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ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

- **Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Sub-Committee** - The State Government prioritised its commitment to Aboriginal Affairs through the establishment of the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Sub-Committee (AACSC) in April 2013. The AACSC considers cross agency initiatives and submissions which seek to improve the effectiveness of Government spending, reduce duplication and drive better outcomes, coordination and collaboration in Aboriginal Affairs.
- **Regional Services Reform** – In May 2015, the State Government announced major reforms to the way services will be provided to Aboriginal communities in remote areas. The Regional Services Reform was informed by a review of Aboriginal services in the Roebourne area in 2013. The State Government's reforms will prioritise funding to locations that provide real economic opportunities and a safe environment for children. The work will be carried out by teams who are working on the ground with communities, and Aboriginal leaders will play a vital role in decision and implementation processes.
- **Youth Services Reform** – In 2013, the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Sub-Committee initiated a review of programs that work with Aboriginal young people. It showed that the State Government invested around \$115 million annually into these programs, and that less than 15 per cent could demonstrate effectiveness. In May 2015, the State Government announced changes which would see future funding given to well-planned programs with demonstrated effectiveness.
- **Aboriginal Heritage** - The *Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill 2014* was introduced into Parliament on 27 November 2014. The aim of the Bill is to make a series of amendments to the

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 to improve its efficiency and effectiveness, while ensuring the continued and enhanced protection of Aboriginal heritage into the future.

- **South West Native Title Settlement** - The South West Native Title Settlement is the most wide-ranging native title proposal since the 1992 High Court Mabo decision. The WA Government and Noongar representatives have been negotiating since 2009 and the WA Government's offer, which has now been considered and accepted by all six Noongar claimant groups, will provide the Noongar people with long-term benefits. Under the package, \$600 million will be paid to the Noongar Boodja Trust in instalments over 12 years, \$120 million will go towards Noongar administration and programs over 12 years, and up to 320,000 hectares from the Crown estate will be transferred to the trust in multiple parcels. On 26 February 2014, the *Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Bill 2014*, recognising the Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of the South West, was tabled in Parliament with bipartisan support.
- **Aboriginal Community Patrols** – The State Government confirmed its commitment to Aboriginal community patrols by allocating funding of \$24.413 million over four years (2014-15 to 2017-18) for 14 patrols across the State. Patrols provide street-level interventions to assist Aboriginal people at risk of harm.

- **Clontarf Foundation Academies** - In 2014-15, the State Government contributed \$3.1 million through the Department of Education and \$1.37 million through Royalties for Regions to the Clontarf Foundation. Three new Clontarf Foundation Academies in metropolitan schools were announced in 2014, taking the number to 23, of which 15 are in country areas. These academies support education, training and employment for Aboriginal students. Since 2008, there has been a 50 per cent increase in the number of Aboriginal boys in schools with a Clontarf Academy receiving a WA Certificate of Education and/or a Certificate II or higher training qualification.
- **Aboriginal Recognition Committee** - The State remains committed to the advancement of Aboriginal people in Western Australia and supports the recognition of Aboriginal people in the Constitution. A Joint Select Committee on Aboriginal Constitutional Recognition was established in 2014 to consider and report on the recognition of Aboriginal people in the Constitution of Western Australia and in March 2015 tabled its report that found the *Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill 2014* to be free of any adverse legal consequences. This legislation is expected to be introduced in the 2015 spring session of Parliament.
- **Intestate Estates** - In August 2013, the State Government provided parity for Aboriginal people who die without a valid will by repealing Part IV of the *Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972* (AAPA Act) and bringing them under the same scheme of distributing intestate estates as non-Aboriginal people.
- **Hearson Cove Compound** – The ongoing management of cultural material in the Hearson Cove Compound on the Burrup Peninsula has been a source of concern to Traditional Owners for approximately 30 years. In order to address these concerns, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs brought together an Aboriginal Senior Men's Working Group, government and industry, which resulted in the development of agreements and partnerships. The Hearson Cove Compound remediation project commenced mid June 2014 and was completed in October 2014 during which time approximately 1,720 engraved boulders were relocated to the adjacent rocky outcrop.
- **Ancestral Remains Repatriation Project** – Since 2014, 11 Ancestral Remains Repatriation projects have been completed. These projects included the repatriation and reburial of 48 sets of ancestral remains.
- **Aboriginal Heritage Electronic Lodgement** – To improve efficiency, processes and client tracking, the State Government has developed and implemented the Aboriginal Heritage Electronic Lodgement Program. Phase 1 has delivered the following benefits - applicants are able to submit and track land use applications online; faster and more efficient application processing; and alignment of statutory approval systems and processes with the Departments of Mines and Petroleum, Planning and Landgate. The digitisation of 35,000 Heritage site files in 2014-15 has allowed much improved access to heritage information for all stakeholders. The continuation of this digitisation process in 2015-16 will result in improved access to Section 18 files and much more timely advice being provided to all users.

- **Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing Program (PALS)** - The PALS program encourages young Western Australians to develop projects that promote and advance reconciliation. The continuing success of the PALS program demonstrates the willingness of young people to embrace reconciliation and cultural awareness. In 2015, 373 schools submitted 427 project applications – the greatest number of schools and projects undertaken since the inception of PALS in 2004. State Government funding was increased to \$335,000 in 2014-15 to support the increased participation in PALS.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

- **Establish a \$20 million State Biosecurity Fund and provide grants to biosecurity groups working to help keep Western Australia free from pests and disease** – \$20 million has been committed from 2014-15 to 2017-18 to ensure Western Australia maintains its enviable biosecurity reputation and capture a share of growing international markets. Eleven sub-projects have been identified including increasing capacity to carry out pest and disease surveillance, improving the ability to respond to emergency pest and disease outbreaks and trialling of new and innovative technologies. As part of this initiative, \$3.2 million over three years has been allocated to encourage research into biosecurity. The grants are available to research organisations, and producer and community groups, as well as State and local government agencies.
- **Boost Grains Research and Development to help grain growers capture new markets** - \$20 million was committed from 2014-15 to 2017-18 to assist farmers in boosting productivity and profitability through research and development. A new Grains R&D Entity will be established at Northam to focus on reducing the impact of frost, growing grain more profitably in low rainfall conditions and overcoming disease risk in high rainfall scenarios. The Grains R&D Entity will leverage industry funds and provide growers with world-class access to research outcomes and innovations.
- **E-Connected Grainbelt** - The State Government has committed a further \$10 million over four years to the e-Connected Grainbelt project, a high-tech project to create an open data exchange system for growers that will combine a range of useful information such as paddock records, weather forecast and research outcomes.
- **Assist beef growers to capitalise on market opportunities** – The State Government has committed \$15 million from 2014-15 to 2017-18 to ensure beef producers in the north of Western Australia can take better advantage of burgeoning markets in Asia and the Middle East. The project includes a review of the infrastructure required to support the trade, as well as investing in a ground up development of the supply chain to help producers better meet market demands. A major technology demonstration hub will be established near Broome to enhance production methods.
- **Boost sheep markets and support sheep industry growth** – The State Government is investing \$10 million (2014-15 to 2018-19) to establish the Sheep Industry Business Innovation project, which aims to build industry growth and cultivate new markets for sheepmeat and live exports in Asia and the Middle East. The project will feature a new sheep business centre at Katanning that will become a hub for sheep researchers. Sheepmeat product development, test consignments, boosting industry business skills and creating a web portal for key industry information will also form part of the project.

- **Complete an upgrade of the State Barrier Fence and close the Yilgarn Gap** – In June 2013 an upgrade to the State's 112 year-old barrier fence was completed to better protect farmland from wild dogs and emus. About 820km of the 1206km fence, which stretches from north of Kalbarri to east of Ravensthorpe, is now to wild dog standard. In November 2014, the 170 kilometre Yilgarn Gap in the fence was closed. Both undertakings were part of a five year, \$10.34 million State Barrier Fence project and will assist farmers to increase profitability in the agricultural region.
 - **Deliver new saleyard facilities at Katanning to meet industry requirements** - The State Government contributed \$17 million to build a \$25.4 million state of the art saleyard facility, which was officially opened in May 2014 (the Commonwealth Government provided \$7.42 million and the Shire of Katanning provided \$98,000). The Katanning Regional Sheep Saleyards, which measure 44,000 square metres under roof, is the largest under cover sheep market in the southern hemisphere, with capacity to sell up to 45,000 sheep in a single day. The yards will deliver best practice occupational health and safe and animal welfare. The opening of the Katanning Regional Sheep Saleyards mark the completion of the State Government's \$72 million Regional Livestock Saleyard Strategy, which included the Muchea Livestock Centre, completed in 2010 at a cost of \$54 million.
 - **Support and Enhance Our Natural Resources** –\$24 million over three years has been provided for the State Natural Resource Management Program, which will support projects that enhance Western Australia's natural resources. The Program will cover activities such as soil and water quality improvement, weed management, coastal riverbank protection and marine surveys.
 - **Supporting irrigation trials to boost the northern cattle industry** - A funding agreement was signed between the State Government and the Mowanjumb Aboriginal Corporation for a stand-and-graze irrigation trial. This forms part of the \$40 million State Government Royalties for Regions' Water for Food project in Derby which will help develop a template for West Kimberley pastoral projects and bolster the State's international beef trade.
- ### ATTORNEY GENERAL
- **Establish Commissioner for Victims of Crime** – Western Australia's first Victims of Crime Commissioner was appointed in June 2013.
 - **Increased funding for Child Witness Service, Victim Support Service and Family Violence Intervention Service** – Committed an additional \$3 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years to 2017-18 for services for victims of crime.
 - **Establish legal services for Aboriginal women in Perth** – Committed \$600,000 in 2013-14 and a further \$1.8 million from 2014-15 to 2016-17 to establish Legal Aid service to Aboriginal women in Perth who are the victims of domestic violence. The service is now operational.
 - **Increase mandatory sentences for serious physical or sexual offences committed during a home invasion to 75% of statutory maximum** – Legislation passed the Legislative Assembly in March 2015 and is awaiting debate in the Legislative Council.
 - **Strengthen existing 'three strike' laws to a mandatory two years imprisonment for people who break into a person's home, with each aggravated burglary offence to constitute a 'strike'** – Legislation passed the Legislative

Assembly in March 2015 and is awaiting debate in the Legislative Council.

- **Extend mandatory sentencing to include assaults on Youth Custodial Officers** – The *Criminal Code Amendment Bill (No.2) 2013* came into effect on 5 October 2013, which extended mandatory sentencing to include assaults on Youth Custodial Officers.
- **Amend violence restraining order legislation to better protect women and children when seeking protection from domestic violence** – The *Restraining Orders Amendment Bill 2013* came into force on 4 October 2013, allowing for violence restraining orders for the protection of a child to be enforced through the Children's and Magistrates Court jurisdictions.
- **Review Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996** – Public Submissions closed in December 2014. The State Government is currently reviewing 50 submissions from both the targeted and public consultation rounds on the operation of the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996*, as well as relevant publications such as recent reports by the New South Wales, Victorian and Commonwealth Law Reform Commissions in relation to mentally impaired accused. An interim report on key issues raised by the submissions was submitted for the Attorney General's consideration on 19 May 2015 and on 25 May the Attorney General provided a verbal response to those issues. The final report of the review with recommendations for reform is expected to be finalised by the end of June 2015.
- **Fund two FTE judicial officers (and associated court staff) to sit on Sundays and during evenings for fast-track traffic and impoundment matters** – Committed funding from 2014-15 to 2016-17 to provide an additional two FTE judicial officers to fast-track traffic and impound matters, and extend video link technology in major regional centers. The Sunday Court initiative commenced on 6 July 2014.
- **Announced a \$2.3 million funding boost to Legal Aid WA** - The additional \$2.3 million, allocated over the next four years will allow the organisation to employ an extra four lawyers for its duty lawyer service, which provides free advice and representation to people who appear on a range of non-trial matters in the Magistrates Court.
- **Mental Health Court Diversion and Support Program Pilot** - The program has been extended for a further year with funding of \$950,000 provided to the Department of the Attorney General for a magistrate and support staff, along with a Legal Aid lawyer.
- **Announced new measures to target those who default on fines and infringements** – The total debt owed to the Western Australian community is \$346 million, and in the 18 months since the enhanced laws have been in operation the Fines Enforcement Registry has collected \$19 million more than in the corresponding previous 18 month period.
- **Asked the Law Reform Commission of WA to enquire into compensation for those suffering from asbestos-related diseases** - Among other things, the Commission will consider whether it should be possible to claim additional compensation, where victims develop different or more serious injuries or diseases after judgment is given. The Commission will also consider whether there should be a separate head of damages, which reflects the commercial value of a person's lost ability to provide free domestic services to others.

- **The Perth Magistrates Court became Australia's first criminal court to operate entirely from electronic records as part of a new plan to make Western Australia's justice system paper-free** - \$10 million to develop the Integrated Court Management System (ICMS), being trialled since November 2014 at the arrest and remand court at the Perth Magistrates Court. Following its successful inception, the Integrated Court Management System was progressively rolled out to all other criminal courtrooms in the Perth Magistrates Court along with those at Armadale, Midland and Stirling Gardens Magistrates Court. Plans are in place to phase in the electronic court to all other metropolitan and regional magistrates courts by the end of 2015. When finalised this project will save police and court staff from manually handling hundreds of thousands of documents each year.
- **Introduced Reforms to State Parliament that aim to improve and clarify private property rights** - To ensure landowners are properly compensated when the State Government carries out public works on their property.
- **Assisting victims and witnesses to a crime** – In June 2015 the State Government introduced to Parliament changes to the *Evidence Act* to allow children or mentally impaired witnesses to provide visually recorded interviews, sparing them from having to provide evidence in person in court.
- **Asked the Law Reform Commission of WA to review the *Firearms Act 1973* and provide advice on the licensing and storage of firearms** – The Commission will also examine and provide recommendations on the appropriate penalties for firearm offences that are consistent with other Australian States and Territories.
- **Opening of regional courthouses** – The State Government has made an unprecedented investment in justice infrastructure in regional Western Australia. The Kalgoorlie Courthouse was opened in November 2013 at a cost of \$41.7 million, the Kununurra Courthouse was opened in October 2014 at a cost of \$41.8 million, and the Carnarvon Police and Justice Complex was opened in April 2015 at a cost of \$52.5 million.
- **Significant investment in infrastructure** – The State Government has made significant investment in court infrastructure, with the relocation of Department offices and the Supreme Court (Civil) to the Old Treasury Building office tower. Relocation for both fit-outs is scheduled to occur in mid-2016. The State Administrative Tribunal will also be relocated within the Cathedral and Treasury Precinct, with the relocation scheduled mid this year.

CHILD PROTECTION

- **Build overnight homelessness shelter for men in central Perth** – Construction has commenced on a new homelessness shelter for men who are experiencing acute homelessness. This facility, named Tom Fisher House, will be situated on Beaufort Street in Highgate and will provide up to ten chronically homeless men with overnight accommodation each night and basic support. Construction is expected to be completed in the second half of 2015. Pending construction of the new facility, an interim night shelter opened in April 2014 in temporary premises in East Perth and provides overnight accommodation for up to eight men each night.
- **Additional funding for homelessness services** - The State Government has allocated \$18.45 million over four years (2013-14 to 2016-17) for services funded under the National Affordable Housing

Agreement and National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness.

- **Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facilities** – The State Government has established two new short stay accommodation facilities in Kalgoorlie and Derby. These short stay accommodation facilities have been designed to cater for the temporary movement of visitors from remote communities to larger service towns and provide both short-term accommodation and ancillary support services for Aboriginal people who would ordinarily sleep rough or stay with friends or relatives in and around Kalgoorlie and Derby. The Kalgoorlie Aboriginal Short Stay can accommodate up to 41 people, and the Derby facility can accommodate up to 54 people.
- **Establish a new family refuge in the Metropolitan area** – The 2013-14 State Budget allocated \$2 million to the Department of Housing for the construction of a new five-unit refuge. The service will offer a combination of five different sized independent units as well as support and outreach services to clients, including those accommodated in the units and in the community. Construction of the refuge began in May 2015.
- **Building and development of a new replacement facility for the Wooree Miya Women's Refuge in the south-east metropolitan region** - The proposed new facility will accommodate up to ten women and 30 children. A site has been identified, and it is expected to be completed in 2018.
- **Provide funding for night and day patrols in Kununurra** – The State Government has provided funding of \$356,196 per annum to Save the Children to operate the Kununurra Night Patrol and Youth Service that supports children and young people at risk. In addition to providing a Night Patrol, the Service is delivering diversionary and recreational activities, and case management.
- **Budget Increase** - The budget for the Department for Child Protection and Family Support has grown from \$340.9 million in 2008-09 to \$643.2 million in 2015-16, an increase of \$302.2 million or 88.6%. The 2015-16 Budget included \$171.9 million over the next four years (2015-16 to 2018-19), with an additional \$16.5 million in 2015-16 to address the anticipated increase in demand for child protection and family support services.
- **Opening of Oxford Foyer** – The Western Australian Government contributed \$9.1 million, and Lotterywest \$8.2 million, towards the Oxford Foyer, operated by AnglicareWA, which opened in March 2014. The Foyer provides accommodation for 98 young people aged between 16-25. Of the available beds 88 are specifically for young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. A number of beds are available for young parents and 20 per cent of the beds are for those leaving care or who have experienced the child protection system.
- **Entrypoint Perth** - A homeless assessment and referral service, funded by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, commenced operations on 1 February 2014. This referral service assists people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to access accommodation and support options across the Perth metropolitan area.

COMMERCE

- **Give small retail shops more flexibility to employ staff and expand their businesses** – The *Consumer Protection Legislation Amendment Act 2014* eased the criteria for small retail shops so that up to 25 people can work in a small shop at any one time and the number of small

retail shops that an eligible persons can own increased from three to four, came into effect in November 2014.

- **Provide more balanced unfair dismissal laws for small business and modernise Western Australia's private sector awards** – The *Labour Relations Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2012* was tabled in December 2012 as a Green Bill. Cabinet has now approved amendments to the Bill including tightening right of entry laws, which are now being drafted.
- **Simplifying the administration and complexity of awards for small business, with reduced number of up to date awards** - The *Labour Relations Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2012* will also require the Commission to review every private sector pre-modern State award and either replace it with a modern State award or cancel it. This process is termed "award modernisation". To ensure that the Commission gives due consideration to the appropriate level of penalty rates of pay when undertaking award modernisation, the Bill will be amended to explicitly require the Commission to review penalty rates of pay in every pre-modern State award; and when making each modern State award, consider the likely impact of any proposed penalty rate of pay on productivity and on employment costs for an employer who is, or would be, covered by the modern State award; and whether any proposed penalty rate of pay will act as a barrier to employment for employees who would be covered by the modern State award.
- **Retain district allowances** – Committed \$54 million in 2013-14 State Budget and \$173 million from 2014-15 to 2016-17 to support district allowance payments in order to attract and retain public sector workers in the regions.
- **Amended the *Australian Consumer Law* in April 2014** – These changes ban door-to-door salespeople disturbing Western Australian families with unsolicited visits after 6pm on weekdays.
- **Deregulated the Western Australian travel industry and abolished the Travel Compensation Fund (TCF)** - An industry-led voluntary accreditation scheme is now in place, which includes an industry Code of Conduct, complaint handling processes, and which sets standards for good industry practice.
- **Boosted mobile phone and internet coverage across regional Western Australia** - The \$39.2 million State Government Royalties for Regions-funded Regional Mobile Communications Project has increased coverage by more than 31 per cent. The 2014 State Budget provided an additional \$45 million to provide for a further 85 mobile telephone towers across the State.
- **Announced reforms to the building approvals process for single residential housing** – These reforms will reduce time delays, giving owners and registered builders greater certainty that planning and building requirements will be met.
- **Passed the *Consumer Protection Legislation Amendment Act 2014*** – This Act made amendments to nine other Acts, and removed unnecessary regulation. These included removing the requirement for lists of licensees to be published annually and for various industries to publish licence applications in the newspaper, dispensed with the requirement for motor vehicle repair businesses to provide planning certificates when applying for licenses and the need to be licensed for specific classes of repair work.
- **Stopped retirement village residents from having to pay unfair recurrent**

charges once they vacate a retirement village - As part of reforms aimed at ensuring strong protections are in place for our seniors.

