



Keeping Bunbury, Vasse and Warren Blackwood Strong

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering on its plan to keep the South West 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 Bunbury, Vasse and Warren Blackwood 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 the South West.

Strong investment in job creating projects

- An additional \$2 million into the development of the South West Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Hub in the Bunbury Geopraphe region – on top of the \$485,000 already funded for a feasibility study into the concept
- \$9.5 million towards the Australian Underwater Discovery Centre at Busselton Jetty to build a world class tourism attraction
- \$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 33 projects in the South West, helping create over 556 local jobs
- \$12.1 million towards regional Aboriginal Tourism initiatives
- \$45 million to expand the Aboriginal Rangers Program
- \$12.9 million boost to regional arts programs

Revitalising WA's TAFE sector and addressing skills needs

- Continuing the Lower Fees, Local Skills program, which has seen an increase of 20% in enrolments in the South West 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
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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
 - Delivering the \$200.1 million Bunbury Hospital redevelopment
 - \$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
 - \$10.9 million to the Royal Flying Doctor Service to upgrade aircraft
 - \$17.6 million towards social and emotional well-being services for Aboriginal people in the regions
 - \$9.2 million to extend Strong Spirit Strong Mind
 - Bunbury's Acute Psychiatric Unit will share in \$1.7 million to progress anti-ligature works at regional facilities
 - An additional 5 paid paramedics in Bunbury
 - \$7.3 million to extend the Mental Health/Police co-response program into regional areas
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Investing in a quality education for young people in the South West

- \$3 million to refurbish the South Bunbury Education Support Centre
 - \$6.6 million to redevelop classrooms into STEM classrooms including:
 - \$1 million to Bunbury Senior High School
 - \$1 million to Dalyellup College
 - \$1.2 million to Busselton Senior High School
 - \$500,000 to Cape Naturaliste College
 - \$400,000 to Bridgetown High School
 - \$1 million to Manjimup Senior High School
 - \$1.5 million to Denmark Senior High School
 - Investment into science resources for schools across the region, and transform existing classrooms into science laboratories including:
 - \$85,000 to Boyup Brook District High School (primary science upgrade)
 - \$460,000 to Nannup District High School (primary and secondary science upgrade)
 - \$285,000 to Northcliffe District High School (primary and secondary science upgrade)
 - \$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

- \$4.5 billion for major, job-creating road projects and safety programs across regional WA
 - Continuing to deliver the \$852 million Bunbury Outer Ring Road
 - Over \$59 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade more than 680 kilometres of South West roads with road safety treatments
 - \$74,000 to install traffic signals at the Bussell Highway and Somerville Drive intersection in Bunbury
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Keeping the community active, healthy and connected

- \$315 million over four years towards the South West Native Title Settlement
- \$5 million to support social housing revitalisation in Withers
- \$9.3 million for the development of a 24-bed Alcohol and Other Drug facility at Bunbury Regional Prison
- \$8 million for new indoor basketball courts at the South West Sports Centre
- \$750,000 for increased safety at Bunbury Speedway
- \$250,000 for a feasibility study for constructing an ocean pool at Bunbury Back Beach
- \$10 million to the new Club Night Lights program for floodlighting on community facilities
- \$12 million for the Seniors Safety and Security Rebate