



WA STATE BUDGET 2018-19 INVESTING IN REGIONAL WA

The McGowan Labor Government is creating jobs and investing in important infrastructure and services in regional WA, while restoring responsible financial management across the State.

The 2018-19 State Budget guarantees \$4 billion Royalties for Regions funding, investing in the things that really matter to people in regional WA.

A \$3.4 billion investment has been made towards job-creating regional infrastructure.

REGIONAL WA INVESTMENT SNAPSHOT

- **More than \$2 billion will be spent on the State's regional roads** between 2018-19 and 2021-22
- **\$70 million improvements to regional roads across the State** identified as high risk for runoff crashes
- \$1.2 million for **advanced warning signs at intersections on rural roads**
- \$136 million over four years for the **Country Age Pension Fuel Card** and \$4 million for the **volunteer fuel card**
- **\$128.5 million record investment towards critical fire emergency services** including \$80 million to enhance rural bushfire capacity across the State through the new Rural Fire Division and \$19.5 million for Volunteer and Marine Rescue groups
- \$8 million to **replace ageing volunteer fire stations in regional locations** such as Gingin, Margaret River, Northhampton and Halls Creek
- \$800,000 additional funding for the **Yarloop Bushfire clean-up**
- \$18.5 million for the Regional Enforcement Unit to **increase traffic enforcement on country roads**
- \$73.3 million, over five years, for the **Geraldton Health Campus stage 1 redevelopment**
- \$10.2 million over the next five years to construct and operate a **Mid West community mental health Step Up/Step Down service**, which will be offsite but integrated with the Geraldton Health Campus mental health services
- \$46.4 million to **redevelop the Newman Health Service**
- \$5 million towards the **Tom Price Hospital project**
- \$9.3 million to **fast-track 33 more alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds in the South West**
- \$4.4 million for **upgrades to the 193-bed Peel Health Campus**
- \$182.3 million over four years for the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme to **support regional Western Australians when they need to travel for medical treatment**
- \$9.8 million for much needed upgrades to the **Albany Secondary Education Support Centre** and **North Albany Senior High School**
- **More support for students** - 100 education assistants employed in WA schools in 2018, with 100 more to come in both 2019 and 2020
- **Additional support provided for students in regional WA** with extra Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers at 51 schools in 2018, and 74 schools in 2019
- Independent Learning Coordinators located at 10 schools in 2018 to **help senior students studying through the School of Isolated and Distance Education**
- Eight Regional Learning Specialists allocated to the School of Isolated and Distance Education to **provide specialist classes for Year 11 and 12 students**
- \$45 million across four years for the **Building the Western Australian Grains Research and Development capacity program**
- \$5 million for development of the **Myalup Primary Industry Reserve**
- \$22.5 million for the Regional Economic Development Grants program to **drive economic development**
- \$9.3 million for **conservation projects in the Pilbara** by implementing the Pilbara Offsets Fund
- \$10.5 million to establish and manage the **Preston River to Ocean and Leschenault Regional Park** to drive tourism
- \$1.5 million over three years for a **capability building program for Aboriginal business** across the state to support the Aboriginal Procurement Policy
- \$21.5 million to continue the **Regional Youth Justice Services into the Pilbara and Kimberley**
- \$20.5 million for the Target 120 program for **early intervention into young offenders**

PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN THE REGIONS

The McGowan Government is continuing to invest in regional education and healthcare, with key projects underway or funded in regional WA.