- **Industry Facilitation and Support Program** - Provided financial support to small and medium businesses to help them increase their competitiveness, productivity and engagement in major resource projects via the Industry Facilitation and Support Program.
- **Introduced to Parliament new Associations legislation** - To better meet the needs of incorporated associations and their members while maintaining an important regulatory regime and responsible accountability mechanisms. Importantly, the changes have been designed to ensure the regulatory burden is minimised for community groups, and not-for-profit organisations such as sport and recreation clubs, societies in Western Australia.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **\$800,000 for funding to animal shelters** – Committed \$200,000 in 2013-14 State Budget and \$600,000 from 2014-15 to 2016-17 to support animal rescue groups and shelters.
- **Continue support for community based not-for-profit sector** – Funding of \$117 million committed in 2013-14 State Budget, as the second component of the \$604 million commitment made in the 2011-12 State Budget. The key focus areas for this funding has been to increase the capacity and sustainability of organisations in the not-for-profit sector and regional/rural service delivery.
- **\$600,000 in additional funding for Wanslea Grandcare Program** – Wanslea family services, the community organisation administering the

grandcarers scheme, has received \$100,000 in additional funds to expand its range of support services, including respite, an information line and nine support groups across Western Australia. Further support will be considered in light of the take-up of these services.

- **Grandcarers Support Scheme** – Allocated \$1.774 million additional funding across the forward estimates for the Grandcarers Support Scheme.
- **\$691,000 over four years to expand School Cadet Program** – In the 2013-14 State Budget the State Government provided funding for Bush Ranger units, which teach life skills and a range of practical and social activities, to start at the Kalumburu Remote Community School and the Sacred Heart School in Beagle Bay. River Ranger units will start next year at Weld Square Primary School, Coolbinia Primary School, Bassendean Primary School and Regent College in Victoria Park.

- **Construction completed on the new Foodbank WA warehouse** - The State Government contributed more than \$12 million to the Foodbank 2030 project that will enable affordable meals to be prepared for thousands of disadvantaged West Australians each year. \$6 million was provided through the Department of Local Government and Communities and \$6.29 million through Lotterywest grants.

CORRECTIVE SERVICES

- **Legislate for supervision and GPS tracking of violent offenders upon release back into the community** – Introduced and passed amendments to the *Dangerous Sex Offenders Act* in 2013 allowing serious sex offenders to be fitted with GPS devices, enabling the government to monitor their release back into the community.

- **The Youth Justice Board (YJB) was established in April 2014 to strengthen the State Government's commitment to steer young people away from crime** - The YJB priorities will include developing innovative strategies focused on crime prevention and diversion, drug and alcohol abuse, and alternatives to custody.
- **Officially opened Roebourne Town Work Camp** - Giving up to 30 minimum-security prisoners the chance to develop work and social skills to improve their job prospects and help them reintegrate into the community.
- **Committed an extra \$2.6 million to rehabilitation programs that better prepare prisoners for reintegration back into society** - In 2014-15, a total of \$31.8 million was spent on contracted rehabilitation programs for juvenile and adult prisoners.
- **The State Government, through the Department of Corrective Services, and Fortescue Metals Group have collaborated to deliver a new 'sentence to jobs' initiative called the Vocational, Training and Employment Centre Fresh Start program** - The program would provide selected minimum-security male prisoners from Roebourne Work Camp with practical skills needed to get rewarding and long-term jobs in the mining industry.

CULTURE AND THE ARTS

- **Build a new Western Australian Museum** - The Liberal National Government is committed to the development of a new museum in the Perth Cultural Centre. \$428 million was approved as part of the 2012-13 Budget. In 2015-16 \$32 million of this will be invested to continue the upgrade of the Collection and Research Centre at Welshpool and work on the facades of the heritage buildings. Behind

the scenes work on the exhibition content is ramping up, with community panels recently meeting to guide the new museum experience and public engagement strategy.

- **Culture and Arts in regional WA** - Commitment of \$24 million to support the development of cultural infrastructure and establish more opportunities for the development of culture and arts in regional areas of the State.
- **The Giants** - The State Government committed \$2.1 million to bringing The Giants to Perth as the centrepiece of the Perth International Arts Festival (PIAF) in 2015. The event attracted 1.6 million viewers and contributed economic stimulus of approximately \$34 million for local businesses. The Giants interpreted the true story of the little girl in Albany's Breaksea Lighthouse who was the last human contact for many young troops departing for Gallipoli in 1914; the event was an important part of the State's commemoration of the centenary of ANZAC.
- **Refurbish Goldfield Arts Centre in Kalgoorlie-Boulder** – Committed \$6.2 million in 2013-14 State Budget over three years to assist with an upgrade and additional operational funding.
- **Continue Outer Fringe Festival and deliver to regional locations** – Committed \$120,000 for the 2014 and 2015 Outer Fringe Festival, to deliver comedy, dance, cabaret and drama shows in regional Western Australia.
- **Boost Regional Touring** - The Boost Regional Touring initiative is providing \$1 million over three years (through Royalties for Regions) to support small to medium performing arts groups to develop and tour shows specifically for the regions, increasing the number and diversity of touring productions.

- **Albany Entertainment Centre** - The State Government has announced a five-year commitment to continue to own the Albany Entertainment Centre until June 2020. This will see the State Government continue to manage the venue and work in partnership with the City of Albany to operate the venue to its capacity to ensure maximum accessibility for the local community.
- **Establish Production Attraction Fund to build on the success of Western Australia's film industry** – Committed \$2 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years to ScreenWest Production attraction program.
- **Upgrading equipment at Western Australia's prime arts and cultural venues** - Announced \$7.8 million to be spent over four years on upgrading equipment at Western Australia's prime arts and cultural venues, including new lighting, wireless communications and other asset improvements at His Majesty's Theatre, the Art Gallery of WA, Perth Concert Hall, State Records Office, WA Museum sites and the State Library.
- **living in or at risk of entering an aged care facility** – Allocated \$9 million over four years to provide more age appropriate accommodation options for younger people with disability. Since 1 July 2014, 16 people have been identified and planning has commenced for their new accommodation supports. Nine of these individuals are under 30 years of age.
- **The State Government's Western Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme My Way trial (WA NDIS My Way) commenced in the Lower South West on 1 July 2014** - The Cockburn-Kwinana area will join the trial on 1 July 2015. (Election Commitment)
 - The WA NDIS My Way trial will provide additional resources, supports and services for up to 4,133 eligible people, including those with a psychosocial disability;
 - The Commonwealth Government's NDIS trial, which is being implemented by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) in the Perth Hills area commenced on 1 June 2014 and will provide support for up to 4,250 eligible people; and
 - The State Government has provided an additional \$40 million, over two years for the two WA NDIS My Way trials.

DISABILITY SERVICES

- **Abolish cost of ACROD permits for eligible people** – Allocated \$3.5 million over four years for free ACROD parking permits from December 2013, to directly help over 67,000 Western Australians with disability who have restricted mobility.
- **Continue support for community based not-for-profit sector** – Funding of \$117 million committed in 2013-14 State Budget, as the second component of the \$604 million commitment made in the 2011-12 State Budget.
- **Establish new supported accommodation options for young people with disability**
- **The State's first purpose-built Disability Justice Centre will open in July 2015** - It will be operated by the Disability Services Commission, and will provide a secure home-like environment in which tailored, specialist support will be provided for up to 10 residents. The residents are people with disability held under the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996*, who have been held in custody because they were found unfit to plead as the result of an intellectual or cognitive disability.

- **Respite centre in Gosnells** - As part of an \$11.75 million package for five respite facilities, the new respite Guest House in Gosnells was completed and opened in June 2013. Around 350 families in total access these five respite centres each year, with some people having regular stays.
- **In November 2014 the Premier officially opened The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's (now Ability Centre) \$7.1 million Minderoo Rise community lifestyle village** - Constructed with \$5.7 million in State Government funding as well as private funds. Twenty five people live in these purpose built houses.
- **In March 2015 the Minister for Disability Services officially opened Rocky Bay Inc's lifestyle units in Mosman Park** – They were constructed with more than \$5 million in State Government funding as well as private funds. These units will be home for 17 people with disability.
- **In 2014 the Disability Services Commission commenced the transfer of direct accommodation services for approximately 300 people to the non-government sector** - This gives people with disability more choice in selecting accommodation, and is in line with the principles of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Non-government organisations already provide over 80 per cent of accommodation services for people with disability in Western Australia. Western Australia has a non-government sector which offers robust, experienced and capable service providers with a range of contemporary, dynamic services.
- **The Disability Services Commission has partnered with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) to develop a \$2 million Changing Places Network across metropolitan and regional Western Australia** - The project will be implemented over the next two years, and increase access and inclusion in the community for people with profound disability. Changing Places provide an adult sized adjustable change table and a ceiling hoist to help lift a person. They also have enough space so a person can be comfortably assisted by two carers or support workers. The State Government will fund two thirds of each Changing Place and local governments will fund the final third as well as ongoing costs. National Disability Services WA is facilitating the involvement of people with disability and service providers and community engagement on the project.
- **The Government, through the Disability Services Commission, has provided \$2,294,000 to VisAbility over the past three years to implement strategies for an Accessible Information Service** - VisAbility's Library provides a wide range of innovative services to make materials accessible for people who are blind or vision impaired, or who have a print disability.
- **Over the past four years, the State Government has contributed \$1.6 million to the Motor Industry's Wheels for Hope initiative** - Together with private and other funds this initiative has provided more than 67 vehicles for individuals in wheelchairs and their families, who would otherwise have had great difficulty attending health and medical appointments and community activities.
- **The WA Continence Management and Support Scheme (CMASS) received a one-off \$2.5 million funding boost in the 2014-15 Budget** - to assist people on the waiting list for funding for continence products. This funding enabled 5,000 people to access the required assistance.
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- ## EDUCATION
- **Record funding for public schools** – The 2015-16 State Budget includes a record allocation of \$4.8 billion for public education in 2015-16. This is an increase of 47% since 2008-09 and 69% since 2007-08. In 2015-16 alone, expenditure will increase by \$294.4 million or 6.5% on 2014-15. Based on projected enrolments, the average spend per full-time equivalent student (FTE) is \$16,786 in 2015-16, an increase of \$600 or 3.7% per student from 2014-15. Western Australian public schools are among the best resourced in the nation, with higher per student funding than any other State (Productivity Commission Report on Government Services 2015).
 - **New and improved public school infrastructure** – In addition to recurrent expenditure of \$4.8 billion in 2015-16, the Government will invest \$295.3 million in new and improved school infrastructure in 2015-16 and a total of \$1.18 billion across the forward estimates. Between 2009 and 2015, the State Government has opened 28 new primary schools, nine new secondary schools and 13 replacement schools. Between 2016 and 2019, the State Government will open an additional 16 public primary schools and five public secondary schools.
 - **Completed schools**
 - New and rebuilt schools opened in 2013:
 - Government Stirling Senior High School redevelopment (\$63 million);
 - Pearsall Primary School (\$12.5 million);
 - Butler College Stage 1 (\$51.4 million);
 - Baldivis College Stage 1 (\$44 million);
 - Baynton West Primary School, Karratha (\$20.7 million);
 - Tuart Forest Primary School, East Dalyellup (\$14.5 million); and
 - West Byford Primary School (\$14 million);
 - Exmouth District High School upgrade (\$15.87 million, including \$877,000 from Royalties for Regions); and
 - Rebuilt Esperance Primary School (\$13 million, including \$10 million Royalties for Regions), opened for students in 2013.
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 - Byford Secondary College Stage 1 (\$35.2 million, including \$5.2 million for Year 7 build);
 - John Butler Primary College, North Butler (\$29.5 million);
 - Yanchep Beach Primary School (\$13.1 million);
 - Hammond Park Primary School (\$16 million);
 - Wandina Primary School, Geraldton (\$8 million);
 - Treendale Primary School in Australind (\$15.5 million)
 - Lakelands Primary School (\$5.2 million, Stage 1, pre-primary and kindergarten); and
 - Stage 2 Dalyellup College (\$30 million).
 - New and rebuilt schools opened in 2015:
 - Joseph Banks Secondary College in Banksia Grove (\$48.7 million);

- Broome North Primary School (\$21 million);
 - Golden Bay Primary School in the City of Rockingham (\$14.25 million);
 - Tuart Rise Primary School in Baldivis (\$18.8 million); and
 - Mount Lawley Primary School (\$11.25 million).
- **School Infrastructure program**
 - Completion during 2015:
 - Halls Head Community College Stage 2 (\$25.9 million);
 - Baldivis Secondary College Stage 2 (26.3 million); and
 - Butler College Stage 2 (\$32 million).
 - Applecross Senior High School redevelopment (\$56.2 million).
- **Public Private Partnership** – As part of the overall capital works program for new schools, eight public schools are to be designed, built and maintained by a private company in partnership with the State Government. This will involve four public primary and four public secondary schools under Western Australia's first Public Private Partnership (PPP) for schools. The four new primary schools will be built in Landsdale East, Alkimos South West, Baldivis North and Byford South West. The new secondary schools are Ellenbrook North Stages one and two, Lakelands stages one and two, Hammond Park Stages one and two and Harrisdale Stage two (Stage one is already under construction).
- **New funding model for public schools** – A new student-centred funding model was implemented for public schools in 2015. The new model provides a base amount of funding for each student with additional funding provided for disability, Aboriginality, social disadvantage and English as a second language. School budgets for 2015 under the new model were finalised in March 2015 following the February Semester 1 student census. Final budgets included an additional \$46.5 million that had not been included in preliminary budgets. The additional funding reflected the outcome of the finalised student census as well as funds from the model's reserve budget. Around 82% of schools received more funding under the new model than they would have, had the model not changed.
- **Year 7s in public secondary schools from 2015** – More than 17,000 Year 7 students at public schools across the State are part of this historic change. The move to secondary school gives Year 7 students access to specialist teaching and facilities, providing them with the best learning environment for the challenges of the new Australian Curriculum. The State Government has invested \$229.6 million (including \$42.6 million through Royalties for Regions) to accommodate Year 7 students in secondary settings, with 29 secondary schools receiving additional accommodation. \$22.4 million has also been invested by the State Government for the Switch program, which was designed to increase the supply of secondary teachers in WA public schools and provide retraining for primary teachers to teach in secondary schools, and for secondary teachers to teach additional subjects.
- **Changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education** - Major reforms to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), announced in January 2013, came into effect in 2015. The changes require students to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank and/or a minimum Certificate II to graduate from school with a WACE in 2016. Students will also be required to meet minimum literacy and numeracy standards. These changes will ensure that all students finish school with the skills and knowledge they need to enter the

workforce and/or undertake further study. Given the increase in students expected to undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs as a result of the WACE reforms, the State Government announced a \$17 million funding package for VET in public secondary schools in 2015 (in December 2014). This represented a 51 per cent increase on 2014 funding.

- **Introduce a comprehensive transition and development program, giving all government schools the opportunity to become an Independent Public School –** The State Government allocated \$18.2 million in the 2013-14 State Budget to expand the Independent Public Schools initiative. 174 schools successfully completed the development program and became Independent Public Schools in 2015, along with four new schools. From 2015, 441 schools are IPS, which represents around 55% of public schools and approximately 70% of the total public school student population. In total, the State Government has committed \$106.2 million over eight years (to 2017-18) to the IPS program.

- **Revitalising secondary education -** In December 2014, the State Government announced that Fremantle would get a new public secondary school through the amalgamation of South Fremantle Senior High School and Hamilton Hill Senior High School. The new school will be located on the South Fremantle Senior High School site and is planned to open in 2018. The existing South Fremantle site will be substantially upgraded and expanded at a cost of about \$30 million. The cost will be offset by the sale of the Hamilton Hill site. In March 2015, the Government announced changes to secondary schooling in Armadale. Armadale Senior High School will become a leader in the delivery of VET programs for students in the south eastern corridor of Perth. \$4.95 million will be invested for a new commercial kitchen, upgraded cafeteria, and food and textile facilities, and upgrades to selected classrooms for allied health services students. At Cecil Andrews High School, an Academic Extension Program will be established for students from Years 7 to 10, with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects. \$4.45 million will be invested for a new building with two multidisciplinary STEM laboratories, lecture space for up to 70 students and preparation areas. The changes will be in place for 2017.
- **Committed to contribute \$22 million and land to support establishment of a university campus in Midland –** In May 2015 the Commonwealth and the State

Government announced the establishment of a new university campus in Midland, to be operated by Curtin University. The State Government will provide \$22 million of capital funding to support the establishment of the new campus, in conjunction with Curtin University. The State Government will also provide the land for the campus. The primary focus of the campus will be the establishment of a new medical school to help address the health workforce needs of Western Australia. An initial intake of 60 medical students is planned for 2017, ramping up to 120 (110 domestic and 10 international) by 2022. The campus will also be a centre for the delivery of education and clinical placements for nursing and allied health students. A priority of the campus will be to service rural and remote locations with well-qualified, highly trained health professionals.

