



## Delivering our Vision for the Peel

### The Cook Labor Government is delivering its vision for the Peel.

The 2025–26 Budget will see billions of dollars invested in our regions, driving economic growth, diversifying regional economies, and creating jobs for our future generations.

This funding investment is supporting the Cook Government’s priorities in jobs, health and housing. It is a commitment to Western Australians – that no matter if they live in our suburbs, regional centres, towns, or remote communities – they will have local job opportunities, and access to major services and infrastructure.

The Budget will keep costs down for WA families with funding to roll out the second wave of the WA Student Assistance Payment putting hundreds of dollars into the pockets of families of school-aged children, and household fees and charges kept affordable, with below inflation increases for a sixth consecutive year.

More than \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will also go towards projects which enhance regional communities, ensuring they remain exceptional places to live, work and raise a family.

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### Made in WA

- \$8.3 million to progress planning and negotiations to bring the **Freight Rail Network** back into Government hands.
- \$50 million **Battery Manufacturing Program** to support local businesses to make household batteries here in WA.
- \$20 million to expand the **Aboriginal Ranger Program**.

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### Supporting WA Families

- \$88.7 million in cost of living relief to families for school expenses, including \$250 for every secondary student and \$150 for every primary and kindergarten student, through the second round of the **Western Australian Student Assistance Payment**.
- \$25.7 million to deliver a further \$100 increase to the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card**, bringing the total card value to \$775 per year.
- \$152 million to introduce the Suburban Flat Fare that will **cap public transport fares** at the cost of a one-zone ticket for all public transport, including for commuters on the Mandurah rail line, as well as regional bus services including the Waroona Shopper.
- \$18 million to **halve TransWA fares**, including the Australind train and bus services connecting towns in regional WA.

- \$8 million for the **Country Week Assistance Program**, reducing travel and accommodation costs for families.
- \$337 million towards the **WA Residential Battery Scheme**, which combined with the Commonwealth scheme, provides Synergy customers with up to \$5,000 towards the cost of a household battery, plus households with incomes of less than \$210,000 per annum can access no-interest loans of up to \$10,000.
- \$3.5 billion over the next four years to keep **regional water and power** prices in line with metropolitan prices.

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## Ensuring Everyone Has a Home

- \$25 million over four years for the **Regional Housing Support Fund** which will provide grants of up to \$5 million to support new housing and land supply across regional WA, supporting regional subdivision and key worker and community housing projects.
- \$19.4 million through the **Housing Enabling Infrastructure Fund** to upgrade water and power infrastructure to enable the development of more residential housing lots in Mandurah, South Yunderup and Pinjarra.
- Delivering through Keystart, a **new low-deposit modular home loan** product to assist more people, particularly in regional WA, to purchase a modular home.

### Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- Increased **stamp duty** threshold for first homebuyers to \$500,000, with discounted rates applied to homes valued up to \$750,000 in regional WA.

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## Becoming the Healthiest State in the Nation

- \$18.5 million to increase the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme** (PATS) fuel subsidy from 26c per kilometre to 40c per kilometre.
- \$12.2 million towards the **Virtual Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Hub**, providing specialist mental healthcare for children and young people via telehealth.
- \$8.2 million to establish **GP ASK** to connect WA GP's to dedicated and experienced specialists without the need for patients to travel to a hospital.

### Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- \$152 million for the major redevelopment of the **Peel Health Campus**, after bringing it back into public hands.

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## Growing a Skilled Workforce

- \$43.3 million for the first tranche of funding to the **Cool the Schools program** that will deliver air conditioning upgrades at schools across the State including:
  - \$2.8 million to upgrade air conditioning at Pinjarra Primary School.
- \$200,000 to begin planning for a **future secondary school** in the Dawesville catchment area.

- \$30.3 million for the **School of Isolated and Distance Education** to support more students learning in regional Western Australia.
- \$15 million to boost **Before and After School Care** in schools.
- \$28 million to expand the **School Breakfast Program** to provide free breakfasts five days a week at more than 650 schools, including in the Peel region.
- \$10 million to establish a program to boost capacity in **public school canteens** through grants for canteen staff, equipment and minor facility upgrades.
- \$8.6 million to **expand fee-free TAFE in the regions** with an additional seven construction courses fee-free from 2026.
- \$100 million to **keep TAFE course fees unchanged** in 2026.
- \$11.6 million for another round of the **TAFE Modern Equipment program** to upgrade TAFE equipment across regional WA.

