



Delivering for the Gascoyne



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Cost-of-Living Relief for Gascoyne Residents

A family living in the Gascoyne with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Around \$2,000 from capped airfares (depending on frequency of travel)

Total assistance Almost \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the Gascoyne could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Gascoyne
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$64.5 million in additional investment to continue the popular **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** that caps airfares at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Monkey Mia and Carnarvon, and \$299 for residents living over 1,000 kms, including travel between Perth and Exmouth
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024

- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season
- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Gascoyne residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- **Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment** to boost housing supply and affordability
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing** projects, including in the Gascoyne
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$300,000 for the **Shark Bay Terrestrial Reserves** for heavy fleet vehicles to enable joint management operational requirements
- \$70,000 for the for the installation of radio towers within the **Kennedy Range National Park**

- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$10 million to **super-charge Exmouth's transition** to high-renewable energy system
- \$8.7 million towards restoring the **Carnarvon One Mile Jetty**, with planning underway and construction to expected to commence later this year
- The **Affordable Airfares Program** for discounted flights between Perth and Exmouth to cut the cost of travel and encourage more regional visitation
- Funding for **events to attract visitors** to the region, such as the Gascoyne Food Festival, Kickstarters Gascoyne Dash, and GAMEX

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including the continuation of the program in the Gascoyne
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide **regional building and construction apprentices** with an increased travel and accommodation allowance when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$1 million to upgrade Home Economics facilities at **Exmouth District High School**, underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in additional funding for **regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$29.3 million towards upgrades at regional and remote airstrips across the State including \$8 million for upgrades to the **Carnarvon Airport** to support larger planes to use the runway

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$23 million to upgrade 136 kilometres of roads in the Mid West Gascoyne Region through the **Regional Road Safety Program**

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services** across regional WA
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the Gascoyne
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address **family and domestic violence** across regional WA
- \$5.9 million to continue programs that support Aboriginal children in care, including the **Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making program** in Gascoyne
- \$3.1 million to continue delivering the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** to provide place-based support to street-present community members including in Carnarvon



Delivering for the Goldfields- Esperance



The Cook Labor Government is doing what's right for the Goldfields-Esperance region, with the 2024-25 State Budget delivering significant cost of living relief while investing in health facilities and services, housing, quality jobs and targeted training programs.

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Cost-of-Living Relief for Goldfields-Esperance Residents

A family living in the Goldfields-Esperance region with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Around \$2,000 from capped airfares (depending on frequency of travel)

Total assistance Almost \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the Goldfields-Esperance region could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$64.5 million in additional investment to continue the popular **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** that caps airfares at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Laverton, Wiluna and Esperance

- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024
- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season
- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Goldfields-Esperance residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- **Massive \$1.1 billion additional** investment to boost housing supply and affordability
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$16.8 million to deliver an additional 32 residential lots in Stage 5 of **GreenView at Karlkurla** in Kalgoorlie
- \$15.7 million additional funding for **Housing First Support Services**, including investment to roll out the Regional Supported Landlord Model in Kalgoorlie
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions.
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$28 million to deliver a new **Laverton Hospital**, with planning underway

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$20.8 million to expand the **Anzac Drive Industrial Estate** in Kalgoorlie-Boulder by developing 22 new industrial lots, including power and water and a new intersection with Anzac Drive, enabling new economic development and creating more jobs
- \$500 million to **unlock Strategic Industrial Areas** across the State, including the Mungari Strategic Industrial Area in the Goldfields, driving investment in job-creating clean energy industries in the regions
- \$15 million towards future upgrades to the **Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Scheme** to meet future demand, including for the Goldfields Strategic Industrial Areas
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$18 million for 50 **Standalone Power Systems** to be installed in regional WA, including Esperance, and manufactured in WA
- \$7.5 million to **rebuild the power station in the Blackstone** community
- Royalty relief for the **nickel industry**, to support producers and jobs
- \$43.4 million to support the implementation of the **South Coast Marine Park**, including 33 new full time, ongoing jobs – including trainee and Aboriginal rangers, marine park rangers and coordinators, and joint management coordinators
- \$1 million to upgrade the Saint Mary's Inlet campgrounds in the beautiful **Fitzgerald River National Park**
- \$16.4 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**,
- \$6.8 million to **upgrade biosecurity border facilities** to improve traffic flow and install power generation systems and CCTV surveillance, including at Eucla
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- Funding for **events to attract visitors** to the region, such as WA PGA Championships, Kalgoorlie Desert Race, Goldfields Cyclastic, and Leonora Golden Gift

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$650,000 to undertake planning for the upgrade of **Esperance Senior High School**
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including the continuation of the program in the Goldfields-Esperance region

- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue **providing specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Kalgoorlie

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$12.6 million for a new **Heavy Plant and Engineering Trades Workshop** at Central Regional TAFE's Kalgoorlie campus, recently opened
- \$1 million for a STEM classroom upgrade at **Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School**, currently underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$14.9 million to replace the tug pen and pilot jetting at the **Port of Esperance**, expanding mooring capacity
- \$2.3 million to undertake design and planning works for a **new port operations centre** at the Port of Esperance
- \$29.3 million towards upgrades at **regional and remote airstrips** across the State including Eucla, keeping communities connected

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$664 million to continue works to seal priority sections of the **Outback Way**, construction underway
- \$250 million for upgrades to **Great Eastern Highway** between Coates Gully, Walgoolan and Coolgardie, with widening and sealing of 11 kilometers of highway between Southern Cross and Ghooli, currently underway
- \$20 million to construct and seal priority sections of **Goldfields Highway** between Wiluna and Meekatharra, with construction on the 5 kilometre section west of Rosslyn Hill nearing completion
- \$20 million to upgrade 130 kilometres of roads in the Goldfields-Esperance region through the **Regional Road Safety Program**

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide police services across regional WA
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most

- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, with the Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation Inc. to deliver the program in the Goldfields-Esperance region to 20 young people
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including funding for a **new Safe House in Leonora** and boosting Family and Domestic Violence **response teams in Kalgoorlie**
- \$3.1 million to continue delivering the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** to provide place-based support to street-present community members including in Kalgoorlie and Laverton
- \$10 million to improve safety at warden-controlled school crossings across the State, including **electronic speed limit signs** at Boulder Primary School and North Kalgoorlie Primary School

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- A new **Safe at Home Program**, plus the existing one stop hub in Kalgoorlie for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence
- \$5 million towards the upgrade of the **Niels Hansen Basketball Stadium**, construction underway



Delivering for the Great Southern



The Cook Labor Government is doing what's right for the Great Southern, with the 2024-25 State Budget delivering significant cost of living relief while investing in health facilities and services, housing, quality jobs and targeted training programs.

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Cost-of-Living Relief for Great Southern Residents

A family living in the Great Southern with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Around \$2,000 from capped airfares (depending on frequency of travel)

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- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
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- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$64.5 million in additional investment to continue the popular **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** that caps airfares at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Albany
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024

- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season
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Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Great Southern
- \$15.7 million additional funding for **Housing First Support Services**, including establishing these services in Albany
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$6 million for the **Spencer Park renewal project** in Albany, which will see new homes delivered, refurbishments to existing homes and improve street lighting and footpaths, underway

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$7.1 million to establish **Acute Care and Response Teams for the Great Southern**, providing invaluable mobile outreach and mental health crisis support services for children up to the age of 17
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$2.1 million to provide an extra 100 carparking bays at **Albany Health Campus**, planning underway

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$4 million to deliver a new jetty for charter vessels at **Albany Waterfront Marina**
- \$250,000 for a new finger jetty at the **Little Grove Boat Ramp** in Albany
- \$1.8 million to upgrade equipment at recreation camps across the State, including **Camp Quaranup** in Albany
- \$8.3 million to upgrade the heritage-listed **Albany Pilot Station Cottages** and create additional community infrastructure such as an education centre, café kiosk and playground area Port of Albany
- \$3.8 million to upgrade **Strawberry Hill Farm**, the first colonial farm buildings in Western Australia
- \$67.2 million to support the new **Forest Management Plan**, creating an additional 65 new jobs focused on climate action and forest health, following the Cook Labor Government's historic decision to end logging in native forests
- \$500 million to **unlock Strategic Industrial Areas** across the State, including Mirambeena Strategic Industrial Area in the Great Southern, driving investment in job-creating clean energy industries in the regions
- \$324 million investment into the **South West Interconnected System**, to support WA's decarbonisation journey, provide certainty to investors, and unlock job-creating renewable energy projects
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$1.4 million for upgrades at the **Katanning Research Station**
- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- Upgrades to tourism infrastructure including \$3.3 million for upgrades at **The Gap** and \$3.2 million for trails at **Mount Adelaide** and **Mount Clarence**, currently underway
- \$350 million to **establish new softwood plantations** which is creating jobs in the forestry industry, supporting the construction and housing industry and capturing and storing carbon
- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as Taste Great Southern, Maritime Festival, Southern Peaks, and the Albany Classic

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the **provision of free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024

- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including expanding the program into the Great Southern
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Albany

