



Since March 2017, the McGowan Government has been delivering its Plan for the Wheatbelt, 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 Wheatbelt 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 Wheatbelt households** on their electricity bill by the end of the year
 - \$425,000 to **upgrade visitor facilities in Nambung National Park**, including improving services at the Pinnacles Desert Discovery and sealing the access road and car park at Lake Thetis
 - \$175,000 for **upgrades to visitor facilities in parks across the Wheatbelt region**, including upgrading buildings, trails, camps sites and roads in the proposed Dryandra Woodland National Park and at Eaglestone Rock
 - \$116 million for the **Regional Land Booster Package** that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Badgingarra, Ballidu, Bolgart, Bruce Rock, Cervantes, Coomberdale, Coorow, Cunderdin, Darkan, Doodlakine, Dowerin, Dumbleyung, Hyden, Kalannie, Karlgarin, Kellerberrin, Kondinin, Kununoppin, Lake King, Moora, Moorine Rock, Narrogin, Newdegate, Popanyinning, Tammin, Varley, Wagin, Westonia, Williams and Wundowie and industrial lots in Avon, Bencubbin, Beverley, Dalwallinu, Darkan, Hyden, Lake Grace, Lake King, Mukinbudin, Wagin and Wickiepin
 - \$15 million for the **Native Vegetation Rehabilitation Scheme** that delivers revegetation and habitat restoration across WA while providing employment and training opportunities for untrained workers including in the Wheatbelt
 - \$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 Wheatbelt
 - \$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
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- More than \$45 million towards **building Western Australian grains research and development** capacity
 - \$10 million of funding allocated to **Ag Lime transport networks** to support the safe and efficient travel of freight vehicles – nearly completed
 - \$23 million on upgrades to **Indian Ocean Drive** – nearly completed
 - \$20 million to progress planning for **Eastlink WA**, also known as the “Orange Route”
 - \$7 million to upgrade **Toodyay Road** including works around Jingaling Brook and Harper Brook

- \$3 million to replace an ageing bridge on **Great Eastern Highway** over Coates Gully near El Caballo
- \$21 million allocated this year to complete the \$347 million upgrade of **Great Northern Highway** between Muchea and Wubin
- \$275 million for the **Bindoon Bypass** along Great Northern Highway
- \$87 million for the **Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Route** road upgrade program
- \$22.5 million towards road safety treatments to the **Great Eastern Highway** from Walgoolan to Southern Cross
- \$35 million through the **Regional Road Safety Program** to upgrade 400 kilometres of Wheatbelt roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 150 local jobs
- \$14 million to upgrade the **Old Northam Road** intersection on Great Eastern Hwy
- \$4.8 million to upgrade the **Cunderdin Pump Station**
- \$6 million to **refurbish wastewater pipes in Northam, Wagin and Gnowangerup** to secure the life of this important infrastructure by at least 50 years
- \$6.4 million to upgrade the **York Wastewater Treatment Plant**
- \$1.38 million of **Regional Economic Development** grants delivered across the Wheatbelt, investing in job creating projects

INVESTING IN SCHOOLS AND REBUILDING OUR TAFE SECTOR



- \$8 million to the **Muresk Institute in Northam** for a new trades workshop, classrooms and specialist facilities for agricultural machinery apprentices and a new workshop space for shearing skills
 - \$2 million to **Central Regional TAFE's Northam Campus** for major upgrades to workshop facilities and equipment
 - \$25 million for **free TAFE short courses** to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available at Central Regional TAFE 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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- \$1 million for an agricultural machinery trade workshop at **Central Regional TAFE's Moora** campus
 - \$4.6 million to support educational programs at **Muresk Institute of Agriculture**
 - Opened a **Jobs and Skills Centre** at Central Regional TAFE Northam campus
 - \$13 million towards **maintenance and upgrades across schools in the Wheatbelt** as part of our \$200 Million School Maintenance Blitz
 - Funding additional **Education Assistants** and **Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer** FTE across 47 schools in the Wheatbelt
 - **Converting classrooms into science labs** at 5 primary schools across the Wheatbelt region
 - \$53.5 million for the first stage of the Lower Fees, Local Skills program that **halved TAFE fees** for a 34 high priority courses
 - \$23 million to **freeze TAFE fees** from 2018 to 2021

PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST AND INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE WHEATBELT



- 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
 - \$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 Wheatbelt
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- \$5.23 million for upgrades to the **Jurien Bay Health Centre**
 - \$5.3 million for upgrades to **Moora Health Service**
 - \$17.7 million for the redevelopment and upgrade of **Merredin District Hospital** in the Eastern Wheatbelt District and the Narrogin District Health Campus in the Upper Great Southern District
 - \$2.9 million to **deliver financial counselling** services across regional WA