

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

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 the Goldfields.



## CREATING LOCAL JOBS

Diversify our economy and creating local jobs in the Goldfields.

- Commence a feasibility study for a Major Solar Project in the Goldfields to secure the Goldfields as a renewable energy centre in the future.
- \$20m over five years to establish the Aboriginal Ranger Program.
- \$1.6m to develop a new visitor centre for Norseman.
- \$27.9m boost to tourism funding to showcase our regional destinations.
- \$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.
- \$20m for the Exploration Incentive Scheme to support further mining activity.



## PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

Delivering quality health care to the people of the Goldfields.

- \$7.3m for a Step Up/Step Down mental health facility in Kalgoorlie.
- Getting on with delivering WA's first Medihotel to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from the Goldfields who are required to travel to Perth for treatment.
- Investing \$1.6m to expand the Find Cancer Early Program into more regional areas.
- \$1.9m to fund meet and greet services for people from remote communities travelling for treatment.
- \$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.



## SAFER COUNTRY ROADS

Delivering our commitment to create safer country roads.

- \$14m to dual Great Eastern Highway between Anzac Drive and Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- \$8m towards improvements on the Coolgardie Esperance Highway.
- \$6.6m toward sealing priority sections of Outback Way.
- \$18.5m for the Regional Enforcement Unit to increase traffic enforcement on country roads.



## INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

- 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.
- Appoint Independent Learning Coordinators (ILCs) in 10 regional schools to assist students undertaking courses through the School of Isolated and Distance Education.
- Establish a regional Learning Specialist team in the curriculum areas of science, social science, mathematics and English to support students and ILCs.
- Roll out the science in schools program in regional primary schools.



## SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Investing in services to support the Goldfields community.

- Contribute \$300,000 towards the establishment of an Arts and Cultural Trail across the Goldfields Esperance region.
- \$2.6m for the Laverton Community Hub.
- \$112m for essential services to remote communities.
- \$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.