- **Increased funding for School Chaplaincy Program** - The State Government allocated \$2.065 million from 2013-14 to 2016-17 for the expansion of the School Chaplaincy Program. In total, the State Government contributes \$5.68 million per year to YouthCARE to provide chaplaincy services in public schools. In December 2014, the State Government agreed to make up a funding shortfall of \$1.45 million following the withdrawal of funding by the Commonwealth Government for the National School Chaplaincy Programme, to allow an additional 71 public schools to access an In School Chaplain in 2015. This brought the total to 319 public schools receiving funding for an In School Chaplain. In April 2015, the State Government committed an additional \$2.7 million in 2015 to fund a further 179 public schools. This means that every Western Australian public school that applied for an In School Chaplain (500 schools) is receiving funding in 2015.
- **Six new Child and Parent Centres to ensure a successful start in life for more children** – The State Government provided a further \$11.1 million as part of the 2014-15 Budget to establish six new Child and Parent Centres on public primary school sites. The Centres offer integrated health, education and parenting services for babies, young children and their parents. This additional commitment takes the State Government's total investment in 16 Child and Parent Centres to \$48.7 million (capital and operating). All 16 centres are operational, with building projects completed for the first 10 Centres in 2014 and the remaining six centres to be completed by the end of 2015.
- **Increase funding for Curriculum and Reengagement in Education (CARE) schools** – An additional \$4 million has been provided over four years from 2013-14 to 2016-17 to top up funding for CARE schools. CARE schools provide education and support to some of Western Australia's most troubled teenagers who face significant social and emotional challenges that can severely affect their ability to learn in mainstream schooling.
- **Residential College upgrades** - \$7.6 million of Royalties for Regions funding has been provided for upgrades to Narrogin Residential College (\$1.4 million, completed), Merredin Residential College (\$3.9 million, completed by July 2015) and Esperance Residential College (\$2.3 million, completed by Term 4, 2015). \$11.5 million of Royalties for Regions funding has been provided for the expansion of Broome Residential College to provide an additional 44 beds, taking the total to 116 (for completion by end of 2016).
- **Hardship provisions for 457 visa tuition fee** - In November 2014, the State Government announced hardship provisions in relation to the public school

tuition fee for dependents of 457 Visa holders. The fee was originally set at \$4,000 per student, commencing in 2014. The fee was subsequently delayed until 2015 and reduced to \$2,000 for second and subsequent children. Recognising the potential impact on families with two or more children, the fee was reduced again to \$4,000 per family in the 2014-15 Budget. Families with a combined income of \$75,000 (gross) or less per annum will not be required to pay the fee. Families earning more than \$75,000 per annum can pay by instalments and may be eligible for a full or partial fee waiver where they provide evidence of unforeseen changes in their financial circumstances.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **Continue to implement all Keelty recommendations following the Perth Hills and Margaret River bushfires** – The Office of Bushfire Risk Management and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet continue to monitor and implement all Keelty recommendations. An additional \$32.9 million over four years has been allocated to the Department of Parks and Wildlife to enhance fire management capacity, and \$40 million over four years has been allocated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to mitigate bushfire risk. All 55 of the recommendations have been acted upon and 44 of those recommendations are now part of the standard operating environment of Government agencies responsible for emergency management.
- **Improve support for career and volunteer firefighters who develop prescribed forms of cancer.** The State Government introduced and passed amendments to the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act*, delivering greater access to workers' compensation entitlements for career fire fighters who contract certain cancers, with \$1.5 million allocated from 2014-15 to 2016-17.
- **Compensation** - Legislation is currently being drafted that will provide compensation to current and former volunteer firefighters, the Department of Parks and Wildlife firefighters and former Department of Fire and Emergency Services firefighters who contract a prescribed cancer.
- **A Volunteer Hardship Assistance Scheme was announced which provides emergency service volunteers with the opportunity to seek financial assistance during times of hardship** – The State Government has supported the Scheme with a one-off payment of \$1 million.
- **The Fire and Emergency Services Amendment Bill 2015** – This Bill is currently before Parliament. It will ensure planning schemes across the State include mandatory provisions for the construction of new homes in bushfire-prone areas, as identified in the Building Code of Australia and the Australian Standards AS3959. Building standards will apply from May 2016 to new homes built in areas identified by the State or local government as bushfire-prone, or if the house is located within 100 metres of one hectare or more of bushland.
- **Southwest Capes Enhanced Service Delivery** - The State Government invested \$7 million to improve firefighting capability in the South West region with extra fire trucks, improved response arrangements, specialised training and extra crew protection systems and upgrades to five volunteer fire stations.
- **Purchase emergency rescue helicopter for the South West to be based at Bunbury Airport** – Committed \$15.3 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years for the construction of a hangar,

crew accommodation and office facility, together with operating costs for a new South West Emergency Rescue Helicopter Service. The provision of a second Emergency Rescue Helicopter Service in the South-West will lead to an improved emergency response and greater community resilience to emergency incidents. The State Government will continue to improve fire and emergency response, and provide the best possible protection for the Western Australian community.

- **Committed \$700,000 for Exmouth Marine Rescue Facility** - Funds were committed in 2013-14 State Budget for the construction of a facility at the Exmouth Small Boat Harbour housing a training centre, offices and rescue boats operated by the Exmouth Volunteer Marine Sea Rescue Group. The facility was opened in December 2014.
- **Improve fire crew safety equipment** – Committed \$12.3 million in the 2013-14 State Budget over four years to provide extra protective equipment in 667 firefighting vehicles that operate in high risk bushfire areas to improve firefighter survivability in bushfire burn over and entrapment situations. The delivery of fire blankets has been completed and all appliances are currently being fitted out with heat shields, radiant heat curtains and heat lagging.
- **Opened the \$5.3 million fire station in the north-eastern suburb of Kiara In July 2013** – This station serves as a base for ‘strike teams’ in the event of fire emergencies in the Perth hills and across the metropolitan area.
- **Opened the new Butler Fire Station - a \$7.5million facility meeting the needs of Perth’s developing northern corridor** - This is an addition to an ever-expanding network of first class emergency services

facilities being opened by the State Government.

- **Opened the \$2 million Fire and Emergency Services Simulation Training Centre (SIMCEN) in Belmont in April 2014** - SIMCEN uses the latest audiovisual technology to simulate real life emergencies, allowing career and volunteer personnel to gain valuable experience in incident management.
- **Invested \$20.3 million for a new fire and rescue station to be built to the west of the Perth CBD to meet the needs of the growing city** – A site has been identified with the State Government now conducting due diligence before progressing with construction.
- **Opened the new \$2 million volunteer fire and rescue station in Geraldton in November 2014, improving the capability of local emergency services in the State’s Mid-West** - Emergency services in the Mid-West and Gascoyne regions have been strengthened further with the commissioning of a new \$710,000 Incident Control Vehicle (ICV).

ENERGY

- **Continue funding State Underground Power Program** – Committed \$20 million per annum from 2015-16 to 2018-19 towards the State Underground Power Program which since 1996, has invested \$375 million in 81 projects to bury the electricity connection for more than 82,000 households.
- **Continue to support development of renewable energy technologies** – Supported the Renewable Energy Technology Challenge, a joint initiative between the Department of Commerce, Pilbara Development Commission and Horizon Power, with innovations potentially leading to greater use of

renewable energy throughout Western Australia.

- **Introduce necessary market reforms and refinements to improve capacity of wholesale electricity market to manage impact of intermittent generation and potentially reduce electricity costs** – In March 2014, the State Government undertook a review of the design of the electricity market to create a market that reduces taxpayer risk and upward pressure on electricity prices. Since the launch of Phase Two, the Steering Committee has commenced planning for the 11 reform projects that form the Electricity Market Review.
- **Delivered on the promise to drive efficiencies in the electricity market with new Synergy delivering \$971million in merger related savings to the State Budget.**
- **Officially opened a \$76 million, 18 megawatt power station at Carnarvon** – This new power station brings increased power reliability to the network, even in extreme weather conditions, and a capacity to be scaled for regional growth.
- **Announced an additional \$75 million in funding from Royalties for Regions for phase two of the Pilbara Underground Power Project** - Leading to meaningful increases in network safety and reliability for the people of the Pilbara and resulting in a total forecast investment of \$230 million in the Pilbara's electricity network.
- **Announced Canadian-based energy company TransAlta Corporation (Australia) will fund, design, build and operate a 150 megawatt power station at South Hedland to meet future Pilbara electricity demand for the next 25 years.**
- **Established a project team for the development of a new model for the operation of, and access to, electricity**

infrastructure in the Pilbara region to drive efficient planning, investment, construction and use of electricity infrastructure in the Pilbara.

- **Announced a renegotiated agreement between Synergy and Premier Coal that secures the State's future coal requirements, stabilise the industry in the Collie basin and protect jobs central to the future of the region's economy.**

ENVIRONMENT

- **Extra \$20 million for prescribed burning in the South West** - An additional \$20 million over four years as part of the 2015-16 State Budget will help meet the challenge of prescribed burning in forest areas and lands managed by Parks and Wildlife, to reduce the bushfire risk in our South West. An initial \$3.5 million will be made available in 2015-16. These funds are in addition to Parks and Wildlife's prescribed burning budget of \$10 million a year.
- **Establish a new Headquarters for Parks and Wildlife in Bunbury** - \$18 million committed over 3 years as part of the 2015-16 State Budget. The project includes a \$1.3 million investment in 2015-16 to complete site investigations and produce detailed concept plans.
- **Mitchell Plateau alumina State Agreement terminated in 2015** - The Mitchell Plateau will be included in a new Kimberley National Park. The termination of this State Agreement will allow more than 1750,000 hectares of land on the Mitchell Plateau to be included in the new national park, which will extend over more than two million hectares and will be surrounded on its coastal boundaries by new marine parks.
- **World First poison bait for cats approved for use in WA** - Scientific breakthrough for feral cat control with the approval of

Eradicate feral cat bait for predator control across the State. Developed through Parks and Wildlife, this new bait will complement the existing feral fox baiting program through the State Government's Western Shield program. Populations of at least 53 threatened mammals, birds and reptiles remain in Western Shield baited sites. Fox numbers have been reduced by at least 55% in baited areas across the South West.

- **New Department of Parks and Wildlife and Department of Environment Regulation established on 1 July 2013** - The Department of Parks and Wildlife manages more than 28.5 million hectares in parks and reserves that attract over 16 million visits a year. The Department of Environment Regulation licenses more than 900 industrial premises.
- **Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy** - The Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy is a bold vision for the Kimberley's long-term conservation with an investment of \$81.5 million for its implementation. The Government has already made significant progress in implementing the Strategy by creating the Camden Sound and Eighty Mile Beach marine parks, upgrading facilities in many of the Kimberley's most visited parks, developing partnerships with non-government environmental organisations and pastoral lessees and providing Aboriginal employment opportunities through joint management arrangements with traditional owners.
- **Parks for People: new campgrounds** - Work continues on the upgrading of camp and caravan sites as part of the State Government's Parks for People initiative to provide more low-cost, high-quality holiday options in national parks and reserves for families to experience. This \$21.05 million initiative is delivering 450 new camp and caravan sites and upgrading accommodation at other campgrounds in 16 national parks and reserves. This commitment builds on \$60 million already provided by the Liberal National Government to improve facilities in parks since 2008.
- **Road upgrade for Kalbarri National Park** - \$7.7 million provided for sealing of road within the Park, opened in April 2014.
- **\$1.75 million for upgrades at Hamersley Gorge in Karijini National Park** - Officially opened in April 2014 works including upgrade of public recreation facilities and roads.
- **\$40 million Fitzgerald River National Park improvements** - Officially opened in June 2014. Works included the major upgrade of road access, camping facilities, recreational sites and walking trails. Approximately \$30 million has been spent on road improvements with 40km of road reconstructed and sealed and a further 40km of gravel roads upgraded.
- **\$2.7 million visitor facilities opened at Mount Frankland National Park and Coalmine beach** - In October 2013, new lookout, upgraded paths, toilets, picnic areas and information shelters opened at Caldyanup Jinnung wilderness lookout and access improvement made to Walpole and Nornalup Inlets near Walpole.
- **New facilities for Yellagonga Regional Park** - This \$150,000 initiative will provide seating and picnic tables.
- **Updated Cane Toad Strategy** - Released in June 2014. The focus of the updated strategy over the next five years is on preventing the establishment of new satellite populations and managing the impact of cane toads on native wildlife.

- **Cat Barrier fence for Dirk Hartog Island** - Completed construction of a \$380,000 Cat Barrier fence on Dirk Hartog Island and undertook cat baiting on the northern portion of the island that gave a 93 per cent reduction in feral cat abundance. The eradication of cats will allow the reintroduction of 10 of the 13 native terrestrial mammals once present on the island and contribute significantly to the long-term conservation of threatened species.
- **New Forest Management Plan 2014-23 released** - A new framework to manage our South West forests for the next decade was released on 6 December 2013. The new plan incorporates a number of management activities to ensure biodiversity and water catchments are protected, while at the same time allowing for recreation and a sustainable native forest products industry. The new plan became operational on 1 January 2014.
- **Upgrades to Parks and Wildlife Fire truck fleet** - Installation of radiant heat shield curtains, protective lagging of all critical wiring and replacement of plastic components and water spray protection system on over 100 front line fire trucks.
- **Sister National Park with China** - Forged Western Australia's first sister park relationship in November 2014 between China's Danxiashan National Park and WA's Purnululu National Park, which are both World Heritage-listed. The newly signed agreement between the State Government and the People's Republic of China will help forge strong relationships in tourism, park management and plant conservation research.
- **MOU signed between Parks and Wildlife and Nanjing's Institute of Botany, Jiangsu Province and Chinese Academy Sciences** - Establishment of a cooperative arrangement that will include participation in an international exchange of seeds, plants and specimens, and the development of joint programs that build on shared interests and research strengths.
- **10 Year Plan for Leeuwin Naturaliste Capes** - The plan was released in January 2015 and guides the overall management of six national parks and eight nature reserves as well as parts of State forest and other small reserves cover over 37,000 hectares.
- **10 Year Plan for Pilbara Islands released in February 2015** - Conservation guide for Barrow, Boodie, Double and Middle Islands. The plan covers around 24,000 hectares and 23 threatened species.
- **Swan River Trust amalgamation into Parks and Wildlife** – From 1 July 2015 the Swan River Trust and the Department of Parks and Wildlife will be joined. Amalgamation will strengthen management of Western Australia's environment and riverparks.
- **Emergency phone system installed at Kalbarri National Park in January 2015** - The installation of a new satellite telephone which connects to 000 emergency services has been installed at The Loop visitor site to improve response times for medical emergencies in the Murchison Gorge area.
- **\$3 million for Riverbank Projects on the Swan and Canning Rivers** - As part of 2014-15 State Budget, \$3 million allocated to improve the accessibility and safety of our Swan and Canning Rivers foreshores. The funding will be used to replace damaged and ageing riverwalls and stabilising eroded foreshores in Bayswater, South Perth and Belmont.
- **Construction of Ellenbrook Wetland** - Completed construction of the \$4.05 million nutrient stripping wetland. The wetland is Australia's largest constructed

wetlands and will improve water quality entering the Swan River.

- **\$1.2 million towards the construction of a new wetland at the Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary in Bayswater** - The new wetland will prevent almost 40 tonnes of sediment and rubbish, 1.3 tonnes of nitrogen and 200kg of phosphorus from entering the Swan River each year. The project will see more than 150,000 natives planted.
- **\$2.4 million to expand the Swan and Canning River oxygenation program and build a third plant in the Canning River** - The oxygenation programs provide vital oxygen relief to our Swan and Canning Rivers to alleviate potential algal blooms and fish kills. \$1 million has been spent on construction of a new oxygenation plant which became operational in April 2015. This new oxygenation plant will ensure that an extra 2.2 km of the Canning River will have adequate oxygen levels at times when the levels drop to a point which harms aquatic life.
- **\$910,000 funding boost for Swan Canning Riverpark in October 2013** - Funds will be shared by seven local government authorities to rebuild collapsed river walls, control invasive weed species, stabilise riverbanks and revegetate foreshore areas. Since 2008 the Liberal National Government has invested more than \$7.7 million across 92 projects focused on riverbank and foreshore restoration.
- **Noise Rule changes create better balance** – In 2013 amendments to the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* were made. The new regulations will better manage noise from outdoor concerts, motor sports, sport shooting clubs and public events.
- **Introduced Land Clearing changes to reduce red tape** - These changes are designed to make life easier for farmers and land managers, without resulting in any significant risk to the environment. Previously cleared areas can now be maintained for pasture, cultivation or forestry for 20 years, up from the previous 10 and farmers can clear up to five hectares a year for limited clearing purposes under exemptions, an increase from one hectare.
- **Longer licencing periods to reduce red tape** - In 2014, changes to environmental licences was announced for industrial premises, including in the waste management and resources sectors, the duration of which may now be up to 20 years. The move will reduce red tape for industry and increase the focus on improving environmental outcomes by allowing industry to make longer-term decisions.
- **Regulations Streamlined for controlled waste** - Changes introduced in August 2014 to give industry the flexibility to apply for a one, three or five year licence.
- **Introduced the Better Bins Kerbside Collection Pilot Program** - A \$7.5 million State Government grants program to help local governments in Perth and major regional centres trial a three-bin system to improve kerbside recycling rates. This funding increased to a total of \$20 million in April 2015.
- **State Government Environmental Offsets Register goes live** - The Liberal National Government has developed a public database of environmental offsets in Western Australia, which went live in July 2013. This web based register provides for efficient retrieval of offset information to provide a greater level of transparency for Government, industry and community needs.

- **New Guidelines for Environmental Offsets** - Released on 14 October 2014. These new guidelines will improve how offsets are applied by standardising the approach across government agencies and departments. This will deliver more consistency and certainty to developers and the community. These guidelines will also increase transparency and predictability for developers by clarifying when an offset is required.
- **Management of contaminated sites** - Provided \$1.78 million in 2014 to investigate and clean-up 10 contaminated sites across Western Australia.
- **Redevelop Sunset Hospital Site as a community precinct** – *Sunset Reserve Transformation Act 2014* came into effect in April 2014. A small lot adjacent to the site was sold in May 2015 and proceeds are to be used to undertake basic restoration works and restore services. It is expected that public access to the site will be opened up in late 2016 and negotiation for use of buildings will occur throughout 2016 and 2017.
- **Advancing a whole-of-government regulatory and red tape reform agenda** – The Government has renewed its focus on cutting red tape across all agencies and will demonstrate delivery on this commitment through publicly releasing Red Tape Reduction Cards during Repeal Week each November. The Minister for Finance is leading the Government's agenda and will be releasing a Policy Statement mid-year outlining regulatory and red tape reform priorities for 2015-16. Improving regulatory arrangements and reducing red tape will provide immediate, as well as long-term, cost savings to government and enhance business productivity at an important time for the State.

FINANCE

- **Relocate 85,000 square metres of CBD and fringe Government office accommodation** – Government remains committed to decentralising office accommodation from the Perth CBD and fringe, and is actively considering options that deliver value for money and provide other benefits to the State, including improved community access to services, benefits to local economies and a reduction in road congestion in the Perth CBD.
- **Increase regional business preference (Buy Local Policy)** – The maximum price preference that can be applied has been increased. Thresholds for goods and services contracts were increased from \$50,000 to \$250,000 and building construction and significant land alterations to \$500,000. The price preference was designed to offset factors such as higher transport costs and economies of scale, which make it difficult for regional businesses to compete against metropolitan firms. Price preferences are not applied when a bid is received from any Australian State, Territory or country that forms part of an Australian Free Trade Agreement.
- **Establishment of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO)** – The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer will be funded from the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Renewal and Reform Fund announced in the 2014-15 Mid-year Review. The GCIO will lead the decision-making regarding further allocation of the ICT Renewal and Reform Fund. The GCIO will be focused on stabilising cost, increase value-for-money and minimise risk in the delivery of ICT across the Western Australian public sector.
- **Improve timeliness of revenue collections through the Taxation Administration Package** – The package provides funding for the Office of State Revenue to undertake initiatives to improve the timely

follow-up of outstanding payroll tax returns, increase the timeliness of mid-complexity duty assessment processing and issue interim assessments for complex, high value transactions where duty is often delayed. The package raised \$369 million in 2013-14 and is estimated to collect an additional \$215.2 million over the forward estimates to 2016-17.

