



WA State Budget Overview 2025-26



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Acknowledgement of Country

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past and present.

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A message from the Treasurer

I am pleased to deliver the ninth Budget of the WA Labor Government and my second as Treasurer.

On the 8th of March 2025, the people of WA overwhelmingly endorsed our vision for Western Australia:

- A Western Australia that is the economic powerhouse of the nation.
- A Western Australia where infrastructure has been delivered in record levels, throughout the suburbs and regional WA.
- A Western Australia that is providing record jobs and training opportunities.
- A Western Australia that is delivering record spending in health and housing.
- A Western Australia with a responsible and experienced government, governing for all Western Australians.

This Budget delivers on that vision. In a world of global instability and uncertainty, our Government has a clear economic plan for this State.

In these times, strong and reliable leadership is more important than ever to shield our people and our economy from the challenges that confront our State, and to fight for our fair share of the GST.

Keeping our economy strong and making more things in WA is the hallmark of the Cook Labor Government.

This Budget responds to the challenges of our times, delivers on our commitments, and invests in our future, shaped by the experience and leadership of our WA Labor Government.



Rita Saffioti MLA

Treasurer



A message from the Premier

My government's vision is for Western Australia to remain the strongest economy in the nation and the best place in the world to get a quality job.

We'll do this by remaining a global leader for the resources industry, diversifying our economy and becoming a renewable energy powerhouse.

By keeping our economy strong, we can continue to provide cost of living relief and make investments in community services, like hospitals and housing.

I want Western Australia to be the healthiest state in the nation, a place where everyone has a home.

This Budget helps deliver the infrastructure needed to grow our

economy, power our transformation to renewable energy and build a skilled workforce that can deliver on our commitment to make more things in WA.

My team and I are working hard to keep our State strong.

We want to ensure that no matter where you live in our suburbs, towns, regional centres, and remote communities – all Western Australians have access to the infrastructure and services they need in stronger, more resilient communities.

In these times of global uncertainty, we must ensure we are the best place in the world to do business and remain the best place in the world to bring up your family and get a quality job.

The 2025-26 Budget builds on our achievements, delivers on our commitments, and sets WA up for the challenges and opportunities ahead.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Roger Cook'.

Roger Cook MLA
Premier

Budget highlights



Supporting WA families

A further \$963 million of cost of living relief for families, including the WA Student Assistance Payment, household battery rebates, and cheaper public transport.



Made in WA

\$1.4 billion to deliver our Made in WA plan to support WA's future economic growth through a pipeline of work building household batteries, ferries, electric buses and more here in WA.



Economic growth

Strongest annual domestic economic growth in the country, growing by almost 26 percent relative to pre-pandemic levels.



Housing

Record \$1.4 billion investment to boost housing supply in the suburbs and the regions, with a range of innovative initiatives to transform the delivery of housing.



WA Jobs

Delivered around 340,000 new jobs since coming to office in 2017, the most in our State's history.



Health and mental health

\$1.4 billion boost to our health and mental health system, including investments in hospital services and infrastructure.



Surplus

Seventh straight operating surplus of \$2.5 billion achieved with healthy surpluses expected to continue.



Education and training

Record \$1.8 billion investment in our schools and to train more Western Australians to meet industry needs and boost our economic capacity.



Net debt

Most affordable debt in the nation and below all other States, at 7.5 per cent of GSP.



Infrastructure

Significant \$38 billion infrastructure pipeline to lay the foundations for future growth including hospitals, schools, community facilities, poles, wires and pipes.

Key Budget initiatives

The 2025-26 Budget delivers on our commitments and invests in the services and infrastructure that lay the foundations for WA's future.

This Budget continues our support for families, makes investments to grow our economy and make more things locally, and responds to the needs of our growing population.

Key initiatives include:

- **An additional \$963 million in cost of living relief for WA families**, including residential battery rebates and no-interest loans, the second round of the WA Student Assistance Payment, \$300 KidSport vouchers, the new flat fare for public transport, continuing free student travel and halving Transwa fares, boosting the Regional Pensioner Travel Card, and targeted assistance for those most in need.
- **\$1.4 billion to boost housing supply and affordability** including to grow the construction workforce, investing in housing enabling infrastructure to unlock a further 33,000 homes, providing stamp duty relief for first home buyers, access to shared equity loans and new modular loan products through Keystart, and boosting regional housing supply.
- **\$2.7 billion to support future growth and create WA jobs** by diversifying our economy, and delivering on our Made in WA plan by making more things locally.
- **\$1.4 billion to expand and enhance health and mental health services** including more doctors and nurses, additional investment in infrastructure to unlock more beds, and progressing our election commitments that will enhance our health system.
- **\$1.8 billion for education and training** investing in our schools and children's education to grow a skilled and productive workforce that will facilitate Western Australia's continued future growth.



