at 30 June 2020 at \$43.8 billion, before declining to \$43.6 billion at 30 June 2021.
- Despite a \$5 billion write down in the general government revenue estimates since PFPS, total public sector net debt has been constrained to just \$2.5 billion higher by 30 June 2021.
- The Government's Budget repair measures will deliver a total public sector net debt improvement of \$3.5 billion across five years to 2020-21. In the absence of these measures, total public sector net debt would have increased to \$47.2 billion.

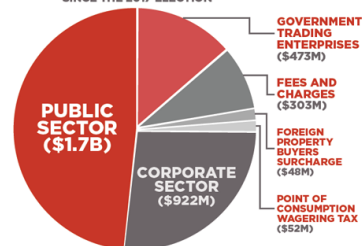
BUDGET REPAIR

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering responsible financial management and Budget repair that is fair.

Everyone will need to share the burden to help get Western Australia back on track and the State Government is committed to minimising the impact on struggling families and small businesses.

- \$1.7 billion in savings measures in the public sector including the new public sector wages policy, four year wage freeze for portions determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, 20% reduction in the Senior Executive Service, 40% reduction in the number of Government departments, no indexation for non-salary related expenditure, savings through better management of the workforce, State fleet and office accommodation.
- \$473 million in net debt reduction targets for GTEs.
- \$303 million from increases in fees and charges and better targeting of some concession payments.
- \$48 million in net additional revenue from the introduction of a 4% foreign property buyers surcharge on the purchase of residential properties.
- \$52 million in net revenue through the introduction of a new point of consumption wagering tax to help create a level playing field for the local industry competing with online betting companies offering their product in WA.
- \$435 million in revenue through the introduction of a temporary progressive payroll tax scale for large employers for a finite period of five years. The new rate of 6% (currently 5.5%) for employers with a payroll over \$100 million and 6.5% for employers with a payroll over \$1.5 billion. This will impact on the top 8% of payroll paying employers in WA from July 2018.
- \$392 million in revenue through the increase in the gold royalty rate to 3.75% when the price of gold is above \$A1,200/ounce and by removing the 2,500-ounce exemption for large producers. This equates to a royalty increase of around \$20 per ounce.
- \$95 million in revenue from a 17% increase in the Pilbara Ports Authority port fees for the State's biggest companies.

BUDGET REPAIR MEASURES SINCE THE 2017 ELECTION



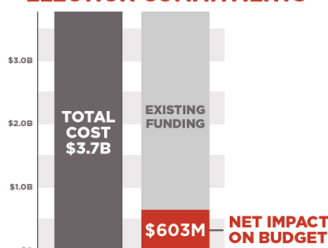
FUNDING OUR COMMITMENTS

A reprioritisation of expenditure has meant that 84% of the cost of election commitments will be funded from within the existing budget.

Of the \$3.7 billion of election commitments funded in this Budget, \$3.1 billion is funded from within existing funding, including:

- Reallocation of over \$1.2 billion of Commonwealth and State funding from the former Perth Freight Link project to fund a range of METRONET projects and road commitments.
- \$674 million of Royalties for Regions will be invested in election commitments and projects that will drive regional economic growth and deliver services to the community.
- Internal savings of \$571 million have been identified within existing Departmental budgets, including Health and Education, to fund election commitments.

COST OF 2017 ELECTION COMMITMENTS



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**WA STATE BUDGET
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THE WA ECONOMY BACK ON TRACK

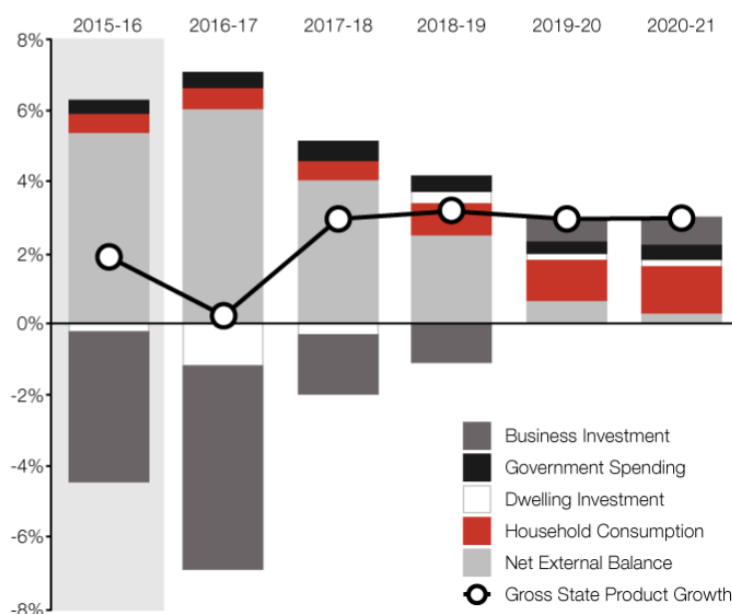
Positive Signs:

Employment growth of 1.5% expected in 2017-18
Driven by increased labour demand

The WA economy is forecast to grow by 3% in 2017-18
Up from just 0.25% in 2016-17

After contracting again in 2017-18, the domestic economy is expected to grow by 1% in 2018-19
As measured by State Final Demand
If achieved, will be the first year of growth in six years

Gross State Product - Contributions to Growth



THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY

The Western Australian economy is showing signs of recovery.

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering a jobs focused agenda, with responsible financial management and budget repair that is, helping build confidence in the Western Australian economy.

The State's economy is expected to have bottomed in 2016-17 and is now showing signs of recovery. Economic growth is forecast to pick up to 3% in 2017-18 up from just 0.25% in 2016-17. This is underpinned by strong growth in net exports.

THE ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

- Gross State Product (GSP) forecast to grow by 3% in 2017-18.
- Unemployment rate expected to have peaked in 2016-17.
- State Final Demand projected to grow for the first time in six years in 2018-19, with modest growth of 1%.



DRIVERS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

Strong growth in net exports and modest growth in household consumption are expected to result in positive growth in the State's economy. Business investment is forecast to contribute to growth from 2019-20.

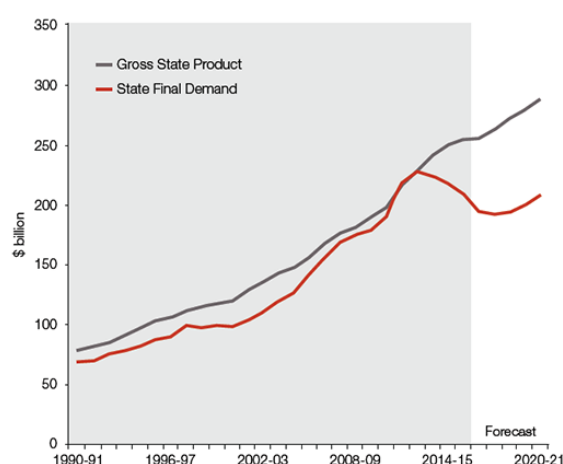
Western Australia's transition from mining construction to production is almost complete. The lessening impact of falling business investment and strong growth in net exports (estimated at 12% in 2017-18) underpin forecast growth in GSP of 3% in 2017-18.

Increased labour demand is set to drive a return to employment growth in 2017-18 (of an estimated 1.5%), although wage growth is forecast to remain subdued.

Low wage growth, a subdued housing market, and weaker than expected population growth mean that the domestic economy (as measured by State Final Demand) is projected to contract for a fifth consecutive year in 2017-18. Modest growth (of 1%) is forecast for 2018-19.

Net exports are forecast to remain the largest driver of economic growth for the next two years. From 2020-21, household consumption is set to take over as the main contributor – in line with stronger labour market conditions and population growth.

WA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ANNUAL LEVELS



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WA'S GST SHARE



In 2017-18, WA will receive only **34.4%** of its population share of national GST revenue

The GST distribution is based on higher revenues from years gone by.



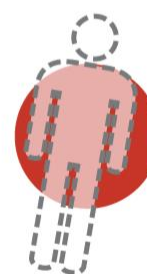
Without this time lag, WA would receive an additional **\$7.7 billion** over the five years to 2020-21.

The Commonwealth's fiscal equalisation process discourages State Governments from developing local industry.



Thereby reducing economic growth.

GST grants are highly sensitive to ABS population estimates.



