



# WA STATE BUDGET 2018-19

## INVESTING IN THE GREAT SOUTHERN

The McGowan Labor Government is putting the State to work, creating local jobs for people in the Great Southern region and turning the State's finances around. Implementation of Plan for Albany 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

- \$83.2 million for **job-creating infrastructure in the Great Southern region**
- \$9.8 million for much needed upgrades to the **Albany Secondary Education Support Centre** and **North Albany Senior High School**
- \$500,000 per year from 2019-20 for **continued operation of the Albany Entertainment Centre**
- \$22.5 million for the Regional Economic Development Grants Scheme to **drive economic development in regional Western Australia**
- \$250,000 to develop a business case for the **Albany Artificial Surf Reef**
- \$250,000 to plan for the **upgrade of Bremer Bay Boat Harbour**
- \$45 million over four years for the **Building Western Australia's Grains Research and Development Capacity**
- \$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

### PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN THE GREAT SOUTHERN

- \$30 million for the **upgrading of South Coast Highway**
- \$35 million for the **Albany Ring Road project**
- \$19.5 million investment in the **Albany Wave Energy Project**
- \$3 million to upgrade to **Mount Lockyer Primary School**
- \$5.8 million towards the **development of a world-class motorplex**
- \$3.6 million towards preliminary works at the **Middleton Beach Activity Centre**
- \$1 million for the **Great Southern tourism strategy and promotion**
- \$2.5 million investment towards replacing transportable classrooms at **Flinders Park Primary School**
- \$750,000 to continue work on the **Albany Oyster Reef Restoration Project**
- \$6.9 million to complete the **Centennial Park Sporting and Event Precinct**

## 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