



Since March 2017, the McGowan Government has been delivering its Plan for the Great Southern, 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 Great Southern 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 Great Southern households** on their electricity bill by the end of the year
- \$1.1 million towards projects to complete the **Middleton Beach Foreshore upgrade** including upgrading the northern landscape corridor which will deliver extra car parks, upgrading the Ellen Cove Amphitheatre and constructing a link between the boardwalk and jetty
- \$12.78 million to **establish trail towns and centres** to service existing and new trails in the Great Southern region including the realignment of Munda Biddi Trail through William Bay National Park to Denmark, new trails in the Valley of the Giants to Walpole, new and upgraded trails in Torndirrup National Park and new and upgraded trails at Castle Rock in the Porongurup National Park
- \$2.24 million to **renew walk and cycle trails** to encourage people to visit parks in the Great Southern region, including existing trails in the Torndirrup, Porongurup, Walpole Nornalup and Mount Frankland national parks
- \$1.19 million for upgrades on the **Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail** statewide, including renewing camp sites, bridges and sections of the track in the Great Southern region
- \$1.56 million for **new and upgraded visitor facilities in national parks** across the Great Southern region, including resealing Coalmine Beach Road in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park, an overflow carpark at the Granite Skywalk at Castle Rock in the Porongurup National Park, and a new toilet at Ledge Beach in Gull Rock National Park
- \$116 million for the **Regional Land Booster Package** that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Borden, Broomehill, Cranbrook, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Mount Barker, Nyabing, Rocky Gully and Woodanilling and industrial land in Borden, Denmark, Jerramungup and Middleton Beach
- An additional \$1.5 million towards the **Katanning Sheep Research Facility** to research feed efficiency and methane production in sheep, bringing the total investment to \$2.8 million
- \$700,000 to increase the production capacity of the **Albany Shellfish Hatchery**
- \$8.1 million to continue the **eConnected Grainbelt program** that underpins essential digital information and weather data supplied to WA's primary industries and emergency services and to maintain 187 automated weather stations

- \$8 million to the **Offsets Funds for Recovery program** that creates green jobs by supporting conservation groups to carry out on-ground works such as fencing, seeding and planting across regional WA including the Great Southern
 - \$5 million to **improve and increase roadside vegetation** across the agricultural region to offset the impacts of roadworks aimed at making our roads safer
 - \$25 million towards the **Healthy Estuaries WA** program that will work towards improving the health of at-risk regional estuaries including on the South Coast, providing a number of local green jobs
 - \$14 million through the **Regional Road Safety Program** to upgrade 155 kilometres of Great Southern roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 80 local jobs
 - \$1.5 million to upgrade **Katanning Police Station**
 - \$3.01 million for upgrades to emergency services stations at **Albany State Emergency Service** and **Torbay Bush Fire Brigade**
 - \$80 million for targeted maintenance programs for **regional social, remote and government workers housing** properties, including approximately 200 homes in the Great Southern region
 - \$141.7 million to **refurbish social housing** across WA's ageing housing stock, including approximately 30 homes in the Great Southern region
 - \$97 million to **build new social housing** across WA including around 5 to 10 properties in the Great Southern region
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- \$175 million for the **Albany Ring Road**
 - \$30 million to upgrade **South Coast Highway** from Albany to Jerramungup
 - \$11 million to upgrade **Albany-Lake Grace Road** at Amelup Curves
 - \$2.6 million to widen shoulders, improve intersections and install audible edge lining on **Albany Highway** (Kojonup to Balgarup Road)
 - \$25 million to deliver the **water pipeline from Denmark to the Lower Great Southern water supply scheme**
 - \$2.5 million for the development of visitor facilities at William Bay National Park, including the **Greens Pool – Elephant Rocks** precinct
 - \$1 million towards work on the **Albany Oyster Reef Restoration** project
 - \$1 million to Tourism WA to market the Albany, Denmark and Plantagenet area as the **Amazing South Coast**
 - \$2.3 million to **upgrade the Bureau of Meteorology's Albany site to Doppler capability**, providing enhanced services for local farmers and emergency services
 - \$3.6 million towards works at the **Middleton Beach Activity Centre** redevelopment
 - \$1.52 million of **Regional Economic Development** grants delivered across the Great Southern, investing in job creating projects

REBUILDING OUR TAFE SECTOR



- \$17 million to **South Regional TAFE's Albany campus** for new trade workshops, delivering training in the automotive, engineering and construction industries
 - \$25 million for **free TAFE short courses** to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available at South Regional TAFE's Albany, Denmark, Katanning and Mount Barker campuses
 - \$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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- Opened a **Jobs and Skills Centre** at South Regional TAFEs Albany campus
 - \$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

INVESTING IN SCHOOLS ACROSS THE GREAT SOUTHERN



- \$6.3 million for a new **Performing Arts centre at Albany Senior High School**
 - \$1.1 million for refurbishments at **North Albany Senior High School** including the visual arts area and specialist subject classrooms
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- \$15.2 million for major upgrades to **Mount Lockyer Primary School**
 - \$9.8 million for upgrades at **Albany Secondary Education Support Centre** and **North Albany Senior High School**
 - \$2.5 million to replace transportable classrooms at **Flinders Park Primary School**
 - \$7.2 million towards **maintenance and upgrades across schools in the Great Southern** as part of our \$200 million School Maintenance Blitz
 - Funding additional **Education Assistants** and **Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer** FTE at 19 schools in the Great Southern
 - **Converting classrooms into science labs** in 10 primary schools across the Great Southern region

PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST IN THE GREAT SOUTHERN



- \$29.4 million to **support medicine graduates** undertaking junior doctor placements including in Albany
 - \$9.2 million for **Country Ambulance services** and enhanced access and patient flow for country patients
 - \$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
 - \$3.2 million to continue the **Regional Men's Health Initiative** that focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of men in rural WA including in the Great Southern
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- \$13.1 million for the **Albany radiation oncology service**
 - \$1.1 million for the establishment of the **Great Southern Needle and Syringe Exchange program**
 - Six-bed **Step Up, Step Down** service opened in November 2018 in Albany

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE GREAT SOUTHERN



- Recruiting **800 additional police officers** across WA, on top of the 300 already being delivered
 - \$8.6 million of **funding for additional outreach workers** across WA, including two workers based in the Great Southern 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 Great Southern region, to support victims of family and domestic violence after a police call-out
 - \$1.1 million over two years for **counselling, advocacy and support services** across WA, including three services in the Great Southern region
 - \$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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- \$2.9 million to **deliver financial counselling services** across regional WA
 - Launched the **Target 120 program** in Albany, an early intervention program to help reduce youth crime and improve community safety by preventing reoffending
 - \$5.8 million towards the development of a world class **Motorplex in Albany**
 - \$6.9 million to complete the **Centennial Park Sporting and Event** precinct