Revised census estimates of WA's population have caused a **\$2 billion write down** over the forward estimates.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S GST SHARE

The McGowan Labor Government will continue to fight for a fair reform of the GST distribution system to deliver Western Australia the GST it deserves and establish a fair system across the country. In 2017-18 Western Australia will receive only 34.4% of its population share of national GST revenue.

GST AT A GLANCE

- In 2017-18, Western Australia will contribute around \$4.4 billion in GST revenue to other States through the Commonwealth's fiscal equalisation process.
- WA will receive only 34.4% of its population share of national GST revenue in 2017-18.
- Compared to an equal per capita share, Western Australia will lose an estimated \$18.6 billion in GST revenue over the five years to 2020-21.
- Changes to population estimates following the ABS 2016 Census have resulted in a \$2 billion write down in Western Australian GST revenue projections over the forward estimates.
- If GST was distributed on an equal per capita basis, Western Australia would receive \$6.6 billion in GST grants in 2017-18. Instead, the State will receive just \$2.2 billion and, as a result, needs to borrow to fund service delivery in key areas such as health and education.

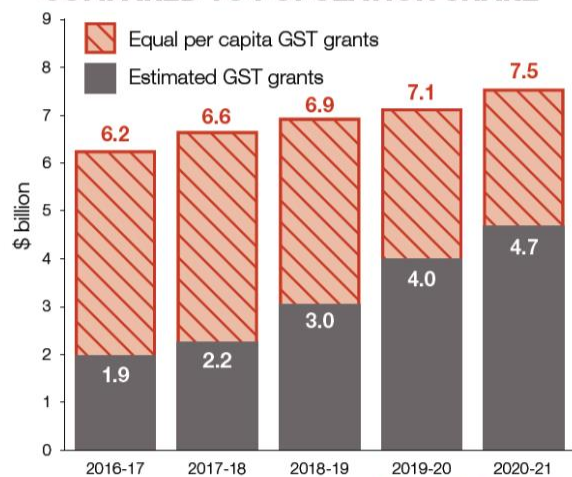


THE NEED FOR FAIRER GST DISTRIBUTION

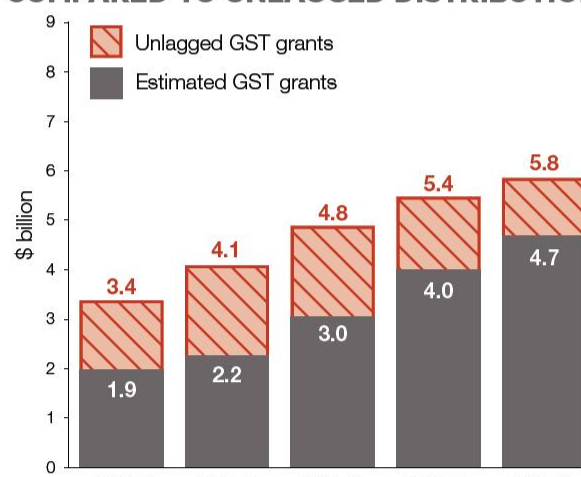
The McGowan Government has submitted a package of reform options to the Productivity Commission to improve the GST distribution system, not just for Western Australia but for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

- The Commonwealth Grants Commission bases our GST share on the State's higher revenue streams of years gone by (fuelled by royalties from the mining boom). Without this time lag, Western Australia would receive \$7.7 billion more in GST grants over the five years to 2020-21.
- The Commonwealth's fiscal equalisation process discourages State Governments from developing local industry – thereby reducing economic growth.
- GST grants are highly sensitive to ABS population estimates. Following the 2016 Census, the ABS significantly revised its population estimates – resulting in a \$2 billion write down in the State's GST revenue projections over the forward estimates.

LOSS IN WA GST GRANTS COMPARED TO POPULATION SHARE



LOSS IN WA GST GRANTS COMPARED TO UNLAGGED DISTRIBUTION



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WA STATE BUDGET 2017-18

Investing in science and innovation
 - \$12m to establish science labs at 200 schools
 - Integrating coding into the WA curriculum
 - \$16.7m in grants for tech start-ups

METRONET
 - Investing \$1.34b in priority projects
 - Supporting local businesses and creating jobs
 - Maximising our local manufacturing capability to create jobs for WA workers with \$508.2m to build new rail cars for our network

Defence West
 - Promoting WA shipbuilding & Defence work capabilities

Local jobs on Government projects
 - \$4.2m to help small & medium WA businesses tender for Government contracts
 - \$741.2m on health care & mental health facilities
 - \$465m investment into WA school infrastructure

Growing tourism
 - Establishing baseline budgets for destination & events marketing (\$45m & \$40m respectively)
 - Growing WA's International education industry

Investing in WA roads
 - Delivering important infrastructure for local communities and businesses
 - Over \$2.7b is being invested in crucial road projects across WA

INVESTING IN LOCAL JOBS

The McGowan Labor Government is implementing its comprehensive Plan for Jobs to diversify our economy and create new jobs in a broader range of industries.

Greater support and effort will be injected into the areas of science, technology, manufacturing, tourism, services, education services, agriculture and other industries to encourage investment and create thousands of new jobs.

JOB INVESTMENT AT A GLANCE

- \$425m dollar investment over five years for destination marketing and event tourism.
- \$2.7b record budget towards improving and maintaining WA roads, creating more local jobs.
- \$1.34b into METRONET priority projects which will generate thousands of jobs.
- \$465m towards new school builds, upgrades and redevelopments.
- \$741.2m for the construction of new health facilities.
- \$2.75m in resources and trade events that will help WA's business growth into Asia.
- \$4.2m to establish an Industry Participation Advisory Service to support small businesses.
- \$1.5m to implement the international education strategy.
- \$16.7m in grants for new technology start-ups and computer gaming to create new jobs.



TOURISM

The McGowan Government will provide funding certainty and security for the tourism industry to help grow and diversify the economy and maximise tourism's impact to create jobs for Western Australians.

Tourism is a key economic driver in Western Australia which plays a vital role in diversifying the State's economy and creating jobs.

- Invest an additional \$36.5m to establish a destination marketing baseline budget of \$45m per annum.
- Invest an additional \$50.5m to establish a baseline budget of \$40m per annum for event tourism including events arising from opportunities presented by the new Stadium.
- \$1.4m for the Swan Valley Development Package including a planning review and development of a coordinated strategy for the Swan Valley to provide a major boost to tourism and jobs in the area.
- \$20m in this Budget to establish the Aboriginal Ranger Program.



CREATING NEW JOBS

The Government spends billions of dollars every year running schools, hospitals, public transport systems, and building critical infrastructure and delivering services across the State.

The McGowan Government's Jobs Law will mean local businesses are given every opportunity to compete for this work and are provided appropriate support to do so.

- \$4.2m will be invested to establish an Industry Participation Advisory Service to support small and medium business to compete for Government contracts.



INVESTING IN ROADS

A record \$2.7 billion is being invested into making WA roads safer, demonstrating just how serious the McGowan Labor Government is about improving and maintaining our roads.

Investing in our roads supports local jobs throughout the supply chain in WA, while delivering infrastructure that makes a difference to communities.



METRONET

Investing \$1.34 billion in METRONET priority projects will help generate thousands of jobs for Western Australians while creating a world class public transport system.

The McGowan Labor Government's transformative public transport plan will create thousands of new construction jobs and apprenticeships as well as open up opportunities for ongoing maintenance jobs and apprenticeships.



INVESTING IN WA BUILDS

Giving Western Australians the opportunity to work on home-grown projects means we can all play a role in developing economic infrastructure as well as create a local skilled workforce of the future.

- \$741.2m into the development of health and mental health facilities in Perth and regional WA.
- \$465m investment into WA school infrastructure including new builds, upgrades and redevelopments.



BUSINESS GROWTH INTO ASIA

Western Australia is ideally situated to capitalise on rapid population and economic growth in Asia.

- The development of an Asian Business Strategy and tools to foster growth into Asia is integral in supporting small businesses entering regional markets and boosting job creation opportunities.
- \$750,000 to establish the Asian Business House to develop formal networks that link businesses with people and resources to enable and support success in regional markets.
- \$800,000 over four years for the annual ASEAN Dialogue that is hosted concurrently with a trade and investment show and Asian Arts Festival.
- \$1.2m over four years to promote WA's education and resource sectors in Asia.



DEFENCE WEST

- \$320,000 for Defence West to build its presence at international trade shows to help promote the State's shipbuilding and defence work capabilities.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Education tourism is a potential growth area and we must ensure the international education and tourism sectors work together to grow the industry and create jobs.

