

Kalgoorlie – Boulder

Creating jobs and opportunities
Delivering services for the
Goldfields–Esperance region





Seven Cities Kalgoorlie-Boulder

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

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Seven Cities is about ensuring each of the seven **major regional centres** outside of Perth can be **everything they can be.**

Delivering quality services to communities across the State.

And ensuring **Western Australia** remains the **strongest economy** in the nation for generations to come.



Seven Cities is my vision for regional WA

Western Australia is the strongest economy in the nation and our regions have been central to our economic success.

As Western Australians, our regions also tell us who we are and where we've come from.

But our regions are also central to our future – whether we live in Perth, one of the seven regional cities outside of Perth or in the smaller communities these centres serve.

Across the State, traditional industries like mining, agriculture and tourism will continue to thrive.

But the new wave of economic opportunities are immense.

This includes becoming a renewable energy powerhouse, and making more things here.

These new industries will benefit all Western Australians, and continue to drive the national economy.

But they will all take place in our regions and be driven by the seven regional cities outside of Perth.

To seize these opportunities for all Western Australians, these seven cities must have the infrastructure, services and skilled local workers industry will need.

They must be great places to live and work, with thriving communities that attract people to our regions – and make them want to stay.

And they must have the capacity to service the needs of the smaller communities that surround them.





Our Seven Cities vision will prioritise housing, but it will also deliver investments in health, education and community safety, as well as the energy, water, transport and industrial infrastructure necessary to make our new economic opportunities a reality.

Seven Cities is about ensuring each of our seven regional centres can be everything they can be, ensuring Western Australia remains the strongest economy in the nation for generations to come.

And the best place in the world to get a quality job, no matter where in the State we live.

Roger Cook MLA
Premier of Western Australia



A strong regional hub for the Goldfields–Esperance region

Kalgoorlie–Boulder has been central to Western Australia’s prosperity for more than 130 years.

Located in the heart of the Goldfields–Esperance region, it is the outback town where WA’s mining story began.

Its historic streetscapes, strong community spirit, and deep connection to the resources industry make Kalgoorlie–Boulder a great place to raise a family and get a quality job.

Importantly, it is a regional hub which supports the economic opportunities and social wellbeing of surrounding communities.

These include Esperance and Ravensthorpe in the south, the mining centres of Coolgardie and Kambalda, and the communities of Leonora, Laverton, and Wiluna.

As one of WA’s Seven Cities, Kalgoorlie–Boulder’s future will be built on its existing strengths and a new wave of emerging opportunities.

These include becoming a renewable energy powerhouse, adding value to our traditional industries like mining and agriculture, and making more things here.

Kalgoorlie is defined by its historic streetscapes and a welcoming and hardworking community.



For Kalgoorlie-Boulder specifically, these opportunities include critical minerals processing, unlocking strategic industrial land, and a modernising freight network.

To grow these industries and retain the local workforce they depend on, we're providing additional support with a renewed investment in water, energy, and housing.

As part of the Cook Government's Seven Cities vision, Kalgoorlie-Boulder will continue to play a vital role in strengthening regional Western Australia, ensuring we continue to diversify the WA economy so that it remains the strongest in the nation.

Stephen Dawson MLC
Minister for Regional
Development

David Michael MLA
Minister for Goldfields-
Esperance

Ali Kent MLA
Member for
Kalgoorlie



Budget highlights

The 2026-27 State Budget continues our support for WA families. Making investments to grow our economy, make more things here, and deliver on our priorities of jobs, health and housing.

This year's budget builds on our past commitments by investing in the services and infrastructure that regional WA needs.

