



## Delivering for the Kimberley

**The Cook Labor Government is delivering for the Kimberley, with the 2026-27 State Budget focused on real cost of living relief while funding the housing, health, infrastructure and jobs that regional communities rely on.**

The 2026-27 State Budget backs the Cook Labor Government's Seven Cities vision for regional Western Australia - a long-term plan to unlock the next wave of regional economic opportunities including in Broome.

Through the Budget, we're investing in the quality infrastructure and services needed to attract families, grow skilled local workforces and create quality local jobs - ensuring our Seven Cities can be everything they can be, and continue to be service delivery hubs for their regions.

The Budget will provide meaningful cost of living relief for Kimberley families with funding to roll out the third WA Student Assistance Payment and delivering the Fuel Support Payment, offering a \$100 payment to all Western Australians with a valid driver's licence.

More than \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will be invested across regional communities, and \$9.5 billion in regional infrastructure over the next four years, strengthening regional WA so it remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.

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### Delivering a Strong Economy and Local Jobs

- More than \$150 million for the **Made in WA Energy Affordability Investment Program**, backing manufacturers to lower energy costs
- \$113.5 million additional investment in **road maintenance across WA**, with \$3.6 billion total to be spent on regional roads over the next four years
- \$83.2 million to deliver Stage 1 of the **Great Northern Highway Fitzroy to Gogo flood resilience works**
- \$30 million increase to the **Investment Attraction Fund** for a second round of grants to support **new energy projects**
- \$30 million to maintain **power reliability in the West Kimberley**
- \$19.6 million to expand the **Group Training Organisation Wage Subsidy Program**, supporting construction businesses to hire more apprentices and trainees
- \$18 million for **Aboriginal tourism initiatives**
- \$13.1 million to extend the **Construction Visa Subsidy Program** and **Build a Life in WA** incentive, boosting the number of skilled tradespeople in our workforce
- Securing a strategic **fuel stockpile based in the East Kimberley**
- \$4.5 million for the **deferral of heavy vehicle fee increases**, supporting industry throughout the Great Southern

- \$1.4 million for the **Small Business Growth Grants** program

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- **Infrastructure upgrades** at the **Port of Wyndham** to enable First Point of Entry status
- Business case for **new cruise passenger facilities** at the Port of Broome

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## Real Cost of Living Relief for Kimberley Families

- \$198 million for the **\$100 Fuel Support Payment** for all Western Australians with a valid driver's licence
- \$124 million to continue **lower fee and Fee-Free TAFE** in 2027
- \$89.5 million to deliver a third round of the **Western Australian Student Assistance Payment**, providing Great Southern families with **\$150 for each primary and kindergarten student, and \$250 for each secondary school student**
- \$36.4 million to lock in **free public transport for students** travelling to and from school, including on Transbroome and Transkunurra services
- \$35 million to **increase energy concessions**, including the Energy Assistance Payment, Dependent Child Rebate and Air Conditioning Allowance
- \$33.7 million to lock in **free Sunday travel** on public transport, including on Transbroome services
- \$33.1 million contribution to the Fuel Excise Relief Program, **reducing fuel by 32 cents per litre**
- \$23.7 million boost to the **foster carer subsidy**
- \$16 million to extend the **Energy Ahead program**, helping those experiencing financial hardship to **improve energy efficiency** and **save on power bills**
- \$14.5 million to establish a new **Foster and Grand Carer Gold Card**, providing benefits including \$377 of energy bill relief this year
- \$14.2 million to **continue and expand Transbroome bus services**, including increasing frequency during the peak tourist season, and expanding services to Roebuck Estate, Broome North, more of Cable Beach, and Broome Airport
- \$13.5 million to **extend the WA Rent Relief Program**
- Ongoing support for the **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme**, saving regional residents hundreds of dollars on flights to Perth
- \$5.5 million for the **KidSport program**, providing **\$300 vouchers** for eligible kids to help with club fees
- \$3.8 million to further support the **Inter Regional Flight Network**, connecting **Broome, Karratha, Geraldton and Port Hedland**
- \$1.3 million to **support flights** between **Derby and Broome**, and **Kununurra, Balgo and Halls Creek**

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## Delivering Housing

- \$692 million for **regional specific housing initiatives** to boost housing and land supply, including:
  - \$419 million for more than **500 GROH and key government worker dwellings** through the **Seven Cities initiative**, including new houses, expansion of the GROH

Investor Program, and establishment of a revamped Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme including shared equity options. This includes **54 homes for regional frontline workers in Broome**

- \$50 million increase to the **Regional Housing Support Fund**, taking it to \$75 million for **local housing** and **residential subdivision projects**
- \$40.7 million to boost residential land supply in the Kimberley, with **111 new lots** to be developed at **Broome North**
- \$297 million for a housing tax package to **support first home buyers** and boost housing supply
- \$250 million First Home Buyer Commercial Financing Facility to provide **concessional loans for affordable housing projects**
- \$250 million for **Keystart's Pre-sale Guarantee**, helping developers meet pre sale thresholds for apartment projects with at least 30 per cent affordable dwellings
- \$127 million top up to the **Remote Communities Fund**, including \$82 million of additional housing investment in remote Aboriginal communities
- \$48 million to **manufacture modular housing and infrastructure in WA**, supporting **prefabricated homes for regional areas**