- \$1.5m to implement a long-term international education strategy to increase WA's market share of international students.



SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

Science and technology are central to diversifying the State's economy and creating the jobs of the future.

Encouraging new industries and innovation, reducing barriers to business growth and attracting investment will create more jobs for Western Australians.

- \$12m to convert existing classrooms to science labs across 200 primary schools and \$5m in grants of \$25,000 for schools to equip labs and buy computers.
- \$2m for the integration of coding into teaching and engagement with the Federal government to introduce coding activities into the WA curriculum.
- \$900,000 to establish a Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Advisory Panel to ensure there is a job ready local workforce to capitalise on new jobs.
- \$16.7m in grants to support emerging businesses in new technology start-ups and computer gaming to create new jobs.
- \$750,000 Science Industry Fellowships program to build the relationship between WA companies and universities and benefit from the opportunities in our global regional economic zone.



DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

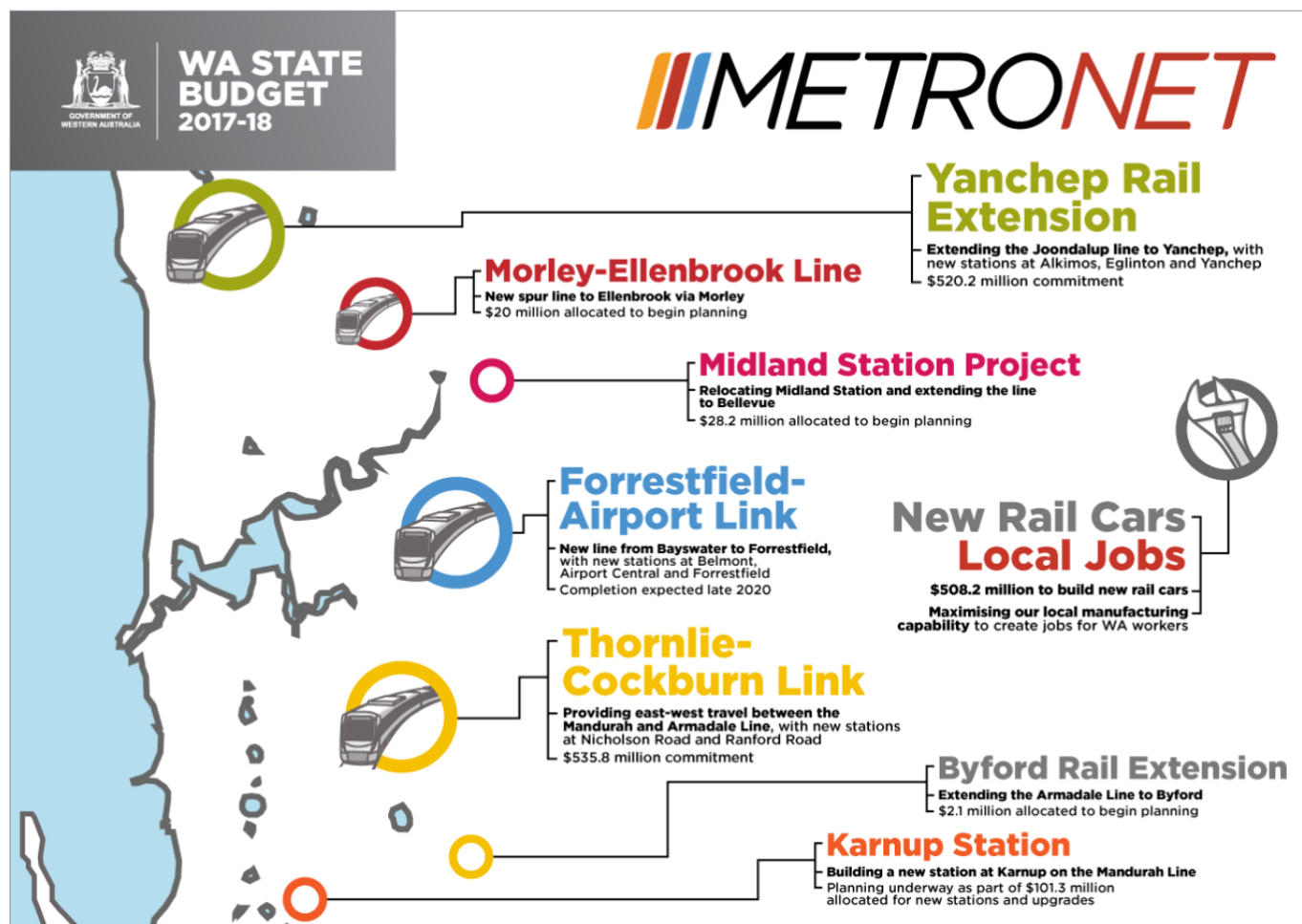
This is the first stage in the implementation of the McGowan Labor Government's Plan for Jobs. Planning and scoping of additional projects will be announced as part of subsequent budgets.

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METRONET

METRONET is the McGowan Labor Government's long term plan to connect our suburbs with world class public transport, reduce road congestion, create local jobs and meet Perth's future planning needs.

Over the next four years \$1.34 billion will see a number of METRONET priority projects delivered, which will see coordination across government to use transport investment as a vehicle to deliver well planned liveable communities and create thousands of new jobs.

METRONET AT A GLANCE

- \$535.8 million to build the **Thornlie-Cockburn Link**.
- \$520.2 million to build the **Yanchep Rail Extension** on the Joondalup Line.
- \$69 million to **remove the Denny Avenue level crossing** in Kelmscott.
- \$28.2 million towards the **Midland Station Project**, including the extension to Bellevue.
- \$508.2 million to **build new rail cars, maximising WA's manufacturing capability**.
- Planning and analysis underway for the **Morley-Ellenbrook Line, Byford Rail Extension, Karnup Station** and additional station upgrades.



THORNLIE-COCKBURN LINK

This \$535.8 million project will connect Thornlie and Cockburn Central stations, with new stations at Nicholson and Ranford roads.

The 17.5 kilometre extension follows the existing freight line corridor and will involve duplicating the rail line from Beckenham to Thornlie, relocating the freight lines and significant changes to Thornlie and Cockburn Central stations.

The extension is the first stage of a potential Circle Line providing east-west train travel for the first time and allows a Mandurah special service for events at Perth Stadium.



NEW RAIL CARS, LOCAL JOBS

Over the next four years, \$322.7 million will see Western Australia implement a strategy to develop its own rail car manufacturing capability, as part of sourcing new, next generation railcars ready for when the METRONET projects come into service.



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL

\$69 million has been allocated to remove the level crossing at Denny Avenue in Kelmscott.

Removing level crossings will reduce road congestion, improve efficiency and safety on the network and help stimulate urban development.

A further \$1 million has been allocated to evaluate options to remove other crossings, located at Caledonian Avenue in Maylands, Oats Street in Carlisle and Wharf Street in Queens Park.



YANCHEP RAIL EXTENSION

The \$520.2 million project will extend the Joondalup Line 13.8 kilometres from Butler to Yanchep.

This extension will also include new stations at Alkimos and Eglinton, to serve the area's current and future growth and address road congestion through enhanced connections and an opportunity to influence land use planning.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Detailed planning and design work is underway on other METRONET stage one projects, including:

- \$20 million for the new **Morley-Ellenbrook line**.
- \$2.1 million for the **Byford Rail Extension**.
- \$7.4 million for an **Automatic Train Control system** – allowing trains to run more often.

FUNDING METRONET

The \$1.34 billion allocated is funded directly from the reallocation of Perth Freight Link funding and projected revenue from related land sales and value capture opportunities. As planning work progresses, additional funding will be announced as part of subsequent budgets.

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Science labs at WA schools

\$12m to establish science labs at 200 public schools
\$5m in grants to resource those labs

Coding in the curriculum

\$2m for professional development programs to support the integration of coding into the WA curriculum

Investing in WA classrooms

- 470 new jobs at WA public schools
- 300 additional education assistants
- 120 additional teachers
- 50 Aboriginal and Islander Education officers
- Boosting classroom mental health support across 300 public schools
- Partnering with key stakeholders to deliver quality professional development

School Builds & Upgrades

- Investing \$465m in public school infrastructure
- 10 new primary schools
- Building Inner City College
- 4 new performing arts centres
- 5 new early learning centres
- 28 schools upgraded
- Introducing direct to market maintenance and a minor capital works model

INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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Every child deserves a quality education to give them every opportunity to reach their full potential.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to giving children a quality education, no matter where they live.

