

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to Regional WA, and is getting on with the job of delivering on its commitments to Albany.

The State Budget includes \$4.0 billion in Royalties for Regions expenditure across the State, and will deliver on the things that really matter to the people of Albany.



CREATING LOCAL JOBS

Diversify our economy and creating local jobs in Albany.

- \$19.5m invested in the Albany Renewable Energy Project, to ensure its future as a renewable energy city.
- Boosting tourism funding to showcase our regional destinations.
- \$250,000 to commence planning for important upgrades to the Bremer Bay Boat Harbour.
- \$40m investment in regional telecommunications to improve access to services.
- \$4.5m dedicated for regional new and emerging businesses as part of the New Industries Fund.
- \$27.9m boost to tourism funding to showcase our regional destinations.



PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

Delivering quality health care to the people of Albany.

- \$360,000 to fund a 2-year trial of Ice Breaker Program to provide support to people moving from methamphetamine dependence into recovery.
- Getting on with delivering WA's first Medihotel to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from Albany who are required to travel to Perth for treatment.
- Investing \$1.6m to expand the Find Cancer Early Program into more regional areas.
- \$5.1m to expand the renal dialysis program.
- \$147.4m for the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme to support regional people when they are required to travel for treatment.



INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Investing in our schools, so every student receives a quality education.

- \$2.5m to replace transportables with permanent facilities at Flinders Park Primary School.
- \$3m towards upgrade of Mount Lockyer Primary School.
- Put Education Assistants back into the classroom and provide more support for teachers.
- Employ an additional 50 Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers in regional WA.
- Roll out the science program in regional primary schools.



SAFER COUNTRY ROADS

Improving road safety in regional Western Australia and delivering key road projects for Albany.

- \$35m towards the completion of the Albany Ring Road.
- \$30m towards the upgrade of the South Coast Highway.
- \$18.5m for the Regional Enforcement Unit to increase traffic enforcement on country roads.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Investing in services to support the Albany community.

- \$1m to the Albany Oyster Reef Restoration Project.
- \$6.92m for development of the Centennial Park Sporting and Event Precinct.
- \$5.75m contribution to the Albany Motorplex Development.
- \$250,000 contribution towards a feasibility study into the development of an artificial surfing reef.
- \$136m for the country aged pension fuel card and \$4m for the volunteer fuel card.
- \$14.6m Natural Resource Management Program to work with local communities to protect the environment.

DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to all of our election commitments in the Regions. Planning has commenced for a number of projects not included as part of the 2017-18 Budget. Funding for these projects will be announced in subsequent budgets.