Economic and financial outlook

Despite global uncertainty, Western Australia remains the economic powerhouse of the nation. Our domestic economy has grown by almost 26 per cent relative to pre-pandemic levels, well above the 16 per cent national average.

- Our strong economy has attracted more people to move to our State than ever before, with growth of more than 300,000 people in the State's population over the last five years increasing demands for services and infrastructure.
- Around 340,000 jobs have been created since 2017. Historically low unemployment has been sustained for a record period – consistently below 4 per cent for more than three years.
- Inflation has continued to ease, returning to within the RBA's target band, with further rate cuts expected providing relief to households and supporting consumption.

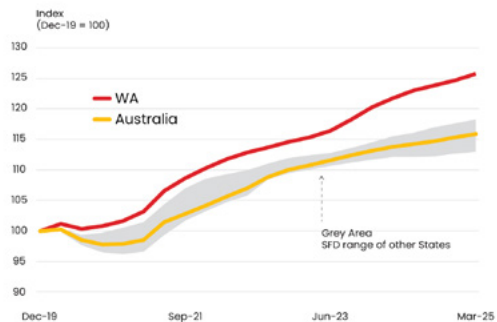
We're setting our State up for the future by making it easier to do business in WA.

- Business investment has grown steadily over the past six years and is expected to continue to grow, supported by a pipeline of major projects under construction.

Our initiatives to boost housing supply are working with our construction workforce growing to record levels.

- The Western Australian housing market is returning to a more balanced position.
- Housing approvals are up 45 per cent, with housing completions having risen by 18 per cent in 2024 to the highest level in seven years.
- The rental vacancy rate has risen to a more balanced 2.4 per cent in April 2025, up from 0.5 per cent a year earlier.

State Domestic Final Demand
Rolling annual, March 2025

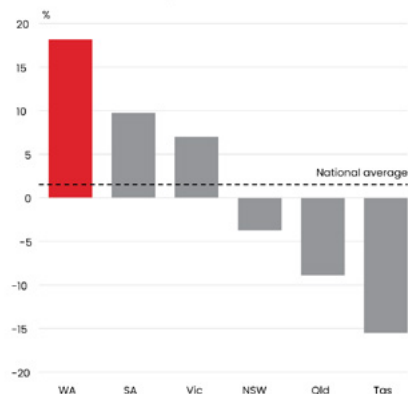


WA Employment
Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted



Housing Completions

Annual Average Growth, December 2024



Our focus on responsible financial management continues, with a seventh consecutive operating surplus of \$2.5 billion in 2024-25.

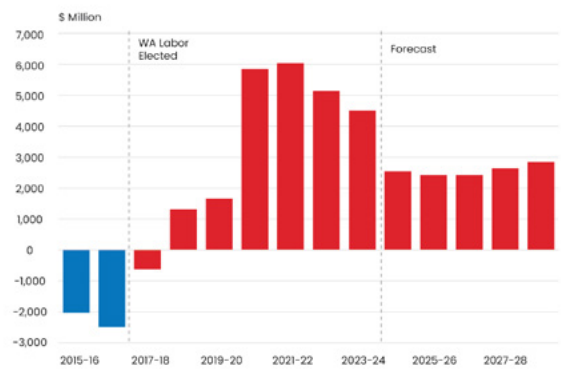
This Budget we are:

- Getting on with delivering our election commitments, with over \$3 billion funded in this Budget.
- Responding to the increased demand for services.
- Investing in hospitals, schools, roads, wires, poles and pipes to set Western Australia up for the future.

This Budget includes:

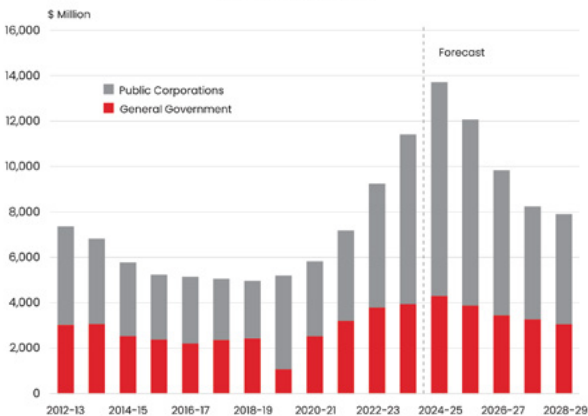
- **Operating surpluses of between \$2.4 and \$2.8 billion every year** between 2025-26 and 2028-29.
- \$38 billion of infrastructure investment, including \$12 billion in 2025-26 alone.
- Significant growth in water and energy infrastructure of \$13 billion, delivering on our commitment to become a renewable energy powerhouse, and secure our water future.
- Net debt expected to be \$33.6 billion by 30 June 2025, more than \$10 billion lower than projected when WA Labor came to office.
- Western Australia’s net debt as a percentage of Gross State Product is expected to be 7.5 per cent in 2024-25 and 9.2 per cent at the end of 2028-29, lower than any other jurisdiction.

