

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 Earbus 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 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 2017/2018 Budget. Funding for these projects will be announced in subsequent budgets.