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$21.9 million for a new trade's workshop at **South Regional TAFE's Albany campus**
- \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at **North Albany Senior High School**, underway
- \$9.9 million for upgrades to administration block, new English and Maths block and a repurposed STEM classroom at **Albany Senior High School**, underway
- \$1.5 million for a new STEM laboratory at **Denmark Senior High School**, underway
- \$1.5 million for a new STEM laboratory at **Mount Barker Community College**, underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$2 million to prepare a business case focused on developing a **new general purpose berth** at the Port of Albany
- \$29.3 million towards upgrades at **regional and remote airstrips** across the State including Albany, keeping communities connected

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$225 million **Albany Ring Road**, close to completion
- \$37 million for the **Menang Drive-Chester Pass Road** grade separation project, under construction
- \$200 million for the **Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement program**, for freight rail upgrades including 11 rail siding upgrades, with Brookton siding completed in August 2023, construction underway at Broomehill, and contracts awarded for works at Cranbrook and Konnongorring
- \$15 million to upgrade 70 kilometres of roads in the Great Southern through the **Regional Road Safety Program**

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$30.2 million to enhance the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' **bushfire management** with additional staff and firefighting equipment, including in the Great Southern, and a new firefighting bulldozer to be based in Albany
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$3.1 million to continue funding the DFES **Grain Harvest Air Support Strategy**, that strategically bases firefighting aircraft in strategic agricultural areas during grain harvest
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including **boosting Family and Domestic Violence response teams in Albany**
- \$15.6 million to support the 10-year **Early Years Partnership initiative** which operates in the regions including the Central Great Southern and aims to support and improve early childhood outcomes
- \$10 million to improve safety at warden-controlled **school crossings** across the State, including new electronic speed limit signs at John Calvin School, Yakamia Primary School and North Albany Senior High School, plus new signage at Albany Primary School and Albany Senior High School

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$2.8 million for major upgrades to the **Albany Surf Life Saving Club**, construction underway
- A **men's behaviour change program** in Albany for perpetrators of family and domestic violence
- \$4.8 million for **Southern Ocean Surf Reef** at Middleton Beach



Delivering for the Kimberley



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Total assistance Almost \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

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- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
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- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
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Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$10.6 million program to create energy bill savings and reducing carbon emissions through **rooftop solar on social housing** in Beagle Bay, Djarindjin/Lombadina, Ardyaloon, Bidyadanga and Warmun
- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Kimberley
- \$5 million to unlock 26 development-ready lots in Stage 13 of **Broome North's Waranyjarri Estate**, including a new public open space
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$15.9 million for the **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Aboriginal Employee Housing Grants Program** through the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund which will provide ACCOs in the Kimberley and Pilbara the opportunity to apply for capital grant funding to build, refurbish, or spot purchase homes to provide as affordable rentals to their Aboriginal employees

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$14.6 million to continue the delivery of the **Kimberley Ambulance Service**
- \$10.7 million to construct a new **Sobering Up Centre in Broome** to provide a safe place for intoxicated people
- \$2.4 million to **upgrade nurse call and duress systems** in Broome and Kununurra
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$6 million for infrastructure to support **First Point of Entry designation for Broome Port**
- \$1.9 million towards the **Buccaneer Archipelago Marine Park** to construct facilities at the operational base on the Dampier Peninsular, extend DBCA's Broome office and for the installation of radio towers
- \$1 million to upgrade campgrounds and facilities at Kurrajong and Walardi Campground in the **Purnululu National Park**
- \$2.7 million towards the joint management of the **Yawuru Nagulagun/Roebuck Bay Marine Park** with the Yawuru Traditional Owners
- \$1.2 million to employ four full-time staff to repair **stream gauging stations** damaged by Tropical Cyclone Ellie
- \$4.5 million to bring the power stations at Ardyaloon, Bidyadanga, Beagle Bay, Djarindjin, Lombadina and Warmun into public hands, securing power supply and supporting the renewable transition for these communities
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$16.4 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$6.8 million to **upgrade biosecurity border facilities** to improve traffic flow and install power generation systems and CCTV surveillance, including at Kununurra
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$75 million as part of the **Aviation Recovery Fund** for more direct flights into Western Australia, including the Broome to Singapore non-stop seasonal service, which will commence in June 2024
- The **Affordable Airfares Program** for discounted flights between Perth and Broome, Perth and Kununurra, and Broome and Kununurra to cut the cost of travel and encourage more regional visitation
- New **Camping with Custodians sites** owned and operated by the community, including the Lombadina campground opened in May 2024
- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as the Ord Valley Muster, Shinju Matsuri, Lake Argyle Swim, A Taste of Broome Festival, and The Gibb Challenge

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including the continuation of the program in the Kimberley
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Broome and Kununurra