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## Transport and Infrastructure

- \$9.7 million to kickstart **infill sewerage for homes in Falcon** that will benefit the health of the estuary, as well as homeowners.
- \$3 million to **improve access to Forrest Highway from Austin Lakes** in South Yunderup, including upgrades to Shoales Bend and the intersection of Forrest Highway and Beacham Road.
- \$250 million to expand the **Regional Road Safety program** to include local government roads, delivering road safety treatments including sealing of road shoulders and the installation of audible lines, making more regional roads safer.
- \$8.5 million towards stage one of the **signalised pedestrian crossings** program, including on Mandurah Road, near Coodanup Drive in Dudley Park, to cater to students at Dudley Park Primary School.

### Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- \$148.8 million for the **Mandurah Estuary Bridge Duplication**.
- \$80 million for **two additional rail cars sets for the Australind**, bringing the total to four new rail cars sets, ensuring more services with a more comfortable commute.

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## Building Safer and Stronger Communities

- \$11.5 million to **expand the Safe at Home program** that supports victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to stay in their homes, including expanding the service to Mandurah.
- \$3 million to continue an uplift in baseline funding to **financial counselling services** across the State, including to the Mandurah–Peel Financial Counselling Service.
- \$15.6 million to redevelop accommodation at the WA Police Academy to provide free residential accommodation for **regional police recruits** during the six-month training period, with the option for them to be placed in their home policing districts for the first four to six years of their careers.
- \$6.7 million to support **DFES aerial fire response capability** and establish two Strike Teams to mitigate the threat of crop fires during the grain harvesting season.

- \$3.5 million for expansion of the **Community Emergency Services Manager** program with six new positions across regional WA, to help local governments deliver emergency management services.
- \$3.1 million towards a new **State Bushfire Mitigation Branch** to undertake mitigation works on Unallocated Crown Land and Unmanaged Reserves.

**Plus we are continuing to deliver:**

- \$1.3 million for upgrades to the **WA Police Mandurah District Complex**.

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## **Growing Regional Sport and Communities**

- \$93 million for the first tranche of funding to upgrade sport and recreation facilities across the State including:
  - \$20 million towards the new **Peel Netball Centre**, with the location to be developed in consultation with the community and Netball WA.
  - \$6 million towards additional multi use indoor courts at **Mandurah Aquatic Centre** to cater for basketball, volleyball, badminton and netball.
  - \$400,000 towards lighting and storage upgrades at **Merlin Street Reserve**, used by the Halls Head Football and Netball Club.
  - \$200,000 towards storage at **Peel Reserve Oval** to cater to the Halls Head Cricket Club and Mandurah City Football Club.
- \$800,000 towards new women's changerooms at **Waroona Football Club**.
- \$180,000 to improve women's facilities at **Sir Ross McLarty Oval in Pinjarra**.
- \$1.45 million towards a new pavillion at **Dwellingup Oval**, including women's changerooms.
- \$800,000 towards upgrades at **North Pinjarra park** including for the multi-use courts, play area and barbeques.
- \$750,000 towards upgrades at **Edenvale Heritage Precinct** including lighting and toilets.
- \$25.2 million to the **Regional Racing Fund** to upgrade infrastructure at regional racing clubs across the State including:
  - \$7.5 million for major facility upgrades at the **Pinjarra Race Club**.
  - \$2.2 million for upgrades to the **Pinjarra Harness Racing Club**.
- \$8.5 million to continue to implement the **Bindjareb-Djilba Protection Plan** for the Peel Harvey Estuary including a \$5 million community grants program to deliver nutrient reduction and river restoration projects.
- \$5 million for Stage One of the **Jarrahdale Trails Centre**, which will provide a new hub for the growing trails tourism industry in Serpentine- Jarrahdale.
- \$1.5 million to create a new walking and cycling path from Serpentine town to the **Serpentine National Park**.
- \$6 million to establish the **Boosting Women and Girls Participation in Sport** fund to encourage women and girls to get involved in community sport.
- \$4 million to establish the **Veterans Facilities fund** to help RSL and veterans organisations upgrade their local facilities and RSL clubs.