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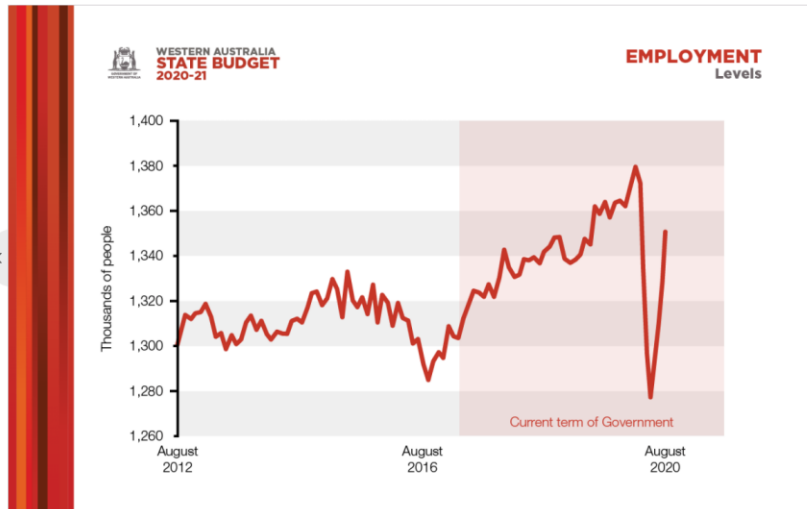
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The WA Economy and WA Jobs

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The McGowan Labor Government has focused its response to the COVID-19 pandemic on maintaining and creating new local jobs and supporting the on-going recovery of the WA economy.

THE WA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

- The 2020-21 State Budget reveals the WA economy is expected to grow by 1.25 per cent in 2020-21.
- Western Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has positioned the economy to rebound faster and stronger than first expected.
- This follows growth in the State's domestic economy of 1.1 per cent in 2019-20 – Western Australia was the only State to record positive growth.
- The forecast for continued growth is supported by a range of economic indicators that have already returned to, and in most cases exceeded, pre-COVID levels, including household and business confidence, retail trade and jobs advertised online. Across most of these indicators, Western Australia is leading the nation.
- Strong budget and economic management over the last three years meant that the Government had the fiscal capacity to immediately respond to households and businesses most in need of support.
- The resilience of the economy throughout the pandemic has been strongly supported by the immediate response measures included in the McGowan Government's more than \$5.5 billion WA Recovery Plan.

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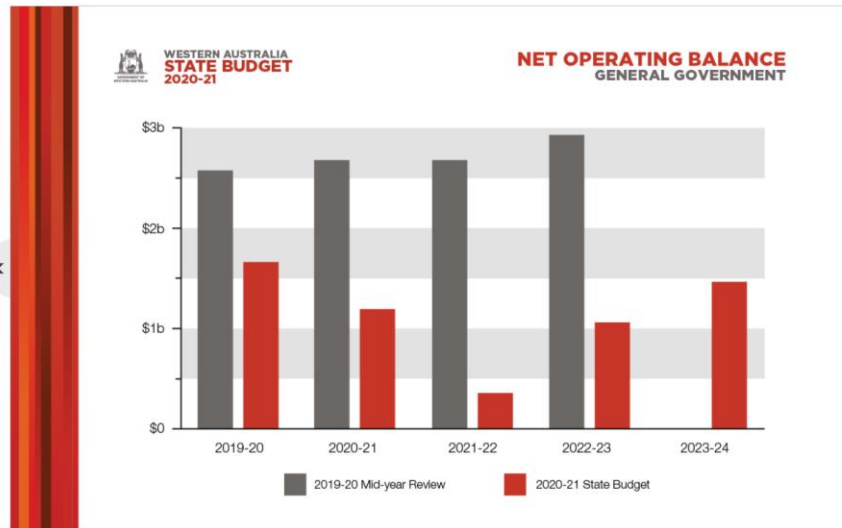
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The fiscal strategy for the 2020-21 Budget focuses on supporting the economy's recovery from COVID-19, and creating a pipeline of jobs for Western Australians.

Since being elected, the McGowan Labor Government's responsible financial management resulted in the budget returning to surplus and debt declining. This strong budget position provided WA with the capacity and flexibility to respond quickly and comprehensively to COVID-19.

STATE FINANCES AT A GLANCE

- The McGowan Government's focus is on supporting the Western Australian economic recovery.
- Net debt will increase to support the WA economy, but remain affordable.
- There have been significant write-downs in operating surpluses over the forecast period in response to COVID-19.
- Budget projected to stay in surplus, helping fully fund the WA Recovery Plan and the record infrastructure investment, creating WA jobs.

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Access the Fact Sheet to discover the investment in our Health Services.



The McGowan Labor Government is investing \$9.6 billion as part of the 2020-21 State Budget to strengthen WA's health system and ensure it continues to protect the health of the community and keep Western Australians safe while we continue our world-leading response to the threat of COVID-19.

