



# WA STATE BUDGET 2019-20

## DELIVERING FOR THE GREAT SOUTHERN

The McGowan Government is delivering its plan for the Great Southern 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 GREAT SOUTHERN

### CREATING JOBS AND SUPPORTING THE ECONOMY

- \$175 million for the **Albany Ring Road**
- \$2.5 million for **development of visitor facilities in the Greens Pool-Elephant Rocks precinct**
- **\$12 million state-wide injection to Tourism WA** to expand promotion on Western Australia overseas
- **\$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 \$45million 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

- \$13.1 million to construct a facility as part of establishing **radiotherapy services at Albany Health Campus**
- \$42.5 million in **additional funding for the Methamphetamine Action Plan**, including **\$1.1 million for the establishment of a Great Southern Needle and Syringe Exchange Program**
- **\$11.3 million to support and expand sustainable service delivery of PCYCs across the State** to reduce juvenile offending and improve community safety
- \$2.3 million package to **combat elder abuse**, including continued funding for the WA Elder Abuse Helpline
- **\$8.1 million for the Suicide Prevention Strategy**
- \$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**
- Introduction of the new **Regional Taxi Transition Fund**

## **PROJECTS UNDERWAY OR COMPLETED IN THE GREAT SOUTHERN**

- \$9.8 million for **upgrades to the Albany Secondary Education Support Centre and North Albany Senior High School**
- \$500,000 per year from 2019-20 for the **continued operation of the Albany Entertainment Centre**
- \$500,000 to develop a business case for the **Albany Artificial Surf Reef**
- \$250,000 to plan for the **upgrade of Bremer Bay Boat Harbour**
- \$30 million for the **upgrade of South Coast Highway**
- \$3.6 million towards **preliminary works at the Middleton Beach Activity Centre**
- \$3 million **upgrade to Mount Lockyer Primary School**
- \$2.5 million to **replace transportable classrooms at Flinders Park Primary School**
- \$1 million to **continue work on the Albany Oyster Reef Restoration Project**
- \$3.9 million to **complete the Centennial Park Sporting and Event Precinct**
- \$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**