Key investments for Kalgoorlie-Boulder include:

- **\$150 million** for the Vanadium Battery Energy Storage System near Kalgoorlie to enhance reliability and support the region's renewable energy future.
- **Seven Cities GROH Build**
 - The delivery of 113 new homes for frontline workers in Kalgoorlie-Boulder as a part of a statewide build of more than 500 Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) homes, delivered in partnership with Rio Tinto, BHP and Hancock Prospecting. Delivered alongside a revamped Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme (HOSS), which will include shared equity to encourage government workers to purchase homes in the communities they work in.
- **Regional Housing Support Fund** – \$50 million top-up to the Regional Housing Support Fund, increasing the fund's value to \$75 million.
- **WA Country Health Service**
 - \$68.6 million for additional funding to the WA Country Health Service.
- **Target 120** – \$61.4 million to continue the Target 120 early intervention program, including in Kalgoorlie.
- **Regional Airfare Zone Cap**
 - Ongoing support for the Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme amid increasing fuel costs.
- **Fuel Support Payment** – \$198 million to offer a \$100 payment to all Western Australians with a valid driver's licence.
- **Third round of Student Assistance Payments** – \$90 million will be invested to deliver a third round of the Western Australian Student Assistance Payment.

Economic and industry profile

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is the economic powerhouse of the Goldfields-Esperance region, and one of the most significant resource centres in the world.

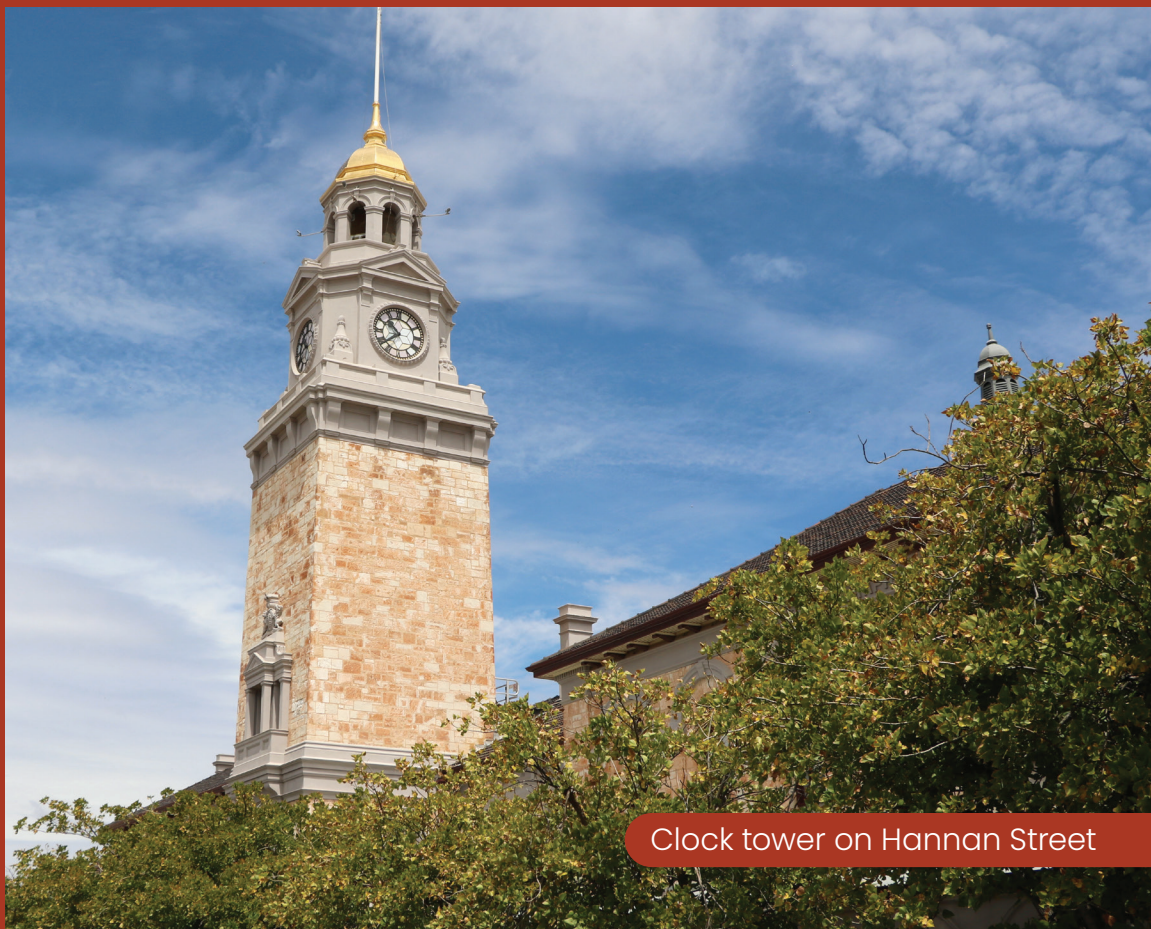
The Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Goldfields economic zone produces \$14.765 billion in annual economic output, anchored by a globally significant mining sector that contributes more than \$28 billion to the regional economy each year.