- **Deliver upgrades and improvements to revenue collection systems through the Revenue Systems Consolidation and Enhancement Program (RSP)** – The program will deliver upgrades and improvements to the systems that support the collection of State taxes. The RSP will improve performance in the areas of business intelligence, debt management and voluntary compliance. The program commenced on 1 July 2014 and will run over five financial years to 30 June 2019. The full cost of the RSP is \$32.186 million with the program expected to raise additional revenue of \$61.250 million during that period.
- **Introduce legislation to exclude certain businesses, professional and industry associations from accessing State tax exemptions for charitable bodies** – Following a decision of the State Administrative Tribunal in 2012, the Government introduced new legislation to exclude certain organisations from receiving charitable tax exemptions. The amendments have achieved the Government's policy objective, while minimising disruption to bodies who are considered to be genuinely in need of taxation relief on account of their charitable status. The new legislation received Royal Assent on 9 March 2015 and the amendments are in the process of being implemented by the Commissioner of State Revenue.
- **Modernise the land tax primary production exemption** – New legislation has been enacted to modernise and

simplify the exemption for land used for primary production. It is the most comprehensive review of this exemption in over 35 years. The legislation received Royal Assent on 25 February 2015, with the Commissioner of State Revenue in the process of finalising the necessary publications to assist affected taxpayers make applications.

- **Integrate systems and processes with new Property Exchange Australia (PEXA) e-conveyancing platform** – The introduction of a national electronic conveyancing solution to the Australian property industry is expected to deliver time and cost efficiencies to industry, removing manual processes and paperwork, which will in turn benefit taxpayers through increased efficiencies in the settlement process. The new system became operational in May 2015.
- **Raise payroll tax threshold to \$800,000 in 2014-15 and \$850,000 in 2017-18** – Changes the threshold, which will provide tax relief to more than 16,000 employers.

FISHERIES

- **Complete final stage of individual transferable quota system for the West Coast Rock Lobster Fishery** – The harvest strategy was developed in consultation with industry and has been used for the first time in determining the 2015 Total Allowable Catch for the fishery. By moving to an Individual Transferable Quota System, in which each licence holder has quota attached to the licence in the form of units, fishers have the flexibility to respond to consumer demand and maximise profits. Department of Fisheries modelling shows this initiative has increased the industry's annual profitability by about \$60 million.
- **Complete introduction of third party sustainability certification of State's**

commercial fisheries – All commercial fisheries have now gone through the pre-assessment process. Some fisheries, such as the West Coast Estuarine fishery, West Coast Deep Sea Crab, Shark Bay Prawn and Pearling have moved towards the full assessment stage. Achieving third party sustainability certification will provide environmental, social, and marketing benefits to the commercial fishing industry and wider community by meeting rigorous benchmarks for sustainable fishing.

- **Complete development of aquaculture development zones in the Mid West and the Kimberley** – The Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone was proclaimed in August 2014. The new zone, covering almost 2,000 hectares near Broome can support production of up to 20,000 tonnes of fish per year, up from the current tonnage of 7,000 tonnes. An access policy is currently being developed for the Kimberley Zone and is due to be released in 2015. The Mid West zone will be completed in 2016. The zones will reduce the red tape for existing and future aquaculture producers within the designated zone.
- **Continue rollout of ‘Fish Eye’ platform for commercial fishers and receivers** – The framework for ‘Fish Eye’, the management and licensing system for WA’s fisheries, is complete. The Rock Lobster Fishery was first to roll into the system on 30 August 2013 through “Rock lobster”, which allows fishers to electronically alert the Department of Fisheries to catch reporting and quota trading. The Abalone Managed Fishery will be the next to access the system for catch reporting and quota trading. Transferring to ‘Fish Eye’ from the old, paper system will streamline the reporting processing required and provide efficiencies.
- **Launched SharkSmart website** - A cutting edge shark education website that features up-to-date information on shark movements, world class research into their behaviour and satellite tracking of dozens of sharks. The website is part of the State Government's \$26 million Shark Hazard Mitigation Policy.
- **Continue to do all we reasonably can to protect the public by funding shark mitigation strategies** – Strengthened cross-agency shark hazard mitigation strategies with more resources being invested to allow additional funding to expand the shark monitoring network, research, electronic tagging of sharks and additional community awareness programs.
- **Review deployment of artificial reefs** – Artificial reefs have been deployed in Bunbury and Dunsborough with further work continuing to deploy a reef in Mandurah during 2015. Funding has been sourced through Recfishwest recreational licence fees. Recfishwest is coordinating this project. The monitoring program is ongoing and further work will be done to investigate the expansion of the program into other regional centres. By providing new habitats for fish and marine life, the artificial reefs have enhanced recreational fishing opportunities, with flow on effects to tourism and regional economies.
- **Construction to rebuild the derelict research facilities at Watermans Bay is nearing completion.** At a cost of \$11 million, the project which will enhance Western Australia’s marine and fisheries research capabilities and see the beachside centre become a hub for more than 40 scientists and research staff. Completion is expected in 2015.
- **Install rock fishing safety measures** – Committed \$300,000 in the 2013-14 State Budget over two years to reduce the risks of rock fishing. Anchor points have been installed at Salmon Point in Albany and life buoys have been deployed along the coast. Free personal flotation devices are

available to borrow in Albany, Esperance, Margaret River and Augusta. Recfishwest continues to roll out rock bolts, safety gear and promotional material. In addition, a public awareness campaign is underway.

HEALTH

- **Record funding for health** – Health’s operating budget for 2015-16 is \$8.15 billion, which represents an increase of 71% from the \$4.8 billion budget in 2008-09. The budget provides for patient numbers (and treatments) to grow by an estimated 3% per cent in 2015-16 to over 618,000 inpatients, over 1,077,000 treatments in emergency departments, and over 2,341,000 treatments for non-admitted patients in outpatient clinics and community settings.
- **Continue and complete the current \$7 billion investment** to create a world-class public hospital and health system in Western Australia with completion and commissioning of major new facilities:

In the metropolitan region major redevelopments include the \$2 billion Fiona Stanley Hospital that opened in October 2014, the \$1.2 billion Perth Children’s Hospital and the \$360 million Midland Health Campus. The Perth Children’s Hospital is planned to open in the first half of 2016 and the Midland Health Campus is to open in November 2015.

- **A new 37 bed paediatric ward (75 per cent single rooms) will be built on top of the main hospital building at Joondalup Health Campus at a cost of \$14.7 million as part of a major expansion of specialist services to benefit Western Australian children and families** - The new ward is a result of collaboration between the State Government (with a contribution of \$6 million) and Telethon WA (with a contribution of \$9 million) plus \$3 million

from Ramsay Health Care. The ward will be called the Telethon Kids Ward.

- **Construct 500 additional car bays at Osborne Park Hospital** – \$3.5 million committed in the 2013-14 State Budget over two years. Project will deliver 300-500 additional parking bays to provide parking for staff, patients and visitors, and alleviate parking in nearby residential streets to meet growing demand at Osborne Park Hospital. The work is scheduled to commence in 2015 for completion by mid-2016.
- **In the regions, major projects include** – The \$170.4 million Albany Health Campus which opened in May 2013 and the \$120.4 million Busselton Health Campus which opened in March 2015. The \$59.6 million redevelopment of the Kalgoorlie Hospital and the \$31.3 million Esperance Health Campus redevelopment are progressing. Construction has commenced at the \$26.8 million redevelopment at Carnarvon Health Campus.
- **The \$207 million Karratha Health Campus** will be the largest single investment in a public hospital ever undertaken in regional WA. Construction is expected to begin in May 2016 with the health campus scheduled to open in 2018.
- **Announced the construction of a new \$19.5 million Laverton Health Centre** - This will be a new facility that will replace the existing outdated Laverton Hospital. It will provide a comprehensive primary care service for short stay patients as well as an aged care component comprising six independent living units.
- **Commenced work in March 2015 on Phase 3 of the \$8.1 million Exmouth Health Service redevelopment** - Phase 3 will extend the existing health service building to include a new outpatient

centre that will house dental and child health facilities, community mental health, emergency triage and health service administration. The project is on track for completion by the end of 2015.

- **Works have been progressed to replace a number of remote Aboriginal health clinics** - Bayulu, Mulan, Billiluna and Noonkanbah Clinic replacements (Kimberley) are completed and operational. Other clinics are in various stages of planning and construction including at Yandeyarra, Wangkatjunga and Jigalong.
- **Committed \$150 million for the North West Health Initiative** – Allocated \$161 million over five years to improve health and aged care facilities in towns across the North West. Among the projects to be funded are redevelopments for Newman Hospital, Onslow Hospital, and Tom Price Hospital; and improvement to health facilities in Paraburdoo and Roebourne. Funds for the redevelopment of hospital facilities at Onslow have now been released for the project to proceed.
- **The \$41.8 million Onslow Hospital and Health Service redevelopment, will include an expanded emergency department, modern inpatient rooms, better access to specialist health via video teleconferencing and a secure mental health assessment room** - The new facility is to be built on the existing Onslow Hospital site. Chevron is contributing \$22 million and the State Government is funding \$19.8 million.
- **Continued implementation of the Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI)** – The Southern Inland Health Initiative is a \$565 million coordinated strategy to improve health services for people in Western Australia's southern inland areas. It will provide better access to health care services throughout the Great Southern,

Mid West, Goldfields, South West and Wheatbelt regions.

Six hospitals are earmarked for capital works with a new hospital planned for Manjimup and upgrades to hospital at Northam, Collie, Merredin, Narrogin, and Katanning.

A further \$108 million has been allocated for upgrades to small hospitals and nursing posts. Twenty six small facilities across the Wheatbelt and Central Great Southern regions will be upgraded. The first stage of construction works have commenced with contracts awarded for Gnowangerup, Kojonup, Lake Grace, Wagin and Tambellup.

Additionally the SIHI is supporting not for profit aged care providers to expand existing services or build new aged care facilities in the region. It is also enhancing workforce capacity, addressing issues with doctor shortages through provision of incentives for GPs and telehealth services. An extra 24 GPs and 16 full time equivalent specialists, local and hospital employed doctors have so far been recruited to the region through the SIHI initiative.

- **Increase funding for Future Health WA Program** – Allocated \$30 million in the 2013-14 State Budget over four years for the Future Health initiative, in addition to the \$58 million already committed to health and medical research. This funding will contribute to research that will provide effective, evidence-based and best-practice disease prevention and health care.
- **Employ 155 FTE additional school nurses** –The commitment has been revised to 145 additional FTE school nurses and 10 speech pathologists. 110.6 FTE will be located in the metropolitan area and 44.9 FTE in regional WA. In the metropolitan area, 40 FTE will have been employed by

June 2015 with a further 70.6 FTE to be employed in the next two years. In regional WA, 15.5 FTE are currently employed and a further 29 FTE are anticipated to be employed by end June 2017.

- **Increase funding for palliative care budget** – Committed \$19.5 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years to strengthen palliative care services for an ageing Western Australian population.
- **Deliver 'CyberKnife' cancer treatment tool** – Secured a \$9 million contract for the 'CyberKnife' cancer treatment tool. The 'CyberKnife' equipment precisely targets tumours with radiation doses, reducing the impact on surrounding tissue. The 'CyberKnife' has treated nearly 300 patients since April 2014 and it is estimated that as many as 450 WA cancer patients will benefit from this technology each year once the service is fully operational.
- **Employ and train Aboriginal health workers to identify ear disease in children in remote Aboriginal communities** – Allocated \$6 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years. This extended to improving ear health and performing oral and eye health checks, including a fluoride varnish program for Aboriginal children. Priority communities have been identified and regional working groups have been established to undertake planning for roll out of the initiative. Grant Agreements have been established with eight Aboriginal Medical Services (AMSs) for the provision of Ear, Eye and Oral assessment with the focus on primary care, and with telehealth technologies. The AMSs have commenced Aboriginal Health Worker recruitment. Services are now currently being delivered at Bililuna, Bidyadanga, Balgo, Kundat Djari (Ringer Soak), Red Hill, Mulan in the Kimberley; and Mt Magnet and Yalgoo in the Mid West.
- **Screening and treatment for trachoma** - Hundreds of people in the Kimberley, Goldfields, Pilbara and Mid West regions of Western Australia will benefit from a joint State and Commonwealth \$5.4 million program, to screen for and treat trachoma - an eye condition which can cause blindness.
- **Launched the Mobile Advanced Paediatric Audiology Remote (MAPAR)** - an off-road vehicle able to travel into some of the most remote parts of Western Australia, and carry out diagnostic tests for children at risk of hearing damage and diseases. The MAPAR initiative is in addition to the State Government's \$6 million Improving Ear, Eye and Oral Health Initiative already under way.
- **Support Eastern Goldfields residents with a \$7.2 million investment in an emergency telehealth service over four years** – A business case for the Goldfields Emergency Telehealth Service has now been developed for consideration by Cabinet. \$813,000 has been expended to date in 2014-15 to employ 1.75 FTE Senior Medical Officers, and 1 FTE Admin Support towards this initiative. The Statewide ETS is already live at sites including Laverton, Leonora, Norseman, Esperance and Kambalda.
- **Fund renal dialysis service for Wheatbelt region** – \$500,000 committed in 2013-14 State Budget and \$3 million from 2014-15 to 2016-17, the majority of which is to be directed towards strengthening renal dialysis services delivered through Northam hospital. The development of dialysis services is part of a larger refurbishment of the hospital. Business cases for the refurbishment of Northam Hospital inclusive of dialysis services and for the Wheatbelt renal services model have been developed.

- **Reduce number of mosquitos in residential areas** – \$4 million provided in 2013-14 State Budget over four years to control mosquito numbers, protecting families and residents from mosquito-borne diseases. Funding was allocated for grants to local governments for research, helicopter based mosquito control services in the south west were extended, and a feasibility study commenced into the possible use of helicopters to apply mosquito control chemicals in the Swan and Canning Rivers.
- **Better Health Services for Fitzroy Children** – Allocated \$400,000 in 2013-14 State Budget over four years to fund research into foetal alcohol spectrum disorder in the Fitzroy area. A grant agreement for use of these funds was reached between the WA Country Health Service and Telethon Kids Institute. Funds are being released in accordance with the agreement.
- **Closing the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal people** - New funding of almost \$50 million and re-prioritisation of \$39 million in existing funds over three years (\$89 million in total) announced in the 2015-16 State Budget to continue and build on the work already undertaken to close the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal people under the Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes and the Footprints to Better Health programs. The allocation of this funding followed an independent review of the effectiveness of the programs that had been funded. The funding increases access to quality health care, improves services and creates jobs for Aboriginal people in health care.
- **Public Hospital Report Card** – Western Australia was the only State to achieve ticks against five of the six indicators in the AMA's 2015 "Public Hospital Report Card", which is the AMA's assessment of the performance of public hospital systems across States. The only AMA indicator where WA did not get a tick for the "Met National Emergency Access Target". No jurisdiction received a tick for this indicator.
- **Building of the new Ronald McDonald House on the QEII site in Perth** – Work continues and the House is scheduled to open in November 2015. The State Government contributed \$8 million through Lotterywest and \$5 million through Royalties for Regions.
- **Announced a \$21.6 million in funding in 2014-15 for the Home and Community Care services in the State** - The additional funds will support more people to maintain their independence and connection with their community. The funding will also help prevent hospital admissions and the need for older people to enter into residential aged care.
- **Officially opened a new building for the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research in March 2014** - Located on site at the QEII Medical Centre, the Institute brings together almost 800 laboratory-based and clinical researchers. The State Government contributed \$30.4 million towards the project.
- **Introduced the *Public Health Bill 2014* into the Parliament in November 2014** - The Bill and an associated *Public Health Consequential Provisions Bill 2014*. These will replace the outdated *Health Act 1911*, providing a modern framework for public health activities.
- **Introduced free Whooping Cough vaccinations for mothers in the third trimester of pregnancy** - A campaign was launched in April 2015 encouraging pregnant women to vaccinate against the flu and whooping cough to protect themselves and their babies.

- **Expanded access to palliative care services in the Peel region and surrounding areas** - The Silver Chain Group has been appointed to provide 24-hour medical advice and nursing support when needed. Silver Chain will take full operational control of the expanded palliative care service in the Peel region on 1 July 2015.
- **In 2014-15 awarded funding of about \$6 million to support 131 high-performing WA researchers under the Government's Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund** - The Fund provides financial support to meet the day-to-day infrastructure costs associated with their projects.
- **In 2014 amended the *Poisons Regulations 1965* to allow pharmacists to administer flu vaccinations, making it more convenient for Western Australians to receive their vaccinations** - Pharmacists have been required to undertake extra training and adhere to strict conditions about patient care, hygiene, managing adverse reactions and consumer privacy. The initiative is in place in time for people to receive their vaccinations ahead of the 2015 flu season.
- **The *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014* was passed by Parliament and received Royal Assent** - The Act provides a comprehensive framework to regulate the manufacture, sale and distribution of poisons, including medicines. It modernises the legislative framework, updating it to accommodate modern practice and assists in achieving national consistency for health practitioners.
- **Announced a ban on commercial solaria to be introduced from 1 January 2016** - Financial assistance will be provided to owners of businesses offering solarium services. The ban on commercial solaria is to be accompanied by the State

Government pursuing a proposal through Commonwealth and State Health Ministers to ban the import and manufacture of sun tanning units.

- **In May 2015 the Government introduced the *Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation Bill 2015*** - This measure followed a report by the Public Sector Commissioner that raised concerns about the management of Healthway.

HERITAGE

- **Established Australia's first Heritage Revolving Fund** - \$4 million provided to reactivate languishing publicly owned heritage buildings to ensure they have a viable future. Funds cover feasibility analysis, project management, and conservation works. The Warders' Cottages, built by convicts in the 1850s and now part of the Fremantle Prison historic precinct, will be the first beneficiary of this fund.
- **Heritage Grants Program assisting owners to conserve and revitalise their State Registered heritage properties** - Total funding to date of over \$2.5 million in Heritage Grants (2013-14 and 2014-15) towards the essential conservation of 44 regional and 23 metropolitan properties. This investment will generate more than \$13 million in heritage conservation works.
- **Release of an online directory dedicated to listing businesses that provide heritage services throughout Western Australia** - *InContact* is the only online directory dedicated to listing businesses that provide heritage services throughout Western Australia. Launched in July 2013, there are currently 77 businesses listed in the directory spanning 14 professions such as architecture, archaeology, arboriculture, engineering and heritage tourism.

- **State Register of Heritage Places** - Since March 2013, 19 places listed on an interim basis and 18 places entered permanently. These include the Busselton Jetty, the former Western Australian Bank in Kalgoorlie Heritage and the Subiaco Hotel.
- **State Heritage Office changed to stand-alone Government department on 1 July 2014** - This change is symbolic of the commitment the Liberal National Government has to heritage and will establish a modern and effective organisational framework that will serve the community well into the future.
- **\$365,000 provided for 12 State Registered heritage buildings on Albany's Stirling Terrace** - These buildings were revitalised as part of the Government's support for the Anzac Centenary commemorations.
- **Transfer of Fremantle Prison management from the Department of Finance to the State Heritage Office** - From July 2015 the prison will be managed by the State Heritage Office.
- 2020. This includes 4,700 social housing dwellings delivered since 2010.
- **Create web portal for advice on affordable housing** – Launched a new web portal to assist consumers with information and options for affordable housing.
- **Continue Government Regional Officers Housing scheme** – Government Regional Officers Housing (GROH) plays a key role in supporting the delivery of public services to people in regional and remote Western Australia. The Government buys, constructs and sells GROH properties as part of its ordinary operations. The Government has decided to pursue a sale of surplus GROH properties, including properties no longer required by client agencies and older properties with higher ongoing maintenance costs. The Housing Authority and the Department of Treasury will further investigate the potential of a sale and leaseback to institutional investors a portfolio of Government Regional Officers Housing properties. GROH will continue to provide appropriate accommodation to ensure government employees in regional and remote Western Australia have continued access to affordable accommodation.

