



## Western Australia State Budget 2021-22



# Keeping the Kimberley Strong

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

## Strong investment in job creating projects

- \$36.3 million towards the development of a new Broome Boating Facility
- \$4.5 million for facilities and upgrades in Yawuru conservation parks
- \$1.75 million for a boat docking station at Danggu Geike Gorge
- \$850,000 to develop a long distance trek through the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges
- \$400,000 for a visitor plan for the Dampier Peninsula and Buccaneer Archipelago
- \$12.1 million towards regional Aboriginal Tourism initiatives
- \$45 million to expand the Aboriginal Rangers Program
- \$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
- \$4.4 million Northern Native Seed Development Initiative
- \$12.9 million boost to regional arts programs
- Continuing to deliver the successful \$40 million Regional Economic Development grants program, that since 2018 has invested over \$2.2 million in 26 projects in the Kimberley, helping create over 156 local jobs

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

- Continuing the Lower Fees, Local Skills program, which has seen an increase of 40% in enrolments in the Kimberley in 2021

- Continuing upgrades at North Regional TAFE including \$11.6 million for a hospitality and student services centre at Broome TAFE campus and \$6 million for a health and hospitality training centre at the Kununurra TAFE 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
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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
  - \$2.8 million to fund the Kimberley Women's Health Program
  - \$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
  - Broome's Acute Psychiatric Unit will share in \$1.7 million to progress anti-ligature works
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## **Investing in a quality education for young people in the Kimberley**

- \$4.4 million for canteen and STEM upgrades at Broome Senior High School
  - \$10 million for new classroom blocks and a new Food and Textiles Classroom at Halls Creek District High School
  - \$3.7 million towards the solar schools initiative that includes installing solar panels on 18 schools across the Kimberley
  - Science classrooms and/or resourcing grants at Derby District High School, East Kimberley College, Fitzroy Valley District High School, Halls Creek District High School, Cable Beach Primary School, Broome Primary School, La Grange Remote Community School and Wyndham District High School
  - Investment in science resources for Kimberley School of the Air and some of the region's Remote Community Schools
  - An additional \$1 million will be invested in the successful Better Beginnings program over five years-expanding the State Library's award-winning initiative to the Kimberley and remote communities
  - \$104 million across WA to support student mental health and well-being including additional school psychologists and expand Alternative Learning Setting programs
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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
- Over \$39 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade more than 2,600 kilometres of Kimberley roads with road safety treatments
- \$98 million for upgrades to Great Northern Highway at the Ord River in the Kimberley
- \$780,000 to extend the left turning lane on Frederick Street, Broome, modifying the carpark, installing signs, bollards and pavement markings
- \$265,000 to modify and formalise parking for cars and buses at St Joseph's School, and works to improve drainage, upgrade pedestrian facilities, install signs and pavement markings on St Peters Way in Wyndham
- \$255,000 to improve intersection visibility at the intersection of Weaber Plain Road and Mulligans Lagoon Road in Kununurra, widening the intersection, installing signs and improving delineation

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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
- Additional \$17 million for regional youth justice services in the Kimberley and Pilbara
- \$14 million to continue the Aboriginal Community Connectors program, including in Broome, Derby, Kununurra, Wyndham and Halls Creek
- \$4 million for upgrades to the covered multi-use courts at Fitzroy Crossing
- \$6 million contribution to the Kununurra Leisure Centre redevelopment
- \$3.5 million for the Halls Creek Town Development, enhancing the urban environment with a splash park, pedestrian crossing points, community parkland spaces, street furniture, local art, trees, and shade structures
- \$300,000 for new change rooms at Mowanjum Community
- \$2.35 million for upgrades to basketball courts, multi-sport field and lighting at Warmun Community
- \$5.6 million to establish an Aboriginal-led Specialist Family Violence Court in Broome
- \$1.5 million for Stage 2 of the Olabud Doogethu Halls Creek Justice Reinvestment Project
- \$10 million to the new Club Night Lights program for floodlighting on community facilities
- \$12 million for the Seniors Safety and Security Rebates