



## Keeping Albany Strong

**The McGowan Labor Government is delivering on its plan to keep Albany strong, with the State Budget investing billions to create quality local jobs, fund a pipeline of infrastructure works and deliver key services like health and education.**

The 2021-22 State Budget includes a record \$9.1 billion investment in regional infrastructure with only 9 per cent of this funded through Royalties for Regions.

\$2 billion is being invested into electricity and water subsidies to ensure regional residents pay the same price or similar for these essential services and \$463 million for regional school bus services.

\$4.2 billion has been allocated to Royalties for Regions over next four years. On top of this we are investing billions into health, education, police and other key services in regional WA.

We're delivering our Plan for Albany to keep the regional economy growing, while delivering on our election commitments for the local community.

The 2021-22 State Budget is working to deliver a strong and vibrant region, with quality local services that give people every reason to live, work and raise a family in Albany.

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### Strong investment in job creating projects

- \$3.3 million for tourism infrastructure at The Gap
- \$3.2 million for new trails at Mount Adelaide and Mount Clarence
- \$12.1 million towards regional Aboriginal Tourism initiatives
- \$100 million Investment Attraction and New Industries Fund
- \$120 million for more than 150 frontline officers to speed up project approvals
- \$15 million for the Agriculture Climate Resilience Fund
- \$15.1 million to strengthen WA's biosecurity capabilities
- \$3 million towards the Wine Industry Export Growth Partnership
- Continuing to deliver the successful \$40 million Regional Economic Development grants program, that since 2018 has invested over \$2.4 million in 28 projects in the Great Southern, helping create over 390 local jobs
- \$45 million to expand the Aboriginal Rangers Program
- \$12.9 million boost to regional arts programs

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### Revitalising WA's TAFE sector and addressing skills needs

- Continuing the Lower Fees, Local Skills program, which has seen an increase of 19% in enrolments in the Great Southern in 2021
- \$25 million to WA TAFEs for new state-of-the-art equipment

- \$29.8 million to provide 8,000 additional VET places in schools across WA, this is on top of an additional 1,350 VET places introduced in 2021
- \$19.2 million VET career taster program for year 9 students
- \$37 million towards the Employer Incentive Scheme in regional WA
- Delivering the \$17 million upgrade to Albany TAFE

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## **Delivering high quality healthcare for all Western Australians, regardless of where they live**

- \$1.9 billion additional investment in health and mental health across WA
- More doctors and nurses in regional WA
- \$19.7 million to PATS to expand the eligibility of patient support escorts to include more patients from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, as well as maternity patients and increase accommodation subsidies from \$60 to \$100 per night
- Delivering the \$13.1 million Albany Radiotherapy suite
- \$10.9 million to the Royal Flying Doctor Service to upgrade aircraft
- \$9.2 million to extend the Strong Spirit Strong Mind
- Albany's Acute Psychiatric Unit will receive a share of \$1.7 million to progress anti-ligature works

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## **Investing in a quality education for young people in Albany**

- \$8.5 million for upgrades and a new STEM classroom at Albany Senior High School
- \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at North Albany Senior High School
- \$85,000 for a science classroom and equipment at Mount Lockyer Primary School, while delivering the \$16.6 million rebuild
- \$104 million across WA to support student mental health and well-being including additional school psychologists

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## **Delivering record investment in regional roads and rail**

- \$4.5 billion for major, job-creating road projects and safety programs across regional WA
- \$200 million to improve the State's agricultural supply chain, to upgrade transport infrastructure and improve the performance of the freight network
- Continuing to deliver the \$175 million Albany Ring Road
- Over \$28 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade more than 320 kilometres of roads in the Great Southern region with road safety treatments

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## **Keeping the community active, healthy and connected**

- \$19.8 million Regional Airfare Zone Cap to make airfares more affordable for regional residents
- \$4 million to support social housing revitalisation in Spencer Park
- \$17.8 million for an additional 36 career firefighters across regional WA, including an allocation in Albany
- \$1.6 million renovation of the Albany Surf Lifesaving Club
- \$10 million to the new Club Night Lights program for floodlighting on community facilities
- \$12 million for the Seniors Safety and Security Rebate