Education is a priority and has a lasting impact on Western Australians. It's crucial that our schools are well equipped and resourced to support students who are there to learn the skills they need to secure decent jobs.

EDUCATION AT A GLANCE

- 470 extra teaching jobs in public schools will be created.
- \$124.1 million to deliver election commitments which will provide new education initiatives and additional classroom teaching support.
- \$465 million towards public school infrastructure which will create new jobs for WA workers.
- 11 new schools, 4 performance arts centres and 5 early learning centres will be built.
- 28 schools across WA will be upgraded.



INVESTING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

More support in classrooms, including one-on-one attention for students, allows teachers to focus on doing what they do best – educating WA children.

From 2018, more education assistants and Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers will be placed in WA schools.

Additional teachers will be employed to provide more capacity for Level 3 teachers to improve classroom teaching, oversee the delivery of mental health programs and support regional year 11 and 12 students.

- That's an extra 300 education assistants, 120 teachers and 50 Aboriginal and Islander Education officers who will be employed at WA schools over the next few years.
- 300 extra education assistants will be employed in WA public schools, with most allocated to socially disadvantaged students.
- An extra 50 Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers will be employed in regional WA, to give local Aboriginal children additional assistance.
- The 0.1 FTE attached to Level 3 classroom teachers will be reinstated across half the schools of the state so our exceptional teachers can mentor, teach and share their knowledge with other teachers.
- Key education stakeholders will be partnered with to deliver high quality professional development and to look at ways to attract and retain teachers and leaders at rural and remote schools and metropolitan schools of need.
- Classroom mental health support will be boosted across 300 schools - which will be provided with a 0.1FTE of a Level 3 teacher time to help oversee the delivery of evidence based mental health programs.
- Specialist support for regional schools through:
 - the appointment of an Independent Learning Coordinator (ILC) in 10 regional schools to assist students undertaking courses through the School of Isolated and Distance Education
 - a regional Learning Specialist team in the curriculum areas of science, social science, mathematics and English which will be established to visit regional schools and run classes for students and the support the work of ILCs.
- Provision of \$2 million will be made for professional development programs that support the integration of coding into the curriculum, including website creation as well as computer software and app development.



INVESTING IN SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

Creating the best learning environment will better support students on their educational journey and for the jobs of the future.

The McGowan Labor Government is investing \$465 million to build primary schools in high growth areas, redevelop aging high schools and ensuring all WA students are learning in facilities that meet modern education needs. This infrastructure program will also create local jobs for WA workers.

The introduction of direct to market maintenance and a minor capital works model will give schools the authorisation and funding pool to directly engage their own contractors for works up to the value of \$20,000. This model gives schools the flexibility and the assurance of an annual maintenance allocation.

NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Banksia Grove	\$15.6m
Baldvix	\$15.6m
Southern River South East	\$15.6m
Brabham	\$15.6m
Burns Beach	\$15.6m
Byford	\$15.6m
Caversham South	\$15.6m
Forrestdale South West	\$15.6m
Huntingdale	\$15.6m
Yanchep	\$15.0m

PERTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADES

Caversham Primary School	\$1.0m
Mount Hawthorn Primary School	\$3.5m
North Morley Primary School	\$1.5m
Weld Square Primary School	\$1.5m
Camboon Primary School	\$0.25m
South Ballajura Primary School	\$0.2m
Beaumaris Primary School	\$0.2m
Currambine Primary School	\$0.2m
Yakine Primary School	\$0.35m
Tapping Primary School	\$0.4m

EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Ballajura Primary School	\$3.2m
Kinross Primary School	\$1.6m
Glen Huon Primary School	\$1.5m
Flinders Park Primary School	\$2.5m
Arbor Grove Primary School (Child and Parent Centre)	\$1.75m

NEW INNER CITY COLLEGE

	\$68m
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PERTH HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES

John Forrest Secondary College	\$50m
Balcatta Senior High School	\$50m
Mount Lawley Senior High School	\$4m
Morley Senior High School	\$1.5m
Wanneroo Secondary College	\$5m
Kinross College	\$2.5m
Darling Range Sports College	\$10m
Southern River College	\$8.4m
Canning Vale College	\$2m

PERFORMING ART CENTRES

Ballajura Community College	\$5m
Ocean Reef Senior High School	\$5m
Belridge Secondary College	\$5m
Belmont City College	\$5m
Melville Senior High School (upgrade)	\$4.5m

REGIONAL SCHOOL UPGRADES

Bunbury Senior High School	\$5m
Collie Senior High School	\$7.5m
Newton Moore Senior High School	\$3m
Eaton Community College	\$5m
Eaton Primary School	\$3m
South Bunbury Primary School	\$3m
Mount Lockyer Primary School	\$3m
Lakelands Senior High School (Mandurah)	\$2.5m
Broome Senior High School	\$20m



INVESTING IN SCIENCE AT WA SCHOOLS

An investment of \$17 million will be allocated to boost science in schools.

Of that, \$12 million will allow for the conversion of existing classrooms to science laboratories in up to 200 public primary schools. The remainder \$5 million in grants worth up to \$25,000 each will be made for schools to buy resources to equip those labs.

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Supporting culture & the arts across WA

- \$8m for touring art exhibitions in regional WA
- \$20m to help bring more events to regional WA
- \$8m investment in the Murujuga Cultural Interpretive Centre on the Burrup Peninsula
- \$10m investment in the Western Australian Film Fund

Art Gallery of WA

- \$7.5m towards the Art Gallery's rooftop activation project, creating a unique new cultural and commercial venue
- \$2.5m for the acquisition of contemporary Western Australian, Australian and international art

New WA Museum

- \$121.4m allocated in 2017-18 to continue delivery of the New Museum project
- Project on track for completion in 2020

INVESTING IN THE ARTS
INVESTING IN WA SPORTS

Perth Stadium

WA's premier sports and entertainment facility is on track to open in early 2018

Supporting Local Sports

- Investing in over 200 community sports infrastructure projects
- \$6.9m to upgrade the Centennial Park Sporting and Events Precinct in Albany and \$5.75m for the development of Albany Motorsports Complex
- \$2m towards the redevelopment of Morley Sport and Recreation Centre
- \$1.8m to upgrade Gibson Park facilities in Fremantle

Supporting community sports organisations and programs

SPORTS & THE ARTS

SUPPORTING THE ARTS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Investing in the cultural industries will help support the creation of new jobs and boost economic activity in the Western Australian cultural space.

The McGowan Labor Government's plan for the arts in WA will support new and emerging artists in a variety of fields and leverage the State's rich artistic culture, which will contribute to job creation both directly and indirectly through tourism, hospitality, festivals and events.

- \$10 million to the Art Gallery of Western Australia towards the Art Gallery's rooftop activation project and for new acquisitions through the TomorrowFund.
- \$133.3 million is budgeted to be spent on asset investment in 2017-18, including \$121.4 million for the continued delivery of the New Museum Project and \$10.2 million for library materials for public libraries and the State reference library.
- \$8 million boost to give people living outside the metropolitan region increased access to arts and culture and widen the exposure of collections travelling throughout the State.
- \$750,000 fund which will provide grants to regional museums to apply to improve, promote or restore their collections.

BOOSTING SPORTS AND RECREATION

Investing in key infrastructure and sporting initiatives is essential in building healthier and happier communities.

Essential funding ensures key community infrastructure can be developed, upgraded and maintained, while creating jobs for Western Australians.

The 2017-18 Budget includes significant upgrades to sporting infrastructure, with key investments including:

- \$6.92 million for development of the Centennial Park Sporting and Event Precinct to transform the sporting fields into a state-of-the-art regional sporting and event precinct;
- \$5.75 million for the development of Albany Motorplex complex which will enable the community to host major motorsport events;
- \$2 million towards the redevelopment of Morley Sport and Recreation Centre to meet growing demand; and
- \$1.8 million to upgrade Gibson Park facilities in Bicton for the main pavilion extension, enclose the show courts and provide more seating for spectators.

The sporting community will share in funding of \$10 million towards participation and diversionary programs, high-performance initiatives, national events, sport integrity programs and support for grassroots sporting clubs.

Projects taking place at clubs, ovals, recreation centres and parks throughout the State are making better sport and recreation experiences for people and helping to better connect our communities.

The \$1.46 billion, 60,000 seat Perth Stadium, including the surrounding Stadium Park and its associated transport infrastructure, will be completed and delivered by the McGowan Labor Government.