Beyond the resource industry, the economy is supported by

construction, transport and logistics, retail, healthcare, education and government services. Esperance, in the south of the region, anchors a significant agricultural economy producing grain, livestock and seafood, while Leonora, Laverton and Wiluna support mining operations extending deep into the northern Goldfields.

This is an economy of national significance, and Kalgoorlie-Boulder is at the heart of this success.





Clock tower on Hannan Street

Key economic facts:

Gross Regional Product (Kalgoorlie): **\$5.367 billion**

Regional GRP (Goldfields-Esperance): **\$14.765 billion**

Jobs (Kalgoorlie): **14,741**

Jobs (Goldfields-Esperance): **37,696**

Population (Kalgoorlie): **31,016**

Population (Goldfields-Esperance): **58,646**



Emerging opportunities

Kalgoorlie–Boulder and the Goldfields–Esperance region are at the forefront of Western Australia’s next wave of economic growth. Emerging opportunities include:

Critical minerals processing, with the Lynas Rare Earths Processing Facility, Australia’s first and the largest outside China, now operational in Kalgoorlie–Boulder. The facility processes rare earth concentrate from the Mt Weld mine near Laverton, creating around 115 direct jobs and establishing a new industry for the region.

Strategic industrial land activation, with the 696-hectare Mungari Strategic Industrial Area targeted at downstream processing coupled with the development of industrial land at Lot 505 and the new Yilkari

Industrial Park delivering serviced industrial lots for mining services, manufacturing and logistics.

Renewable energy and battery manufacturing, including a commitment to a \$150 million vanadium flow battery to reinforce energy security and support the State’s emerging vanadium mining and processing industry.

Exploration Incentive Scheme, including an \$8.9 million funding boost to encourage mining exploration across the State, supporting responsible resource discovery in the Goldfields–Esperance region while maintaining environmental standards.



Super Pit Gold Mine

Supply chain and freight modernisation, through advancing sealing the Great Central Road (Outback Way), improving road infrastructure across the region and exploring options to improve freight logistics and intermodal connectivity as part of the Kalgoorlie Rail Realignment Project. Kalgoorlie-Boulder is positioned as a national freight hub at the junction of east-west and north-south rail corridors, strengthened by access to the Port of Esperance.

Tertiary education and training, building workforce capability in critical minerals processing, advanced manufacturing and mine technology through TAFE and industry partnerships.

Plus, we've delivered

- ✓ \$7 million expansion of Joe Lord Core Library in Kalgoorlie, ensuring greater access to geoscientific information and supporting the exploration industry.

State Government infrastructure investment is being targeted to ensure Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Goldfields-Esperance region have the water, energy, transport and industrial land capacity to unlock these opportunities.



Creating jobs and opportunities



Industry development



What we're delivering

- **Yilkari Industrial Park** – Support for Stage One, delivering 26 general industrial lots serviced with power, water, NBN and a new intersection with Anzac Drive.
- **Lot 505 and Mungari Strategic Industrial Area** – Activation of strategic industrial land near Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



Growing the Goldfields-Esperance region

Industrial land in Kalgoorlie-Boulder serves the entire Goldfields mining sector, providing the space for METS businesses, processing facilities and logistics operations that support mines from Coolgardie to Laverton.

The Mungari SIA and Lot 505 positions the region as a nationally significant centre for downstream mineral processing, creating new categories of skilled employment that benefit workers and families across the Goldfields.

Transport

New investment

Fuel Support Payments –
\$198 million to offer a \$100 payment to all Western Australians with a valid driver's licence.