Net Operating Balance



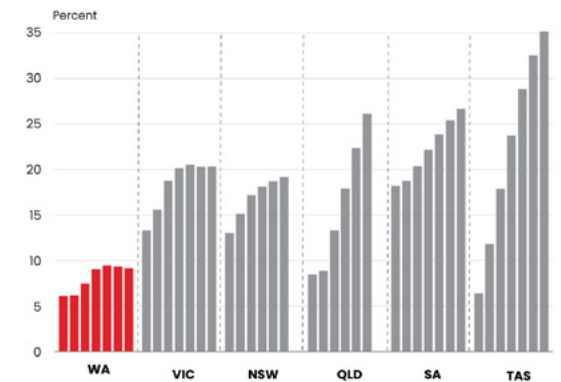
Asset Investment Program

Total Public Sector



Total Public Sector Net Debt as a share of GSP

2022-23 to 2028-29



Delivering our commitments



Supporting WA families

\$963 million to provide targeted assistance to WA families.

- Rolling out residential battery rebates and no-interest loans for 100,000 WA households.
- Introducing flat fares across Transperth and Transregional networks, halving Transwa fares, and continuing free fares for school students.
- Delivering the second round of the WA Student Assistance Payment.
- Boosting the Regional Pensioner Travel Card to \$775.
- Keeping increases to the basket of household fees and charges below inflation.

Education and training

\$1.8 billion increased spend on education and training infrastructure and services.

- Investing in schools to keep pace with growing demand and supporting students with disability.
- Boosting before and after school care, piloting increased kindy hours, expanding the School Breakfast Program, and supporting school canteens.
- Delivering new schools and upgrades, boosting investment in maintenance, and air conditioning.
- Expanding lower fee and Fee-Free TAFE courses to boost our construction workforce and capture economic opportunity.



Delivering our commitments



Made in WA

Supporting future growth and creating WA jobs through our Made in WA plan.

- Building electric buses and ferries.
- Investment in major economic infrastructure including Strategic Industrial Areas, ports and transmission network.
- Establishing manufacturing facilities to build transmission towers and other components.
- Commencing our local battery manufacturing program.
- Boosting the Investment Attraction Fund to support new energy projects.

Becoming the healthiest state in the nation

\$1.4 billion additional spend on health and mental health.

- Boosting emergency department and emergency access reforms.
- Increasing access to residential parenting services.
- Establishing virtual access to specialist mental health care for children in rural and remote areas.
- Establishing Older Adult Care Hubs and expanding the WA Virtual Emergency Department.
- Planning St John of God Midland and Royal Perth Hospital ED expansions.



Delivering our commitments



Ensuring everyone has a home

Housing completions reached the highest level in 7 years in 2024, but focus on boosting housing continues.

- Investing in housing enabling infrastructure to unlock more homes.
- Continued focus on growing the construction workforce.
- Delivering stamp duty relief for first homebuyers.
- Continued significant investment in social and affordable housing.
- Shared equity loans for new apartments and townhouses and modular homes.
- Doubling GROH construction program and establishing a Regional Housing Support Fund.

Growing WA sport and entertainment

We're investing in more sport and community infrastructure than ever before.

- Investing in changerooms, lights, courts and facilities across the State.
- Upgrading women's sporting facilities.
- Supporting participation through Kids Access All Areas Pass and \$300 KidSport vouchers.
- Backing WA sport including the establishment of a new NRL team.
- Investing in Burswood community, entertainment and sporting precinct.
- Supporting community organisations like Binar Futures.
- Delivering tracks, trails, jetties and campgrounds so locals and tourists can connect with our natural attractions.



Delivering our commitments



Building safer and stronger communities

\$1.1 billion investment in services that support and keep our community safe.

- Boosting frontline child protection and out-of-home care services.
- Doubling down on our efforts to curb the scourge of domestic violence.
- Investing in WA Police to keep our community safe and catch hooners on our roads.
- Supporting PCYC's and expanding early intervention and diversion programs.
- Bolstering our fire and emergency response capability.

Investing in regional WA

We're committed to delivering for regional WA, with a \$10.3 billion pipeline of regional infrastructure investment over the next four years.