It is set to open in early 2018 - becoming the State's premier sporting and entertainment facility and will host a range of top-level international, national and domestic sporting events during 2017-18.

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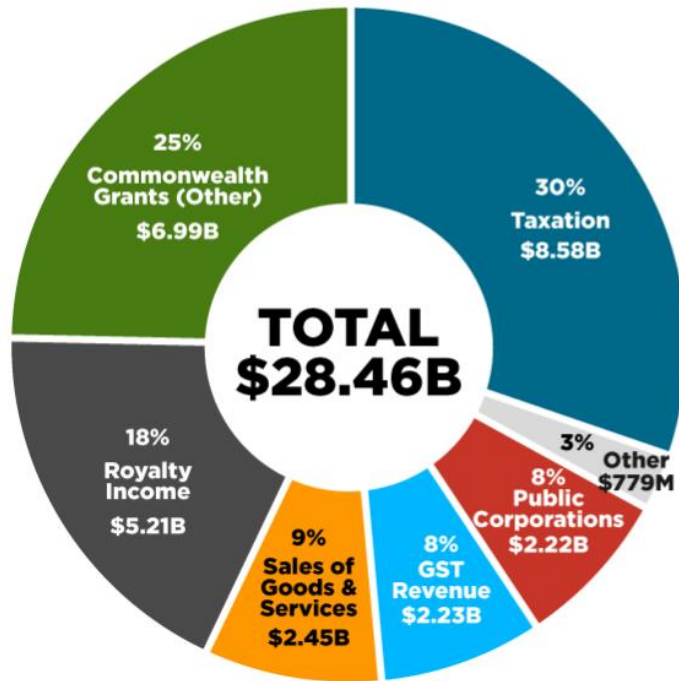
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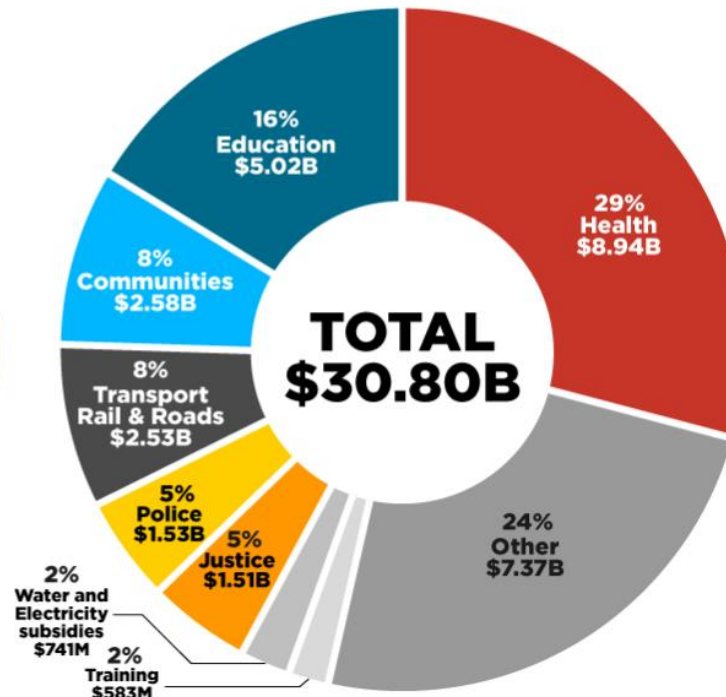
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2017-18 REVENUE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR



Note: Figures may not add due to rounding

2017-18 EXPENDITURE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR



WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM & WHERE IT GOES

Delivering responsible financial management and budget repair that is fair.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to bringing the finances back under control over time.

With the State's revenue base remaining under considerable pressure in 2017-18, the McGowan Labor Government has delivered restrained underlying expense growth of just 2.4% in 2017-18, and an average annual expense growth of just 1.9% over the forward estimates.

The 2020-21 year marks an expected return to surplus, underpinned by low expense growth, a projected recovery in the domestic economy and the Budget repair measures included in the 2017-18 Budget.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AT A GLANCE

- Revenue is estimated to total \$28.5 billion in 2017-18, 68% of which is generated directly by the State Government.
- GST revenue and other Commonwealth Grants represents just 32% of the State's total revenue, this is the lowest proportion of any Australian jurisdiction.
- Recurrent expenditure is set to reach \$30.8 billion in 2017-18, more than half of which is budgeted for health, education and community safety.
- The State is forecast to generate more revenue in 2020-21 than it will incur in recurrent expenditure, creating a surplus for the first time since 2013-14.



INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPARISON

Western Australia generates 68% of its revenue from direct State sources, with only 32% being provided by the Commonwealth in the form of either GST or other grants. This is the highest proportion of any Australian jurisdiction.

2017-18 \$m	WA	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	TAS
Commonwealth funded share	32%	40%	47%	49%	56%	63%
Own-source revenue share	68%	60%	53%	51%	44%	37%

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Meth Action Plan

Investing in residential and community based treatment facilities

- \$18m to establish an alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation centre in the South West
- Establishing a fit-for-purpose drug and alcohol rehabilitation prison at Wandoo
- Establishing a triage unit to direct appropriate prisoners to the rehabilitation prison
- Targeting roadside drug and alcohol testing

Meth Border Force

A new specialist team to stop the flow of meth into our State and crack down on 'meth houses'

- \$83.5m allocated to establish Meth Border Force
- Recruiting 100 sworn police officers and 20 specialised intelligence staff





BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

Preventing family & domestic violence

- Establishing two additional women's refuges
- Reinstating and expanding Financial Counselling Services
- RSPCA's Pets in Crisis program
- Investing in crucial support services

Police & justice

- Introducing three additional 24 hour police stations
- Extending opening hours at three other stations
- \$8m to build a new police station at Capel
- Enhancing regional police presence and establishing the regional enforcement unit



BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

Building safer communities is a job everyone can play a role in.

The McGowan Labor Government is leading the agenda - creating safer communities, implementing its Methamphetamine Action Plan and protecting vulnerable children, families and seniors

SAFER COMMUNITIES AT A GLANCE

- \$83.5m for additional police and specialist staff for the Meth Border Force.
- \$3.8m for the WA Police Force to target roadside drug and alcohol testing.
- \$18.2m for an alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation centre in the South West and commence planning for a Kimberley centre.
- \$12m for alcohol and drug residential and community based treatment facilities.
- \$11.5m for the development of the first dedicated drug and alcohol rehabilitation prison.
- \$18.5m for the Regional Enforcement Unit to increase traffic enforcement on country roads.
- Introduce additional 24/7 police stations in Armadale, Cockburn and Ellenbrook.
- \$8.3m to establish two additional women's refuges for victims of family and domestic violence.
- \$7.4m to reinstating and expanding financial counselling services to support people in need.
- \$1.69m to expand support services to Aboriginal and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) victims of family and domestic violence.

TACKLING THE METH CRISIS

Methamphetamine use is devastating - the extreme physical, psychological, and neurological damage to users is shocking and creates long-term problems for the wider community.

The McGowan Labor Government is implementing the first stages of its State-wide, coordinated and targeted Methamphetamine Action Plan (MAP) which focuses on three equal pillars of prevention, protection and prosecution.

- \$83.5m for the Meth Border Force including the recruitment of 100 sworn police officers and 20 specialised intelligence staff.
- Funding of \$3.8m for the WA Police Force to target roadside alcohol and drug testing will help keep our roads safe and support police in catching more people under the influence.
- \$18m to establish an alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation centre in the South West and \$200,000 to commence planning for a centre in the Kimberley.
- Invest an additional \$12m for residential and community based treatment facilities.
- Investing \$9.6m for a fit-for-purpose drug and alcohol rehabilitation prison at Wandoo plus an additional \$1.9m for dedicated drug testing capabilities.
- Invest \$2.4m to establish a triage unit to select prisoners who have been given short term sentences for drug related offences and direct them to the rehabilitation prison.
- Funding of \$360,000 for a two-year trial of the Ice Breakers Program with Albany Police and Community Youth Club to support people moving from methamphetamine dependence into recovery.

Drug use including methamphetamine can result in ongoing mental health issues. Please see the *Putting Patients First* fact sheet to learn more about health and mental health initiatives.