HOUSING

- **Social Housing Investment Program** – Through the 2015-16 Budget, the State Government will invest \$560 million to deliver an additional 1,500 housing opportunities, including 1,000 social housing dwellings during 2015-16 and 2016-17. The 1,000 social homes will halve the number of seniors and families currently on the priority waitlist for social housing by 30 June 2017.
- **Affordable Housing Strategy** - The State Government allocated \$174 million in the 2013-14 State Budget for residential land development to enable the provision of up to 2,460 housing lots. The Strategy has delivered over 19,000 opportunities to date, against a target of 20,000 by
- **Provide a minimum of 500 new affordable homes by establishing Housing Stock Redevelopment Strategy** – In 2015-16 the Housing Authority will complete the Public Housing Stock Redevelopment Strategy. This will result in the redevelopment of 200 sites to deliver at least 500 new affordable homes, financed via a \$55 million, three-year loan facility.
- **Land development activity** – In 2015-16, the Housing Authority, through its land development activities intends to produce 2,436 housing lots including

1,682 lots developed with joint venture partners.

- **Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy** – The Government invested \$12 million over four years from 2012-13 to 2015-16, to support the implementation of its Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy for the small proportion of public housing tenants who create problems in the community. The funding enabled 35 additional specialised staff members to be employed in regional and country areas.
- **Homelessness** – The State Government built the Salvation Army's new \$23.3 million 102 bed, four-storey hostel, providing a much-needed accommodation for homeless men in the city. Funding was provided by the Commonwealth Government (\$16.2 million), by Lotterywest/State Government (\$2.3 million), individual and company donations (\$4 million) and the Salvation Army (\$790,000).
- **New homes** – Western Australia set a new record with 28,966 new homes starting construction across Western Australia in 2013-14.

LANDS

- **Ensure lease monitoring requirements imposed on pastoral leases are suitable, practicable and not unjustifiably onerous** – As part of Rangeland Reform, the Department of Lands and the Pastoral Lands Board are looking at a number of options for more accurate on-ground monitoring of pastoral leases.
- **Renew Western Australian pastoral leases set to expire on 30 June 2015** – The Department of Lands has established a project team to progress the renewal of Western Australian pastoral leases in line with statutory obligations.

- ***The Land Acquisition Legislation Amendment (Compensation) Bill 2014* was introduced into Parliament in November 2014** - This legislation will improve protection of private property rights and expressly require just compensation to be paid in cases where a private interest in land is compulsorily acquired for public works. A Premier's Circular was also issued – "A Private Property Rights Charter for Western Australia" sets out requirements for public servants to ensure respect for private property rights and fair dealing with property owners.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- **\$400,000 to fund creation and maintenance of community gardens** – Committed \$400,000 in 2013-14 State Budget over four years. To date, 27 projects totalling \$349,932 have been funded across the State. The program provides up to \$20,000 for new community gardens and up to \$10,000 for existing community gardens.
- **Better training for councillors** - Funded the \$1.52 million pilot training program to enable elected members in Western Australia's country local governments to build their skills and improve governance and decision-making.
- **Local Government Advisory Board report** - The report provided the framework for the most significant reform of metropolitan local government in 100 years, specifically, recommending a reduction in the number of metropolitan local governments to 16. The aim of this reform was to build a local government sector for the future, with the ability to build better services, reduced bureaucracy and cost savings through economies of scale. Western Australia remains the only State that has not achieved a strategic restructuring of local government to reflect contemporary

community needs. With the reform process now on hold, the onus for achieving the benefits of a modern, streamlined and efficient system of local government now rests with the councils themselves.

- **Sharing local government resources** – Introduced *The Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2014* to allow local governments to offer joint services.
- **Capital City Legislation** - Introduced the *City of Perth Bill 2015* to recognise Perth as the capital of Western Australia. Several of Perth's iconic landmarks, including Kings Park, The University of Western Australia, new Perth Children's Hospital and Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre, along with 1,158 residents from Subiaco and Nedlands, will come within the City of Perth's boundaries to create a bigger and stronger capital city. The legislation will also allow for the establishment of the City of Perth Committee to facilitate collaboration between the City of Perth and the State Government. The Bill was introduced in May 2015.

MENTAL HEALTH

- **Record funding for mental health** - The 2015-16 Budget for mental health will deliver \$836.8 million in funding, an additional \$42.6 million or 5.4 percent from the previous financial year. This represents a 53 per cent or \$290.5 million increase in investment since the first full year of operation of the Mental Health Commission. Funding in the 2015-16 Budget will enable approximately 56,000 Western Australians to receive the help they need for mental health problems, an increase of 2.1 per cent since 2014-15. It will also provide more than 40,000 treatment and support episodes for people with alcohol and other drug problems, an increase of four per cent on the previous year. State Government

funding to reduce the adverse impacts of harmful alcohol and other drug use in the Western Australian community has increased from \$50.6 million in 2008-09 to \$86.9 million in 2015-16, an increase of 72 per cent.

- **Introduce *Mental Health Bill 2013* into Parliament** – *Mental Health Bill 2013* became law on 3 November 2014. This historic new Act will significantly improve human rights protection for people experiencing mental illness, particularly those being treated involuntarily, and support the active involvement of families and carers. The new Act also assists those in regional areas, by allowing them to receive psychiatric assessment and examination via audio visual communication where it cannot be done face-to-face. Following an implementation period of approximately 12 months to ensure a smooth transition from the 1996 Act, it is anticipated the Act will become operational at the end of November 2015.
- **State-wide suicide prevention strategy** – A new five year Suicide Prevention Strategy "*Together we can Save Lives*" was announced on 15 May 2015. Funding of \$25.9 million over four years has been allocated in the 2015-16 State Budget for implementation of the Strategy. The new Strategy Builds on outcomes from the State Government's \$13 million One Life Suicide Prevention Strategy, which was the first of its kind for Western Australia. A further \$3 million was provided in the 2014-15 State Budget to build on the 2009 Strategy. After four years of rapid growth in suicide from 2004 to 2008, the rate of deaths by suicide in Western Australia has now been contained and is lower than in 2008.
- **Oversee development of comprehensive 10-year Mental Health Services Plan (as recommended by Stokes Review)** – The Plan provides a blueprint for Mental Health Services over the next 10 years.

Following the draft Plan's release on 3 December 2014, consultation with local communities and services has now taken place across the State. Informed by this feedback, a final plan will be released by the Government in mid-2015. The Plan builds on the State Government's commitment to strengthening mental health, alcohol and other drug services across Western Australia.

- **Build *step-up, step-down* mental health facilities in regional Western Australia** – The development of subacute services across Western Australia has begun, following the opening of the first 22 bed subacute service in Joondalup in May 2013. Subacute services provide a suitable alternative to hospital care and help people receive support closer to home and within a community setting. As a part of the 2015-16 Budget the Government announced \$27.9 million for two new services, a 10 bed facility in Bunbury and a 6 bed facility in Karratha, which will provide care for an additional 374 people a year. Construction has commenced on a 10 bed service in Rockingham, which is planned to open in the next year, providing care for an additional 234 people a year. Planning for six bed subacute services in Broome and the Goldfields is underway, to be operational in 2016-2017, providing care for an additional 280 people a year.
- **Commence Mental Health Court Diversion pilot program** – The Mental Health Court Diversion and Support Program aims to divert people with mental illness, in the criminal justice system, to clinical and community support and to reduce reoffending. This includes employing specialist mental health clinicians in the Perth Children's Court. Further funding of \$4.7 million for 2015-16 will allow the program to continue.
- **Allocate 8 beds at new Perth Children's Hospital to help children with eating disorders** – The new Perth Children's Hospital has been designed and constructed to have eight beds allocated to eating disorder conditions for children up to 16 years of age. The Perth Children's Hospital will also have 20 dedicated mental health beds for children up to the age of 16, allowing for an additional 200 admissions for children in need of acute mental health care each year.
- **Construct dual-purpose centre in Carnarvon** – \$2 million was committed in the 2012-13 State Budget for the construction of the Carnarvon Dual Purpose Alcohol and Other Drug Centre. Opened in October 2014 and the first of its kind in Western Australia, the Centre serves as the base for the Mid East Community Alcohol and Drug Service during the day, and a 10 bed sobering-up service for intoxicated people overnight. For the period 1 September 2014 – 30 March 2015, the Community Alcohol and Drug Services treated 123 clients and there were 78 admissions to the sobering up centre.
- **Provide recurrent funding to Lifeline** – Committed \$2 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years to enable the continuation and expansion of Lifeline, an essential crisis line support service.
- **Establish Early Psychosis Youth Centre** – Allocated \$13.5 million in 2013-14 State Budget over three years to address the needs of children and young people experiencing mental illness and at risk of early onset psychosis. However the Federal Government funding component was withdrawn. The State Government is now investigating other options for these funds as part of its 10 year Mental Health Plan.
- **The State Government recently opened the State's first dedicated youth mental health unit at Fiona Stanley Hospital and announced a new Youth Community**

Mental Health service as a part of the 2015-16 Budget (\$2.5 million) - The 14 bed unit opened in early 2015 and will provide specialist services for 320, 16 to 24 year olds, experiencing mental illness each year.

- **The amalgamation of the Mental Health Commission and the Drug and Alcohol Office** - The Western Australian Government is committed to addressing the long-term needs of people with multiple, complex issues. To ensure better integration of the State's network of mental health, alcohol and other drug services, the Government has committed to the amalgamation of the Mental Health Commission and the Drug and Alcohol Office. Legislation to allow for the amalgamation has passed through Parliament and the agencies will merge on 1 July 2015.
- **In 2015-16 a number of newly constructed specialised mental health services opening will open in Perth:**
 - 30 additional mental health beds at the \$2.0 billion Fiona Stanley Hospital, including a dedicated youth unit, a perinatal mother and baby unit and a short-stay mental health assessment unit;
 - 30 replacement mental health beds at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and 56 replacement mental health beds at the Midland Health campus. These 86 replacements beds are anticipated to become operational during 2015; and
 - 20 mental health beds at the \$1.2 billion Perth Children's Hospital which is expected to become operational in 2016.
- **The Mental Health Observation Area (MHOA) at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital was opened in November 2013** - This dedicated area provides six beds and two chairs provides for 1,314 admissions a year and has successfully reduced waiting times by over 50 per cent for mental health patients who would otherwise be waiting in the emergency department.
- **To deliver contemporary models of service, 36 Mental Health 'Hospital in the Home' beds have been introduced in the metropolitan area** - These provide access to specialised acute care in the home for 840 people per year. These beds include eight dedicated older adult mental health 'Hospital in the Home' services, the first of its kind in Australia.
- **State-wide Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (SSAHMS)** – This service has been operating since January 2011 and provides a range of specialist and community-based services to specifically address the mental health needs of Aboriginal people with severe and persistent mental illness. The State Government provided \$29 million over three years to continue and evaluate this important service, including, \$9.7 million in 2015-16.
- **A two year pilot inter-hospital transport service commenced in March 2014** - This service uses specially trained personnel to escort people who are mentally unwell between metropolitan hospitals, reducing the length of stay in hospital emergency departments and helping to reduce the stigma of acute mental illness. Under the pilot, selected Department of Health security officers are granted 'special constable status' by the Western Australian Police Commissioner in order to undertake the transfers, which previously has only been able to be undertaken by Police. Since the Pilot Interhospital Transfer Service commenced operation, 898 transfers have occurred, and waiting times for transfer have reduced from 29.9 hours to an average of 1 hour and 48 minutes.
- **The Individualised Community Living Strategy (ICLS) helps people with severe**

and persistent mental illness to live in the community in their own home - As part of the ICLS, people are given the opportunity to build social relationships, gain financial and tenancy management skills and engage in the community through recreational and educational activities, training and employment. Since the ICLS started in 2011-12, over 144 people have received a personalised package of support based on their own individual plan and 122 homes have been purchased.

- **In 2011-12, the State Government allocated \$8.5 million to purchase 15 houses for the Transitional Housing and Support Program (THASP), with a further \$1.5 million over four years to provide support services for people living in the houses** - The 2015-16 Budget provides additional funding of \$2.5 million over the next four years, to continue providing support services for residents within the existing 15 houses for 50 people each year. The unique program supports alcohol and other drug recovery, and reduces relapse rates by providing people with support to live independently in community-based residential housing.
- **Kimberley and the Pilbara** - In 2015-16 a total of \$11.26 million over two years will support for the continued delivery of the expanded alcohol and other drug treatment services in the Kimberley and Pilbara, and continued operational funding for the Carnarvon dual-purpose Alcohol and Drug Centre until 30 June 2017. In October 2014 the Government confirmed that it would continue to fund the Broome Recovery Centre which has operated since December 2011. The centre provides support, education, vocational and employment training and life courses to support people with mental illness.

MINES AND PETROLEUM

- **Complete introduction of Mining Rehabilitation Scheme** – Successfully implemented voluntary participation in the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act* prior to the Act's mandatory commencement on 1 July 2014. As of December 2014 over \$1 billion worth of bonds have been returned to companies, while Environmental bonds have been retained for mining tenement holders deemed at high risk of failing their obligations. The Mining Rehabilitation Fund will continue to strengthen Western Australia's attractiveness as an investment location, while securing adequate funding to deal with the State legacy of historical abandoned mines.
- **Continue Exploration Incentive Scheme over full term of Government** – Continued funding of the Exploration Incentive Scheme, with \$24 million allocated in 2013-14 State Budget and \$30 million from 2014-15 to 2016-17.
- **Completed review into minerals royalty rates to ensure the State receives fair revenue from mining royalties** – Completed the State's Mineral Royalty Rate Analysis review aimed at ensuring that royalty rates continue to deliver a fair return to the State. The review found Western Australia's royalty system is robust and has supported Western Australia's status as an attractive destination for resources investment.
- **Browse Basin Gas Field** - Approval of legislation through State Parliament that significantly lifts the State's potential share of the Browse Basin gas field, after major changes to Commonwealth offshore coastal waters boundaries. It is estimated the boundary changes could deliver increases in State royalty collections of up to \$2.9 billion over the life of the Torosa field alone.

- **Established the Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia (MRIWA)** – *The Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia Act* has been proclaimed, with the Institute commencing on 1 February 2014. The Government approved appointment of the Board and funding is now available to MRIWA. The MRIWA will continue to promote Western Australia as a global resource industry development and research centre.
- **Support responsible development of natural gas from shale and tight gas** – Continued to expand community engagement efforts, supported by other government agencies. Developing a whole of government comprehensive framework document for regulation of the shale and tight gas industry for public release this year. The State Government continues to promote a strong regulatory regime in order to ensure gas from shale and tight rock sources can be extracted safely, with minimal environmental impact. Responsible development of onshore gas will provide an opportunity to secure the domestic energy future for the State and provide future jobs for Western Australians.
- **Support responsible development of uranium mining** – Continued to work with uranium mining companies together with State and Federal regimes to develop a consistent approach to environmental and safety processes, ensuring the safety of employees and the broader community through strict legislation, regulation and compliance. This will ensure uranium mining within Western Australia is carried out in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. Development of Western Australia's uranium industry will establish the State as a long-term reliable supplier of uranium, providing a clean, alternate source of energy. This new clean energy sector, once established, will help provide new business and job opportunities for Western Australians.
- **Expansion of approvals tracking scheme across the Department of Mines and Petroleum, the Department of Water, the Environmental Protection Authority and the new Department of Environment Regulation** – The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) has completed expanding DMP's approvals tracking system to key processes under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, and is engaging with the Department of Water to embrace water licensing processes. Expansion of the approvals tracking scheme will significantly improve the transparency of approvals, helping to streamline approvals processes. A more efficient approvals process will ensure our unique values are better protected, while increasing the attractiveness of Western Australia as an investment destination.
- **State Environmental Data Library (to develop an online biodiversity, water and cultural heritage database)** – A working model has been developed to capture the more than 2000 reports submitted to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) that potentially contain new environmental information, using readily available software. Discussions are continuing with key agencies across government to integrate systems and develop the scientific criteria and process to store and distribute information. This will assist in making better decisions regarding Western Australia's globally unique biodiversity, scarce water resources and important cultural heritage.
- **Continued support for Reform and Development at Resources Safety Strategy** – Reaffirmed commitment to safety in the resources industry with the development of a Bill to modernise resources Occupational Safety and Health

legislation. This will draw together the provisions for the Petroleum, Mining and Major Hazard Facility industry sector under one single Act. Amalgamation of the provisions will establish a more efficient and effective structure to enable achievement of safety objectives. This will provide a consistent framework across Australia, removing duplication, improving mobility of workers between industries and reducing costs for both industry and the regulator.

- **Pass the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*** – Introduced into Parliament on 12 June 2013 to facilitate the geological storage of greenhouse gas substances, with the Legislative Council Second Reading Committee Report tabled 19 November 2013 and debate anticipated to conclude in 2015. This Bill provides legislative certainty to encourage the development of the greenhouse gas storage industry and associated research.
- **Expansion of the Perth Core Library** – Numerous expansions to Perth's Core Library, which contains drill core samples taken during exploration for oil and gas. The expansions include \$4.8 million in the 2014/15 State Budget and a further \$2.5 million in the 2015-16 Budget which will increase storage capacity by around 3,500 square metres and provide additional viewing space. The Perth Core Library has been instrumental in the discovery of new deposits in recent years.

PLANNING

- **Elizabeth Quay** - The total State Government investment is \$440 million, of which a substantial amount will be returned through land sales. So far, \$90 million has been generated with sales to Chevron and the Far East Consortium, which will develop a Ritz Carlton Hotel. There are five lots remaining to be sold.

During the construction phase Elizabeth Quay has created approximately 1,600 jobs, including offering work to more than 146 small to medium companies. The opening is scheduled for late 2015.

- **Perth City Link** - Perth City Link will reconnect Northbridge and the CBD for the first time in 100 years. The public space at Perth City Link was announced as Yagan Square in June 2014. Plans for the square have been developed following community consultation and include permanent food markets, lively public open spaces, and an Australian native garden and Aboriginal artwork. Works on the Square will commence later this year. In April 2015 the Government announced a premier hotel and serviced apartments will be built next to Perth Arena, as part of the Perth City Link precinct. This project is expected to deliver \$110 million in investment to the State and create 900 jobs during construction and in future hotel and retail operations. Leighton Holdings has significantly progressed construction of the first four buildings in the Kings Square precinct of Perth City Link. The buildings will house the offices of HBF, Shell Australia and John Holland among others and are due for completion in mid-2015.
- **Riverside - transforming eastern city gateway** - Riverside sits across 40 hectares of land at the eastern end of the city and overall the project will create: around 80,000 square metres of new commercial space, 10,000 square metres of retail space; and around 4,000 new homes. Riverside will attract \$2 billion in investment and bring 7,000 new residents and 6,000 new workers into the area; it is also expected to create employment for 2000 people during construction. The Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (MRA) released the 5,335 square metre lot at 101 Hay Street, formerly known as the Chemlabs site, for sale. Local developer Diploma Properties was recently selected as the preferred

proponent to redevelop the site and will deliver high-quality design and thoughtful integration of the heritage building located on the site.