- Boosting regional housing - doubling the GROH construction program, establishing the Regional Housing Support Fund and investing in regional projects.
- Investing in quality regional health infrastructure, services and virtual care.
- Cost of living relief including increasing the PATS fuel subsidy and Regional Pensioner Travel Card, halving Transwa fares, and Country Week assistance.
- Guaranteeing new regional police recruits accommodation as they complete training in Perth.
- Boosting regional road safety.



Supporting WA households

This Budget we continue our record of supporting WA households by delivering \$963 million in cost of living relief.

Helping households

- \$337 million for the State's **Residential Battery Scheme**, complementing the Commonwealth subsidy scheme, delivering ongoing cost of living relief to around 100,000 households.
 - As part of the WA Residential Battery Scheme, households with an income of less than \$210,000 per year will also have access to **no interest loans**, reducing upfront costs.
- \$152 million to establish the new **suburban flat fare** across the Transperth and Transregional public transport networks.
- \$89 million to deliver the **second round of the WA Student Assistance Payment** of \$250 for every secondary student and \$150 for primary and kindergarten students.
- \$10 million to **extend free public transport for school students** for the 2026 school year.
- **Sixth consecutive year keeping power and water prices below inflation**, with a 0.8 per cent decline in the basket of household fees and charges.

- Delivering **\$150 in energy bill relief** on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.
- \$4 million for **\$300 Kidsport vouchers**.
- \$3 million to roll out **Kids Access All Areas passes** so more kids can access Scitech, arts and cultural events.
- \$28 million to **expand the School Breakfast Program**.
- \$29 million to **pilot full-time 4 year old kindy**.
- \$1 million to **expand the HUGS program** to social housing tenants for water bills.
- **Extension of the WA Rent Relief scheme** to the end of 2025.

Regional cost of living relief

- \$19 million **increase in the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme fuel subsidy** from 26 cents to 40 cents per kilometre.
- \$26 million to **increase the Regional Pensioner Travel Card by a further \$100 to \$775**.
- \$8 million to support **regional students to attend Country Week** saving up to \$500 per student.
- \$18 million to provide **half price Transwa fares** starting 1 January 2026.



Investing in housing

The 2025–26 Budget delivers \$1.4 billion in additional housing initiatives focused on boosting supply around the State, increasing total additional investment to \$5.8 billion since 2021–22.

These investments are working with the housing market returning to a more balanced position.

Delivering more houses

- \$101 million Housing Enabling Infrastructure Fund investment in power and water infrastructure to **unlock land for 33,000 future homes**. This builds on a recent \$105 million investment to unlock up to 28,000 new homes.
- \$119 million to **reduce transfer duty for first home buyers** on both established homes and land purchases for new homes
- \$50 million **Housing Innovation Fund** to support initiatives and technologies to boost productivity along the housing supply chain.

Affordable housing

- \$246 million to deliver an **additional 548 social and affordable homes**.
- \$210 million for **1,000 shared equity loans in new apartment and townhouse developments**.
- \$75 million for **no and low interest loans to support affordable build to rent** developments get off the ground sooner.
- \$6 million for the Community **Housing Capability Program**.

Construction workforce

- \$25 million to **increase the number of subsidised tradie apprentices to 1,000 through the GTO wage subsidy**.
- \$22 million to **increase the number of fee-free housing and construction TAFE courses**.
- \$12 million to extend the **Construction Visa Subsidy Program** and **Build a Life in WA Program** with an additional 1,100 places.
- \$600,000 to assist more tradies to become **registered builders and establish successful businesses**.

Regional housing

- \$104 million to **double the GROH construction program** with over 100 new builds in the regions.
- \$25 million for the **Regional Housing Support Fund** to boost the viability of regional housing projects.
- \$43 million for the **Mulataga residential development** in Karratha, part-funded by the Commonwealth.
- \$3 million expansion of the **Housing First Support Service** to Bunbury and surrounds.
- \$20 million to construct up to 40 units for **seniors in Kalgoorlie** and \$5 million to support **14 key workers homes in Kununurra**.

Investing in health and mental health

This Budget boosts health and mental health spending by \$1.4 billion, including \$829 million for hospital services.

We are investing \$3.2 billion in health infrastructure over the next four years to unlock more hospital beds.

We have among the **best funded hospital system in the nation** at 15 per cent above the national average.

Since 2017, we've expanded the health workforce by almost 5,600 nurses and 2,300 doctors, and in 2025-26, we will spend \$14.2 billion on the delivery of health services.

Over the past four years, we have delivered around 800 new beds, and hundreds more are in the pipeline, plus the new Women and Babies hospital.

