



WA STATE BUDGET 2019-20

DELIVERING FOR THE MID WEST

The McGowan Government is delivering its plan for the Mid-West 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 MID WEST

CREATING JOBS AND SUPPORTING THE ECONOMY

- \$7 million to build a **state-of-the-art marine finfish nursery in Geraldton**
- \$10 million to **establish visitor and operations infrastructure at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park** as part of 'Plan for Our Parks'
- \$3.6 million to **upgrade firefighting infrastructure at the Port of Geraldton**
- \$388,000 for **land management activities and capacity development for the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve**
- \$12.3 million for **fortifying fencing between male and female prisoners at Greenough prison**, in response to 2018 riot
- **\$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 \$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

- \$42.5 million in **additional funding for the Methamphetamine Action Plan** including \$20.1 million for the **North West Drug and Alcohol Support Program** to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs in the Mid-West, Pilbara and Kimberley
- \$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
- \$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 **extension of the Regional Arts and Cultural Investment program**

- \$8.1 million for the **Suicide Prevention Strategy**
- Introduction of the **new Regional Taxi Transition Fund**
- \$700,000 for the construction of a **new helicopter landing site** at the Jurien Bay Health Centre

PROJECTS UNDERWAY OR COMPLETED IN THE MID WEST

- \$73.3 million for the **redevelopment of the Geraldton Health Campus**
- \$10.2 million for the **Step Up/Step Down mental health facility**
- \$35 million to **upgrade roads related to the Square Kilometre Array project**
- \$6.5 million to **upgrade the Geraldton Airport runway**
- \$18.7 million state-wide for the **Aboriginal Rangers Program**, to provide jobs looking after State parks and protected areas
- \$1.59 million towards the **Murchison Regional Vermin Cell and Murchison Hub Cell**
- \$8.6 million towards **replacing ageing Volunteer Fire Stations in regional locations, including Northampton**
- \$1 million for **Dongara Aged Care**
- \$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**