- **Redevelop Scarborough Beach Precinct –** Committed \$30 million to revitalise the Scarborough Beach area. Free Wi-Fi, new lighting on the clock tower and a bronze public art piece are in place. The MRA has completed a period of public consultation to inform the master planning process. The foreshore will be transformed into a contemporary, family friendly destination with new and improved beach facilities. The investment is expected to encourage private sector investment and development within the 100 hectare redevelopment area.
- **Develop Northbridge Chinatown precinct** - Committed \$2 million in 2013-14 Budget to revitalise China Town. A new entry statement is in place on Roe Street. Lanterns, lighting, road stencilling and place activation are contributing to a more vibrant precinct. Support has been provided to activate the space during Chinese New Year events.
- **Midland** - New commercial and residential land released at the Midland Railway workshops. The new land release followed the sale of four lots that would deliver mixed-use development, short-stay accommodation and affordable housing. In August 2014 the long term vision for the redevelopment of Midland was launched with the Master plan open for public consultation. Following consultation the final plan was launched in May 2015. Government has fulfilled its election commitment to contribute land and financial investment (\$22 million) to support establishment of a university campus in Midland for a medical school, and further contribute to the area as a centre for health and education.
- **Planning Reform** - In August 2014 the Government introduced the second phase

of the State Government's Planning Reform Agenda, which will see faster housing approvals and significant savings in the cost and time taken to develop land in the State. Collectively the Government's Planning Reforms (phase one and two) are the most significant change to the State's planning system since 1963. Some of the reform initiatives include:

- Streamlining of the proposals around amendments to the Metropolitan Region Scheme, Local Town Planning Schemes and Scheme Amendments to ensure quicker response times, while still having community involvement in the process;
 - Changing the Metropolitan Region Scheme and Town Planning Scheme amendment processes from sequential to concurrent - approximately halving the process time;
 - Consistent processing of development applications across local governments;
 - Changes to the value of the thresholds for Development Assessment Panels to provide more options for developers and landowners;
 - The introduction of an online application system that will make it easier and faster for developers to lodge planning applications and track their progress; and
 - A focus on quality design in complex urban infill and high-density developments.
- **Release of Sub Regional Planning Frameworks "Perth and Peel@3.5million"** - In May 2015, the State Government released for public consultation Draft Sub-regional Planning Frameworks for the Perth and Peel Region. The five documents propose how to sustainably accommodate a population of 3.5 million in Perth and Peel by 2050.

The frameworks are a natural progression and continuation of the State Government's long term vision for a well-planned city and thriving metropolitan area with a focus on the efficient use of existing and future urban land and infrastructure; the provision of employment opportunities close to population centres; and the protection of areas of environmental significance and basic raw material sources. The plans identifying where, over the next 35 years, growth corridors will be, and where an extra 800,000 new homes and jobs will be located.

- **Amend residential design codes** – Revised residential design codes were adopted in 2013 to allow non-residents to occupy granny flats and increase allowable floor space.
- **Burswood Peninsula** - The vision for the growth of Burswood Peninsula was released for public comment (September 2014) to guide the anticipated development that will occur due to the significant investment by the State Government in the new Perth Stadium. The plan has been adopted (February 2015) and will guide further detailed planning and development for the area.
- **Cottesloe Beach Redevelopment** – The Department of Planning has worked with the local government to undertake modifications to the Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Scheme 3, which will allow for the revitalisation of the area along Marine Parade, between Eric and Forrest Streets. The Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Scheme 3 was gazetted in July 2014 allowing for greater private sector investment in the area.
- **Subiaco** - Approved a long awaited scheme amendment for the Pavilion Market site in Subiaco; allowing for a 16-storey development on the site to help

Subiaco's regeneration and contribute to the Government's infill target.

- **Lissiman Street Precinct** - The Government enacted an Improvement Plan to facilitate the development of the Lissiman Street Precinct, Gosnells in a co-ordinated manner. The Improvement Plan will enable the purchase of private landholdings by the WA Planning Commission to facilitate development for a diverse range of land uses, including commercial land which will contribute towards economic development, local employment and the viability of the area as a commercial centre servicing residents, visitors and the local workforce.
- **Swan Valley** - Recommendations from the Swan Valley report were adopted, which is the first step in the implementation of retaining the Valley as a premier tourist and winemaking region. This will see stronger guidelines on the location and design of new development, and protect productive agricultural land. New legislation will be drafted to protect the character of the region and will provide certainty to local residents and businesses that the Valley will continue as a popular place for locals and tourists.
- **Middleton Beach** - The State Government has enacted an Improvement Plan over the Middleton Beach site in Albany. The Government has identified redevelopment of the site as a priority and the Improvement Plan is a positive move towards integrating development of public and private land to establish a safe, vibrant mixed use centre with an active beach front that includes local and tourist facilities; restaurants, cafes and shops; holiday and short stay accommodation.
- **Coral Bay Settlement Structure Plan** - Approved the Coral Bay Settlement Structure Plan which provides a 25 year planning framework for future development and expansion of tourism

within Coral Bay. The State Government has approved an increase in visitor population by 800 people to ensure it remains one of the State's premier tourism destinations.

POLICE

- **Increase mandatory sentences for serious physical or sexual offences committed during a home invasion to 75% of statutory maximum** – Legislation passed the Legislative Assembly in March 2015 and is awaiting debate in the Legislative Council.
- **Strengthen existing 'three strike' laws to a mandatory two years imprisonment for people who break into a person's home, with each aggravated burglary offence to constitute a 'strike'** – Legislation passed the Legislative Assembly in March 2015 and is awaiting debate in the Legislative Council.
- **Boost Police numbers** – Committed \$215 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years to recruit, train and deploy an additional 400 police and 150 police auxiliary officers (550 total), which is on track for completion by 30 June 2017. In 2013-14 the State Government also recruited the remaining 170 additional officers under its 2008 election commitment to increase police numbers.
- **Tackling Hoon Hotspots** – Part of the State Government's multifaceted strategy to clamp down on hooners who drive recklessly and endanger the lives of West Australians. \$170,000 has been committed in the 2014-15 State Budget over four years for covert cameras to help police identify reckless driver behaviour in hoon hotspots. Four covert cameras have been purchased and a trial is currently being conducted. This strategy also includes legislation empowering courts to order vehicle confiscation of reckless drivers, which is currently under development and is expected to be introduced into Parliament in 2015.
- **Develop an integrated State CCTV network and to fund additional cameras in crime hotspots** - Committed \$200,000 in 2013-14 and \$300,000 in the 2014-15 State Budget to develop a detailed and strategic plan to deliver a coordinated State CCTV network for a safer and more secure WA. The draft strategy is out for public consultation until late June 2015. The 2014-15 State Budget also included \$1 million for CCTV infrastructure. The strategy will be realised with an additional \$7 million allocated in the 2015-16 State Budget to in-part fund local government cameras and technology which will allow Police to access vision from any participating camera network.
- **Rapid Justice Initiative, streamlining the criminal justice system and freeing up police for frontline duties** – Committed \$70,000 in the 2014-15 State Budget to extend video link technology in major regional centres, enabling faster clearance of matters. The Department of the Attorney General received as part of the 2013-14 State Budget \$3.2 million over three years commencing 2014-15 for the Rapid Justice Initiative. The funding allowed for a Magistrate to be available at the new Perth Police Centre on Sundays deal with bail and remand decisions, as well as to fast track traffic and impoundment matters.
- **Fund 'CrimeStoppers WA'** – Secured \$200,000 each year from the Criminal Property Confiscation Account to resource CrimeStoppers WA.
- **Working with at-risk Youth** – Committed \$250,000 in 2013-14 State Budget to engage a consultant to assist with implementing recommendations of the Government's Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) review. Funding of \$10 million has

been allocated over the 2014-15 to 2016-17 forward estimates to upgrade existing PCYCs, following the consultant's advice.

- **Police Regional Incentives** – Committed \$10.5 million over four years in the 2013-14 State Budget to help attract and retain police officers for hard-to-fill regional postings.
- **Red tape reduction** – Significant work is underway as part of Frontline 2020 reform program (see below). Improvements have also been realised through red tape reduction and legislative changes, such as amendments to the Criminal Investigation Act 2006, allowing police to detain uncharged suspects, freeing up officers for frontline duties.
- **Implemented the ground-breaking Frontline 2020 policing model across the metropolitan area from 1 December 2014** - A key pillar of the new model is enabling the community to connect with their Local Policing Team through direct telephone contact, community events and via social media. Other benefits include streamlining police operations and improving service delivery.
- **Introduce legislation mandating blood testing of people who bite or spit at police officers** – this legislation was proclaimed on 1 January 2015 and protects our police officers by allowing the taking of blood samples from the offender, which helps in the diagnosis, clinical management and treatment of the exposed police officer.
- **Introduce the *Graffiti Vandalism Enforcement Act* enabling the Courts to impose clean-up orders and banning serial offenders from public transport** – Legislation under development for introduction into Parliament in 2015.
- **Continue to hold community forums** – The Minister for Police and the Commissioner of Police hosted a series of community forums in 2013 and 2014 to advise on local crime issues, frontline policing and providing an opportunity for the community to raise issues with senior police officers. Further community forums are scheduled to be held in 2015.
- **Increase Metropolitan police capacity (station upgrades)** – \$67 million in capital expenditure was allocated in the 2013-14 State Budget over four years to meet the election commitment “Boost to Police Resources”. The funding was provided for accommodation options including expansion and refurbishment of some existing facilities, leasing and fit-out of new facilities and the acquisition and construction of new purpose built police facilities.
- **Mount Magnet Police Station** - In February 2014, opened the new \$8.1 million police station in Mount Magnet.
- **Police Air Wing** - Opened the new \$1.4 million state-of-the-art WA Police Air Wing facility at Jandakot airport in March 2014.
- **Assaulting a public officer** - Tightened Western Australia’s tough mandatory sentencing laws to ensure any adult convicted of either assaulting a public officer, or dangerous driving causing death or serious injury while evading police, spend their mandatory minimum term in custody.
- **Computer Aided Dispatch system** - Allocated \$9.3million in the 2015-16 State Budget, in addition to the \$25.4 million allocated in the 2014-15 State Budget for an upgraded Computer Aided Dispatch system, which will help to improve navigation, tracking and auditing of calls and tasks, emergency management and crime reporting.

- **Completed a major revision of penalties for road traffic offences** (see Road Safety).
- **Created a new offence of deliberately altering a number plate** to disrupt criminal activities and encourage safer behaviour on our roads.
- **Anti-car theft measures** - Introduced an anti-car theft trial in an effort to reduce car theft in Perth. A GPS tracker, fitted to 1,000 high risk cars, will alert the owner of a theft via the tracking system.
- **Arson** - Launched Strike Force Vulcan, aimed at cracking down on bushfire arsonists during the bushfire season.

PREMIER AND CABINET

- **Continue negotiations with Federal Government for revision of GST share** – Continue to seek GST revision with the Federal Government through the COAG reform process.
- **Coordinated engagement with the Commonwealth on national infrastructure issues, including the National Infrastructure Audit and Northern Australia Infrastructure Audit.**
The Premier has signed:
 - The National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport infrastructure under which the Commonwealth will contribute approximately \$4.3 billion for transport infrastructure in Western Australia (October 2014);
 - The National Partnership Agreement on Asset Recycling under which the Commonwealth has allocated \$5 billion as an incentive for jurisdictions to sell assets and reinvest proceeds into new infrastructure (May 2014).
- **Succession to the Crown** – the *Succession to the Crown Act 2015 (WA)* was passed in March 2015. The changes to the rules of

Royal succession remove gender and religious discrimination and are appropriate in the context of our modern and contemporary society.

- **Federalism** – Promoted a Western Australian perspective in the development of the Commonwealth White Paper on the Reform of the Federation.
- **Continue negotiations with the Federal Government to ensure native title tenure and associated benefits to Aboriginal Western Australians are secured** – Coordinating a native title policy reform program with all States and Territories to build an improved native title system that will better deliver outcomes for Aboriginal Western Australians and other stakeholders.
 - Signed a significant native title agreement with the Ngarluma people of the Pilbara on 4,300 hectares of land intended for the Anketell Port project. Settlement package of \$20 million over nine years.
 - The Western Australian Government completed negotiations with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) on the final content of an agreement for the surrender of any native title rights across the entire south-west.
 - Tabled the *Noongar Recognition Bill* in Parliament, an unprecedented recognition of Indigenous tradition in WA and nationally.
 - Adoption of a WA Native Title Compensation Policy, a first nationally.
 - Native title agreement with Aboriginal people in the Esperance region finalised.
- **Aboriginal Affairs Achievements:**
 - **Aboriginal Justice Reform** - In October 2014, the Premier committed

to seek to reduce deaths in custody and Aboriginal over-representation in the justice system. The Government has recently endorsed a series of initiatives to create safer custody environments and provide more flexible options to police and the courts when dealing with low end offending. There will also be an increased focus on dealing with the underlying behaviours and systemic issues that lead to offending and incarceration. The measures also ensure that frontline Government resources can be focused on tackling serious offending. Announcements around the key initiatives will occur in the coming 12 months.

- **Regional Services Reform** - In May 2015, the State Government announced major reforms to the way services will be provided to Aboriginal communities in remote areas. The Regional Services Reform was informed by a review of Aboriginal services in the Roebourne area in 2013. The State Government's reforms will prioritise funding to locations that provide real economic opportunities and a safe environment for children. The work will be carried out by teams who are working on the ground with communities, and Aboriginal leaders will play a vital role in decision and implementation processes.
- **Youth** - The Western Australian Government is currently reforming the way services are delivered to Aboriginal youth. These reforms will foster stronger partnerships and collaborative approaches at a local level to reduce fragmentation of service design and delivery; and refocus investment to programs that address young people's complex needs. State Government agencies will be required to prioritise services

that assist young people to prepare for and stay in school, training or employment; and early interventions for youth at risk. The Reforms will also increase effectiveness and certainty to Aboriginal youth programs, and ensure Government funding delivers better results for young Aboriginal people and the community.

- **Redevelop Sunset Hospital Site as a community precinct** – *Sunset Reserve Transformation Act 2014* came into effect in April 2014. A small lot adjacent to the site was sold in May 2015 and proceeds are to be used to undertake basic restoration works and restore services. It is expected that public access to the site will be opened up in late 2016 and negotiation for use of buildings will occur throughout 2016 and 2017.
- **Oversee NDIS comparative trial sites and the development of post-trial options** - Comparative trials of two approaches to the NDIS are currently underway in Western Australia and are due to run until June 2016. Since July 2014, the NDIS My Way model has been operational in the Lower South West (and in Cockburn-Kwinana from July 2015), building on the existing disability services system in Western Australia and managed by the State Government through the Disability Services Commission. At the same time, the National Disability Insurance Agency run trial based on the national model is operational in the Perth Hills. Early indications suggest that the NDIS My Way model is performing strongly. An independent evaluation of the two trials is ongoing, with a preliminary report due in November 2015. Experience of the comparative trials is informing the Government's planning for the future of the NDIS in Western Australia.
- **Continue to review number and responsibilities of Government Boards and Committees** – The number of paid

Boards and Committees has been reduced from 1200 in 2008 to approximately 335 at the end of 2013. The Government is also working to improve transparency around membership and the remuneration of the members appointed to these boards.

- **International relations policy** – A formal policy is being developed, concentrating on the State's major trading partners and with a focus on the emerging nations of the Indian Ocean rim, with a view to leveraging existing relationships in mining and petroleum to expand our agricultural exports, especially to nations concerned about food security and food safety.
- **Engage with Commonwealth Government and other states in areas of practical reform** – Western Australia continues to lead practical reform throughout the COAG process and informally in specific policy areas of education funding reform, environmental approvals and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, reducing violence against women and children and contributing to the work of the National Methamphetamine (Ice) Taskforce.
- **The State is progressing a bilateral approach to Indigenous Affairs with the Commonwealth** - In particular, discussions have included improving school attendance, addressing community safety in accordance with the State's Aboriginal Justice Reforms and working on locally based solutions through the Regional Services Reform structure.
- **New one stop shop environmental assessment bilateral with the Commonwealth signed October 2014 and is now operating successfully** - A draft approvals bilateral agreement released for public comment in December 2014 is now awaiting passage of amendments to Commonwealth legislation before being finalised.
- **In June 2014 the Director General DPC signed an MOU with the Commonwealth allowing the State to access data collected under the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007*** - This agreement allows the removal of duplicated reporting requirements for industry.
- **PerthUSAsia Centre** – The State is providing \$3 million over five years toward the establishment of the PerthUSAsia Centre located at The University of Western Australia (in collaboration with the Federal Government and UWA). The Centre will help strengthen ties and engagement between the United States, Australia, and the Asia region through teaching, collaborative research and as a policy think tank.
- **Consider amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* to streamline administrative processes, improve regulatory effectiveness, address identified shortcomings in line with approval reform** – Made changes to native vegetation clearing under the Act, and considering further amendments as part of commitment to approvals reform.
- **In January 2014, the Premier visited Africa to foster closer trade and investment relationships in the region across the industries of mining and petroleum, education, training and agriculture.**
- **The Premier signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Western Australia and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)** - A regional economic organisation with member states including Zambia, Kenya and Uganda. This important agreement builds a closer relationship with 19 African nations as part of the Premier's visit to Zambia and South Africa.

- **In April 2015, the Premier visited India** - To get a better understanding of their economy and explore potential opportunities for trade, and specifically LNG, mining services, agricultural techniques, food handling and storage, education and training and research.
- **Assistance provided under the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) to Western Australian communities impacted by severe flooding on 26 and 27 April 2014** - Communities of Exmouth, Yalgoo and the City of Greater Geraldton provided funding for clean-up and recovery assistance and support for the restoration or replacement of essential public assets damaged as a result of the flooding.
- **Creation of a new Coastal Towns and Settlements Cabinet Sub-committee (CTSCS)** - To investigate the development and revitalisation of priority coastal settlements and examine future coastal sites.
- **Formally recognised World Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on 15 October 2014.**
- **Coordination and implementation of events and projects to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Anzac** - Including the restoration of memorials on Mt Clarence (Albany), construction of the National Anzac Centre (Albany), 'Diggers Departing' re-enactment at Blackboy Hill and Fremantle commemorative heritage train journey, teachers resource packs and Albany commemoration and community events.
- **Allocation of \$820,000 for a range of projects to commemorate the 400 year anniversary of Dirk Hartog landing at Cape Inscription** - This is in addition to \$300,000 already spent on lead up events, \$2.2 million for an upgrade to the Denham jetty, \$6.1 million for redevelopment works on the Denham foreshore and an estimated \$16 million for the Return to 1616 Dirk Hartog Island Restoration project which is funded by Chevron.
- **MH370** - Assistance and support to the Commonwealth Government on search and rescue operations for Malaysian flight MH370.
- **Continue to progress the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions and finalise the draft impact assessment report and draft strategic conservation plan for public consultation by the end of 2015** - In concert with the Western Australian Planning Commission's Perth and Peel @3.5 million this plan will deliver integrated land use planning and environmental management as the region grows. The Commonwealth's endorsement of the Strategic Assessment, anticipated in 2016-17 will also remove the requirement for Commonwealth environmental approvals for the next 20 years for urban, industrial, and infrastructure development as well as basic raw material extraction in the region.
- **The Land Acquisition Legislation Amendment (Compensation) Bill 2014 was introduced into Parliament in November 2014** - This legislation will improve protection of private property rights and expressly require just compensation to be paid in cases where a private interest in land is compulsorily acquired for public works. A Premier's Circular was also issued – "A Private Property Rights Charter for Western Australia" sets out requirements for public servants to ensure respect for private property rights and fair dealing with property owners.