Health services

- \$829 million **additional hospital funding** to respond to increased demand on our system.
- \$47 million to **increase access to Ngala's Residential Parenting Service** and the **RSV immunisation program**.
- \$61 million to **expand the WA Virtual ED program** and **establish three Older Adult Care Hubs**.

Health infrastructure

- \$62 million to **modernise medical and imaging equipment**, supported by a contribution from Telethon.
- \$24 million to unlock **60 new beds at Joondalup Health Campus**.
- \$20 million boost to **Bunbury Hospital redevelopment** to include a helipad and acute psychiatric unit.
- \$10 million to progress **planning for St John of God Midland and Royal Perth Hospital** Emergency Department expansions.

Healthy regions

Over the next four years, the Government will spend \$2.9 billion per annum on regional health services, and invest \$944 million in regional health infrastructure.

- Includes \$121 million additional investment in **regional health and mental health services** this Budget, including \$19 million to **increase the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**.
- See also *Investing in our regions*



Investing in education

The 2025–26 Budget includes almost \$1.5 billion new spend on education initiatives and infrastructure.

This includes funding for more than 500 local commitments to schools around the State, ranging from \$10,000 to \$512,000.

Supporting education

- \$708 million investment to **meet student enrolment growth** for both government and non-government schools, including \$395 million to **support students with disability**.
- \$29 million to **pilot free full-time, school-based kindy** for four year olds at ten sites.
- \$15 million to **boost before and after school care**.
- \$28 million to **expand the School Breakfast Program**, and \$10 million of **support for school canteens**.
- \$89 million for the second round of the **WA Student Assistance Payment**.
- \$30 million boost to **School of Isolated and Distance Education** to support more kids learning in regional WA.

School infrastructure

- \$130 million to **construct Stage 1 of Brabham Senior High School**.
- We are progressing planning for 17 **major school upgrades**, as well as working to deliver Stage 1 of Como Secondary College redevelopment.
- \$42 million for the first tranche of our commitment to **minor upgrade projects at 61 schools** – undercover areas, courts, play areas, STEM facilities and parking.

- \$43 million towards the first tranche of our commitment to **Cool the Schools** through air conditioning upgrades at 45 WA schools.
- \$124 million **uplift to school maintenance**, and \$27 million to deliver **more transportable classrooms**.
- \$8.5 million for the first tranche of new **signalised road crossings to be installed near schools** to enhance student safety.
- \$36 million recognising the skills and experience of **Advanced Special Needs Education Assistants**.
- \$8 million for **upgrades to remote non-Government schools in the Kimberley**.

New schools

We are progressing new primary schools in fast growing areas:

- Wellard East (opening 2026)
- Wungong (opening 2026)
- Alkimos North East (opening 2027)
- Banksia Grove West (opening 2027)
- Piara Waters West (opening 2027)
- Treeby East (opening 2028)
- Vasse West (opening 2028)
- Yanchep East (opening 2028)
- Eglinton North (opening 2028)
- East Perth (opening 2029)
- Byford (opening 2029)
- Anketell (opening 2029)
- Brabham (opening 2030)

Planning will commence for Alkimos North SHS, a secondary school in the Dawesville catchment area, and a future primary school in Mount Lawley.



Investing in training

The 2025–26 Budget invests \$331 million in TAFEs and training to ensure our workforce is equipped to succeed in an evolving global economy.

Skills for the future

- \$100 million investment to continue **lower fee and Fee-Free TAFE**.
- \$75 million to support more **apprenticeships and traineeships** through the Construction Training Fund.
- \$25 million to **increase the number of subsidised construction trade apprentices to 1,000** through the GTO wage subsidy.
- \$22 million to increase the number of **Fee-Free TAFE courses for the construction sector** to train more tradies such as **plumbers, bricklayers and plasterers**.
- \$17 million to extend and expand our **Heavy Vehicle Driver Training** facilities and program.
- \$12 million to **train hundreds of new apprentices** to meet the opportunities of **AUKUS**.
- \$8 million to support employers to take on more **mature-aged apprentices**.
- \$34 million to ensure our **TAFEs have the modern equipment** they need to deliver the best training outcomes.

Fee-Free TAFE

Over 46,000 Western Australians accessed free TAFE in 2024. This Budget we provide a further \$100 million to keep the cost of TAFE courses low:

- A Diploma of Enrolled Nursing previously cost \$10,451; it's now free.
- A Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care cost \$3,452; it's now free.
- A Certificate III in Bricklaying cost \$2,649; it's free from 2026.

Made in WA – unlocking future growth

We are delivering our Made in WA plan – playing on our strengths as a global resources leader, and diversifying our economy to build resilience.