Regional Airfare Zone Cap –
Ongoing support for the Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme amid increasing fuel costs.

\$113.5 million for road maintenance and upgrades throughout WA, including in the Goldfields-Esperance region.

\$33.1 million contribution to the nationally coordinated Fuel Excise Relief Program and a further \$4.5 million through deferred up-lift in heavy vehicle charges, supporting industry in the Goldfields-Esperance region.

What we've delivered

- ✓ **\$250 million** for major Great Eastern Highway Upgrades to improve safety and connectivity between Coates Gully and Coolgardie.
- ✓ **\$21.7 million** for widening of 2.4 km of the Great Eastern Highway between Anzac Drive and Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie.
- ✓ **The expansion of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's shared path network.**

What we're delivering

- **TransWA Prospector train and bus services** – Halved TransWA fares, making the Prospector rail service and bus connections more affordable for residents in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Coolgardie, Kambalda and beyond.
- **Signalised pedestrian crossings** – Including a crossing on Maritana Street between Dugan Street and Piccadilly Street, improving safety for students at Kalgoorlie Primary School and St Mary's Primary School.
- **Kalgoorlie Driver and Vehicle Services Centre** – Expanding and upgrading the facility, improving access to licensing services for Goldfields residents.
- **Public transport fare cap** – Capping fares at one-zone prices, including Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie and Kambalda bus services.
- **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** – A further \$100 increase to \$775 per year.
- **Coolgardie Main Street Upgrades** – Improvements to the main street of this historic Goldfields town, enhancing amenity and supporting local businesses and tourism.





Energy

New investment

Vanadium flow battery –

Commitment to install a \$150 million vanadium flow battery, reinforcing energy security and supporting the State's emerging vanadium mining and processing industry.

Energy Ahead – \$16 million to extend delivery of Energy Ahead to provide energy efficiency upgrades and education for up to 10,000 low income households.

\$973 million for Western Power –

Responding to demand growth, expand the network, and increase electricity capacity infrastructure for industrial and residential customers.

\$30 million to top up the Investment Attraction Fund for a second round of grants through the New Energies Industries Funding Stream.



Growing the Goldfields-Esperance region

Energy reliability and capacity in Kalgoorlie-Boulder underpins the region's mining and processing sector, supported by a mix of grid-supplied power and on-site generation.

- Upgrades to the West Kalgoorlie Power Station and transmission network directly support the expansion of critical minerals processing opportunities on State Government developed industrial land.
- The Blackstone power station rebuild demonstrates the Cook Government's commitment to remote communities in the northern Goldfields and Ngaanyatjarra Lands that depend on reliable, locally generated power.

Water

New investment

Water infrastructure – \$75 million investment in water and wastewater infrastructure services to facilitate residential lot development, across the State including Kalgoorlie.

Regional Water Source Fund – \$52.9 million to establish a Regional Water Source Fund for water source planning and investigation in the regions.

What we're delivering

Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Scheme – \$543 million to upgrade the Goldfields pipeline. To improve supply reliability for the community while supporting immediate growth in mining, industry and residential demand.

Water Bank Project – \$5 million towards boosting recycled water supplies in Kalgoorlie–Boulder, supporting industrial use and reducing pressure on potable water supply.





Growing the Goldfields-Esperance region

Water security supports not just Kalgoorlie-Boulder but every community along the pipeline corridor and the mining operations that depend on it across the region.

- The Goldfields-Esperance Regional Drought Resilience Plan, developed by the GEDC, provides a long-term framework for water security, building resilient industries and communities across the region, with a strong focus on local, place-based solutions.
- Regional water and power price subsidy – \$3.9 billion statewide over four years to keep regional water and power prices in line with metropolitan prices.

Environment

New investment

\$24.7 million – to continue biosecurity and animal disease preparedness.

\$16 million – for the Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to foster and promote research in the areas of minerals, clean energy and emissions reduction.

What we're delivering

- **Aboriginal Ranger Program** – Continuing to deliver statewide, supporting traditional land management practices, employment and cultural connection for Aboriginal communities, including in the Goldfields–Esperance region.
- **State Bushfire Mitigation Branch** – Continuing mitigation works on Unallocated Crown Land and Unmanaged Reserves.
- **Natural Resource Management** – Continuing to support community-led conservation efforts through our Community Stewardship Grants.