- **Lead development of the Draft Western Australia Open Data Policy to be finalised in the first half of 2015** - Coordinated and progressing open data capacity building events across the IT sector including the Western Australia public sector's contribution for 2015 GovHack.
- **Commemorated the 150th anniversary of Sir James Stirling's death on 22 April 2015** - With the preparation of a Ministerial statement read in Parliament by the Premier, and confirmation of a previous commitment by this Government to \$40,000 for restorative works for a memorial to Governor Stirling at St Johns Church, in England.
- **This Government introduced legislation to change Foundation Day to Western Australia Day** - With the first official Western Australia day held on 1 June 2012. WA Day is now celebrated over the June long weekend and throughout the State with a range of events organised by Celebrate WA and funded by the State Government.

PUBLIC SECTOR

- **Retain and expand the role of the Public Sector Commissioner** – The establishment of the independent statutory office of the Public Sector Commissioner in 2010 has seen a greater commitment to increasing the efficient and effective management, governance and integrity of the public sector, and has ensured greater clarity of responsibilities of bodies overseeing the Western Australia public sector.
- **Introduce legislation giving the Public Sector Commission responsibility for oversight of minor misconduct by public officers** – Legislation to amend the *Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003 (WA)* to transfer the Corruption and Crime Commission's oversight of minor misconduct by public officers and its

corruption prevention and education functions to the Public Sector Commissioner received Royal assent in December 2014. The staff and financial resources required to support this shift in responsibility will be transferred from the CCC to the Public Sector Commission, with the Public Sector Commission to assume these responsibilities from 1 July, 2015.

- **Retain cap on size of the public sector during current period of budgetary restraint** – Government agencies are now subject to a cap on salary appropriations rather than a cap on the number of staff. This ensures that the cost of delivering services is controlled while still allowing flexibility in their delivery. Further reforms have been enabled by passage of the *Workforce Reform Bill 2013*, which created enhanced redeployment arrangements, provided for involuntary severance, and ensured that decisions made by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission have appropriate regard for the Government's fiscal strategy and wages policy. As from 1 May 2015 State Government public sector managers will have the power to terminate the employment of employees who have no useful work to perform.
- **Maintained a responsible but consistent and equitable public sector wages policy that provides public sector employees with fair and reasonable remuneration and benefits and safe working conditions** - The introduction of a CPI-capped Wages Policy has been effective in moderating growth in public sector labour expenditure and to date 28 public sector industrial agreements covering over 77,000 employees (including police officers, firefighters, public servants and government officers, teachers, State training lecturers and various public transport authority groups) with 17 unions have been successfully registered since November 2013.

- **Lobbyist Bill** - In 2014 the State Government introduced into Parliament the *Integrity (Lobbyists) Bill 2014* promotes and enhances public confidence in the transparency, integrity and honesty of dealings between government representatives and people who undertake lobbying on behalf of others.

RACING AND GAMING

- **Completed a wider review of Liquor Control Act 1988** – The Liquor Control Act Review was provided to the Government in January 2014. The Government has consulted with key stakeholders and released a public response to the Review. Legislation giving effect to the changes will be introduced in two tranches in 2015. These changes include:
 - Amending the Act to remove offence relating to patrons carrying liquor between non-contiguous licensed areas. This will be part of the amendments to be introduced into Parliament in the Autumn session.
 - Legislate to allow restaurants holding less than 120 people easier access to approval for serving liquor without a meal. This will be part of the amendments to be introduced into Parliament in the Spring session.
- **Addressing the impact of problem gaming** - Five community programs will share in \$842,435 of State Government grants to address the impact of problem gambling. Additional grants totalling \$329,476 have been awarded to Linkwest and 360 Health + Community to help reduce problem gambling in the community and raise awareness about its social impact.
- **Racing Industry** - A taskforce was established to review Perth's metropolitan harness and thoroughbred

racing and training assets. The report is due to Government by mid-2015.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Since 2008, Royalties for Regions has invested \$5.6 billion into more than 3,600 projects and programs across regional WA. The program continues to have a budget of \$1 billion per year from 2015/16 to 2018/19.

STATEWIDE

- **Committed \$362 million over four years in 2014-15 State Budget for major projects and strategic economic opportunities identified as priorities under the new Regional Investment Blueprints** - Each of the nine regional development commissions across the State tasked with putting together a Regional Investment Blueprint based on their development aspirations and forecast population growth.
- **\$146 million for the Affordable Housing for Workers Scheme across Regional Western Australia between 2013-14 and 2018-19.**
- **In the 2014-15 State Budget invested a further \$45 million over four years in the second stage of the Regional Mobile Communications Project** – This project expands mobile phone coverage across regional Western Australia.
- **In October 2014 \$13.3 million in funding was granted under the latest round of the State Government's Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme and Community Chest Fund for eligible Projects that help attract investment and improve the quality of life in regional Western Australia.**

KIMBERLEY

- **Progress development of Ord Stage 3 –** The State Government is working closely with the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to progress further expansion of the Ord Irrigation Scheme into Northern Territory. Assistance has been provided to the Northern Territory on matters such as engineering options, land assembly and tenure models and water security and allocations.
- **Kimberley infrastructure and services boost:**
 - \$14.9 million for the Broome Road industrial area development.
 - \$10 million for the Broome Chinatown redevelopment.
 - \$19.5 million for the West Kimberley Transitional housing project.
 - \$4.9 million for the Fitzroy Crossing courthouse.
 - \$29.9 million for the Kununurra Courthouse
 - \$15.45 million for Seizing the Opportunity Agriculture.
 - \$73.3 million for the Regional Youth Justice Strategy across the Kimberley and Pilbara.
 - \$4.8 million for the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy.
 - \$18.5 million for the new Kimberley National Park and Great Kimberley Marine Park.

- **Officially opened the new \$41.8 million Kununurra Courthouse in October 2014.**

PEEL

- **Create Peel-Harvey Estuary Management Committee and provide funding to complement scientific and coordination efforts –** Allocated \$400,000 in 2013-14 State Budget over four years. Membership of the Peel-Harvey Estuary Management Committee has been agreed

and will periodically meet. The Department of Regional Development has finalised a grant agreement with the Peel Harvey Catchment Council to employ a science coordinator to integrate science into catchment management to improve water quality of the Peel-Harvey waters. A senior scientist commenced employment in October 2014.

- **Officially opened a \$1.3 million upgrade to campgrounds at Yalgorup National Park on 16 January 2015** - Providing more nature-based accommodation options for families just 105 kilometres south of Perth.
- **Funds secured to replace Old Mandurah Bridge** - Construction will start at the end of 2015 to replace Mandurah's 62-year old traffic bridge with a new four-lane bridge over the estuary. The State Government has allocated \$48.8 million (\$8.8 million from Royalties for Regions) to this project with the City of Mandurah also contributing \$3 million.

GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE

- **Goldfields-Esperance Revitalisation Plan** – Committed \$162 million in the 2015-16 State Budget over four years, including \$40 million over the next two years for the redevelopment of Kalgoorlie Boulder Community High School and \$38 million over the next four years for the upgrade and construction of passing lanes along Great Eastern Highway
- **Infrastructure and Services upgrades in the Goldfields-Esperance Region:**
 - \$92.2 million for Goldfields Revitalisation projects.
 - \$17.6 million for the Esperance Health Campus.
 - \$600,000 for the Esperance Residential College Stage 2 upgrade.
 - \$6.2 million for the Goldfields Arts Centre.

- \$45 million for the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School.
- \$38 million for Great Eastern Highway passing lanes.
- \$3.9 million for PortLink inland freight corridor planning.
- **Officially opened the \$35.5million Esperance Waterfront project in November 2014.** The James Street Precinct development will maximise the Esperance foreshore - one of the town's greatest assets - and includes beach pathways, a lawn area and gardens, including a landmark sculpture of a whale tail.

MID WEST

- **Invested \$66.1 million of Royalties for Regions funding since 2013-14 into health services, education and infrastructure in Western Australia's Mid West region through the Mid West Investment Plan.** The funding includes:
 - \$10.3 million for Wubin-Mullewa Road.
 - \$9 million for Goldfields Highway.
 - \$2 million for Geraldton Residential Colleges.
 - \$3.4 million for Ballinyoo Bridge .
 - \$2 million for Foodbank Geraldton.
 - \$2.5 million for Morawa Town Centre.
- **Infrastructure and Services upgrades in the Mid West Region:**
 - \$140.2 million for the Mid West Investment Plan, including \$4.6 million for the Wubin-Mullewa Road upgrade and \$7.47 million for a power station to the Murchison Radio-Astronomy Observatory power station.
 - \$9.1 million for Durack Institute of Technology centres for health industries and resource sector training.

- **\$19.2 million for Remote Indigenous Health Clinics** - This project represents considerable investment into facilities for some of Western Australia's most remote communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara. Health facilities in remote communities including Bayulu, Mulan, Billiluna, Noonkanbah and Yandeyarra are being redeveloped and refurbished. Taking design cues for consultation with local community members, these clinics are becoming welcoming places for local residents.

GASCOYNE

- **Gascoyne Infrastructure and Services Boost:**
 - \$103.1 million for the Gascoyne Revitalisation Plan including:
 - \$2.2 million for Denham Timber Jetty replacement
 - \$18.3 million for the Exmouth Boat Harbour
 - \$20.3 million for the Carnarvon Health Campus.
 - \$7.9 million for the Exmouth Health Clinic.
 - \$1.1 million for the Coral Bay seasonal staff accommodation.
 - \$15.45 million for Seizing the Opportunity Agriculture.
- **In October 2014 announced a \$20 million major upgrade for Exmouth Boat Harbour** - Offering significant economic benefits for the Gascoyne region and expanding its capacity as a major supply and service base for the oil and gas sector. The upgraded facilities will create about 140 new jobs within existing operations. Through a decrease in construction costs in Exmouth, the value of this project is now \$18.3 million.

PILBARA

- **Infrastructure and Services upgrades in the Pilbara** - Funding through Royalties

for Regions' Pilbara Cities Initiative includes:

- \$147.3 million for Pilbara Cities infrastructure, including \$40.4 million to develop a city core for the Karratha city centre, \$38.5 million for Karratha city centre infrastructure.
 - \$40 million to revitalise the Newman town centre.
 - \$12.66 million for the Marble Bar road bridge crossing at Fortescue River.
 - \$109.6 million for Pilbara Cities community projects.
 - \$206.5 million towards the Karratha Health Campus. \$73.3 million for the Regional Youth Justice Strategy across Kimberley and Pilbara.
 - \$10.3 million for Seizing the Opportunity Agriculture.
 - \$10 million for the Jigalong essential services pilot program.
- **Onslow Airport Redevelopment Project** - Approved the allocation of \$13 million in December 2014 to complete work on the Onslow Airport Redevelopment Project.

WHEATBELT

- **In September 2014 announced the provision of \$6.575 million over three years to expand The AvonLink train service, between Northam and Perth** - The service will encourage further growth and increased sustainability of the Avon region.
- In March 2014 announced the Creating Age Friendly Communities in Small Towns Project in the Wheatbelt supported by \$2.5 million of Royalties for Regions Funding
- In March 2014 announced a \$1 million commitment to the Dryandra Residential and Community Care Expansion - Stage 2 in Kellerberrin.

SOUTH WEST

- **The new \$36.4 million Augusta Boat Harbour officially opened in November 2014** – The new harbour offers sheltered water and service facilities to thousands of commercial and recreational boaties in the South West, made possible by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program. It incorporates a four-lane boat launching facility, floating finger jetties and 40 boat pens.
- **The Surfers Point Precinct project** - At Prevelly near Margaret River in the South West region is helping showcase the area as a world class surfing tourism destination. Major works were all completed in time for the 2014 Drug Aware Margaret River Pro, an international surfing competition held over five days in April. Total project budget of more than \$5 million from Royalties for Regions.
- **In April 2013 two artificial reefs were installed on the seabed off Dunsborough and Bunbury** - The reefs consist of 30 ten-tonne reinforced concrete modules placed in six clusters of five modules. Royalties for Regions allocated \$1.86 million to the Department of Fisheries to manage the project.

- **In 2014-15 committed \$600 million over five years from the Royalties for Regions for The Growing our South Initiative** - A fund which will help to implement major infrastructure and community projects across the Peel, Wheatbelt, South-West and Great Southern regions. Allocated \$26 million to 11 projects in the first tranche of funding.

GREAT SOUTHERN

- **\$2.84 million to complement \$3 million from consolidated revenue to restore the Mt Clarence ANZAC Desert Corps Memorial** - The improved memorial and

visitor facilities, new interpretive elements and the creation of spaces for education and commemoration have created a fitting memorial to ANZAC soldiers.

- **In March 2014 announced completion of the Souness Park Community Recreation Development Project** - With a contribution of \$1.4 million from Royalties for Regions
- **Royalties for Regions funded \$9.3 million for a new town square, the restoration of historic buildings and a refurbishment of the Katanning Roller Flour Mill** - Which was completed in March 2015.

ROAD SAFETY

- **Review the Road Safety framework** – An independent review considered the appropriateness of the current road safety governance framework, to ensure increased Government funding for road safety initiatives is delivered effectively. The Government has broadly accepted all 56 recommendations of the Review, including the establishment of a Commissioner for Road Safety. An Interim Road Safety Commissioner has been appointed and is currently working to establish the new Office to support this position. It is anticipated that this new structure will be operational by July 2015 and the appointment process for a permanent Commissioner will begin as soon as the new entity is formally established.
- **Speed and Red light camera infringement revenue** – The State Government will continue to ensure 100 per cent of speed and red-light camera infringement revenue is spent on road safety initiatives.
- **Purchase emergency rescue helicopter for the South West** – Committed \$15.3

million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years for the construction of a hangar, crew accommodation and office facility, together with operating costs for a new South West Emergency Rescue Helicopter Service. The provision of a second Emergency Rescue Helicopter Service in the South West will lead to an improved emergency response and greater community resilience to emergency incidents. This Government will continue to improve our fire and emergency response, and provide the best possible protection for the Western Australian community.

- **Safer roads with upgrades to specific country roads, targeting run-off-road crashes and upgrading Metropolitan intersections** – See Transport for a list of projects.
- **Tackling Hoon Hotspots** – Part of the State Government's multifaceted strategy to clamp down on hoons who drive recklessly and endanger the lives of West Australians. \$170,000 has been committed in the 2014-15 State Budget over four years for covert cameras to help police identify reckless driver behaviour in hoon hotspots. Four covert cameras have been purchased and a trial is currently being conducted. This strategy also includes legislation empowering courts to order vehicle confiscation of reckless drivers, which is currently under development and is expected to be introduced into Parliament in 2015.
- **Install electronic flashing speed zone signs at every school with a 40km/h school zone** – This commitment is underway, with \$36 million funding through the Road Trauma Trust Account to ensure every school in Western Australia with a 40km/h zone receives flashing LED lights by 2017. By 30 June 2015, 309 schools will have the flashing 40km/h school zone signs in operation.

During 2015-16 and 2016-17, another 766 schools will have the electronic flashing school speed zone signs installed.

- **Promote safer vehicles, through the expansion of the 'stars on cars' scheme** – Developed an alliance with about 50 car dealerships across Western Australia aimed at providing information on vehicle safety ratings and safety features, helping consumers to make more informed decisions about purchasing a safe vehicle.
- **Reaffirming the use of five-star rated vehicles for the Government fleet** – The Government will continue to purchase 5-star ANCAP rated fleet vehicles. The selection of safer vehicles promotes occupant safety. Agencies have a duty of care to provide a safe workplace and fleet vehicles are considered an extension of the workplace. The Government reaffirmed its commitment to purchase 5-star ANCAP rated vehicles and committed to extend this to Sport Utility Vehicles and light commercial vehicles from 1 January 2014, where available. This initiative will lead the country in safe fleet policy for light commercial vehicles.
- **Completed a major revision of penalties for road traffic offences** - The amended penalties apply to offences related to speeding, drinking driving, failure to give way, disobeying access control signs, failure to keep left and overtaking, following too closely, non-restraint and non-helmet use, and in-vehicle distractions such as mobile phones.
- **Road Safety Community Grants Program** - Launched the Road Safety Community Grants Program, funded through the Road Trauma Trust Account, which offers event and project grants for locally-developed initiatives designed to foster community support and participation in

preventing road crashes causing serious injury and death. \$360,000 in funding is available to organisations and community groups for eligible projects and events in 2014-15. A further \$360,000 has been allocated to the Grants Program in the 2015-16 State Budget.

- **Repeat Drink Drivers** - Legislation requiring repeat drink drivers to install and participate in an alcohol interlock program to separate their drinking and driving behaviours was passed by Parliament in February 2015. It is anticipated that the Alcohol Interlock Scheme will be operational by mid-2016 once the comprehensive regulations are finalised.

SCIENCE

- **Scitech** - The current State funding agreement for Scitech of \$41.5 million covers the period 2013 to 2018. The State Government has also committed \$15 million towards finding a new home for Scitech. An independent planning reference group was established to undertake a study to identify options for Scitech's short and long-term accommodation requirements. These options are expected to be presented to the Premier in mid-2015, following which detailed planning and costing of shortlisted options will be undertaken.
- **International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR)** - The State Government has invested more than \$96 million into building radio astronomy research capacity, capability and infrastructure, including the establishment of ICRAR in 2009, a joint venture between The University of Western Australia and Curtin University. The current State funding agreement of \$26 million covers the period 2014 to 2019, and supports the ongoing operation of ICRAR. ICRAR is leading Western

Australia's effort in the SKA project and is a key part of the State's efforts to maximise Western Australia's benefits from the SKA project.

- **Pawsey Supercomputing Centre** - The State Government committed a further \$21.55 million to the Pawsey Supercomputing Centre in the 2015-16 State Budget, bringing the total contribution since inception in 2000 to \$53.941 million.
- **The launch of 'A Science Statement for Western Australia – Growing Western Australia'** – The Premier launched the Science Statement on April 2015 which outlines the State's scientific capacity in five key priority areas in which the advancement and application of science can help us broaden the economy and create a new generation of jobs. The five key priority areas are: mining and energy; medicine and health; agriculture and food; biodiversity and marine science and; radio astronomy. Following the launch of the Science Statement, the next step is the development of science strategies that reflect the long-term vision for Western Australia in each of the priority areas. The Office of Science, with the Chief Scientist providing leadership and guidance, will develop the strategies. Industry, universities and research institutes will be involved.
- **The Premier as the Minister for Science** - Premier assumed responsibility for Science Portfolio in March 2013.
- **Appointment of Professor Peter Klinken** - The new Chief Scientist of Western Australia was appointed on 10th June 2014.
- **Support for marine science** - In April 2015 the Premier launched the Western Australian Blueprint for Marine Science 2050. The Blueprint is an assessment of marine research priorities for Western

Australia, based on government and industry needs. It is the first step in the process of achieving transformational outcomes for Western Australia's marine environment.

