



Delivering for the Kimberley

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the Kimberley up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

The McGowan Government's responsible financial management has enabled a record \$12 billion investment in regional infrastructure, with only 8 per cent funded through Royalties for Regions.

WA's strong financial position gives the State Budget the capacity to invest a record \$2.5 billion in health and mental health, ensuring all Western Australians receive quality healthcare, no matter where they live.

The McGowan Government is providing cost of living relief for households with the \$400 Household Electricity Credit and keeping household fees and charges below inflation. This is on top of the more than \$2 billion invested to ensure people in the regions pay the same for water and electricity as metropolitan users.

The \$4.2 billion Royalties for Regions program will continue to deliver key regional projects and services to regional communities.

Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$52 million into a dedicated Marine Services Hub at the Port of Broome to establish Broome as a service and logistics centre
- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including establishing a new depot in Broome and upgrading the Derby and Kununurra depots
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$5 million to the Centre for Decommissioning Australia to support the development of an LNG decommissioning industry in Western Australia
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- \$11.5 million to replace the Department of Fisheries Patrol Vessel Walcott that supports management of marine parks and offshore commercial fisheries off Western Australia's northern coastline

Delivering stronger and safer regional communities

- \$40.4 million Kimberley Youth and Community Justice Response package including:
 - \$15 million to deliver an on-country residential facility to provide an alternative to detention
 - \$4.3 million to expand the Target 120 program into the Kimberley, including Broome, Derby, Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing
 - \$11.7 million to extend the Kimberley Schools Project, which is working to keep young people from the region engaged in the education system
 - \$3.1 million to boost Broome night patrol and youth services and to bolster intensive support services for vulnerable families
 - \$2 million Kimberley Community Action Fund to support local projects and initiatives that engage young people at risk and support community safety
 - \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield, to tackle youth crime in regional WA
 - \$1 million to develop a business case to assess the feasibility of establishing a Western Australian College of Agriculture in the Kimberley
- \$30.4 million for a new District Support Facility in Broome for WA Police
- \$1.9 million towards a new facility in Kununurra for WA Police
- \$350 million Remote Communities Fund to support improved water, electricity and municipal services and housing in remote Aboriginal communities
- \$15.8 million additional funding to upgrade water and wastewater services in Ardyaloon, Djarindjin, Lombadina and Beagle Bay
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$2 million to expand the Solar Incentives Scheme, which will deliver community-owned roof-top solar to remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley
- \$23.9 million to expand the Earlier Intervention and Family Support Strategy to support families and help children remain safely at home with their parents, including trialing the program in Halls Creek
- \$4.5 million to help address family and domestic violence in the Kimberley by extending the Derby Family Violence Service and The Change Em Ways Kimberley Project for a further two years
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review to improve bushfire preparedness

Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- Additional \$2.3 million for the Broome Step Up/Step Down unit to address construction cost pressures, bringing the total cost to \$9.4 million
- \$920,000 for the planning and design of a new renal dialysis centre in Halls Creek
- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$11 million to ensure there is a nurse 24/7 at Emergency Departments across regional WA

- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$5 million for upgrades to health staff accommodation in regional WA
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$5.5 million to extend the Driving Access and Equity Program that assists young people in regional WA access a driver's licence and employment opportunities
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

Investing in our local schools

- \$31.9 million additional funding for the Education Adjustment Allocation to support more students with additional learning needs in developing their literacy and numeracy skills
- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools

Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$500 million to seal Tanami Road to the WA border
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 2,238 kilometres of Kimberley roads
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- From 1 July 2022, regional airfares will be capped at \$299 one way for regional residents living over 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Broome and Kununurra

- \$4.1 million to expand the Inter Regional Flight Network across the Mid West, Pilbara and Kimberley - with operator Aviar planning to upgrade its aircraft on the network, which will increase capacity and affordability
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
 - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
 - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
 - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA