



# WA STATE BUDGET 2019-20

## DELIVERING FOR THE GOLDFIELDS - ESPERANCE REGION

The McGowan Government is delivering its plan for the Goldfields-Esperance region with funding in the State Budget to create local jobs and support the local economy, while delivering important community infrastructure and services.

The 2019-20 State Budget includes \$4.2 billion in Royalties for Regions funding across regional WA.

More than \$5.6 billion will be invested in regional infrastructure over the next four years.

## SNAPSHOT ON THE GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE

### CREATING JOBS AND SUPPORTING THE ECONOMY

- \$40 million to **upgrade the Coolgardie to Esperance Highway**
- **\$12 million state-wide injection to Tourism WA** to expand promotion on Western Australia overseas
- \$6.9 million to **upgrade Shed 4 at the Port of Esperance**
- **\$131.5 million additional expenditure to support agriculture in WA**, grow export markets and create long-term jobs, including **\$39.6 million for the Boosting Biosecurity Defences, Asian Market Success and Grains Research and Development support programs** (*In addition to the \$45 million for Grains Research and Development in the 2018-19 budget*)
- \$182.4 million state-wide funding for a new Employer Incentive Scheme and training delivery, including \$45 million for regional WA. The scheme will **help WA employers with the costs of employing apprentices and trainees**
- \$24.1 million in ongoing funding for the **'WA Open for Business' program to promote export opportunities for regional businesses**

### DELIVERING BETTER HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- \$6.3 million for the **Kalgoorlie Health Campus MRI suite**
- \$42.5 million in **additional funding for the Methamphetamine Action Plan** including \$914,000 to **increase training for Aboriginal staff in Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) services**
- \$11.7 million for two **Family and Domestic Violence Hubs, including one in Kalgoorlie**
- \$2.3 million package to **combat elder abuse**, including continued funding for the WA Elder Abuse Helpline
- \$11.3 million to **support and expand sustainable service delivery of PCYCs across the State** to reduce juvenile offending and improve community safety
- \$6.5 million for the **Aboriginal Community Connectors program to improve community safety** and reduce community consequences of Alcohol and Other Drugs and related 'at risk' behaviours
- \$34.6 million for the **roll out of personal issue mobile smart tablets for police officers**
- \$15.4 million towards the roll-out of **personal issue multi-threat body armour** to frontline police officers
- \$4.8 million for **enhanced driver training and education for regional and remote communities**
- Investing an additional **\$713,000 to maintain regional bus services**
- \$19.9 million for the **Regional Arts and Cultural Investment program**
- \$8.1 million for the **Suicide Prevention Strategy**
- \$4 million towards the new **Laverton Hospital project**
- Introduction of the new **Regional Taxi Transition Fund**

## **PROJECTS UNDERWAY OR COMPLETED IN THE GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE REGION**

- \$10 million a year from 2019-20 to continue the **Exploration Incentive Scheme**
- \$1.2 million for much needed maintenance work for the **Goldfields Arts Centre**
- \$14 million towards **upgrades to Great Eastern Highway between Anzac Drive and Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie-Boulder**
- \$59.8 million for **sealing priority sections of the Outback Way**
- \$12.5 million in funding towards the **Step Up, Step Down mental health facility in Kalgoorlie**
- \$17.9 million allocated towards the **new South Regional TAFE Campus in Esperance**
- \$4.1 million for the **Esperance indoor sports stadium**
- \$500,000 for the **Goldfields Solar Feasibility Study**
- \$18.7 million state-wide for the **Aboriginal Rangers Program** to provide jobs looking after State parks and protected areas
- \$6.9 million for the **State Barrier Fence Esperance extension**
- \$2 million for the **Kalgoorlie Pastoral Alliance Cell Fence**
- \$65 million across regional WA to **continue to support Community Resources Centres**
- \$170.5 million across regional WA to **continue the Country Age Pension Fuel Card** and **\$5.1 million for the Volunteer Fuel Card**