2020-21 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Record \$306 million in additional funding towards mental health services.
- \$168.6 million funding to general hospital services to meet increasing demand.
- An additional \$20.9 million for the continued COVID-19 response, continuing the work of the State Health Incident Coordination Centre and the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre.
- \$80 million in additional funding for essential health system and community based services, including expansion of the School Dental Service across seven sites, and funding for in-home health and aged care.
- \$60.8 million total investment towards the Bunbury Regional Hospital redevelopment.
- \$55.5 million for operational costs associated with implementing a Medihotel pilot program at the Murdoch Health and Knowledge Precinct.
- \$35.8 million elective surgery blitz to enable for about 6,000 more patients to have their treatment and return elective waiting lists to pre-pandemic levels by 2021.
- \$29.4 million for additional medical internships at Western Australian hospitals.
- \$68.9 million for mental health hospital services in the public health system.
- A further \$24.4 million for the expansion of Fremantle Mental Health beds.
- \$22.6 million to establish a laboratory at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital that complies with industry standards and ensures the supply of radiopharmaceutical products for patients and medical research, including procurement of a second cyclotron.
- \$22 million towards the replacement of medical equipment across the system.
- \$20.1 million to strengthen End-of-Life Care and to support implementation of Voluntary Assisted Dying reforms.
- \$19 million for the redevelopment of the Emergency Department at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and accommodation of a Behavioural Assessment Urgent Care Clinic.
- \$15 million to upgrade and remediate the Human Resources Management Information System.
- \$13.3 million for construction of the Royal Perth Hospital Synapse Innovation Hub.
- \$7.98 million towards the planning and development of the Broome Health and Wellbeing Campus, a Nyamba Buru Yawuru project, as part of the WA Recovery Plan.
- \$9.2 million for Country Ambulance services and enhanced access and patient flow for country patients.
- \$10.3 million for the WA Country Health Service Command Centre.
- \$18.8 million to operate six regional renal hostels that provide accommodation for renal patients that travel from remote communities.

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Access the Fact Sheet to discover how this Budget will transform WA roads and continue building METRONET.

Busting congestion & boosting WA jobs

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- \$2.39 billion** in major roads infrastructure and maintenance funding
- Builds on \$100 million** invested through the WA Recovery Plan
- \$100 million for a northern suburbs Smart Freeway** between Hester Ave and Vincent St
- \$275 million for a new 45km highway** west of Bindoon

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering a record investment in METRONET and road infrastructure projects in Perth and the regions, creating a pipeline of jobs throughout Western Australia to keep our economy strong.

This year's Budget, along with the WA Recovery Plan, continues the McGowan Government's strong record of delivering congestion-busting, job-creating transport projects across Western Australia.

2020-21 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$354.5m for the soon-to-be-completed Forrestfield-Airport Link project.
- \$275.3m for 246 locally made railcars and the local assembly and manufacturing facility at Bellevue.
- \$100m to install Smart Freeway technology on the Mitchell Freeway from Joondalup to the city.
- \$195m for the Thornlie-Cockburn Link, Perth's first east-west rail connection.
- \$184.7m for the Yanchep Rail Extension, with three new train stations.
- \$144.6m for removal of level crossings, including the under-way Denny Avenue Level Crossing Removal Project and early works for three others on the Armadale Line.
- \$207.2m for other projects like the Morley-Ellenbrook Line, Byford Rail Extension and Midland Station project.
- \$92.3m for the construction of the new Bayswater Station, the first stage of the Morley-Ellenbrook Line.
- \$31.5m to deliver a multi-storey car park at Mandurah Station.
- \$16.3m to help plan and build Lakelands Station.

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Access the Fact Sheet to discover the investment in community safety.



The McGowan Labor Government is investing significantly in community safety initiatives across WA as part of its 2020-21 State Budget, to keep WA safe and strong.

This Budget, along with the COVID-19 WA Recovery Plan, builds on and continues the crucial initiatives implemented by the McGowan Government over the past three years to improve community safety, improve our justice system, tackle the scourge of meth and provide vital support for our local communities.

2020-21 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$314 million to recruit an additional 800 police officers over the next four years, including flow-on resourcing to the criminal justice system.
- \$6.6 million towards a line scanner and aircraft to enhance aerial intelligence and capability.
- \$5.6 million for more District Court resourcing following increased lodgements/cases.
- \$9 million to help support and protect survivors of family and domestic violence.
- \$6.8 million to continue the Aboriginal Community Connectors Program.
- \$2.4 million to establish a dedicated mental health unit at the Bandyup Women's Prison.

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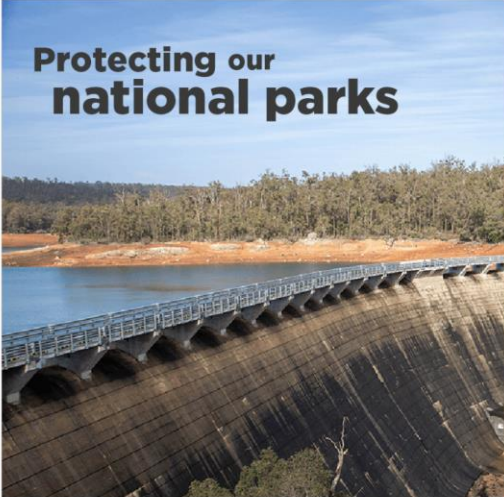
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Protecting our national parks

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\$25.6 million for the Plan for Our Parks initiative

\$13.8 million for Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park

\$8.4 million towards Kalgulup Regional Park

\$3.3 million for Wellington National Park

The McGowan Labor Government's strong commitment to the environment in the 2020-21 State Budget ensures Western Australia's economic recovery works hand in hand with our State's most precious natural assets. In the process the State Government will create thousands of jobs, keeping the State safe and strong.