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$4.4 million for canteen upgrades and a new STEM classroom at **Broome Senior High School**, construction underway
- \$10 million for a new classroom block and upgrades at **Halls Creek District High School**, construction underway
- \$27.9 million for a major upgrade to **Derby District High School**, construction underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$121 million **Kimberley Resilience Program** to boost the supply chain and support the region to better respond to emergencies including:
 - \$107.1 million towards the replacement of the single-lane **Brooking Channel Bridge** with a dual land crossing, providing ongoing employment for workers in the Fitzroy Valley
 - \$6 million for new infrastructure at the **Port of Broome** to build greater import capabilities and boost supply chains
 - \$8 million for upgrades to airstrips through the **Aboriginal Community Airstrip Renewal Program**, keeping communities connected

- Funding for a **new jetty crane** for Broome Port
- \$29.3 million towards upgrades at **regional and remote airstrips** across the State including East Kimberley, keeping communities connected

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$118 million for upgrades on the **Great Northern Highway, Ord River North project**, with stages 1 and 2 complete and construction on stage 3 underway
- \$51 million to upgrade **Duncan Road and Gordon Downs Road** in the Browns Range, underway
- \$151 million for the **Gibb River Road upgrades**, between Derby and Wyndham, underway
- \$110 million for upgrades to **Tanami Road**, near Sturt Creek, underway
- \$60 million for upgrades to **Great Northern Highway**, from Nellie Springs to Sally Downs Well and Arthur Creek, underway
- \$12 million to upgrade 59 kilometres of roads in the Kimberley through the **Regional Road Safety Program**, underway

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including **boosting Family and Domestic Violence Response Teams in Broome and Kununurra**
- \$15.6 million to support the 10-year **Early Years Partnership initiative** which operates in two Kimberley regions of Bidyadanga and Derby including Pandanus Park and Mowanjum, and aims to support and improve early childhood outcomes
- \$5.8 million to continue the **Aboriginal Representative Organisation** and **Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making** programs
- \$3.1 million to continue delivering the for the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** to provide place-based support to street-present community members including in Broome, Derby, Halls Creek, Kununurra and Wyndham
- \$1.8 million to continue establishment and operation of the **East Kimberley Place-Based Partnership**
- \$1.3 million to continue the **Bidyadanga project**, a placed-based partnership to enable a 'town like' community in Bidyadanga

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$18.2 million to deliver the **Marlamanu on-country diversionary program**, currently underway
- Ngurra Buru, a \$4 million investment for the **Immediate Response Night Space** in Broome to keep young people safe and off the streets at night
- An expanded **Safe at Home program** for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence, including in Kununurra

- The **Broome one stop hub for victim survivors** of Family and Domestic Violence
- \$10.9 million towards the redevelopment of the **Kununurra Aquatic and Leisure Centre**, planning underway
- \$2.3 million for upgrades to the **Warmun Community sporting facility**, planning underway



Delivering for the Mid West



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Cost-of-Living Relief for Mid West Residents

A family living in the Mid West with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Around \$2,000 from capped airfares (depending on frequency of travel)

Total assistance Almost \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the Mid West could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

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And they'll benefit from:

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- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Mid West
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$64.5 million in additional investment to continue the popular **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** that caps airfares at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Geraldton, Mount Magnet and Meekatharra
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024

- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season
- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Mid West residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

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Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Mid West
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$15.7 million additional funding for **Housing First Support Services** initiative in regional WA, including expanding the Geraldton program
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$28.5 million **Geraldton Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation**, construction underway and anticipated to open in 2026

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$43.4 million in extra investment for the **Geraldton Health Campus Redevelopment Project**, bringing the total investment to \$166.1 million with construction due to commence in 2024
- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$8.1 million to grow sustainable tourism developments in the **Houtman Abrolhos Islands**, a major tourism attraction for the Mid West region
- \$8.1 million towards the **Kalbarri Foreshore and Beaches Revitalisation** initiative, to encourage more tourists to visit the region
- \$500 million to **unlock Strategic Industrial Areas** across the State, including Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area north of Geraldton, driving investment in job-creating clean energy industries in the regions
- \$324 million investment into the **South West Interconnected System**, to support WA's decarbonisation journey, provide certainty to investors, and unlock job-creating renewable energy projects
- \$18 million for 50 **Standalone Power Systems** to be installed in regional WA, including in the Mid West, and manufactured in WA
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$350 million for the **Geraldton Port Maximisation Project**, including a new breakwater and tug haven, upgraded truck unloader and increased storage capacity, underway
- \$40 million towards the **Mid West Hydrogen Hub**, with a range of planning studies underway
- \$20.1 million towards the **Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area Access Road**, with construction due to start in 2024
- \$10 million for works at **Geraldton Fishing Boat Harbour**
- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as Shore Leave Festival, Mullewa Muster & Rodeo, and Iwarra Wilungga: Celebrating Urnura – Autumn by the Sea

