



WA STATE BUDGET 2018-19

INVESTING IN THE GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE REGION

The McGowan Labor Government is putting the State to work, creating jobs for people in the Goldfields-Esperance region and turning the State's finances around. Implementation of the Plan for Goldfields-Esperance region is underway, focusing on the things that really matter to people in the region.

The State Budget includes \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding across the State, delivering important services to people in regional Western Australia.

The McGowan Labor Government will spend \$3.4 billion on infrastructure across regional WA.

SNAPSHOT

- \$73.2 million for **job-creating infrastructure in the Goldfields-Esperance region.**
- \$745,000 for much needed **maintenance work for the Goldfields Arts Centre**
- \$22.5 million for the Regional Economic Development Grants Scheme to **drive economic development in regional Western Australia**
- \$20.5 million for the Target 120 program **for early intervention into young offenders**
- \$80 million to **enhance rural bushfire capacity across the State** through the new Rural Fire Division
- \$70 million **improvements to regional roads** across the State identified as high risk for runoff crashes
- \$1.5 million over three years to support **the Aboriginal Procurement Policy**

PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN THE GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE REGION

- \$14 million towards **upgrades to Great Eastern Highway** between Anzac Drive and Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- \$33 million for **sealing priority sections of Outback Way**
- \$8 million to **upgrade priority sections of the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway**
- \$9 million in funding towards the **Step Up/Step Down mental health facility in Kalgoorlie**, with construction due to start this year
- \$17.9 million allocated to the **new South Regional TAFE Campus in Esperance**
- \$4.1 million for the **Esperance indoor sports stadium**
- \$1.6 million for a **new visitor centre for Norseman**
- \$500,000 for the **Goldfields Solar Feasibility Study**
- \$2 million for the **Kalgoorlie Pastoral Alliance Cell Fence**

SUPPORTING REGIONAL WA

- \$18.5 million over four years for the **Regional Enforcement Unit** to increase traffic enforcement on country roads
- More than \$2 billion will be spent on the State's regional roads between 2018-19 and 2021-22
- \$39.7 million over four years to **boost tourism funding to showcase regional destinations**
- \$4.5 million over four years for **new and emerging regional businesses** as part of the New Industries Fund
- \$1.6 million over four years for the **Find Cancer Early program in regional areas**

- \$6.8 million over two years for **the renal dialysis program**
- \$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
- \$136 million over four years for the **Country Age Pension Fuel Card** and \$4 million for the **volunteer fuel card**
- \$37 million for **Community Resources Centres** across regional Western Australia
- \$24.8 million for the **Natural Resources Management Program**
- Putting education assistants and **Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers back into regional classrooms**
- Funding to put **Independent Learning Coordinators** in 10 regional schools will assist students undertaking courses 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