INVESTING IN POLICE AND JUSTICE

Stronger police presence and a boost to community safety will go a long way in helping people feel safe in their own homes and communities.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to keeping police stations open and ensuring police are accessible when the community needs them. Delivering more police and criminal justice services that are responsive to community needs, reduces crime, delivers better response times and brings more offenders to justice is key to helping build stronger communities.

- \$18.5m to establish the Regional Enforcement Unit to increase traffic enforcement on country roads building a stronger police presence in the community.
- Investing \$6.5m will deliver three more 24/7 police stations Armadale, Cockburn and Ellenbrook.
- \$300,000 to complete minor works at Forrestfield, Belmont and Canning Vale police stations to support the extended operating hours.
- \$8m for a new Capel Police Station.
- \$600,000 to commence the development of the Target 120 program to work with families to reduce the incidence of juvenile crime.

INVESTING TO PREVENT FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Breaking the culture of violence in our families and communities through more education and prevention strategies will aim to help prevent family and domestic violence in WA.

- \$8.3m to establish two additional women's refuges, with work to commence in 2018.
- Reinstating and expanding Financial Counselling Services with an extra \$7.4m of funding.
- Establish a new family and domestic violence counselling service in the Peel region.
- State Government funding for the RSPCA to support a Pets in Crisis program, which will help the victims of family and domestic violence look after their pets.
- Deliver respectful relationship programs in schools as part of a primary prevention program.
- Membership of the national program Our Watch, which will enable the State Government to leverage support through partnerships and access to research.
- Investing \$1.69m to expand existing culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse victims of family and domestic violence.
- \$1.5m grant to build a Family Centre in Dalyellup from 2019.
- Planning funding to commence work to establish an additional behavioural change service to support perpetrators of family and domestic violence.

This is the first stage in the implementation of the McGowan Labor Government's plan to build safer communities. Planning and scoping of additional projects will be announced as part of subsequent budgets.

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PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

Investing in mental health
 - More mental health support and treatment options
 - More teachers to oversee the delivery of mental health programs at schools
 - Increasing the supply of mental health beds
 - New mental health facilities and services

Sustainable Health Review
 - Progressing with the Sustainable Health Review to put the health budget on a more sustainable footing, and ensure funding is appropriately allocated across the entire WA health system

Preventative health care
 - Funding crucial preventative health programs to help Western Australians manage their health

Innovative health solutions
 - Establishing Urgent Care Clinics to take pressure off our emergency departments and hospitals
 - Introducing a patient opinion system at public hospitals to modernise the way feedback is collected

Medihotels
 - Work on WA's first Medihotel at Fiona Stanley Hospital is underway

PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

Our health is everything.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring Western Australians have access to quality health care, no matter where they live. Patient outcomes are what matters most and health care that is delivered in a timely, efficient and compassionate way is more crucial than ever.

HEALTH AT A GLANCE

- \$2m to start establishing Urgent Care Clinics within emergency departments and across the community.
- \$0.8m to introduce a patient opinion system in all public hospitals.
- \$2.8m to expand the Ear Bus program into the Kimberley region.
- \$1.9m to fund meet and greet services for people from remote communities travelling for treatment.
- \$1.6m to expand the Find Cancer Early Program into more regional areas.
- \$5m to develop the Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub.
- \$7.3m to establish a 10-bed Step Up/Step Down community mental health facility in Kalgoorlie.



INVESTING IN INNOVATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS

The McGowan Labor Government is focused on initiatives that free up hospital beds and emergency departments to shorten waiting times – so more patients can be treated.

- Investing \$2m to start establishing Urgent Care Clinics to reduce pressure on emergency departments.
- \$800,000 investment in the introduction of a patient opinion system at public hospitals to help modernise the way feedback is captured in the health system.



INVESTING IN PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Prevention programs and services are other alternatives to help Western Australians manage their health.

- \$2.1m to implement the Let's Prevent pilot program, which educates and supports people who are at a high risk of developing chronic health conditions, including diabetes.
- Investing \$1.6m to expand the Find Cancer Early Program into more regional areas.
- \$1.9m to fund meet and greet services for people from remote communities travelling for treatment.
- \$2.8m to expand the Ear Bus program into the Kimberley region – an initiative that minimises the impacts of middle ear disease in Aboriginal youth living in these areas.



INVESTING IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Improving mental health and destigmatising mental health issues are a priority.

We need to send a message, particularly to young and vulnerable Western Australians, that help is available.

- The National Rugby League's State of Mind mental health awareness program will provide young Western Australians with more access to support tools and strategies.
- A tier three mental health program for at risk youth in the Peel region will be implemented for secondary students.
- 300 schools will be provided with a 0.1FTE of a level 3 teacher time per school to oversee the delivery of evidence based mental health programs.

More mental health support and treatment options will be provided for Western Australians as part of the first stage of the McGowan Government's plan for mental health and mental health recovery services.

- Committing \$5m to develop the Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub.
- \$7.3m to establish a 10-bed Step Up/Step Down community based mental health facility in Kalgoorlie; \$11.2m for a facility in Bunbury; and \$12.3m for a facility in Karratha.
- The supply of acute and sub-acute mental health beds will increase over the next four years as mental health beds in our hospitals and community are expanded, including youth specific services.
- Developing a Recovery College service model for Western Australia.

Drug use, including methamphetamines, can result in short and long term health issues and is responsible for a significant burden on our healthcare system. The McGowan Government is committed to tackling the scourge of meth in Western Australia.

Please see the Safer Communities fact sheet to learn more about the Government's Methamphetamine Action Plan and other initiatives to keep our communities safe.



DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to drive change and fresh thinking into hospitals and community health.

Initial work of hospitals announced in our election polices have now commenced. These projects will be detailed in subsequent Budgets.

- Joondalup Health Campus – project including a Medihotel, an expanded emergency department, new operating theatres, additional mental health beds and a stroke unit.
- Royal Perth Hospital – upgrades to include a mental health observation unit, a Medihotel, Innovation hub and an Urgent Care Clinic.
- Osborne Park Hospital – expansion to include rehabilitation services, neo natal and midwifery services.
- Fiona Stanley Hospital – family birthing centre to help people living south of the river access innovative and timely health care.
- Geraldton Hospital – redevelopment to include upgrades to the emergency department and the inclusion of mental health beds.
- Bunbury Hospital – upgrade to expand capacity to accommodate more beds.
- Collie Hospital – completing comprehensive upgrades.

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH REVIEW

Progressing with the Sustainable Health Review will identify if funding and resources have been allocated adequately across the whole health system and will put the health budget on a more sustainable footing.

With a review panel appointed and public submissions underway, more recommendations will be examined during the course of the review, including how our State can:

- Best leverage existing investment in healthcare,
- Encourage digital innovation and technology,
- Drive partnerships across sectors and government, and
- Deliver integrated and coordinated care to patients.

Our plan is to deliver a patient first, innovative and sustainable health system, making healthcare more cost effective for all Western Australians.

MEDIHOTELS

The McGowan Labor Government is getting on with delivering WA's first Medihotel for patients who are discharged from hospital but are still recovering - giving them comfort and privacy with access to medical care.

Work has commenced on WA's first Medihotel, which will be located alongside Fiona Stanley Hospital.

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\$27.9m boost to tourism funding to showcase our regions – Investing in renewable industries in the regions – Rebuilding agricultural grain research & development capability – Supporting new and emerging regional businesses

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INVESTING IN OUR REGIONS

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering a significant investment in job-creating projects, fixing dangerous country roads, delivering quality health, education and community services benefiting people throughout regional WA.

Our plan for Royalties for Regions ensures its long term sustainability, and focuses on delivering for regional WA now and in the future. More than \$1 billion will be invested in new projects in regional WA with an emphasis on job creation, regional health, education, roads and ports, tourism and economic development. This is balanced against the need to retain critical existing regional projects.

REGIONAL INVESTMENT AT A GLANCE

A total \$4 billion Royalties for Regions expenditure will go towards creating jobs and projects that really matter to people in regional WA.

- \$59.1m for job-creating projects in regional WA.
- \$100m to improve the quality of health care for regional patients.
- \$17.7m to invest in regional schools, classrooms and training facilities.
- \$1.25b for vital community infrastructure in our regions.
- \$48.8m towards regional rail, roads and ports.
- \$130m investment to protect our environment.
- \$17.7m provisioned for election commitments that are subject to further planning.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR INVESTMENT IN REGIONAL WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CREATING NEW JOBS

The McGowan Labor Government is implementing its comprehensive Plan for Jobs to diversify our economy and create new jobs in a broader range of industries.