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including the continuation of the program in the Mid West
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training

- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Geraldton

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$9 million for an education support facility at **Waggrakine Primary School**, planning underway
- \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at **Geraldton Senior High School**, underway
- \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at **Champion Bay Senior High School**, underway
- \$1 million for a STEM laboratory upgrade at **Kalbarri District High School**, underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$6 million to **reclad a storage shed at Geraldton Port** and replace its dust extraction systems, enabling wider use of the facility

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$200 million for the **Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement program**, for freight rail upgrades including 11 rail siding upgrades, with Brookton siding completed in August 2023, construction underway at Broomehill, and contracts awarded for works at Cranbrook and Konnongorring
- \$63 million for upgrades to **Indian Ocean Drive** between Jurien Bay and Brand Highway north of Leeman, with Stage 1 complete and construction on Stage 2 underway
- \$23 million to upgrade 136 kilometres of roads in the Mid-West Gascoyne Region through the **Regional Road Safety Program**
- \$20 million to construct and seal priority sections of **Goldfields Highway** between Wiluna and Meekatharra, with construction underway

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$3.1 million to continue funding the DFES **Grain Harvest Air Support Strategy**, that strategically bases firefighting aircraft in strategic agricultural areas during grain harvest
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades

- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including **boosting Family and Domestic Violence response teams in Geraldton**
- \$5.9 million to continue programs that support Aboriginal children in care, including the **Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making program** in the Mid West
- \$3.1 million to continue delivering the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** to provide place-based support to street-present community members including in Geraldton and Meekatharra
- \$10 million to improve safety at warden-controlled **school crossings** across the State, including new electronic speed signs at Allendale, Bluff Point and Waggrakine Primary Schools, plus new signage at Rangeway Primary School



Delivering for the Peel



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Cost-of-Living Relief for Peel Residents

A family living in the Peel region with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Up to \$560 in savings through free public transport

Total assistance Almost \$1,460

And they'll benefit from:

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- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Peel region
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024
- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season

- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Peel residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

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Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$20.7 million in additional funding for the **Mandurah Common Ground facility**, bringing the total to \$48.8 million which will deliver permanent, supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Peel region
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

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- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- Transition to public health services at **Peel Health Campus** from August 2024, with the \$152 million redevelopment and expansion underway and enabling works to commence in late 2024
- \$17.5 million **Community Mental Health and Specialist Community Eating Disorders Service** in the Peel region, to open in 2025

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$8 million to upgrade and expand the network of **Peel regional trails**, including walking, riding, paddling and driving trails

- \$500,000 for upgrades at **Nanga Campground** in Lane Poole Reserve, near Dwellingup, plus an additional \$500,000 to upgrade smaller campsites along the Murray River in Lane Poole Reserve including **Tony's Bend, Charlies Flat** and **Yarragil Campgrounds**
- \$900,000 for the **Martins Tank Campground** expansion, in the Yalgorup National Park, to deliver more camping sites and to provide opportunities for built accommodation, and links to the Yalgorup trails for hikers
- \$67.2 million to support the new **Forest Management Plan**, creating an additional 65 new jobs focused on climate action and forest health, following the Cook Labor Government's historic decision to end logging in native forests
- \$324 million investment into the **South West Interconnected System**, to support WA's decarbonisation journey, provide certainty to investors, and unlock job-creating renewable energy projects
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as Mandurah Crab Fest, Dwellingup 100, Pinjarra Festival, and Mandurah Action Sports Games

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
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- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including a pilot program in Peel
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
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- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Mandurah

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at **Halls Head College**, underway
 - \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at **Pinjarra Senior High School**, underway
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Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$136 million to duplicate **Mandurah Estuary Bridge**, construction underway
 - \$250 million for the **Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation**, planning underway
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Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$30 million to enhance the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' **bushfire management** with additional staff and firefighting equipment, including in the Peel region
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including boosting **Family and Domestic Violence response teams in Mandurah**
- \$10 million to improve safety at warden-controlled **school crossings** across the State, including new electronic speed limit signs at Dudley Park Primary School, plus new signage at Greenfields and North Mandurah Primary Schools

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$22 million towards the **Keirnan Park Recreation Precinct** development, planning underway



Delivering for the Pilbara



The Cook Labor Government is doing what's right for the Pilbara, with the 2024-25 State Budget delivering significant cost of living relief while investing in health facilities and services, housing, quality jobs and targeted training programs.

The 2024-25 State Budget is focused on WA's regions, with a record \$12.8 billion investment in regional infrastructure, and billions more to fund regional service delivery.

This Budget delivers measures that will drive regional economic growth, diversify regional economies and create jobs for our kids in the regions.

