



Great Southern Recovery Plan

The Great Southern 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 Great Southern 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

- \$6.3 million for a new Performing Arts centre at Albany Senior High School
- \$1.1 million for refurbishments at North Albany Senior High School including the visual arts area and specialist subject classrooms
- \$17 million to South Regional TAFE's Albany campus for new trade workshops, delivering training in the automotive, engineering and construction industries
- \$25 million for free TAFE short courses to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available at South Regional TAFE's Albany, Denmark, Katanning and Mount Barker 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 Tourism in the Great Southern

- \$1.1 million towards projects to complete the Middleton Beach Foreshore upgrade including upgrading the northern landscape corridor which will deliver extra car parks, upgrading the Ellen Cove Amphitheatre and constructing a link between the boardwalk and jetty

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- \$12.78 million to establish trail towns and centres to service existing and new trails in the Great Southern region including the realignment of Munda Biddi Trail through William Bay National Park to Denmark, new trails in the Valley of the Giants to Walpole, new and upgraded trails in Torndirrup National Park and new and upgraded trails at Castle Rock in the Porongurup National Park
- \$2.24 million to renew walk and cycle trails to encourage people to visit parks in the Great Southern region, including existing trails in the Torndirrup, Porongurup, Walpole-Nornalup and Mount Frankland national parks
- \$1.19 million for upgrades on the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail including renewing camp sites, bridges and sections of the track in the Great Southern region
- \$1.56 million for new and upgraded visitor facilities in national parks across the Great Southern region, including resealing Coalmine Beach Road in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park, an overflow carpark at the Granite Skywalk at Castle Rock in the Porongurup National Park, and a new toilet at Ledge Beach in Gull Rock National Park
- \$400,000 for land servicing and lighting upgrades at Toll Place on the Albany Waterfront
- \$3 million for regional aviation support to ensure a minimum level of service to regional locations including Albany

Investing in Industry across the Great Southern Region

- Launch a feasibility study into the local manufacturing of wind farm components
- \$116 million for the Regional Land Booster Package that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Borden, Broomehill, Cranbrook, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Mount Barker, Nyabing, Rocky Gully and Woodanilling and industrial land in Borden, Denmark, Jerramungup and Middleton Beach
- \$1.5 million towards a Katanning Sheep Feed Efficiency Facility to research feed efficiency and methane production in sheep
- \$700,000 to increase the production capacity of the Albany Shellfish Hatchery
- \$6 million to continue delivering the Food Industry Innovation program to support regional value-added food and beverage businesses and promote collaboration across the supply chain
- \$8.1 million to continue the eConnected Grainbelt program that underpins essential digital information and weather data supplied to WA's primary industries and emergency services and to maintain 187 automated weather stations
- \$8 million to the Offsets Funds for Recovery program that creates green jobs by supporting conservation groups to carry out on-ground works such as fencing, seeding and planting across regional WA including the Great Southern
- \$5 million to improve and increase roadside vegetation across the agricultural region to offset the impacts of roadworks aimed at making our roads safer
- \$25 million towards the Healthy Estuaries WA program that will work towards improving the health of at-risk regional estuaries including on the South Coast, providing a number of local green jobs
- \$10 million towards the Clean Energy Future Fund to invest in clean energy technologies

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- 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

Building Infrastructure across the Great Southern Region

- Fast-track construction of the Albany Ring Road, construction to commence in September 2020, two months early
- \$14 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade 155 kilometres of Great Southern roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 80 local jobs
- \$1.5 million to upgrade Katanning Police Station
- \$80 million for targeted maintenance programs for regional social, remote and government workers housing properties, including approximately 200 homes in the Great Southern region
- \$141.7 million to refurbish social housing across WA's ageing housing stock, including approximately 30 homes in the Great Southern region
- \$97 million to build new social housing across WA including around 5 to 10 properties in the Great Southern region
- \$6 million for installation of rooftop solar PV on social housing including some properties in the Great Southern region, meaning lower power bills for residents
- \$13 million for urgent minor works and upgrades at Volunteer Emergency Services stations and units across the State, including \$3 million for Albany State Emergency Service and \$10,000 for Torbay Bush Fire Brigade
- \$2 million to provide water tanks to volunteer bushfire brigades across the State

Putting Patients First

- \$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
- \$3.2 million to continue the Regional Men's Health Initiative that focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of men in rural WA including in the Great Southern

Supporting our Communities

- \$8.6 million of funding for additional outreach workers across WA, including two workers based in the Great Southern 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 Great Southern region, 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 three services in the Great Southern region
- \$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 regional WA

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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
Boost 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