This Budget we are injecting a further \$2.7 billion into economic infrastructure to boost our economic capacity and unlock opportunities across our State for decades to come.

At a glance

- \$83 million to **produce electric buses and ferries in WA**, building on the success of railcar manufacturing.
- \$50 million **Housing Innovation Fund** to support initiatives and technologies to boost productivity along the housing supply chain.
- \$50 million to establish the **Perth biomedical precinct** to support the co-location of world leading medical manufacturers.
- \$50 million **Local Battery Manufacturing Program** for grants and low interest loans to support locally produced residential and industrial batteries.
- \$40 million boost to the **New Industries and Innovation Fund** to support development and acceleration of innovation-based technologies.
- \$30 million for a **further round of funding for new energies industries** through the Investment Attraction Fund to support critical minerals, hydrogen and carbon capture and storage projects.

- \$25 million toward our commitment to **manufacture transmission towers and components** at facilities in Forrestfield and Picton, and establish a Local Industry Development Fund.
- \$8.9 million to support the **Exploration Incentive Scheme**.
- Additional support for defence industries, clean energy, live music, space, wine industry exports, biofuels, liquor reforms, small business grants and more.

Economic infrastructure

- **\$500 million additional investment in the Strategic Industries Fund (SIF), taking it to \$1 billion over 10 years.**
 - SIF funds will be used for Strategic Industrial Area common user infrastructure, including \$13 million allocation to upgrade Kwinana and Kemerton Strategic Industrial Areas.
- \$584 million investment in **Clean Energy Link – North** and Regans Ford terminal to unlock wind generation north of Perth to expand renewable generation and shut down coal-fired power stations by 2030.
- \$543 million to increase the capacity of the **Goldfields pipeline by 7.2 gegalitres** a day to support economic growth in the region.
- \$349 million investment in our ports to **grow our export capacity and economy** around the State, including **Westport, Utah Point, Broome passenger cruise terminal, Wyndham, Derby and Albany.**
- \$107 million to expand and activate the **Hope Valley and Postans industrial areas** in Kwinana.



Connecting our State

This Budget includes \$10.7 billion of investment in transport infrastructure over the next four years to connect communities, reduce congestion, and create a more accessible State.

Road upgrades

- \$700 million to **widen and upgrade the Kwinana Freeway**.
- \$450 million for the **Reid Highway-Erindale Road Grade Separation**.
- \$36 million for **upgrades to Wanneroo Road corridor**.

Regional transport

- \$250 million **Regional Road Safety Program** for safety upgrades on local government roads.
- \$25 million to improve the **South Coast Highway**.
- \$25 million for the **Northam Pithara Road realignment** and replacement of ageing bridges.
- \$26 million to increase the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** to \$775.
- \$18 million to provide **half price Transwa fares** from 1 January 2026.

Investing in public transport

- \$107 million to **expand our ferry system with METRONET on Swan**.
- A further \$103 million for the **transition to a fully electric bus fleet**.
- \$18 million to commence **new SurfCAT bus service**.
- \$152 million to deliver the **Suburban Flat Fare**.
- \$10 million to **keep public transport free for students** in 2026.

METRONET

METRONET has transformed our city and suburbs, making travel more affordable and accessible.

We have rolled out 61.5 kilometres of new track and 20 new stations forever changing the face of WA, including:

- Yanchep Rail Extension
- Morley-Ellenbrook Line
- Thornlie-Cockburn Link
- New stations on the upgraded Armadale Line at Carlisle, Oats Street, Queens Park, Cannington and Beckenham.

The positive impact of METRONET continues with the Byford Rail Extension, the METRONET Long Park and the new Midland Station due to be completed in 2025-26.

Stronger and safer communities

The 2025-26 Budget continues our record of strong investment in community services that support the most vulnerable and keep our community safe.

Community services

- \$250 million boost to **frontline child protection and out of home care services** to support young people in care.
- \$33 million to **curb the scourge of FDV** including expanding Safe at Home, bringing total investment to \$541 million over the past five years.
- \$10 million to expand **homelessness outreach services**.
- \$10 million to support PCYC's and **expand early intervention and diversion programs** for young people.
- \$30 million in support for **organisations providing care to animals and pets**, including \$23 million for the RSPCA.

Community safety

We are investing almost \$700 million in police and justice this Budget to keep the WA community safe, including:

- \$43 million to support our **nation**

leading firearm reforms that will take guns off the streets.

- \$22 million to **catch and deter hoons** on our roads.
- \$19 million to **enhance electronic monitoring** of offenders.
- \$16 million for the **new model of care for young people in detention**, and staffing at the **new Crisis Care Unit** at Banksia Hill Detention Centre.
- \$13 million for a **satellite Children's Court in Armadale**, ensuring swifter outcomes for victims.

