



Goldfields-Esperance Recovery Plan

The Goldfields-Esperance 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 Goldfields-Esperance 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

- \$500,000 to Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School for a refurbishment of the Performing Arts area
- \$10 million to Central Regional TAFE's Kalgoorlie campus for a new Heavy Plant and Engineering Trades Workshop, to expand training for mechanic and engineering trades, tailored to support resource sector needs
- \$25 million for free TAFE short courses to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available at Central Regional TAFE's Kalgoorlie campus
- \$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

- \$4 million towards transforming up to 10 schools into smart Virtual Power Plants, including Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School
- \$16.6 million towards the delivery of a new power station for Esperance

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- \$600,000 to install a Battery Energy System in Menzies to improve grid capacity and enable more customers to install solar panels
- \$3.81 million to upgrade electricity infrastructure in communities across regional WA including Menzies, making it safer and more reliable
- \$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 39 systems across the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$6 million for the installation of rooftop solar PV on social housing including some properties in the Goldfields-Esperance region, meaning lower power bills for residents
- \$10 million towards the Clean Energy Future Fund to invest in clean energy technologies

Investing in Industry across the Goldfields-Esperance Region

- \$10.2 million towards projects at Esperance Port to help expand port capacity and increase safety
- \$7 million to expand the capacity of the Joe Lord Core Library in Kalgoorlie that stores core samples that contain valuable geoscientific information for exploration companies and others seeking new mineral discoveries
- An additional \$5 million to the Exploration Incentive Scheme in 2020-21 to help accelerate exploration investment across WA and the Goldfields
- \$116 million for the Regional Land Booster Package that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Norseman, Esperance, Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe and industrial lots in Kambalda and Ravensthorpe
- \$5 million to improve and increase roadside vegetation across the agricultural region to offset the impacts of roadworks aimed at making our roads safer
- 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 Goldfields-Esperance Region

- \$3 million for regional aviation support to ensure a minimum level of service to regional locations including Laverton and Leonora
- \$700,000 for upgrades to visitor facilities in national parks across the Goldfields-Esperance region including buildings, trails, camps sites and roads
- \$150,000 to upgrade the access road to Dunn Rocks in Cape Le Grand National Park near Esperance
- \$400,000 to upgrade visitor facilities at Credo Station, Rowles Lagoon, Goongarrie National Park, Stokes National Park, Cape Le Grand National Park, Cape Arid National Park and Esperance Lakes Nature Reserves

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Building Infrastructure across the Goldfields-Esperance Region

- \$5 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade 275 kilometres of Goldfields-Esperance roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 25 local jobs
- \$1.5 million for upgrades at Laverton Police Station
- \$2.01 million towards WA's Police radio network at locations converting from analogue to digital including across the Goldfields
- \$13 million for urgent minor works and upgrades at Volunteer Emergency Services stations and units across the State, including \$400,000 for the Eucla Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services unit
- \$2 million to provide water tanks to volunteer bushfire brigades across the State
- \$80 million for targeted maintenance programs for regional social, remote and government workers housing properties, including approximately 100 homes in the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$141.7 million to refurbish social housing across WA's ageing housing stock, including approximately 30 homes in the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$97 million to build new social housing including around 5 to 10 properties in the Goldfields-Esperance region

Putting Patients First

- \$18.8 million towards running regional renal hostels including a new service in Kalgoorlie
- \$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
- 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

Supporting our Communities

- \$8.6 million of funding for additional outreach workers across WA, including two workers based in the Goldfields-Esperance region, 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 one additional community sector team member in the Goldfields-Esperance region, to support victims of family and domestic violence after a police call-out
- \$4.2 million to continue the Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development program to help increase economic participation of Aboriginal people in regional WA
- \$1.5 million to deliver financial counselling services in the regions

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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.

**\$2.77
billion**



\$942.8 million
Support for WA
businesses



\$556 million
Reduce or freeze
household fees and
charges and assist with
energy payments



\$456 million
Boosting
WA housing
construction and
Keystart



\$487 million
Health and
frontline service
delivery



\$159 million
Relief for crisis
care organisations
and not-for-profit
sports, arts and
community groups



\$91.2 million
Police resourcing
package



\$14.4 million
Tourism industry
grants



\$30 million
Residential rent
support



\$30.6 million
Payments
to maintain
apprentices and
trainees