In addition, \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will go towards projects which enrich regional communities, ensuring they remain great places to live, work and raise a family.

Cost-of-Living Relief for Pilbara Residents

A family living in the Pilbara with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Around \$2,000 from capped airfares (depending on frequency of travel)

Total assistance Almost \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the Pilbara could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Pilbara
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$64.5 million in additional investment to continue the popular **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** that caps airfares at \$299 one way for regional residents living over 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Karratha, Port Hedland, Newman and Paraburdoo

- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024
- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season
- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Pilbara residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$13 million to deliver 51 new residential lots at **Karratha's Madigan at Baynton West**
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Pilbara
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$15.9 million for the **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Aboriginal Employee Housing Grants Program** through the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund which will provide ACCOs in the Pilbara and Kimberley the opportunity to apply for capital grant funding to build, refurbish, or spot purchase homes to provide as affordable rentals to their Aboriginal employees
- \$30.6 million for the **Pilbara Aboriginal Home Ownership Program** through the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund which will provide 28 homes as affordable rentals with the option to purchase

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$15 million to deliver an **MRI unit at Hedland Health Campus**
- \$2.3 million for a four chair **dialysis unit at Karratha Health Campus**
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions

- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$500 million to **unlock Strategic Industrial Areas** across the State, including Boodarie, Maitland, Ashburton North and Anketell Strategic Industrial Area's in the Pilbara, driving investment in job-creating clean energy industries in the regions
- \$148 million to support the development of transmission network infrastructure in the **North West Interconnected System** to unlock clean energy projects in the Pilbara
- \$39.1 million in additional funding towards the **Burrup Seawater Supply Scheme** upgrades, bringing the total to \$147 million, to support industrial growth in the Burrup Strategic Industrial Area
- \$101 million in additional funding for the construction of the **Dampier Bulk Handling Facility**, bringing the total to \$298 million, supporting job-creating and economic diversification projects
- Additional funding of \$25.2 million to construct the **Onslow Desalination Plant** and upgrade the Cane River Borefield, to futureproof water supply for the town of Onslow
- \$6.5 million towards stage two of the **Onslow Community Boating Precinct**, delivering new pens for recreational and charter vessels
- \$2.5 million to upgrade the Red Gorge hike and cycle trail at **Karijini National Park**
- \$1 million towards the upgrade of **Cape Keraudren Boat Ramp**, located 150km north east of Port Hedland
- \$14.9 million to support the implementation of the **Fortescue Marsh Nature Reserve**, including 13 new full time, ongoing jobs – including trainee and Aboriginal rangers and joint management coordinators
- \$13.5 million towards a new **Seafarers Centre** at Port Hedland's West End, with costs to be recovered from industry via a shipping charge
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$629.1 million of State and Commonwealth funding to establish a new berth and facilities at **Lumsden Point at the Port of Port Hedland** to support renewable energy and critical minerals projects
- \$140 million **Pilbara Hydrogen Hub**, jointly funded with the Commonwealth Government, to create a major centre for hydrogen production
- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as The Karijini Experience, Red Country Music Festival, and the Outback Fusion Festival

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million boost to **individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including the continuation of the program in the Pilbara
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Karratha and South Hedland

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$44.3 million for a major upgrade including new trades and hospitality training facilities at North Regional TAFE's **Pundulmurra campus** in South Hedland
- \$72.4 million redevelopment of **Roebourne District High School**, under construction
- \$6.1 million expansion of **Baler Primary School**, underway
- \$6.3 million for a new classroom block at **Cassia Primary School**, underway
- \$1 million for the refurbishment of the music hall at **Dampier Primary School**, underway
- \$700,000 to repurpose a STEM classroom into a STEM laboratory at **Newman Senior High School**, underway
- \$600,000 to repurpose a STEM classroom into a STEM laboratory at **Tom Price Senior High School**, underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$17 million for essential roadworks at the **Utah Point Bulk Handling Facility** in the Port of Port Hedland
- \$29.3 million towards upgrades at **regional and remote airstrips** across the State including Onslow, keeping communities connected

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$380 million for the **Manuwarra Red Dog Highway** between Karratha and Tom Price, with Stage 3 complete and planning for Stage 4 underway
- \$50 million for 11 new overtaking lanes on **Great Northern Highway** between Newman and Port Hedland, currently underway
- \$60 million for the **Marble Bar Road** upgrade
- \$21 million to upgrade 152 kilometers of roads in the Pilbara through the **Regional Road Safety Program**

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including boosting **Family and Domestic Violence response teams in Karratha and Hedland**
- \$3.1 million to continue delivering the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** to provide place-based support to street-present community members including in Hedland and Roebourne
- \$3.1 million additional funding to facilitate the installation of air conditioning at **Roebourne Regional Prison**
- \$653,000 to continue operation of the **Western Desert Justice Program**, a diversionary initiative reducing over-representation of Martu men and women in the criminal justice system

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- An expanded **Safe at Home Program** in Hedland to support victim-survivors of family and domestic violence



Delivering for the South West



The Cook Labor Government is doing what's right for the South West, with the 2024-25 State Budget delivering significant cost of living relief while investing in health facilities and services, housing, quality jobs and targeted training programs.

