The McGowan Labor Government has brought fresh ideas and new resources to the fight against crime. The introduction of innovative, evidence-based policies is helping make our communities stronger and safer.

There is continued focus on the problems of family and domestic violence and juvenile crime with new whole-of-government initiatives and strong support for victims.

The McGowan Government is creating stronger, safer communities, tackling the meth scourge, protecting vulnerable children, families and seniors and making our roads safer.

SNAPSHOT ON SAFER COMMUNITIES

- $186 million to expand Casuarina prison including $3.3 million for security system upgrades
- $900,000 to develop the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy and fulfil a key election commitment
- $6.5 million state-wide funding for the Aboriginal Community Connectors program to improve community safety and reduce community consequences of Alcohol and Other Drugs and related ‘at risk’ behaviours
- $11.3 million to support and expand sustainable service delivery of PCYCs across the State
- $30.9 million boost towards a suite of initiatives to tackle family and domestic violence
- $34.6 million to roll out personal mobile tablets to free up Police Officers for more time on the beat
- $15.4 million towards the roll-out of personal multi-threat body armour to frontline Police Officers
- $5.7 million for hostile vehicle protection measures at key stadia and venues
- $118.1 million road safety package
- $8 million boost for shark hazard mitigation to keep water users safe at iconic WA beaches
- $2.3 million package to combat elder abuse, including continued funding for the WA Elder Abuse Helpline

TACKLING THE METH CRISIS

The McGowan Government will invest extra $42.5 million towards its co-ordinated and integrated Methamphetamine Action Plan, bringing the total investment to $244.8 million, to address methamphetamine issues in Western Australia.

- $20.1 million towards the North West Drug and Alcohol Support Program
- $9.2 million towards the development of a comprehensive alcohol and other drug youth service in the Kimberley – fulfilling an election commitment
- $4.8 million to establish a 10-bed low medical withdrawal crisis centre in Midland
- $2.3 million for four low medical withdrawal beds in the Kimberley
- $1.52 million to expand the needle syringe exchange program in high-demand regional areas including the Great Southern and Bunbury
- $1.05 million for alcohol and other drug education programs in schools with a focus on at-risk students
- $914,000 to continue alcohol and other drug training for workers in the Strong Spirit Strong Mind program
- $631,000 to expand the existing Transitional Housing and Support Program
- $614,000 towards alcohol and other drug training for frontline workers such as psychologists, social workers and counsellors
- $457,000 for the Meth Peer Education Program which focuses on harm reduction and health promotion
- $300,000 to expand the Hepatitis WA nurse-led program which supports GPs to provide brief interventions to meth users
- $200,000 to plan for the expansion of the award-winning Mental Health Police Co-Response model to regional areas and to include support for alcohol and other drug issues
Initiatives already underway as part of the government’s Meth Action Plan include the establishment of the Meth Border Force, increased police roadside testing, additional treatment beds across the State, the introduction of mental health emergency centres, expanding the Mental Health Police Co-Response teams to four districts in Perth, delivery of WA’s first alcohol and other drug treatment prison – with a second facility in progress, a plan for treatment services in the Kimberley and it has also introduced the toughest penalties in Australia for meth traffickers.

INVESTING IN POLICE AND JUSTICE

The State Government has a focus on initiatives to improve community safety and justice services across Western Australia

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- $118.1 million road safety package
- $34.6 million to roll out personal mobile tablets to free up Police officers for more time on the beat
- $15.4 million towards the roll-out personal multi-threat body armour to frontline police officers
- $12.3 million to secure and screen a new female compound and enhance security at Greenough Regional Prison
- $11.3 million to support and expand sustainable service delivery of PCYCs across the State including a new Kununurra PCYC and a major redevelopment to the Carnarvon PCYC
- $1.4 million to plan for the construction of a new Broome Regional Prison
- $900,000 to deliver the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy and fulfil a key election commitment

SUPPORTING INITIATIVES TO PREVENT FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The McGowan Labor Government is investing in initiatives to address family and domestic violence and prioritise community safety.

- $15.5 million for an electronic monitoring trial to monitor high-risk domestic violence offenders
- $11.7 million to establish two new Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hubs in Mirrabooka and Kalgoorlie to make it easier for domestic violence victims to access services
- $2.1 million to deliver training to frontline police officers and to develop a family violence Code of Practice
- $1.1 million of continued funding for the Kimberley Family Violence Service
- $415,000 of continued funding for the Pets in Crisis program

PROTECTING WESTERN AUSTRALIANS

The McGowan Labor Government is getting on with the job of making our communities stronger and safer.

- $22 million investment to boost the Enhanced Prescribed Burning program in the South-West
- $5.7 million for hostile vehicle protection measures at key stadia and venues
- $8 million to build a new multipurpose bushfire facility to support career and volunteer emergency services personnel including firefighters and SES in Collie and the South-West
- $8 million boost for Surf Lifesaving WA helicopter drone, beach and jet ski patrols, WA’s world-leading shark monitoring network and department tagged operations as part of the overall WA scientific shark hazard mitigation strategy
- $2.3 million package to combat elder abuse, including continued funding for the WA Elder Abuse Helpline

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**BOOSTING ROAD SAFETY ACROSS WA**

The McGowan Labor Government is making a substantial investment in road safety initiatives to reduce road crashes and trauma.

Initiatives include improvements to dangerous roads and intersections, stronger police presence on roads and community education campaigns expected to change driver behaviour.

- $118.1 million road safety package including roadside driver testing, speed enforcement, alcohol interlocks assessment and treatment services, and run-off road crash mitigation
- $4.8 million to continue the Enhanced Driver Training and Education Program for regional and remote communities and establish a new pilot program in Bunbury