Growing the Goldfields-Esperance region

The Goldfields-Esperance region encompasses some of Western Australia's most significant natural landscapes, from the woodlands and semi-arid plains of the Goldfields to the pristine coastline and national parks around Esperance, including the Fitzgerald River National Park.

Responsible environmental management is integral to the region's economic future. The coexistence of a globally significant mining sector with

environmental values requires ongoing investment in regulation, rehabilitation and innovation.

- The Aboriginal Ranger Program supports employment and cultural connection for Aboriginal people across the region's Aboriginal communities, while delivering practical on-ground land and fire management outcomes.

Lucky Bay, Esperance



Delivering services for the Goldfields–Esperance region





Housing

New investment

Seven Cities GROH Build –

The delivery of 113 new homes for frontline workers in Kalgoorlie-Boulder as a part of a statewide build of more than 500 Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) homes, delivered in partnership with Rio Tinto, BHP and Hancock Prospecting. Delivered alongside a revamped Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme (HOSS), which will include shared equity to encourage government workers to purchase homes in the communities they work in.

\$297 million tax package –

to support first home buyers and boost housing supply, including First Home Owner duty concessions, increased First Home Owner Grant cap, and an extension of the Off-the-Plan Transfer Duty Concession.

Regional Housing Support Fund –

\$50 million top-up to the Regional Housing Support Fund, increasing the fund's value to \$75 million.

Social and affordable houses –

\$1 billion for the construction of social and affordable housing dwellings.

\$593 million for 500 shared equity dwellings, 165 social housing dwellings, refurbishment of properties and land acquisition.

\$250 million First Home Buyer Commercial Financing Fund to provide concessional loans for affordable housing projects.

\$234 million boost to the Department of Housing and Works' maintenance program.

\$6.2 million for the Housing First Support Service in Kalgoorlie.



What we're delivering

- **Pringle Village Stage 2** – Up to 40 additional two-bedroom units for seniors independently living in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- **Karlkurla Residential Estate** – Release of 34 residential lots at Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Karlkurla estate Stage 5, supporting new housing supply for the city's growing workforce.

Growing the Goldfields-Esperance region

Housing supply in Kalgoorlie-Boulder is critical to the entire Goldfields mining sector. Without adequate housing, it becomes harder to attract the permanent resident workforce that mines, processing facilities and service industries need.

- The Pringle Village expansion directly addresses the housing needs of seniors, while freeing up existing housing stock for families and workers. This is practical, place-based housing policy.
- GROH homes for teachers, police and other frontline workers in the Goldfields ensure that the communities of Coolgardie, Kambalda, Leonora and beyond continue to receive the essential services they depend on.

Health

New investment

WA Country Health Service – \$68.6 million for additional funding to the WA Country Health Service.

\$214.1 million for an uplift to WA Health’s statewide maintenance programs.

\$143 million for additional investment in medical equipment and imaging replacement program throughout WA.

\$43.8 million investment in community mental health and alcohol and other drugs services.

What we’re delivering

- **Kalgoorlie Health Campus Master Plan** – Developing a comprehensive master plan to bring Kalgoorlie Health Campus into the future, informing long-term investment in the region’s primary hospital.

- **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS)** –Increased the fuel subsidy from 26 cents to 40 cents per kilometre. The PATS increase is especially significant for the Goldfields-Esperance region, where distances to specialist care in Perth are among the greatest in the State.



Growing the Goldfields-Esperance region

Kalgoorlie Health Campus serves patients from across the Goldfields, from Coolgardie and Kambalda through to Leonora, Laverton and remote Aboriginal communities.

The master plan investment signals a long-term commitment to ensuring this facility meets the growing needs of the region.

- Mental health services, including the transition of the Step Up, Step Down facility, address a critical gap in the Goldfields community and reduce the need for patients to travel to Perth for treatment.

