



Delivering for the Peel



The Cook Labor Government is doing what's right for the Peel, with the 2024-25 State Budget delivering significant cost of living relief while investing in health facilities and services, housing, quality jobs and targeted training programs.

The 2024-25 State Budget is focused on WA's regions, with a record \$12.8 billion investment in regional infrastructure, and billions more to fund regional service delivery.

This Budget delivers measures that will drive regional economic growth, diversify regional economies and create jobs for our kids in the regions.

In addition, \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will go towards projects which enrich regional communities, ensuring they remain great places to live, work and raise a family.

Cost-of-Living Relief for Peel Residents

A family living in the Peel region with two kids could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Up to \$560 in savings through free public transport

Total assistance Almost \$1,460

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the Peel region could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Peel region
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024
- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season

- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Peel residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$20.7 million in additional funding for the **Mandurah Common Ground facility**, bringing the total to \$48.8 million which will deliver permanent, supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Peel region
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- \$39.1 million to expand **Child Development Services**
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- Transition to public health services at **Peel Health Campus** from August 2024, with the \$152 million redevelopment and expansion underway and enabling works to commence in late 2024
- \$17.5 million **Community Mental Health and Specialist Community Eating Disorders Service** in the Peel region, to open in 2025

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$8 million to upgrade and expand the network of **Peel regional trails**, including walking, riding, paddling and driving trails

- \$500,000 for upgrades at **Nanga Campground** in Lane Poole Reserve, near Dwellingup, plus an additional \$500,000 to upgrade smaller campsites along the Murray River in Lane Poole Reserve including **Tony's Bend, Charlies Flat** and **Yarragil Campgrounds**
- \$900,000 for the **Martins Tank Campground** expansion, in the Yalgorup National Park, to deliver more camping sites and to provide opportunities for built accommodation, and links to the Yalgroup trails for hikers
- \$67.2 million to support the new **Forest Management Plan**, creating an additional 65 new jobs focused on climate action and forest health, following the Cook Labor Government's historic decision to end logging in native forests
- \$324 million investment into the **South West Interconnected System**, to support WA's decarbonisation journey, provide certainty to investors, and unlock job-creating renewable energy projects
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$23.2 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as Mandurah Crab Fest, Dwellingup 100, Pinjarra Festival, and Mandurah Action Sports Games

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including a pilot program in Peel
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Mandurah

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at **Halls Head College**, underway
 - \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at **Pinjarra Senior High School**, underway
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Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$136 million to duplicate **Mandurah Estuary Bridge**, construction underway
 - \$250 million for the **Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation**, planning underway
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Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$30 million to enhance the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' **bushfire management** with additional staff and firefighting equipment, including in the Peel region
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including boosting **Family and Domestic Violence response teams in Mandurah**
- \$10 million to improve safety at warden-controlled **school crossings** across the State, including new electronic speed limit signs at Dudley Park Primary School, plus new signage at Greenfields and North Mandurah Primary Schools

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$22 million towards the **Keirnan Park Recreation Precinct** development, planning underway