

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.