What we've delivered

- ✓ **\$2.8 million** to deliver a new paediatric Allied Health facility at Full Circle Therapies Mason's House in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- ✓ **\$6.2 million** for an MRI facility at Kalgoorlie Health Campus.
- ✓ **\$1.8 million** to the Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre to provide dedicated GP services.
- ✓ **\$9.9 million** to transition the Kalgoorlie Step Up, Step Down into a publicly run sub-acute mental health facility.

Education and training

New investment

Third round of Student Assistance Payments – \$90 million will be invested to deliver a third round of the Western Australian Student Assistance Payment, which is delivering \$150 for each primary and kindergarten student and \$250 for each secondary school student.

- **\$310.1 million** uplift in disability funding for public schools.
- **\$219 million** uplift for school maintenance throughout Western Australia.
- **\$102.7 million** for minor works at schools across the State.
- **\$145.6 million** to meet training enrolment demand, and to continue discounted fee settings, including lower fee and Fee-Free training courses to the end of 2027 including at the Kalgoorlie campus.

What we're delivering

- **O'Connor Primary School** – A new early childhood block and integration with the Education Support Centre.
- **Kalgoorlie Primary School** – Air conditioning upgrades.
- **Kambalda West District High School** – Upgrade the oval.
- **Norseman District High School** – Pre-primary building upgrades and a nature playground.
- **Leonora District High School** – Upgrading air conditioning under the Cool the Schools program.

Growing the Goldfields-Esperance region

Kalgoorlie-Boulder's schools, TAFE campus and the historic WA School of Mines (now part of Curtin University) serve students from across the region. The School of Mines is globally recognised for mining engineering education and plays a vital role in building the skilled workforce the resources industry needs.

Fee-free TAFE construction courses directly support the housing pipeline and the broader construction workforce needed for the region's mining and infrastructure projects.

We've delivered

- ✓ **\$12.6 million** to build a Heavy Plant and Engineering Trade Workshop and upgrade an existing workshop at Central Regional TAFE.

Safe and inclusive communities

New investment

\$421 million for child protection services plus \$46.3 million to boost support for foster and grandcarers.

\$61.4 million to continue the Target 120 early intervention program, including in Kalgoorlie.

\$1.5 million to support continuation of the safeSPACE program, including in Kalgoorlie.

What we're delivering

- **LED street lighting** – Replace street lighting in Kalgoorlie–Boulder with LED lights, improving community safety and reducing energy consumption.
- **Regional police recruits** – Free accommodation at the WA Police Academy for regional recruits, with the option to be placed in their home district for the first four to six years.
- **Kalgoorlie sporting facilities** – Lighting upgrades at Oasis Playing Field 2, Digger Daws Oval and Sir Richard Moore Oval.



Growing the Goldfields–Esperance region

Safe, inclusive communities are the foundation of regional liveability and critical to the Goldfields' goal of converting more fly-in, fly-out workers to permanent residents.

- Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants continue to invest in locally driven projects across the Goldfields–Esperance. Six projects will share in \$635,000 in the latest round, diversifying local economies and creating jobs.
- Aboriginal communities across the Goldfields–Esperance region are supported through expanded ranger programs, culturally responsive services and investment in remote community infrastructure such as the Blackstone power station.

We've delivered

- ✓ **Boosted homelessness outreach services** and **Return to Country** programs across the region.
- ✓ **The Mara Pirni Healing Place**, a one-stop Family and Domestic Violence Hub.
- ✓ Introduced the **Banned Drinkers Register**.
- ✓ **\$2.6 million** to upgrade Kalgoorlie Career and Fire Rescue Station.
- ✓ **\$1.3 million** for Kalgoorlie Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service facilities.
- ✓ **\$1.5 million** to establish the new 'Golden Saddle' slot race.
- ✓ **\$4.2 million** for the youth precinct in Kingsbury Park.
- ✓ **\$8 million** towards the Kalgoorlie City Centre Project.
- ✓ **\$6.8 million** for the Niels Hansen Basketball Stadium facility redevelopment.
- ✓ **\$600,000** towards the Karlkurla Nature Playground in Kalgoorlie–Boulder.

Karlkurla Nature Playground

