



Since March 2017, the McGowan Government has been delivering its Plan for the Gascoyne, creating local jobs and delivering for regional communities.

The McGowan Government has a record of major investments over the past four years and its strong investment in the Gascoyne region continues with the State Budget funding vital job-creating projects and services to assist with the State's recovery.

CREATING JOBS AND SUPPORTING THE ECONOMY



- **\$600 credit to Gascoyne households** on their electricity bill by the end of the year
- \$7 million for immediate measures to assist with access to the **Carnarvon fascine** while also finalising and implementing a long term plan
- \$5.7 million towards constructing a demonstrator **renewable hydrogen microgrid to power Denham**
- \$14.2 million to install **Battery Energy Storage Systems** in Exmouth, Carnarvon and Gascoyne Junction to improve grid capacity and allow more customers to install rooftop solar systems and reduce their power bills
- \$3.81 million to **upgrade electricity infrastructure in remote communities** including Woodgamia, making it safer and more reliable
- \$21.4 million for the **Regional Aviation Recovery Program** to ensure affordable airfares for residents and tourists in regional WA, including flights to Exmouth
- \$1.3 million towards planning for the redevelopment of the **Tantabiddi Boat Ramp facility** in Exmouth, to cater for recreational tourists and separate commercial use
- \$1.47 million to upgrade wastewater services to allow for the expansion of the **Coral Bay Caravan Park**
- \$2.65 million for significant upgrades to visitor access and facilities in the **Shark Bay World Heritage Area**, near Denham
- \$1.2 million for upgrades to visitor access and facilities in the **Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area**, near Exmouth
- \$4.7 million through the **Regional Road Safety Program** to upgrade 78 kilometres of Gascoyne roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 30 local jobs
- \$20 million to **upgrade key Exmouth roads**
- \$116 million for the **Regional Land Booster Package** that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Carnarvon and Denham and industrial lots in Carnarvon
- \$80 million for targeted maintenance programs for **regional social, remote and government workers housing** properties, including approximately 100 homes across the Gascoyne and Mid West regions
- \$141.7 million to **refurbish social housing across** WA's ageing housing stock, including approximately 80 homes in the Gascoyne and Mid West regions
- \$97 million to **build new social housing** including properties in the Gascoyne and Mid West regions

- \$20 million towards the **Aboriginal Ranger Program**, including in the Gascoyne
- \$2.7 million to reopen the **Gwoonwardu Mia Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre** in Carnarvon
- \$1.4 million in new programs and upgrades to the Department of Primary Industry and Research Development's **Carnarvon Research Facility** to support a sustainable horticultural industry in the Gascoyne
- \$6.7 million to build public recreation facilities and implement traditional owner joint management of **Ningaloo Coastal Reserves** in partnership with the Gnulli native title holders
- \$2.8 million towards the **Carnarvon Heritage Precinct One Mile Jetty Interpretive Centre**
- Facilitated **discounted community airfares** to Carnarvon and Monkey Mia
- \$986,000 for the **Carnarvon Rangelands Barrier Fence**
- \$1.6 million of **Regional Economic Development** grants delivered across the Gascoyne, investing in job creating projects

INVESTING IN SCHOOLS AND REBUILDING OUR TAFE SECTOR



- \$25 million for **free TAFE short courses** to upskill thousands of West Australians
 - \$32 million to expand the Lower Fees, Local Skills program and **significantly reduce TAFE fees** across 39 high priority courses
 - \$30.6 million package to **support building and construction apprentices and trainees**
 - \$4.8 million for the **Apprenticeship and Traineeship Re-engagement Incentive** that provides employers with a one-off payment of \$6,000 for hiring an apprentice and \$3,000 for hiring a trainee, whose training contract was terminated on, or after, 1 March 2020 due to the economic downturn
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- \$26.55 million for upgrades to **Carnarvon Community College** including specialist classrooms for science, digital technology, material technology, home economics, hospitality, performing arts and physical education
 - \$1.6 million towards **maintenance and upgrades across schools in the Gascoyne** as part of our \$200 million School Maintenance Blitz
 - Funding additional Education Assistants and Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer FTE across 4 schools in the Gascoyne
 - Convert classrooms into science labs in 2 primary schools across the Gascoyne region
 - \$53.5 million for the first stage of the Lower Fees, Local Skills program that **halved TAFE fees** for 34 high priority courses
 - \$23 million to **freeze TAFE fees** from 2018 to 2021

PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST AND INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE GASCOYNE



- Recruiting **800 additional police officers** across WA, on top of the 300 already being delivered
 - \$9.2 million for **Country Ambulance services** and enhanced access and patient flow for country patients
 - \$18.8 million towards running **regional renal hostels** including a service in Carnarvon
 - \$1.42 million for **upgrades to alcohol and other drug facilities** in regional WA, including the sobering up centre in Carnarvon
 - \$6.8 million for the continuation of the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** that provides patrols and safe transport in communities across WA including Carnarvon
 - \$9.77 million for **Aboriginal regional suicide prevention plans** in each region of WA, prioritising Aboriginal-led and locally endorsed initiatives that accommodate a culturally informed social and emotional wellbeing approach to suicide prevention
 - \$4.2 million to continue the **Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development program** to help increase economic participation of Aboriginal people in regional WA
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- \$18.8 million towards the new 38 bed **residential aged and palliative care facility** in Carnarvon
 - \$1 million towards the redevelopment of the **PCYC in Carnarvon**
 - \$2.9 million to **deliver financial counselling services** across regional WA
 - \$140,000 for the **Lock Hospital statue** in Carnarvon