



Keeping the Goldfields Strong

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering on its plan to keep the Goldfields 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 the Goldfields 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 Goldfields.

Strong investment in job creating projects

- \$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
- \$12.1 million towards regional Aboriginal Tourism initiatives
- \$45 million to expand the Aboriginal Rangers Program
- Continuing to deliver the successful \$40 million Regional Economic Development grants program, that since 2018 has invested over \$2.2 million in 16 projects in the Goldfields-Esperance region, helping create over 78 local jobs
- \$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 32% in enrolments in the Goldfields-Esperance region in 2021
- Delivering the \$10 million new heavy plant and engineering trades workshop at Central Regional TAFE's Kalgoorlie campus
- \$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 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
- \$1.78 million to employ a permanent GP at the Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre
- \$2.8 million to construct a therapy centre in Kalgoorlie for children with special needs
- \$23.47 million towards the new Laverton Hospital project
- \$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
- Kalgoorlie's Acute Psychiatric Unit will share in \$1.7 million to progress anti-ligature works in regional locations
- An additional five paid paramedics in Kalgoorlie and one in Laverton

Investing in a quality education for young people in the Goldfields

- \$1 million for a new STEM classroom at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School
- \$485,000 STEM upgrade and primary science at Kambalda West District High School
- Investment into science resources for Boulder Primary School, Kalgoorlie School of the Air and the region's District High Schools and Remote Community Schools
- Investing in three Virtual Power Plants at schools in Kalgoorlie
- \$104 million across WA to support student mental health and well-being including additional school psychologists

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, delivering upgrades to transport infrastructure to improve the performance of the freight network
 - Over \$46 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade more than 1,600 kilometres of Goldfields-Esperance roads with road safety treatments
 - \$52 million for upgrades to the Coolgardie Esperance Highway at Emu Rocks
 - \$160,000 to construct a new traffic island on John Street, Kalgoorlie to improve intersection layout, including pedestrian crossings for primary school children
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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
- \$1 million to upgrade and expand Kalgoorlie's CCTV network
- \$5 million upgrade to the Niels Hansen Basketball Stadium
- \$2.1 million for a new Youth Precinct in the Kalgoorlie City Centre
- \$600,000 for a nature playground at Karlkula Bushland Park
- \$510,000 for upgrades at Boulder Camp in Kalgoorlie
- \$1.2 million upgrade to Kalgoorlie Fire Station
- \$2.5 million to trial the Banned Drinkers Register in Kalgoorlie
- \$14 million to continue the Aboriginal Community Connectors program, including in Kalgoorlie
- \$17.8 million for an additional 36 career firefighters, including an allocation in Kalgoorlie