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- **The Water Lily Place Affordable Housing Project** in **Kununurra**, providing affordable one and two-bedroom homes for key workers

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## Investing in Regional Health

- \$492 million additional investment in **regional health and mental health**, including:
  - \$68.6 million funding for **WA Country Health Service**, including for **specialist health services**
  - \$48.6 million to continue **culturally appropriate** social and emotional **wellbeing support for Aboriginal people**
  - \$43.8 million investment in **community mental health** and alcohol and other drugs services.
  - \$16.2 million additional investment in the **Broome Renal Hostel**
  - \$3.7 million to expand the **Aboriginal Environmental Health Program**, including in the **Kimberley**
- \$214 million **increase to hospital maintenance** funding
- \$143 million additional investment for **medical equipment and imaging upgrades**
- \$43.8 million investment in **community mental health** and alcohol and other drugs services
- \$49.8 million for **Child Development Services**
- \$29.7 million to extend **suicide prevention initiatives**
- \$27.1 million to deliver the **free flu vaccination program** and the **RSV immunisation program**
- \$4.1 million to **train pharmacists** to diagnose, treat and prescribe everyday conditions, including in the Kimberley

## Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- Investment for the **Derby Wellness Centre**
- Funding to provide **remote clinic services** on the **Dampier Peninsula**
- Planning for a **West Kimberley Withdrawal facility**
- The **largest-ever expansion to the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**, including a 54 per cent boost to the fuel subsidy and expanding eligibility to cover more dental and allied health services

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## Supporting Regional Schools and Students

- \$310 million increase to **support students with disability** at public schools
- \$218.6 million **boost to school maintenance**, benefiting schools in the Kimberley
- \$15.7 million to **expand training and support** for staff working with students with disability
- \$7.7 million to **support swimming lessons** across the State, particularly in regional areas
- \$6.5 million to continue the **Kimberley Schools Project**
- \$5 million through the **Schools Clean Energy Technology Fund** to provide solar panels and LED lighting upgrades at public schools across WA
- \$2 million to extend the **Remote Schools Infrastructure Program**

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## Building Strong and Inclusive Communities

- \$421 million for child protection services plus \$52.4 million additional **support for foster and grandcarers**
- \$361 million for **Foundational Supports - Thriving Kids services over the next five years**, to provide support for children aged 8 and under with developmental delays or autism
- \$91 million funding boost for **new and continuing homelessness services**
- \$61.4 million to continue the **Target 120 early intervention program**, including in **Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Kununurra and Halls Creek**
- \$60.7 million for **road safety community awareness campaigns** and **school education** programs
- \$45 million boost for **refuges and safe houses** across the state
- \$41 million to extend the **Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy**, helping reduce youth crime and supporting at-risk youth in the Kimberley
- \$36.1 million to continue the **Driving Access and Equity Program**, helping disadvantaged learner drivers to get their licence
- \$31.2 million for **fire and emergency fleet replacement**
- \$29.5 million **boost for Home Stretch**, supporting young people leaving care
- \$24.2 million to continue **Operation Regional Shield**, boosting police resources when they're needed in the Kimberley
- \$20.3 million for **at-risk youth services** around the State
- \$3.9 million for the **Target 120 Plus program** in **Broome**

- \$2.7 million to **reseal the main runway at Kalumburu Airport**
- \$1.5 million to continue the **safeSPACE program**, including in **Kununurra**

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- An **expanded Safe at Home program**, supporting victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to stay in their homes, including in **Broome**
- The **Fitzroy Crossing Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Complex**
- Funding to establish the **Kununurra Night Space**
- A new **playground and waterpark in Halls Creek**
- The **Marra Worra Worra Night Place** in **Fitzroy Crossing** for a **Youth Hub**
- Upgrades at **Broome Turf Club** and **Kununurra Race Club**
- Funding for the **Janyba Centre for Culture, Story and Arts**

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## Protecting and Restoring our Environment

- \$52.9 million to establish the **Regional Water Source Fund** for planning and investigation in regional WA
- \$24.7 million for **biosecurity** and **animal disease preparedness**
- \$8.5 million towards the **Fisheries Support Package**, including funding for an **enhanced science program** and **FishCatchWA app upgrades**
- \$5 million for the **Garaan-ngaddim Horizontal Falls tourism transition project**
- \$2.5 million to strengthen **climate resilience planning**

Plus we are continuing to deliver:

- Support for **community-led conservation efforts** through our Community Stewardship Grants
- The **Aboriginal Ranger Program**, creating ranger jobs and caring for land and sea Country