Kimberley Recovery Plan

The Kimberley Recovery Plan is part of the next step in our COVID-19 journey. It’s part of WA’s $5.5 billion overarching State plan, focused on building infrastructure, economic, health and social outcomes.

The Kimberley Recovery Plan will deliver a pipeline of jobs in sectors including construction, manufacturing, tourism and hospitality, renewable energy, education and training, agriculture, conservation and mining.

WA’s recovery is a joint effort, it’s about Government working with industry together. We managed the pandemic together as a community. Together, we will recover.

Investing in our Schools and Rebuilding our TAFE Sector

• $3 million to Wyndham District High School to rebuild the Early Childhood Education Centre
• $10 million to North Regional TAFE’s Broome Campus for a new Hospitality and Student Services Centre, to expand training in hospitality and tourism with a particular focus on supporting Aboriginal businesses
• $6 million to North Regional TAFE’s Kununurra Campus for a new Health and Hospitality Trade Training Centre, to deliver specialist training facilities for NDIS related courses and hospitality training
• $25 million for free TAFE short courses to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available at North Regional TAFE’s Broome, Kununurra, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Wyndham campuses
• $32 million to expand the Lower Fees, Local Skills program and significantly reduce TAFE fees across 39 high priority courses
• $4.8 million for the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Re-engagement Incentive that provides employers with a one-off payment of $6,000 for hiring an apprentice and $3,000 for hiring a trainee, whose training contract was terminated on, or after, March 1, 2020 due to the economic downturn

Driving Investment in Renewable Energy and New Technologies

• Delivering Battery Energy Storage Systems to allow more customers to install rooftop solar systems and reduce their power bills – including $10.3 million for Broome and $1.7 million for Yungngora
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- $9.92 million for Horizon Power to deploy **standalone power systems** that use solar and battery technology to generate and store electricity, making power safer and more reliable for regional customers, including four systems being installed across the Kimberley
- $5.21 million to invest in **renewable energy projects across Derby** including installing solar PV systems on council buildings, replacing street lights with energy efficient LED’s and a large-scale solar panel and battery at Derby Health Campus
- $3.81 million to **upgrade electricity infrastructure** making it safer and more reliable, in remote communities including Joy Springs, Loanbun, Karnparrmi, Gillarong, Emu Creek, Mud Springs, Bell Springs, Munthanmar and Koongie Park
- $10 million towards the **Clean Energy Future Fund** to invest in clean energy technologies

**Investing in Industry across the Kimberley**

- $2.96 million to **relocate Horizon Power’s Customer Experience Centre** from Melbourne to Broome, creating 10 local jobs
- **Upgrades at Broome Port** including $1.2 million to upgrade the underdeck access system and $1.8 million for protective coating on the wharf extension
- $116 million for the **Regional Land Booster Package** that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Broome, Kununurra and Halls Creek and industrial lots in Broome and Kununurra
- $8.3 million to grow the value of the northern beef industry through the **Northern Beef Development program**, which will support productivity improvements across pastoral land and the northern cattle herd, and increase Aboriginal capacity and job opportunities
- Implementing the revamped **WA Buy Local Policy 2020** to ensure State Government agencies prioritise local businesses based in the regional location in which works or services are being delivered

**Driving Tourism in the Kimberley**

- $3 million to construct the **Broome Town Beach Jetty** allowing pedestrian, fishing and small boat access and allowing community members and tourists to access the Roebuck Bay foreshore
- $6 million for the Regional Aviation Recovery program to ensure **affordable airfares** for residents and tourists including between Perth & Broome and Perth & Kununurra, to stimulate visitation between July and October 2020
- Investing in **Camping with Custodian camp grounds on the Dampier Peninsula** including $1.64 million for a new camp ground at Djarindjin and $2.2 million to upgrade two existing camp grounds, with locations to be determined in consultation with local Aboriginal communities
- $1 million for **upgrades to visitor facilities** in national parks across the Kimberley including buildings, trails, camp sites and roads
- $400,000 towards upgrades at the heritage-listed **Beagle Bay church**, a tourist attraction on the Dampier Peninsula
- $250,000 to upgrade the access road at **Bells Gorge** in the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges
- $150,000 to work with Bunuba Traditional Owners for new Aboriginal interpretation at **Danggu Geikie Gorge National Park** day use area
- $250,000 to upgrade sections of Spring Creek four-wheel drive track in **Purnululu National Park**
Building Infrastructure across the Kimberley

- $3.2 million for a water playground at the Kununurra Leisure Centre
- $20 million for the construction of a 70 bed Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility in Kununurra, providing temporary accommodation for Aboriginal people visiting Kununurra
- Up to $9.7 million to irrigate Broome’s public open spaces with recycled wastewater, reducing water usage in the region
- $38.9 million to upgrade water and wastewater infrastructure in remote Aboriginal communities including Ardyaloon, Djarindjin, Lombadina and Beagle Bay
- $1.63 million towards maintenance and infrastructure upgrades in remote Aboriginal communities including Nulleywah, Mirima, Morrell Park and on the Dampier Peninsula
- $12 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade 100 kilometres of Kimberley roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 55 local jobs
- Fast-track the Great Northern Highway Ord River North Stage 3 and 4 with construction to commence in March 2021
- $1.5 million to upgrade Derby Police Station and $500,000 for upgrades and maintenance at Kununurra Police Station
- $8.5 million for air conditioning upgrades at Kimberley Police Stations including Looma, Dampier Peninsula and Bidyadanga
- $2.01 million towards the Police radio network at locations converting from analogue to digital including across the Kimberley
- $15 million to boost bushfire mitigation works on unmanaged crown land and reserves land across regional WA to help keep regional communities safer
- $80 million for targeted maintenance programs for regional social, remote and government workers housing properties, including approximately 700 homes in the Kimberley
- $141.7 million to refurbish social housing across WA’s ageing housing stock, including approximately 75 homes in the Kimberley
- $97 million to build new social housing including around 10 to 20 properties in the Kimberley

Putting Patients First

- $7.98 million towards the planning and development of the Broome Health and Wellbeing Campus, a Nyamba Buru Yawuru project
- $9.77 million for Aboriginal regional suicide prevention plans in each region of WA, prioritising Aboriginal-led and locally endorsed initiatives that accommodate a culturally informed social and emotional wellbeing approach to suicide prevention
- $18.8 million towards operating costs at regional renal hostels including a new service in Broome and services in Fitzroy Crossing, Derby and Kununurra
- $1.85 million for upgrades to alcohol and other drug facilities in regional WA, including sobering up centres in Wyndham, Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing
- Establish a regional deployment pool of metropolitan clinical staff that can be deployed at short notice to regional locations across WA to support healthcare delivery

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Supporting our Communities

• $2.6 million to extend the Kimberley Family Violence Service trial for a further two years
• $8.6 million of funding for additional outreach workers across WA, including two based in the Kimberley to provide support to women and children experiencing or at further risk of family and domestic violence
• $6.7 million to bolster the State’s family and domestic violence response teams, including two additional community sector team members in the Kimberley, one based in Broome and another in Kununurra, to support victims of family and domestic violence after a police call-out
• $1.1 million over two years for counselling, advocacy and support services across WA, including Kalumburu Family Safety and Youth Service
• $4.2 million to continue the Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development and Jawun Partnership programs to help increase economic participation of Aboriginal people in regional WA
• $1.5 million to deliver financial counselling services in the regions

Immediate Response

As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, the McGowan Government was quick to announce $2.77 billion in relief and stimulus measures to protect Western Australians across the State and support the economy.

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