- \$20m over five years to establish the Aboriginal Ranger Program.
- Investing in new renewables industries in regional WA, including \$19.5 million in the Albany Wave Energy Project and the provision of funding for major renewable projects in Collie.
- \$20m for the Collie Futures Fund to drive economic diversity.
- \$30m to rebuild WA's core agricultural and grain research and development capability.
- \$20m to proactively target tertiary investment from the Commonwealth with other sources to bolster the fight for WA's fair share in the regions.
- \$40m investment in regional telecommunications to improve access to services.
- \$4.5m dedicated for new and emerging regional businesses as part of the New Industries Fund.
- \$10.2m funding to develop Kemerton & Shotts Industrial Parks to create opportunities for new business developments and \$3m for Hallett Business Park in Burtville.
- \$45m in funding to ensure future development and growth of the Peel Business Park.
- \$20m for the Exploration Incentive Scheme to support further mining activity.
- \$10m investment in the Western Australian Film Fund.

BOOSTING TOURISM

Tourism is a key economic driver in WA which plays a vital role in diversifying the State's economy and creating jobs. Providing certainty and security will help grow the industry and maximise its impact to create jobs in regional WA.

- \$27.9m boost to tourism funding to showcase our regional destinations.
- \$12m towards the Port Hedland Waterfront Revitalisation, mostly funded from Royalties for Regions.
- \$34.4m for the Transforming Bunbury Waterfront project.
- \$6.5m to renew the Geraldton Airport runway.
- \$10m towards the Eastern Foreshore Redevelopment to develop an iconic Mandurah foreshore precinct, supporting local tourism and local jobs.
- \$9.7m for upgrades to boating facilities at Broome's Entrance Point and Town Beach.
- \$10m investment in the sustainability of the Aroonah Islands.
- \$5m investment in the Manjulup Cultural Interpretive Centre on the Burnup Peninsula.
- \$20m to support WA's regional events program.

INVESTING IN RAIL, ROADS AND PORTS

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to developing economic infrastructure in Regional WA to support the diversification of our State's economy.

- \$20m investment in the Rail Futures Fund to deliver a revitalised Australind rail service.
- \$10m to plan for the rail to Kemerton Industrial Park.
- Commence planning for the crucial development of the Bunbury Port.
- \$16.1m to construct a high-rise carpark at Mandurah Train Station.

Fixing dangerous country roads is one of the McGowan Labor Government's top priorities in regional WA. The 2017-18 Budget includes a 20% increase in regional road funding. Overall, regional road expenditure represents just over 80% of the State's total spending on roads. Investing in roads supports local jobs throughout the supply chain in WA, while delivering infrastructure that makes a difference to communities. These projects include:

- \$20m to construct the next stage of the Karatha to Tom Price Road, making it more accessible for locals and tourists.
- \$30m towards the completion of the Albany Ring Road.
- \$50m to upgrade the South Coast Highway between Albany and Jarramungup.
- \$6.6m State contribution towards sealing parts of Outback Way which spans 2,800km from Queensland to WA's Laverton.
- \$35m to complete the Margaret River Ring Road.
- \$14m to dual Great Eastern Highway between Araca Road and Collett Road in Kalbarrie.
- \$15m towards road projects in Collie, including upgrades at Raymond Road, Colle Preston Road, Wellington Forest Road and Brookside Road in Boyanup.
- \$2.5m State contribution to commence the design and technical assessment for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road.
- \$96 million allocated to Road Safety Programs in regional WA for 2017-18.

INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to giving children a quality education, no matter where they live.

- Put Education Assistants back into the classroom and provide more support for teachers.
- Employ an additional 80 Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers in regional WA.
- Appoint Independent Learning Coordinators (ILCs) in 50 regional schools to assist students undertaking courses through the School of Isolated and Distance Education.
- Establish a regional Learning Specialist team in the curriculum areas of social science, mathematics and English to support students and ILCs.
- Professional development programs for teachers to integrate coding into the curriculum.
- Continue to provide regional subsidies for vocational education and training.

An investment of more than \$180 million in regional school upgrades will ensure WA students are learning in facilities that meet modern education needs.

Bunbury Senior High School	\$5m	John Wilcock College	\$18.6m
Carnarvon Community College	\$61.7m	Kalgoorlie-Boulder CHS	\$2.5m
Cape Naturaliste College	\$32.1m	Lakelands SHS – Mandurah	\$2.5m
Collie Senior High School	\$7.5m	Margaret River SHS	\$30m
Edson Community College	\$9m	Mount Lockyer Primary School	\$3m
Edson Primary School	\$3m	Newton Moore SHS	\$3m
Flanders Park Primary School	\$2.5m	South Bunbury Primary School	\$3m
Gosnold Senior High School	\$4m	Converting some regional primary school classrooms into science labs	\$1.3m
Glen Hoon Primary School	\$1.5m		

PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

The McGowan Labor Government is ensuring that Western Australians have access to quality healthcare, no matter where they live.

The State's first Medihotel is underway, which will ensure hospital stays are more comfortable for people travelling to Perth from regional WA for medical treatment. We are delivering on our commitment to deliver quality health care in the regions which includes the following projects:

- \$7.7m to establish a Day Surgery Centre mental health facility in Kalbarrie. \$11.2m to establish a facility in Bunbury and \$12.3m to establish a facility in Karatha.
- \$5m to develop the Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub.
- \$303 million to be spent on Southern Inland Health Initiatives, mostly funded through Royalties for Regions.
- \$65.2m for the North West Health Initiative.
- \$144.7m to complete the Karatha Health Campus.
- \$5.1m to expand the renal dialysis program.
- \$1.6m to expand the Find Cancer Early Program into more regional areas.
- \$2.8m to expand the Bar Bus program into the Kimberley region – an initiative that minimises the impacts of middle ear disease in Aboriginal youth living in these areas.
- \$1.3m to fund meet and greet services for people from remote communities travelling for treatment.
- \$147.7m for the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme to support regional people when they are required to travel for treatment.

Scoping work has commenced for a number of projects not included as part of the 2017-2018 Budget including the upgrades to the Bunbury, Collie and Geraldton Hospitals. Funding for these projects will be announced in subsequent budgets.

BUILDING STRONGER REGIONS ACROSS WA

The McGowan Labor Government is leading the agenda - creating safer communities, implementing its Methamphetamine Action Plan, including establishing the 14th Border Force, and protecting vulnerable children, families and seniors.

- \$19.2m for a specialist drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in the South West and commence planning for additional drug and alcohol services in the Kimberley.
- \$18.5m for the Northwest drug and alcohol support program.
- \$18.5m for the Regional Enforcement Unit to increase traffic enforcement on country roads.
- \$300,000 for a two-year trial of the Ice Breakers Program with Albany Police and Community Youth.
- \$5m new Cape Police Station.
- Establishing a new family and domestic violence counselling service in the Peel region.
- \$1.6m to expand existing culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse victims of family and domestic violence.
- \$1.5m grant to build a Family Centre in Dalrymple from 2018.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The McGowan Labor Government is investing more than \$1.2 billion in important community infrastructure and services in regional WA will help build stronger communities.

There are investments across regional WA which are detailed in regional specific facts sheets and the State Budget. Important programs to be funded include:

- \$170m for the country aged pensioner fuel card and \$5m for the volunteer fuel card.
- \$164m for essential and municipal services to remote and Aboriginal communities.
- \$10.6m for a residential aged care facility in Carnarvon.
- \$27.7m for a regional aged accommodation program.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

The McGowan Labor Government is investing in the protection and enhancement of cultural and environmental values, while creating new recreational opportunities in conservation areas.

Over \$120m will be invested in the protection and enhancement of cultural and environmental values, while creating new recreational opportunities in conservation areas. Initiatives include:

- \$14.6m Natural Resource Management Program to work with local communities to protect the environment.
- \$200,000 to revitalise the Collie River.
- \$1m towards the establishment of a park and reserve network encompassing the fringing coastal reefs of the Kimberley's Buccaneer Amphipelo.
- \$1m for the Albany Oyster Reef Restoration Project.
- \$1.9m to develop a comprehensive estuary protection plan for the Peel-Harvey Estuary.

DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

A provision has also been made for regional election commitments that are subject to further planning. These projects will be detailed in subsequent Budgets.

