



Mid West Recovery Plan

The Mid West 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 Mid West 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

- \$400,000 for upgrades to classrooms at Allendale Primary School
- \$400,000 for upgrades to classrooms and student areas at Rangeway Primary School
- \$200,000 for upgrades to classrooms and student areas at Bluff Point Primary School
- \$100,000 for upgrades to classrooms and student areas at Geraldton Primary School
- \$2 million to Central Regional TAFE's Geraldton Campus to create more specialised art spaces for fashion design, jewellery making, multimedia and digital technologies
- \$4 million to upgrade maritime training vessels at TAFE's including Central Regional TAFE's Geraldton Campus to ensure safety and training using modern maritime facilities to deliver industry relevant training programs in maritime operations, fishing operations, boating services, tourism and Coxswains
- \$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 Geraldton 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, 1 March 2020 due to the economic downturn

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Driving Investment in Renewable Energy and New Technologies

- Installing Battery Energy Storage Systems to increase grid capacity and allow more customers to install rooftop solar systems and reduce their power bills, including \$1.7 million for Wiluna and \$600,000 for Yalgoo
- \$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 approximately seven systems being installed across the Mid West
- \$3.81 million to upgrade electricity infrastructure in remote communities across WA including Buttah Windee, making it safer and more reliable
- \$10 million towards the Clean Energy Future Fund to invest in clean energy technologies

Driving Tourism in the Mid West Region

- \$3 million towards the construction of two new fast speed ferry jetties for passenger and commercial boats including supporting new marine tourism ventures and tourism developments at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands
- \$1.58 million for upgrades to Geraldton Fishing Boat Harbour including upgrades to walkways, visitor facilities, fuel bowsers and street lights
- \$6 million for the Regional Aviation Recovery program to ensure affordable airfares for residents and tourists including between Perth and the Mid West to stimulate visitation between July and October 2020
- \$3 million for regional aviation support to ensure a minimum level of service to regional locations including Mount Magnet, Wiluna and Meekatharra
- \$450,000 for upgrades to visitor facilities in national parks across the Geraldton and Murchison areas, including upgrades to the access road at Thundelarra Homestead and providing disabled access toilets in Karara Rangelands Park
- \$50,000 for line markings on the Kalbarri Skywalk access road to guide overseas visitors to have a safe visit to Kalbarri National Park

Investing in Industry across the Mid West Region

- \$10 million for Geraldton Port's Wharf 4 Strengthening and Rail Replacement project, that will upgrade a key piece of infrastructure and pave the way for long-term growth in mineral sands exports
- Funding to fast-track the design and construction of the Geraldton Marine Finfish Nursery and increase its production capability
- \$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
- An additional \$5 million to the Exploration Incentive Scheme in 2020-21 to help accelerate exploration investment across WA and the Mid West
- \$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 Mid West

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- \$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

Building Infrastructure across the Mid West Region

- \$18 million for the construction of a 75 bed Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility in Geraldton, providing temporary accommodation for Aboriginal people visiting Geraldton
- \$810,000 for upgrades at Dongara Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
- \$2 million to provide water tanks to volunteer bushfire brigades across WA
- \$8 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade 76 kilometres of Mid West roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 50 local jobs
- \$80 million for targeted maintenance programs for regional social, remote and government workers housing properties, including approximately 100 homes across the Gascoyne and Mid West regions
- \$141.7 million to refurbish social housing across WA's ageing housing stock, including approximately 80 homes in the Gascoyne and Mid West regions
- \$97 million to build new social housing including properties in the Gascoyne and Mid West regions

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 Mid West

Supporting our Communities

- \$8.6 million of funding for additional outreach workers across WA, including two workers based in the Mid West 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 Mid West 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 a service in Meekatharra and in Geraldton
- \$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 across 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 to
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