



Since March 2017, the McGowan Government has been delivering its Plan for the Goldfields-Esperance, 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 Goldfields-Esperance 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 Goldfields-Esperance households** on their electricity bill by the end of the year
- \$2 million over the next four years for the creation and management of a proposed national park at **Helena Aurora Range**
- \$10.2 million towards projects at **Esperance Port** to help expand port capacity and increase safety
- \$7 million to expand the capacity of the **Joe Lord Core Library** in Kalgoorlie that stores core samples that contain valuable geoscientific information for exploration companies and others seeking new mineral discoveries
- An additional \$5 million to the **Exploration Incentive Scheme** in 2020-21 to help accelerate exploration investment across WA and the Goldfields
- \$16.6 million towards the delivery of a **new power station for Esperance**
- \$600,000 to install a **Battery Energy System in Menzies** to improve grid capacity and enable more customers to install solar panels
- \$3.81 million to **upgrade electricity infrastructure** in communities across regional WA including Menzies, making it safer and more reliable
- \$9.92 million for Horizon Power to **deploy standalone power systems** that use solar and battery technology to generate and store electricity, making power safer and more reliable for regional customers including 39 systems across the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$5 million through the **Regional Road Safety Program** to upgrade 275 kilometres of Goldfields-Esperance roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 25 local jobs
- \$1.5 million for upgrades at **Laverton Police Station**
- \$116 million for the **Regional Land Booster Package** that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Norseman, Esperance, Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe and industrial lots in Kambalda and Ravensthorpe
- \$80 million for targeted maintenance programs for **regional social, remote and government workers housing** properties, including approximately 100 homes in the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$141.7 million to **refurbish social housing** across WA's ageing housing stock, including approximately 30 homes in the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$97 million to **build new social housing** including around 5 to 10 properties in the Goldfields-Esperance region

- \$8 million towards the **Kalgoorlie City Centre project**, to transform Kalgoorlie's city centre
- \$20 million towards the **Aboriginal Ranger Program**, including in the Goldfields-Esperance
- \$6.9 million to upgrade Shed 4 at the **Port of Esperance**
- \$6.9 million towards the 660km extension of the **State Barrier Fence to Esperance**, protecting south-eastern farming properties from the impact of wild dogs and emus
- \$2 million for the **Kalgoorlie Pastoral Alliance Cell** fence
- \$5.1 million for the construction of the **Bandy Creek weir**, now complete
- \$40 million for the reconstruction, overlay and widening of the **Coolgardie-Esperance Highway** (Emu Rocks Section) between Kambalda and Widgiemooltha
- \$24.8 million for upgrades to **Great Eastern Highway duplication** between Anzac Drive and Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie, now complete
- \$3.3 million for the widening and sealing of 11km of **Great Eastern Highway** between Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie
- \$164.1 million for sealing priority sections of **Outback Way**
- \$1 million for a new **Road Train Assembly Area in Coolgardie** near the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Lady Loch Road
- \$1.9 million towards upgrading and extending the **Norseman Airfield**
- \$1.3 million to upgrade the **Great Beyond Visitor Centre** in Laverton
- \$1.6 million for the new **Woodlands Visitor Centre** in Norseman
- \$1.46 million of **Regional Economic Development** grants delivered across the Goldfields-Esperance region, investing in job creating projects

## INVESTING IN SCHOOLS ACROSS GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE

- \$500,000 to **Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School** for a refurbishment of the Performing Arts area
- \$4 million towards transforming up to 10 schools into smart Virtual Power Plants, including **Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School**
- \$5.53 million towards **maintenance and upgrades across schools in the Goldfields-Esperance** as part of our \$200 Million School Maintenance Blitz
- Funding additional **Education Assistants** and **Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer** FTE across 24 schools in the Goldfields-Esperance region
- **Converting classrooms into science labs** at 2 primary schools across the Goldfields-Esperance region



## REBUILDING OUR TAFE SECTOR

- \$10 million to **Central Regional TAFE's Kalgoorlie campus** for a new Heavy Plant and Engineering Trades Workshop, to expand training for mechanic and engineering trades, tailored to support resource sector needs
- \$25 million for **free TAFE short courses** to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available
- \$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
- \$18.34 million towards the new **South Regional TAFE Campus in Esperance**
- \$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 GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE**

- Recruiting **800 additional police officers** across WA, on top of the 300 already being delivered
- \$6.8 million for the continuation of the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** that provides patrols and safe transport in communities across WA including Kalgoorlie and Laverton
- \$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 new service in Kalgoorlie
- \$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
- \$8.6 million of funding for **additional outreach workers** across WA, including two workers based in the Goldfields-Esperance region, to provide support to women and children experiencing or at further risk of family and domestic violence
- \$6.7 million to **bolster the State's family and domestic violence response teams**, including one additional community sector team member in the Goldfields-Esperance region, to support victims of family and domestic violence after a police call-out
- \$4.2 million to continue the **Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development program** to help increase economic participation of Aboriginal people in regional WA



- \$12.5 million for the **10 bed Step Up, Step Down community mental health facility** in Kalgoorlie
- \$6.3 million to build an **MRI scanner for Kalgoorlie Health Campus**
- \$2.9 million to **deliver financial counselling services** across regional WA
- Introduced **Target 120 in Kalgoorlie**, an early intervention program to help reduce youth crime and improve community safety by preventing reoffending
- Establishing a new **Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hub** in Kalgoorlie
- \$23.8 million to **Tjuntjuntjara community** for upgrades to housing and infrastructure
- \$9.8 million to **Pringle Village on Killarney Street** for the construction of a new 45 unit independent village for aged pensioners
- \$4 million for the new **Laverton Aquatic Centre** to replace the ageing swimming pool, change rooms and kiosk
- \$700,000 to help re-open **Kambalda Aquatic Facility**, in addition to a \$1.75 million loan
- \$4.78 million towards the new **Esperance indoor sports stadium**