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INVESTING IN WA ROADS

Congestion-Busting Road Upgrades

- Investing in key road projects in Perth to reduce congestion and create jobs, including:
 - \$237m for the Armadale Rd/North Lake Rd Bridge over the freeway
 - \$50m for a new traffic interchange at Wanneroo Rd & Joondalup Dr
 - \$49m to widen Kwinana Freeway northbound between Russell Rd & Roe Hwy
 - \$40m to widen Mitchell Freeway southbound between Cedric St & Vincent St
- Funding allocated for key local government road projects, such as:
 - \$60m contribution for the Stephenson Avenue extension
 - \$23m contribution for the dualling of Marmion Avenue

Cycling for the Future

- Increasing investment in cycling infrastructure in Perth, with \$129m allocated over the next four years adding 95km of cycling path
- \$55m towards filling gaps on the existing principal shared path network
- \$45m for paths alongside major road projects
- \$29m in grants for local government cycling projects

Safer Regional Roads

- Investing in key upgrades to improve safety on dangerous country roads, including:
 - \$30m for upgrading South Coast Hwy
 - \$50m towards Karratha-Tom Price sealing works
 - \$14m for dualling Great Eastern Hwy from Anzac Dr to Gatacre Dr in Kalgoorlie
 - \$12.5m for planning on the next stages of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road
 - \$35m toward the next stages of the Albany Ring Road
- \$96 million allocated to Road Safety Programs in regional WA for 2017-18**

INVESTING IN WA ROADS

The McGowan Labor Government's first Budget will deliver a record \$2.7 billion roads budget. The funding allocation includes 20 key road projects which will create much needed local jobs. Building and upgrading our road network is essential to reduce road congestion, facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods and help boost the local economy to create jobs.



DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

The 2017-18 Budget will allocate funding to the McGowan Labor Government's roads election commitments which have a focus on improving safety, reducing congestion, maintaining and operating the road network and generating thousands of jobs. The projects include a number of key road initiatives announced in May 2017 as part of the joint State and Commonwealth Government \$2.3 billion Boosting Jobs, Busting Congestion program.



20 KEY ROAD PROJECTS

- \$237 million Armadale Road/North Lake Road bridge over Kwinana Freeway.
- \$50 million new traffic interchange at Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.
- \$49 million widening of the Kwinana Freeway northbound between Russell Road and Roe Highway.
- \$40 million widening of the Mitchell Freeway southbound between Cedric Street and Vincent Street.
- \$30 million upgrading of the South Coast Highway between Albany and Jerramungup.
- \$50 million for the Karratha-Tom Price road sealing works.
- \$86 million new traffic interchange at Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road.
- \$118 million Leach Highway (High Street) upgrade between Carrington Road and Stirling Highway.
- \$14 million for the dualling of Great Eastern Highway from Anzac Drive to Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie.
- \$145 million Armadale Road dual carriageway between Anstey Road and Tapper Drive.
- \$112 million Murdoch Drive Connection to Kwinana Freeway and Roe Highway.
- \$12.5 million for planning Stages 2 and 3 of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road.
- \$6 million widening of the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway.
- \$70 million Reid Highway dual carriageway between Allone Road and West Swan Road.
- \$47 million Smart Freeway project on Kwinana Freeway northbound.
- \$60 million new traffic interchange at Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road.
- \$31 million Wanneroo Road dual carriageway between Joondalup Drive and Flynn Drive.
- \$35 million Manning Road on-ramp at Kwinana Freeway.
- \$33 million for Outback Way sealing works (subject to Commonwealth Government).
- \$35 million allocated towards the next stages of the Albany Ring Road.



ROADS FUNDING

Total spending for roads in WA over recent years:

\$'000	(*estimated)	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17*	2017/18*
Total expenditure		2,136,386	1,934,300	2,139,474	2,278,281	2,741,889



REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY

Fixing dangerous country roads is one of the McGowan Government's top priorities in regional WA.

The 2017-18 Budget includes a 20% increase in regional road funding. Overall, regional road expenditure represents just over 50% of the State's total spending on roads. Regional road safety will receive a major boost this year with the implementation of a major new Regional Road Safety Program. The \$44 million Commonwealth contribution is a result of the Boosting Jobs, Busting Congestion program. A significant package of works will be developed to address high risk sections of the rural road network. Whilst the full package will be agreed later this year, the first of the projects to be funded under this scheme is the construction of four new passing lanes on Indian Ocean Drive.



ROAD SAFETY

Whilst nearly every road project has an element of road safety there are several programs of funding that are targeted at specific road safety outcomes to ensure the impact of road traumas on the community is reduced.

\$125 million has been allocated to specific Road Safety Programs in 2017-18. \$29 million has been allocated for programs in the metropolitan area and \$96 million for programs in regional areas.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS

Local Government roads are crucial to connecting our suburbs and regional towns to our State and National road networks.

A total of \$164 million has been allocated for local road projects under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement for 2017-18 representing an extra \$11.5 million compared with the previous Government's 2016-17 Budget.

The McGowan Government has also honoured its election commitments on the local road network amounting to an additional \$162 million worth of road works, including:

- \$60m contribution for the Stephenson Avenue extension;
- \$23m contribution for the dual carriageway of Marmion Avenue to Yanchepp, and
- \$50m for Karratha-Tom Price Road sealing works.

Factoring in the election commitments, communities across WA will see a total of \$248 million spent on improving and building Local Government road infrastructure in 2017-18.



CYCLING FOR THE FUTURE

The McGowan Government is delivering on its election commitment to crank up investment in cycling infrastructure across Perth, with \$129 million earmarked over the next four years towards a chain of new projects across the State's network.

The record funding includes \$55 million towards filling gaps on the Principal Shared Path (PSP) network around Perth. \$45 million for paths alongside major road projects and \$29 million in grants for local governments for a range of community cycling initiatives.

The \$50 million PSP roll-out will complement the McGowan Government's METRONET vision, transforming Perth's transport network, with designated paths which cyclists can use to ease their daily commute.

The gap-filling PSP expansion will allow at least 95 kilometres of cycling path to be added to the network, and will include the following locations:

- Mitchell Freeway PSP - Glendalough Station to Hutton Street & Erindale Road to Civic Place missing links.
- Fremantle line PSP - Grant Street to North Fremantle extension.
- Midland line PSP - Success Hill Station to Railway Parade cul-de-sac missing link.

To ensure a consistent approach, \$29 million will be provided for local governments to develop bike plans and deliver new cycling infrastructure such as shared paths and bike boulevards.

PSPs will also be considered as part of all new major road projects, with paths to be included in the NorthLink WA construction, Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road Interchange upgrade and Reid Highway duplication.

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Investing in our environment

- Rehabilitating the Beeliam wetlands
- Enhancing infrastructure and facilities at Lake Kepwari near Collie as a tourism precinct
- Establishing a new Wellington Dam walk trail loop
- Establishing a park and reserve network for the fringing reefs of the Buccaneer Archipelago
- \$900,000 for grants to community groups for restoration works along the Swan & Canning Rivers
- \$14.6m Natural Resource Management Program to work with regional communities to protect the environment

PROTECTING OUR UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

Aboriginal Ranger Program

Establishing the Aboriginal Ranger Program, with local rangers employed to undertake land and sea management, including tourism operations and protecting cultural values and biodiversity

\$20 million allocated over five years

In 2017-18, focused on training, jobs and community development initiatives that deliver environmental outcomes

Container Deposit Scheme

Establishing a Container Deposit Scheme to incentivise recycling in Western Australia

Work underway to commence the Scheme in early 2019

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

The McGowan Labor Government is investing in the protection and enhancement of cultural and environmental values, while creating new recreational opportunities in conservation areas. Key environmental commitments are funded as part of the 2017-18 State Budget.

- \$900,000 for community groups to carry out restoration works along the Swan and Canning Rivers.
- \$8 million in 2017-18 to develop infrastructure, including a Living Knowledge Centre at Murujuga National Park on the Burrup Peninsula.
- \$1 million will go towards the establishment of a park and reserve network encompassing the fringing coral reefs of the Buccaneer Archipelago, to protect the region's outstanding natural and cultural values.
- \$3 million will be invested to develop Lake Kepwari, near Collie, as a tourism precinct with a focus on water skiing, wakeboarding and jet skiing. The project will include construction of boating infrastructure, public facilities and road access to encourage future private tourism investment.
- A further \$200,000 is being invested in the Wellington Dam walk trails, which will link up with the Bibbulmun Track.
- Work is also underway to implement the Container Deposit Scheme in early 2019, with \$1.68 million allocated over three years towards the scheme.

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