- \$24.8 million to **continue delivery of the Kimberley Schools Program**
- \$26.6 million to **upgrade Carnarvon Community College**
- \$17.9 million allocated towards the **new South Regional TAFE Campus in Esperance**
- \$17.2 million in **upgrades to John Willcock College**
- \$2.5 million to replace transportable classrooms at **Flinders Park Primary School**
- \$4.7 million towards **enhancing educational outcomes in the Pilbara**
- Upgrades to **Margaret River Senior High School** (\$30 million), **Cape Naturaliste College** (\$30.1 million) and **Bunbury Senior High School** (\$5 million)
- \$3.7 million to support educational programs at **Muresk Institute of Agriculture**
- \$9.8 million to commence planning upgraded facilities at the co-located **Albany Secondary Education Support Centre and North Albany Senior High School** – to increase student capacity and provide learning opportunities for students with disability
- \$3 million for **South Bunbury Primary School** in addition to early childhood facilities funded by the Universal Access and Early Childhood Program (\$2.5 million)
- \$1.5 million for construction of new early childhood facilities at **Glen Huon Primary School** in Eaton
- Planning will start for an early learning block at **Eaton Primary School** (\$3 million)
- **Eaton Community College**, planning for new science facilities (\$5 million)
- **Newton Moore Senior High School**, planning for a new STEM centre (\$3 million)
- **Broome Senior High School**, planning for upgrades and expansion (\$19.3 million)
- \$9 million in funding towards the **Step Up/Step Down mental health facility in Kalgoorlie**, with construction due to start this year
- \$5 million funding for **Peel Youth Medical Service Hub**
- \$49.4 million to complete work on the **Karratha Health Campus**
- \$46.4 million to redevelop the **Newman Health Service**
- \$5 million towards the **Tom Price Hospital project**
- \$14.8 million towards the **Step Up, Step Down mental health facility in Karratha**
- \$12.8 million to continue the **Northwest Drug and Alcohol Support Program**
- \$13.4 million to complete and operate the **sub-acute mental health facility in Bunbury**
- \$1.6 million for the **Find Cancer Early program in regional areas**
- \$6.8 million for the **renal dialysis program**

The McGowan Labor Government is creating jobs and strengthening the State's economy by investing in job-creating initiatives across regional WA. The State Budget includes:

- \$16 million to continue the **Aboriginal Rangers Program** over the next 4 years, to provide jobs looking after State parks and protected areas
- \$39.7 million over four years to **boost tourism funding to showcase regional destinations**
- \$24.8 million for the **Regional Natural Resources Management Program**
- \$10 million to better **protect the Abrolhos Islands and create tourism and job opportunities**
- \$8.6 million to progress the **Regional Estuaries initiative**
- \$112 million in funding towards the **Port Hedland marina and waterfront development**
- \$30 million for upgrade of **South Coast Highway**
- \$35 million for the **Albany Ring Road project**
- \$15 million towards **priority road upgrades in the Collie Preston region**
- \$6.5 million to upgrade the **Geraldton Airport runway**
- \$35 million to **upgrade roads related to the Square Kilometre Array project**
- \$4.1 million for the **Esperance indoor sports stadium**

- \$1.6 million to develop a new **Norseman Cultural, Visitor and Community Precinct**
- \$19.5 million investment in the **Albany Wave Energy Project**
- \$49.3 million allocated to **Transform Peel project**
- \$10 million allocated to the **Mandurah Eastern foreshore redevelopment**
- \$16.1 million to start work on the **multi-storey car park at Mandurah Station**, subject to matching funding from the Federal Government
- \$19.8 million to continue the **Pilbara Aboriginal Town Based Reserves project**
- \$50 million for the construction of the next stage of the **Karratha to Tom Price Road**
- \$54.5 million towards the upgrade of the **Marble Bar Road through Coongan Gorge**
- \$47.5 million towards the **Myalup-Wellington Water for Growth project and Southern Forest Irrigation Scheme**
- \$32 million towards the Rail Future Fund to **upgrade the Perth-Australind rail service**
- \$10 million to **establish rail access to Kemerton Industrial Park**
- \$20 million over five years for the **Collie Futures Fund**
- \$10.5 million investment in **Kemerton and Shotts industrial parks** to create more opportunity for businesses
- \$34.4 million towards the **Transforming Bunbury Waterfront project**
- \$106.3 million contribution towards the **Bunbury Outer Ring Road**
- \$14 million towards **upgrades to Great Eastern Highway** between Anzac Drive and Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- \$8 million towards **upgrading priority sections of the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway**
- \$9.7 million in funding to **upgrade boating facilities at Broome's Entrance Point and Town Beach**
- \$7 million to **upgrade the Port of Broome** to enable the cruise ship industry to grow
- Over \$228 million towards **upgrades of the Great Northern Highway** over four years
- \$33.6 million towards **improvements of the Gibb River Road** over four years
- \$65.7 million to continue work on **upgrades to Broome Cape Leveque Road**
- \$20 million on **upgrades to Indian Ocean Drive**
- \$4.5 million for **new and emerging regional businesses** as part of the New Industries Fund

The McGowan Labor Government is putting the State to work, creating jobs for people across regional Western Australia and turning the State's finances around.