Emergency services

Over \$127 million of additional investment to bolster our fire and emergency response capability. This includes:

- \$23 million for a **new Yanchep Career Fire station**.
- \$8 million to replace **Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire station**.
- \$15 million towards the new **Wanneroo Emergency Management Complex**.
- \$10 million towards the **Fitzroy Crossing Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Complex**.
- \$23 million to modernise the **Emergency Services Radio Network**.



Growing WA sport and entertainment

This Budget we are delivering more sport and community infrastructure than ever before, with \$332 million for upgrades to changerooms, lighting and infrastructure across the State.

Community infrastructure

- \$30 million to **upgrade women's sporting facilities** and enable greater participation of women in local sport.
- \$67 million to **upgrade local court facilities**, including in Australind, Warwick and Joondalup.
- \$13 million to **Binar Futures** for the development of a new community sport hub.
- \$18 million to improve **motorsport facilities**, including upgrades Perth Motorplex.
- \$20 million towards the development of the **Malaga Sports Precinct**.
- \$30 million towards transforming **Dorrien Gardens**.
- \$60 million over seven years for a **Perth-based NRL team** including grassroots development.
- \$217 million to deliver a multi-use **community, entertainment and sporting precinct at Burswood**.

Encouraging participation

- \$300 **KidSport Vouchers** available to WA families to help children participate in sport and swimming lessons.
- Rolling out our **Kids Access All Areas pass**, so kids can access Scitech, and more arts and cultural events.
- Delivering our \$2.7 million **Live Music Package**, helping more West Aussies access local live music.

Projects underway

Significant projects are underway that will bring vibrancy and grow participation in sport and the arts for decades to come.

- **The WACA redevelopment** is delivering a community hub, aquatic facility, and high performance facility.
- **Sam Kerr Football Centre** stage 2 redevelopment has kicked-off to cater for booming participation.
- **State Hockey Centre transformation** is on track to provide high-performance facilities and connection to the grassroots hockey community.
- **Perth Concert Hall revitalisation** hits top octave with contract awarded and works underway.
- **Perth Film Studio** is 60 per cent constructed with sound stages and workshops now up on set.



Supporting WA women

The 2025–26 Budget invests in services and initiatives to improve women's health, sport, safety and workforce opportunities.

Women's health

- We are **building the new Women and Babies Hospital** to benefit women, mums, babies and families across our State, with the contract now signed and construction commencing soon.
- \$2.5 million to establish a dedicated **Women's Reproductive Health Day Procedure Centre** at Cockburn Health Clinic.

Mums and parents

- \$29 million to **pilot free full-time, school-based kindy** for four year olds at ten sites.
- \$15 million to **boost out of school hours care** services.
- \$39 million to increase access to **Ngala's Residential Parenting Service**.
- \$8 million to continue the **RSV immunisation program**, and additional support for new mothers through the WA Breastfeeding Association.

Women's safety

Over the past five years, we've invested \$541 million to curb the scourge of family and domestic violence. This includes a further \$33 million investment this Budget.

- \$19 million to enhance **electronic monitoring** of FDV offenders.
- \$14 million of family violence prevention initiatives, including expanding the **Safe at Home** program.

Women's participation

- \$24 million to support community sporting organisations and local governments to **upgrade facilities for women** at 16 grounds around the State, including:
 - Dwellingup Oval
 - EDOS Sporting Pavilion in Ellenbrook
 - Ferndale Reserve
 - GBSC Sport Park in Geraldton
 - Joondalup Sports Association
 - Scarborough Football Club
 - South Perth Rugby League Club
 - Troy Park in Attadale
 - Winnacott Reserve Sporting Precinct in Willagee
- \$6 million to establish a **Boosting Women and Girls Participation in Sport** grant program.
- \$1 million to extend the Women's Grants for a Stronger Future program.
- Delivering \$300 **KidSport** vouchers this year.
- **Sam Kerr Football Centre** stage 2 has kicked-off and will cater for massive 34 per cent increase in female participation.



Investing in our regions

The 2025–26 Budget includes \$4 billion investment in Royalties for Regions, and a \$10.3 billion pipeline of regional infrastructure works over the next four years.

Regional health

This Budget includes \$121 million of additional regional health and mental health investment, including:

- \$19 million to increase **PATS to 40 cents per kilometre**.
- \$12 million for **Virtual Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Hub** for children and families across rural and remote WA.
- \$14 million to establish a **mental health child and adolescent Acute Care and Response Team** in Bunbury.
- \$12 million to establish an **adult alcohol and other drugs residential rehabilitation treatment service** in Albany.
- \$11 million to progress a **Derby Wellness Centre and Broome Withdrawal Service**.

