

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

The State Budget includes \$4.0 billion in Royalties for Regions expenditure across the State, and in the Kimberley alone the Government will spend \$238m over the next four years on critical infrastructure projects.



## CREATING LOCAL JOBS

Diversify our economy and creating local jobs in the Kimberley.

- \$20m over five years to establish the Aboriginal Ranger Program, to provide jobs looking after WA State Parks and Indigenous Protected Areas.
- \$9.7m for upgrades of boating facilities at Entrance Point and Town Beach.
- \$1m to commence planning for a Broome Boat Harbour.
- \$62m to complete the upgrades to the Cape Leveque Road.
- Fund a 12-month trial of subsidised air services between Derby and Perth.
- \$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.
- \$40m investment in regional telecommunications to improve access to services.



## PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

Delivering quality health care to the people of the Kimberley.

- \$2.8m additional funding for the Ear Bus program to provide ear screening services for children in the Kimberley.
- \$1.9m to fund meet and greet services for people from remote communities travelling for treatment.
- \$200,000 to commence planning additional drug and alcohol services in the Kimberley.
- Getting on with delivering WA's first Medihotel to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from the Kimberley 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.



## SAFER COUNTRY ROADS

Delivering our commitment to create safer country roads.

- \$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 including Broome and Kununurra 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 program in regional primary schools.



## SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Investing in services to support the Kimberley community.

- \$18.2m to build the Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation in Broome.
- \$14m for new swimming pools at Balgo and Kalumburu.
- \$1.94m towards Broome Multipurpose outdoor courts.
- \$590,000 for a water playground in Kununurra.
- \$400,000 funding for the documentation and teaching of native languages.
- \$1m towards the establishment of a park and reserve network encompassing the fringing coral reefs of the Kimberley's Buccaneer Archipelago.
- \$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.