PLAN FOR OUR PARKS

The McGowan Government is investing a further \$25.6 million over the next four years towards the creation and management of national parks, marine parks and other conservation reserves under the flagship Plan for Our Parks initiative. In addition, the McGowan Government will fund:

- \$3.35 million for the expansion of Wellington National Park near Collie, and to upgrade roads, visitor facilities and enhance recreation and tourism opportunities in the park.
- \$8.4 million for the creation and management of Kalgulup Regional Park at Bunbury. The 3100-hectare park is a stronghold for biodiversity and was recently named to reflect the area's significance for Noongar people.
- \$6.7 million to build public recreation facilities and implement traditional owner joint management of the Ningaloo Coastal Reserves in partnership with the Gnulli native title holders.
- \$13.8 million for infrastructure and management of the Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park over the next four years, including the installation of new jetties.
- \$2 million for the creation and management of a proposed national park at Helena Aurora Range.

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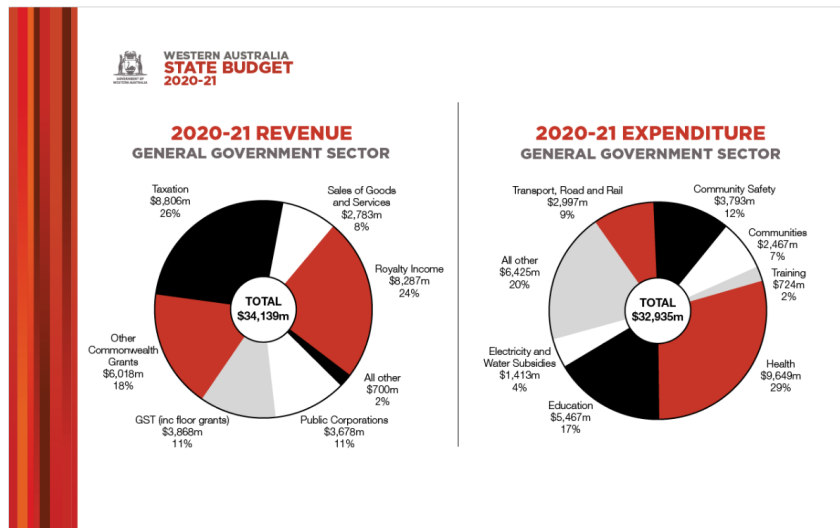
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In response to COVID-19, the State Government has adjusted its fiscal strategy to solely focus on supporting the economy and creating WA jobs, rather than paying down the debt left by the previous Liberal National Government.

- Despite reduced revenue as a result of COVID-19, and additional expenditure to support the State's recovery, the WA Budget remains in a surplus position, helping fully fund the WA Recovery Plan, to create jobs.
- The lower operating surpluses and record infrastructure spend have increased the forecast level of net debt by \$8.3 billion relative to the Mid-year Review.
- A general government operating surplus of \$1.2 billion is now forecast for 2020-21, down from the \$2.7 billion surplus expected at the time of the Mid-year Review.
- Operating surpluses are also forecast in each of the outyears, although these too have been revised down substantially since the Mid-year Review.
- Surpluses have helped fully fund the WA Recovery Plan and the record infrastructure investment, providing a significant boost to the economy and local jobs.

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Access the Fact Sheet to discover the investment in Our Children's Education.



Major \$5.5 billion investment in WA schools

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- Additional \$456.23 million for school facilities**
- \$60 million for Stage 1 of a new secondary school in Piara Waters**
- \$57.6 million to expand Bob Hawke College**
- \$42 million to rebuild Roebourne District High School**

The McGowan Labor Government will invest \$456.23 million in 2020-21 to improve public school infrastructure in Western Australia and deliver quality education no matter where students live.

This Budget includes a total of \$5.5 billion for school education in 2020-21, an increase of \$225.8 million from the previous year. The package is designed to create local jobs today, and prepare students for the jobs of the future.

2020-21 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$57.6 million towards construction of Stage 2 of Bob Hawke College, increasing capacity to 2000 students.
- \$60 million for Stage 1 of a new secondary school in Piara Waters, to open in 2023.
- \$29.9 million for works on Stage 2 of Ridge View Secondary College, for completion early 2023.
- \$22 million for upgrades to Karratha Senior High School, and \$42 million to rebuild Roebourne District High School.
- \$39.6 million for Semester 2 of 2020 to ensure schools can continue enhanced cleaning to stay COVID-19 safe.

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