Regional economies and jobs

- \$30 million boost to **Collie Industrial Transition Fund** to secure major new job creating projects in Collie.
- \$11 million for planning and development work for **upgrades at Albany port** to increase grain export trade and cruise ship visits.

- \$25 million to **establish a Regional Racing Fund**.
- \$21 million to **unlock natural tourism attractions** – making it easier for locals and tourists to our natural wonders.

Regional services

- \$30 million additional funding for the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**.
- \$5 million funding to expand **PCYC early intervention and diversion programs** in Broome, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Gosnells and Bunbury.
- \$6 million to establish a **Kununurra Night Space program** to provide a safe space for young people at night.
- \$16 million for accommodation to **future-proof regional policing**.
- \$104 million to **double the GROH construction program** with over 100 new builds to support service delivery in the regions.
- \$18 million to provide **half price Transwa fares** from 1 January 2026.
- \$26 million to **increase the Regional Pensioner Travel Card to \$775**.
- \$8 million to help **regional students save up to \$500 to attend Country Week**.
- \$7 million for **two aerial strike teams** to mitigate crop fire threats during grain harvest season.



Aboriginal wellbeing

At a glance

- \$13 million towards **Binar Futures'** development of a new community sport hub.
- \$3 million for **Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation** to continue helping vulnerable young people and the community.
- \$10 million additional funding to support PCYCs and expand early intervention and diversion programs for young people in **Broome, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Gosnells and Bunbury**.
- \$6 million to establish a **Kununurra Night Space** program to provide a safe space for young people at night.
- \$10 million to expand the **metropolitan homelessness outreach program**, including assisting Aboriginal people to return to country.
- \$8 million in infrastructure grants for remote non-government **schools in the Kimberley region**.
- \$681,000 for repairs to **swimming pools** in remote communities.
- \$3 million to support the transition of the Dampier Peninsula Clinics from WA Country Health Service to the **Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service**.
- \$9 million boost to the **Derby Aboriginal Health Services Wellness Centre**.
- \$3 million for upgrades at **Marra Worra Worra Night Place** in Fitzroy Crossing.

Planning for the **Aboriginal Cultural Centre** is underway with the release of a design tender.

Aboriginal workforce

The State Government is committed to improving economic outcomes for Aboriginal people and businesses, including through targeted employment opportunities.

Between October 2021 and May 2025, more than 8 per cent of all hours worked on the State's transport infrastructure program were undertaken by Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Ranger Program

Since its establishment following the 2017 election, the Aboriginal Ranger Program has delivered on country jobs and training for Aboriginal people in regional and remote communities across WA.

To date, this program has created more than 1,400 jobs, with about 45 per cent of jobs taken up by women.

This Budget, \$20 million has been provided to further expand the Aboriginal Ranger Program, which protects and manages land, river and sea, by drawing on traditional and modern knowledge.





Protecting our environment

The 2025–26 Budget includes

Caring for our environment

- \$63 million of additional resources to **prevent and respond to biosecurity threats**.
- \$8 million investment in the **Bindjareb Djilba (Peel-Harvey Estuary) Protection Plan**.
- \$17 million to deliver the **Treebates and Urban Canopy Program** and build greener, leafier towns and suburbs.
- \$5 million for the **Healthy Oceans Fund** to support our underwater ecosystem through seagrass bed restoration projects and research.
- \$20 million to further **expand the Aboriginal Ranger program**.
- \$750,000 to **support Plastic Free July**.

Enjoying our environment

- \$100 million in upgrades to **Rottnest Island essential infrastructure** and to **revitalise B Shed** in Fremantle to improve access to Rottnest.
- \$21 million to **make it easier for more Western Australians to enjoy the great outdoors**, including boating and maritime facilities, campgrounds and trails that build on our \$165 million Outdoor Adventure Package investment last year.

Renewable energy

- \$584 million investment to **unlock wind generation** north of Perth and to **expand renewable generation**, enabling the shutdown of coal-fired power stations by 2030.
- \$337 million for the **Residential Battery Scheme** – ensuring tens of thousands of households can store renewable power and help secure WA's energy future.
- \$50 million to **support local battery manufacturing** and make batteries here in WA.

Achievements

The highly successful Containers for Change program has seen more than 3 billion containers diverted from landfill since its launch in 2020, and we are preparing to extend the scheme to wine and spirit bottles.

Since 2017, 6.5 million hectares of new national parks, marine parks and nature reserves have been created.

The \$350 million allocated to the Softwood Plantation Expansion Fund is continuing to be used to support the move to a more sustainable forest industry.

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