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In addition, \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will go towards projects which enrich regional communities, ensuring they remain great places to live, work and raise a family.

Cost-of-Living Relief for South West Residents

A family living in the South West with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500

Total assistance Almost \$1,000

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the South West could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the South West
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024s
- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season

- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including South West residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the South West
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- An additional \$173.2 million towards the **Bunbury Health Campus redevelopment**, bringing the total to \$451.1 million, making it the largest redevelopment of a regional hospital in WA's history and ensuring it meets the needs of the South West community now and into the future
- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$1 million to relocate the Bunbury BreastScreen WA clinic
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$18.3 million for the new **South West Aboriginal Medical Service Health Hub** in Bunbury

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$17.5 million to connect and improve the walking and cycling trail on the iconic **Wadandi Track** that follows an old railway line from Busselton to Augusta, once complete it will extend to nearly 110 kilometres
- Additional funding of \$14 million to build a **new bridge at Wellington Dam**, to support the increase in visitors to Collie's world famous Wellington Dam mural, bringing the project total to \$24 million
- \$8 million for the **Pemberton trails masterplan**, including the Pemberton Circuit Hike, Two Rivers Adventure Ride and the first two stages of the Pemberton Arboretum mountain bike trails
- \$4 million for a **new fishing platform in Bunbury**, as part of the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project
- \$3 million for upgrades at the **Gloucester and Bicentennial Trees** in the Pemberton area, to allow climbing to reopen on the iconic trees
- \$950,000 to upgrade campgrounds on the **Cape-to-Cape Track**, including Mount Duckworth, Moses Rock and Ellensbrook campsites, building on the \$2.7 million recently allocated to upgrade the trail
- \$250,000 to upgrade **Conto Campground** in the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park
- \$250,000 to upgrade **Draftys and Warren campgrounds** in the Warren National Park
- \$250,000 to redesign and upgrade the **Crystal Springs campground** in D'Entrecasteaux National Park west of Walpole
- \$750,000 to upgrade and expand the **Big Brook Arboretum Campground** in Big Brook State Forest, north west of Pemberton
- \$1.5 million to plan design and construct coastal camping sites in **D'Entrecasteaux National Park** west of Pemberton
- \$250,000 to redesign and upgrade the **Greens Island Campground** near Manjimup
- \$250,000 to plan for improved **camping experiences around major lakes** in the South West
- \$67.2 million to support the new **Forest Management Plan**, creating an additional 65 new jobs focused on climate action and forest health, following the Cook Labor Government's historic decision to end logging in native forests
- \$500 million to **unlock Strategic Industrial Areas** across the State, including Kemerton and Shotts Strategic Industrial Area's in the South West, driving investment in job-creating clean energy industries in the regions
- \$324 million investment into the **South West Interconnected System**, to support WA's decarbonisation journey, provide certainty to investors, and unlock job-creating renewable energy projects
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$1.6 million for an **annual international conference in Bunbury** over three years to promote investment in the South West
- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$662 million **Collie Transition Package** to attract new industries and create new local jobs in preparation for the retirement of State-owned coal fired power stations
- \$78.1 million for the **Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project**, with Stage 3 works underway

- \$1.7 billion for the **Collie Battery Energy Storage System**, construction underway
- \$350 million to **establish new softwood plantations** which is creating jobs in the forestry industry, supporting the construction and housing industry and capturing and storing carbon
- \$75 million as part of the Aviation Recovery Fund for **more direct flights** into Western Australia, including the non-stop routes from Busselton Margaret River to Sydney and Melbourne
- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as the Margaret River Pro, Truffle Kerfuffle, Cabin Fever, and the Busselton Jetty Swim

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million boost to **individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- An additional \$1.5 million for the **Collie Transitions Onsite Training facilities**
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including expanding the program into the South West
- \$7.2 million to extend the successful **Heavy Vehicle Driver Training program** by 500 places each year until 2027 in the South West
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Bunbury and Collie

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$8.2 million for a new design and technology block at **Eaton Community College**, construction underway with works expected to be complete in 2024
- \$1 million for a STEM laboratory upgrade at **Dalyellup College**, underway
- \$1 million to deliver a STEM laboratory at **Bunbury Senior High School**, underway
- \$500,000 to repurpose a STEM classroom into a STEM laboratory at **Cape Naturaliste College**, underway

