

REGIONAL INVESTMENTS

There are a number of regional investments in the 2019-20 budget that WACOSS welcomes as positive moves towards early intervention and preventions, such as driver education and training, which can be expected to reduce fines and incarceration numbers and overrepresentation due to minor offences, and investment in regional Police and Community Youth Centres. However, these investments appear to have no specified allocation for partnership and co-design with local and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, who best understand the unique and place-based investment requirements of their communities.

STATE-WIDE REGIONAL INVESTMENTS

- \$4.2B over the period 2019-20 to 2022-23 Royalties for Regions funding
- \$11.6M investment for solar and batteries in remote Aboriginal communities
- Additional \$713K to maintain regional bus services
- \$45M for regional WA (of \$182.4M State-wide) for new Employer Incentive Scheme and training delivery, to help WA employers with costs of employing apprentices and trainees
- \$4.8M for enhanced driver training and education for regional and remote communities

INVESTMENTS BY REGION

South-West

- \$11M for the ongoing redevelopment of Bunbury Hospital
- 'ServiceWA' pilot site to be created in Bunbury
- \$8M for new bushfire facility in Collie (part of \$60.1 million for Collie Industry Attraction and Development Fund)
- Within the \$42.5M additional funding for Methamphetamine Action Plan –
 - \$400K to expand the Bunbury Needle Syringe Exchange Program

Wheatbelt

- \$2M to establish a national park in the Helena and Aurora Ranges (part of Plan for Our Parks funding)

Pilbara

- \$13.8M for specialist services, including obstetrics to enable patients to be treated closer to home (part of Pilbara Health Initiative)
- \$1.3M for the construction of a renal unit at Newman Hospital
- \$8.6M to support the Karlarra House residential aged care facility in Port Hedland
- \$1.33M towards the Murujuga Living Knowledge Centre and Tourism Precinct at Conzinc Bay
- \$649K for the implementation of the Murujuga Rock Art Strategy to manage and protect rock art on the Burrup Peninsula
- Within the \$42.5M additional funding for Methamphetamine Action Plan –
 - \$20.1M for the North West Drug and Alcohol Support Program to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs in the Pilbara, Kimberley and Mid-West

Kimberley

- \$19.3M to upgrade Broome Senior High School
- \$900K to deliver the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy aimed at diversion
- \$1.4M for planning to build a new Broome Regional Prison
- \$1M for the Kimberley Mobile Dialysis Unit
- \$2M for a new PCYC in Kununurra
- \$1.3M for the West Kimberley Youth and Resilience Hub Project
- \$1.1M for continuation of Kimberley Family Violence Service, with lack of forward estimates possibly due to pending FDV 10 Year Strategy
- Within the \$42.5M additional funding for Methamphetamine Action Plan –
 - \$9.2M to establish a comprehensive AOD youth centre in the Kimberley
 - \$20.1M for the North West Drug and Alcohol Support Program for harm reduction in Kimberley, Pilbara and Mid-West
 - \$2.34M for four low medical withdrawal beds in the Kimberley

Mid-West

- \$388K for land management activities and capacity development for the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve
- \$12.3M for improvement of Greenough prison in response to 2018 riot
- \$3.6M to upgrade firefighting infrastructure at the Port of Geraldton
- \$700K for the construction of a new helicopter landing site at the Jurien Bay Health Centre
- Within the \$42.5M additional funding for Methamphetamine Action Plan –
 - \$20.1M for the North West Drug and Alcohol Support Program for Mid-West, Pilbara and Kimberley

Goldfields-Esperance

- \$6.3M for the Kalgoorlie Health Campus Magnetic Resource Imaging Suite
- \$11.7M for two Family and Domestic One Stop Violence Hubs, including one in Kalgoorlie
- \$4M towards the new Laverton Hospital project

Great Southern

- \$13.1M to construct a facility as part of establishing radiotherapy services at Albany Health Campus
- Within the \$42.5M additional funding for Methamphetamine Action Plan –
 - \$1.1M for the establishment of a Great Southern Needle and Syringe Exchange Program

Gascoyne

- An additional \$5M to build the new 38-bed Carnarvon Aged and Palliative Care Facility, bringing the total budget allocation to \$16.6M
- \$2.5M of additional spending to reopen the Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre
- Within \$11.3M to support and expand sustainable service delivery of WA PCYCs –
 - Major redevelopment of the Carnarvon PCYC