- \$500,000 to repurpose a STEM classroom into a STEM laboratory at **Harvey Senior High School**, underway
- \$1 million to repurpose a STEM classroom into a STEM laboratory at **Manjimup Senior High School**, underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$9.5 million to reclad and provide structural improvements to a storage shed at **Bunbury Port**

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$1.46 billion **Bunbury Outer Ring Road**, currently under construction
- \$125 million **Bussell Highway duplication**, currently under construction
- \$20 million to build a new intersection and road connection on **Forrest Highway**, west of Vittoria Road, with planning underway

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$30.2 million to enhance the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' **bushfire management** with additional staff and firefighting equipment, including in the South West
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades at Margaret River VFRS and Harvey VFRS
- \$3.1 million to continue funding the DFES **Grain Harvest Air Support Strategy**, that strategically bases firefighting aircraft in strategic agricultural areas during grain harvest
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including boosting **Family and Domestic Violence response teams in Bunbury**
- \$10 million to improve safety at warden-controlled **school crossings** across the State, including new electronic speed limit signs at Australind, Treendale and West Busselton Primary Schools, plus new signage at Cooina, South Bunbury, Eaton, Brunswick Junction, Geographe, Dunsborough, Cowaramup Primary Schools, Bunbury Baptist College and Cornerstone Christian College

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$8 million towards **additional indoor multi-use courts in Bunbury**, planning underway
- \$8 million towards the redevelopment of **Hands Oval in Bunbury**, construction underway
- \$6 million towards the **Donnybrook and Districts Sporting and Recreation Precinct**, construction underway
- A **men's behaviour change program in Bunbury** for perpetrators of family and domestic violence



Delivering for the Wheatbelt



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In addition, \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will go towards projects which enrich regional communities, ensuring they remain great places to live, work and raise a family.

Cost-of-Living Relief for Wheatbelt Residents

A family living in the Wheatbelt with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500

Total assistance Almost \$1,000

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the Wheatbelt could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Pilbara
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024
- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season

- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Wheatbelt residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Wheatbelt
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$17.5 million to extend northern breakwater at **Jurien Bay Boat Harbour**, improving water quality at the marina and opening up opportunities for private investment at the harbour
- \$1.5 million for a new 25-site campground at Kangaroo Point in Nambung National Park near Cervantes
- \$15 million toward future upgrades of the **Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Scheme** that supplies water to customers from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie, including Northam, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Merredin and Southern Cross

- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities
- \$324 million investment into the **South West Interconnected System**, to support WA's decarbonisation journey, provide certainty to investors, and unlock job-creating renewable energy projects
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- Developing the **King Rocks Wind Farm**, located in the Shire of Kondinin, that could generate up to 150MW of green electricity, planning currently underway
- Funding for **events to attract visitors** to the region, such as Avon Descent, the York Festival, the York Motorcycle Festival, and the Northam Motorsport Festival

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including a pilot program in the Wheatbelt
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Northam

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$2 million for a new STEM laboratory and a primary science classroom at **Merredin College**, underway
- \$1 million for a new STEM laboratory at **Narrogin Senior High School**, underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$29.3 million to upgrade **regional and remote airstrips** across the State, keeping communities connected

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$200 million for the **Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement program**, for freight rail upgrades including 11 rail siding upgrades, with Brookton siding completed in August 2023, construction underway at Broomehill, and contracts awarded for works at Cranbrook and Konnongorring
- \$275 million for the **Bindoon Bypass** along Great Northern Highway, currently under construction
- \$250 million for upgrades to **Great Eastern Highway** between Coates Gully, Walgoolan and Coolgardie, with widening and sealing of 11 kilometers of highway between Southern Cross and Ghooli currently underway
- \$80 million for upgrades to **Toodyay Road**, currently under construction
- \$14 million to upgrade 62 kilometers of roads in the Wheatbelt through the **Regional Road Safety Program**
- \$9 million for the **Chidlow-York Road and Forrest Street** Intersection Upgrade

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$3.1 million to continue funding the DFES **Grain Harvest Air Support Strategy**, that strategically bases firefighting aircraft in strategic agricultural areas during grain harvest
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including through the Yorganop Association Incorporated will provide the program across the Wheatbelt to 28 young people
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including boosting **Family and Domestic Violence response teams in Northam**
- \$10 million to improve safety at warden-controlled **school crossings** across the State, including new electronic speed signs at Kellerberrin District High School and Mount Barker Community College

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- A **men's behaviour change program in Northam** for perpetrators of family and domestic violence