- **Establish a new institute for terrestrial biodiversity research** - Western Australia's terrestrial biodiversity knowledge and research activity is significant, and a new institute will be established in 2015 with support from the State Government. The new institute will align and coordinate the existing knowledge system to support more informed and timely decision making and ensure that funding and research efforts are prioritised towards the areas of greatest conservation needs.

SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERING

- **Elderly Abuse** - Launched Western Australia's first dedicated elder abuse helpline on 1300 724 679. The helpline is enabling seniors being coerced into giving money to friends or family to telephone for assistance. An Elder Abuse Protocol has been developed to help Government and non-Government agencies educate and prepare any staff who encounter elder abuse.
- **Seniors Card Discount Directory** - \$1,000 worth of State Government concessions and business discounts made available throughout Western Australia to seniors accessing the Seniors Card Discount Directory.
- **Seniors' Housing Centre** - A one-stop shop provided for seniors with the Seniors' Housing Centre now co-located with the WA Seniors Card centre. Three-year contract signed with Council on the Ageing WA to offer seniors advice about housing options. Since September 2011, about 6,600 people have sought advice by phone, email or in person. Information

sessions and seminars across WA reached another 10,000 seniors.

- **Seniors Strategic Planning Framework** - The Government has implemented a range of initiatives aligning with its Seniors Strategic Planning Framework 2012-2017. Under the framework, the Government launched a \$200,000 two-year funding program supporting regional local governments to develop age-friendly communities.
- **Free public transport** - From 1 July 2015, free travel times have been extended to evening and early morning services. Carer, Aged and Disability Support Pensioner SmartRider holders will be able to travel for free at the following times:
 - From first service until 6am
 - From 9am until 3.30pm
 - From 7pm until last service
 - All day Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.
- **Photo ID Card** - From July 1 2016, the Government will offer a concession price for seniors to obtain a photo identification card.
- **Concessions** - Reform of social concessions, including seniors concessions, to better target this assistance to those most in need.

SMALL BUSINESS

- **Business Local Service** - the Business Local Service will replace the former Small Business Centre program and commences on 1 July 2015. This new service will reduce duplication and increase the number of business advisors on the ground.
- **Give small retail shops more flexibility to employ staff and expand their businesses** – The *Consumer Protection Legislation Amendment Act 2014* eased

the criteria for small retail shops so that up to 25 people can work in a small shop at any one time and increased the number of small retail shops that an eligible persons can own from three to four, came into effect on 19 November 2014.

- **Provide more balanced unfair dismissal laws for small business and modernise Western Australia's private sector awards** – The *Labour Relations Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2012* was tabled in December 2012 as a Green Bill. Cabinet has now approved amendments to the Bill including tightening right of entry laws, which are now being drafted.
- **Simplifying the administration and complexity of awards for small business, with reduced number of up to date awards** - The *Labour Relations Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2012* will require the Commission to review every private sector pre-modern State award and either replace it with a modern State award or cancel it. This process is termed "award modernisation". To ensure that the Commission gives due consideration to the appropriate level of penalty rates of pay when undertaking award modernisation, the Bill will be amended to explicitly require the Commission to review penalty rates of pay in every pre-modern State award; and when making each modern State award, consider the likely impact of any proposed penalty rate of pay on productivity and on employment costs for an employer who is, or would be, covered by the modern State award; and whether any proposed penalty rate of pay will act as a barrier to employment for employees who would be covered by the modern State award.

SPORT AND RECREATION

- **Commenced construction of the new Perth Stadium** – Pre-construction works

for the new Perth Stadium have been completed and a tender awarded for construction, with work underway since December 2014. The State Government is investing over \$1 billion in the new Perth Stadium and Sports Precinct, delivering a world-class sport and recreation facility for Western Australians. More than 5,700 workers will be employed to help build the Stadium during the three years of construction and over a hundred contracts will be awarded, many to local companies.

- **Provided funding for *Sport 4 All* (includes KidSport)** – Allocated \$30 million from 2011-12 to 2016-17, enabling children who could not normally afford it to play team sports and engage with their local communities. Since its inception in 2011, KidSport has helped more than 43,000 children aged between five and 18 join a local sporting club.
- **Designed and built a \$31 million WAIS High Performance Centre** - To prepare our elite athletes for international competition in the 2016 Olympics and beyond. The state-of-the-art training centre was opened on 22 April 2015.
- **Built the new \$26 million State Netball Centre in Wembley** - The 1,000-seat centre will house West Coast Fever and Netball WA high performance training programs, State League Netball matches and community netball. The centre was officially opened on 28 March 2015.
- **Invested \$136 million through the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) since 2009 to over 750 sport and recreation projects** – Projects include new swimming pools, recreation centres, playing fields, change rooms, floodlighting and a range of other sporting and recreation projects across Western Australia.
- **Committed \$13.2 million over four years from 2013-14 for the maintenance and upgrades of regional pools under the Community Pool Revitalisation Program** - Local Governments in regional areas provided with up to \$30,000 each for upgrades and maintenance of 91 swimming pools from the first round of the Community Pools Revitalisation Program.
- **Provided \$12.4 million funding (\$2.4 million from CSRFF) to the City of Cockburn for the design and construction of the Cockburn Central West Regional Physical Activity and Education Centre** - This provides a major sport and recreation base for the residents in the growing southern metropolitan corridor of Perth. This regional community centre will also be the training headquarters for the Fremantle Football Club by 2016.
- **Provided \$7.2 million in funding annually over three years from 2014-15 for 87 State Sporting Associations** - To support and develop sport and recreation across Western Australia at grassroots community level.
- **Established the Supporting Community Sport Initiative** - \$2 million allocated from the \$4 million supporting community sport initiative to the Athlete Travel Subsidy Program and Community Sport Equipment Grants.
- **Established Junior Representative Travel Assistance Program** – The Program commenced in December 2013. The program supports talented young athletes to travel to elite competition, selection trials and training.
- **Established Community Sport Equipment Grants Program** – The Program commenced in December 2013. Every one of the 5,000 sporting clubs in the State can apply for a one-off amount of \$500 to

purchase shared equipment for their participants.

- **Provided over \$200,000 per year to support the Seniors Recreation Council** – Remaining active and having access to stimulating recreational activities are vital for the quality of life of seniors. The State Government has continued to provide support for the Seniors Recreational Council's Healthy Ageing through activity programs.
- **Upgraded facilities at Hartfield Park Sporting Complex (Forrestfield)** – Allocation of \$6.01 million over three years from 2013-14 to upgrade facilities of the Hartfield Park Sport and Recreation Reserve in Forrestfield. Work commenced early in 2015 on Stage 1 of the three-stage project, with completion of all three stages expected by late 2017.
- **Provided funding for pavilion at Glen Huon Oval** – \$3 million allocated to an upgrade at Glen Huon Oval after community consultation and agreement with the Shire of Dardanup. The funding was originally promised to construct a new pavilion at Eaton Oval but all local clubs agreed the change was the best community outcome. Project is expected to commence in late 2015 and be completed by early 2017.
- **HBF Arena (Joondalup) Redevelopment** – The State Government allocated \$14.9 million in 2013-14 over four years for a multi-sport expansion of HBF Arena and its surrounding facilities, including a new basketball centre for the Wanneroo Basketball Association, additional netball courts and rugby pitch and new clubrooms for the West Perth Football Club. The City of Joondalup has also committed an additional \$4 million.
 - Second rugby pitch completed in 2014.
 - Three netball courts and administration building completed in 2015.
 - A project definition plan has been agreed with the West Perth Football Club and the Wanneroo Basketball Association and work continues on these projects with works scheduled to commence in the 2015/16 financial year.
- **Build new covered basketball courts in Mundaring** – Allocated \$3 million from 2014-15 for Mundaring Basketball Courts. A Financial Assistance Agreement has been executed and the project is expected to commence in mid-2015 and be completed by early 2017.
- **Fund the re-opening of Willetton Sports Club** – Committed \$1 million in the 2013-14 State Budget to fund the re-opening of Willetton Sports Club. The Project has been completed.
- **Provided funding towards redevelopment of Kosteria Oval, Kalamunda** – \$1 million has been allocated in 2014-15, with civil works expected to commence in mid-2015. Completion is scheduled for mid-2017.
- **Expand Morley-Noranda Bowls Club** – Allocated \$800,000 in 2014-15 to expand the Morley-Noranda Bowls Club. The planning process is continuing with the City of Bayswater. The meeting room and kitchen upgrade has been completed with the remainder of the works expected to be completed by June 2015.
- **Upgrade facilities at Northern Redbacks Women's Soccer Club (Balga)** – Allocated \$500,000 to redevelop the Northern Redbacks Women's Soccer Club in Balga. Funding has been delivered and the project was completed in mid-2014.
- **Provide funding for redevelopment of Lightning Park, Noranda** – Allocated

\$400,000 in the 2013-14 State budget. This project was completed in March 2015.

- **Upgrade recreation facilities at East Dalyellup Oval** – Received \$300,000 as part of the 2014-15 State Budget process. The Shire also received confirmation of an extra \$264,689 funding through CSRFF for the 2015-16 financial year bring the State Government funding to \$564,689.
- **Provided funding towards development of Ellenbrook Recreation Centre and Ellenbrook Recreation Hub** – \$250,000 was allocated in the 2014-15 State Budget to complete planning. The City of Swan will complete an Aquatic Facilities Strategy and concept designs for an aquatic facility at the proposed Ellenbrook Recreation Centre in 2015. \$5 million has been allocated to a sports centre comprising three indoor multi-purpose courts, gymnasium, change rooms and ancillary facilities with \$2 million towards aquatic facilities, subject to the outcome of the City of Swan's aquatic facilities strategy.

STATE DEVELOPMENT

- **International relations policy** – The Government is developing a formal policy to leverage existing relationships in mining and petroleum to expand our agricultural exports, especially to nations concerned about food security and food safety. It will concentrate the State's major trading partners, but also focus on the emerging nations of the Indian Ocean rim.
- **Overseas offices** – The State will work to maintain sister-state relationships and the network of Western Australia's overseas offices. The Western Australian Government will increase its representation in Indonesia by adopting a new office model to include, in addition to a regional director, tourism and

agriculture

officers.

- **International Agreements** – The signing of collaborative agreements with other governments and their implementation is an important part of international relations. Under a 2011 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the State Government has worked closely with China's peak economic policy agency the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) on trade and investment issues. The Premier met the NDRC Chairman in April 2014 at a State banquet hosted by President Xi Jinping in honour of the Australian Prime Minister and his visiting delegation. In November 2014 a MOU in biodiversity research was signed between the Institute of Botany, Jiangsu and the Department of Parks and Wildlife during the visit of the Minister for Environment; Heritage to China. A delegation from the Institute visited Western Australia in April 2015 and a report is being prepared by the Institute on possible areas of collaboration.
- **Building relations in Africa** – In January 2014, in line with its commitment to build relations in Africa, Western Australia signed a Memorandum of Association with the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) consisting of 19 African nations. The objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) include sharing knowledge and technology, development of legislation and community engagement, rules of governance, and education and training between Western Australia and the COMESA states across the fields of mining, petroleum and agriculture.
- **Bunbury to Albany gas pipeline** – The Government continues to work to deliver a viable, gas pipeline from Bunbury to Albany. The pipeline route has been determined and, since 2008, the Department of State Development has undertaken significant due diligence for

the project, including financial and commercial modelling. An initial land assembly strategy has also been developed. The Department has undertaken thorough market sounding, and continues to engage with interested parties.

- **North West Shelf Joint Venture** - In 2014, the State Government agreed that the North West Shelf Joint Venture could export a further 86 million tonnes of LNG in return for additional supply of gas to the domestic market. The quantity of domestic gas will be equivalent to 15% of LNG production from North West Shelf facilities, whether from reserves held by the North West Shelf Joint Venture or other producers. In 2015 the variation to the North West Shelf State Agreement was passed by Parliament.
- **Bungaroo Valley Water project** – The Western Australian Government and Rio Tinto Iron Ore (RTIO) have developed and commissioned a new water source for the West Pilbara. It will provide an extra 10 billion litres of water a year for the future development of Karratha, Roebourne, Wickham and Point Samson and ensure that RTIO's requirements for its expanded production are met.
- **Mitchell Plateau** - In 2015 the Government reached agreement with Rio Tinto and Alcoa to terminate a State Agreement for establishing an alumina refinery in the Kimberley, clearing the way for 175,000 hectares on the Mitchell Plateau to be included in a new Kimberley National Park. The creation of a Kimberley National Park is a key component of the \$81.5 million Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy.
- **Onslow Social Infrastructure Package** – Delivery of a \$300 million plus, joint private and public funded package of social and critical infrastructure for the Pilbara town of Onslow is well underway,

it includes new electricity, water and health services, and airport redevelopment to support Onslow's expansion related to development of the State's Ashburton North Strategic Industrial Area, home to the Wheatstone LNG Project and the Macedon Domestic Gas plant.

- **Anketell Port Project** – The Government has signed a native title agreement, allocated land for a potential industrial estate, and released a Master plan for a proposed new multi-user and multi-commodity deep water port at Anketell in the Pilbara. The port will have a capacity at full development of 350 million tonnes annually.
- **LNG 18** – Western Australia will host the world's largest conference and exhibition dedicated to the LNG industry in Perth in April 2016. LNG 18 is expected to attract more than 5,000 participants from 70 countries and 200 of the world's leading oil and gas companies. The conference, exhibition and associated activities are expected to inject \$48 million into the local economy.

TOURISM

- **Increase funding to market Western Australia to domestic and international travellers** – An additional \$24 million allocated from 2013-14 to 2016-17 to promote Western Australia internationally, in particular to Chinese, Singaporean and Indonesian tourism markets, as well as inter/intra state. \$11 million of this funding is specifically focused on marketing regional Western Australia.
- **Support major events** – Events provide incentive for people to travel to a range of metropolitan and regional locations, which helps deliver economic and social benefits to local communities, supports local businesses and generates valuable

media exposure. The State Government's significant event support includes:

- Providing additional funding to enable the Drug Aware Margaret River Pro surfing event to be elevated to World Championship Tour (WCT) status in 2014 in both the men's and women's competitions. WCT status produces significantly elevated visitation and media impact, with approximately 40,000 spectators attending the 2014 event.
- New three year deal to 2017 signed for WA to host the Margaret River Gourmet Escape, which features some of the world's best chefs, culinary and wine critics and celebrities. The 2013 event resulted in more than 33,000 room nights booked in the Margaret River region and more than \$10.5 million in direct economic impact. The annual Margaret River Gourmet Escape is fast developing into the highest-profile food and wine festival in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region.
- New agreement signed with the International Tennis Federation and Tennis Australia to continue hosting the Hopman Cup in Western Australia from 2015 through to 2017, with a five year option to retain the event through to 2022.
- The Perth International Championship, Australia's richest golf tournament and the only one internationally sanctioned by both the European Tour and the PGA Australasia.
- Established the BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series, featuring a pool event with the Australian swim and water polo teams competing against international swim and water polo teams; a competitive community swim in the Swan River; and coaching clinics conducted by swimming and water polo athletes in regional and

remote parts of Western Australia. State Government funding support was provided for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 events and financial support for the regional component has been extended through to 2018.

- Supported the 2015 Perth International Arts Festival Opening Spectacular, The Giants, from 13 to 15 February. The free public event attracted huge crowds, extensive media coverage and strengthened Perth's image as a vibrant and artistic outdoors city. The State Government contributed more than \$2 million to the cost of bringing The Giants to Perth as part of ANZAC commemorations.

- **Retain Regional Events Program and Regional Events Scheme** – Allocated an additional \$40 million from 2015-16 to 2018-19 to expand the calendar of regional events, and promote regional events across Western Australia. Eighteen large regional events have been supported by the State Government through the Regional Events Program between 2011-12 and 2014-15, and \$750,000 is provided annually to support around 50 to 60 small to medium sized events through the Regional Events Scheme.

- **Improve aviation access** – A range of aviation initiatives have been supported by the State Government to increase domestic and international visitors to Western Australia, including:

- Qatar Airways commencing three flights a week from Doha to Perth in July 2012. Frequency of services increased to daily by end of 2012.
- Garuda Indonesia commenced direct flights from Jakarta to Perth in June 2013. A country manager is being recruited for a Tourism WA office in Jakarta to drive marketing activity in Indonesia to increase awareness of

Western Australia and visitation from this affluent market.

- Etihad Airways commenced daily services between Abu Dhabi and Perth in July 2014, improving connectivity with the UK and key European markets which will help increase the value of tourism in Western Australia to \$12 billion by 2020.
- A three year \$2.25 million co-operative marketing deal was signed with Jetstar in February 2014 which is expected to bring thousands of extra visitors to Western Australia. The Jetstar deal is helping WA's continued growth as a holiday destination with the State promoted in key domestic tourism markets and Singapore through joint advertising.
- Signed a new three-year cooperative marketing agreement with China Southern Airlines in July 2014. The move follows a commitment by the State Government, in the 2014-15 State Budget, to allocate \$3.9 million over three years specifically for tourism marketing to China. China Southern has changed its aircraft on the route to a new Dreamliner Boeing B787-8 which provides a superior experience for passengers, and will increase to four flights per week from July 2015. The State Government's target to double Chinese visitor numbers was achieved in 2014.
- **Incentivise hotel development in Western Australia** – Hotel incentives policy introduced in 2011 to help ease a severe shortage of hotel rooms in Perth. The policy has been applied to support the redevelopment of FESA House/Perth Chest Clinic site as a 368-room Westin Hotel and mixed-use building (commercial, hospitality and retail). Other major State Government facilitated hotel developments include the Old Treasury Building, Crown Towers and the Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Elizabeth Quay. Since implementation of the policy, there has been a significant increase in hotel development applications in the Perth CBD.
- **Caravanning and camping** - A total of \$40.7 million was provided in 2013-14 over four years to make caravanning and camping more affordable for Western Australians and improve associated facilities across the State. \$34.4 million was allocated to implement Tourism WA's Caravan and Camping Action Plan 2013-2018, in collaboration with Main Roads WA, Department of Parks and Wildlife, Department of Local Government and Communities and Department of Regional Development.
- **Parks for People: new campgrounds** - Work continues on the upgrading of camp and caravan sites as part of the State Government's Parks for People initiative to provide more low-cost, high-quality holiday options in national parks and reserves for families to experience. This \$21.05 million initiative is delivering 450 new camp and caravan sites and upgrading accommodation at other campgrounds in 16 national parks and reserves. This commitment builds on \$60 million already provided by the Liberal National Government to improve facilities in our parks since 2008.
- **Regional Visitor Centres Program** - The State Government is investing \$4.2 million over four years in the Regional Visitor Centres Program which will provide grant funding opportunities for visitor centres from 2015-16 to 2017-18. The program is intended to boost the sustainability of regional visitor centres through well researched, targeted initiatives with an emphasis on empowering local communities.

- **Development of a food and wine strategy**
- *Taste 2020: A Strategy for Food and Wine Tourism in Western Australia for the Next Five Years and Beyond* has been completed. The strategy is due to be released in 2015 and will guide the coordinated promotion of food and wine as a key tourism experience, with specific emphasis on events, marketing, and tour and product development.
- **Rottnest Island** - Facilities on Rottnest Island have been improved recently with upgrades to the Island's tennis courts, campgrounds, public ablutions, barbecues and walkways. A major upgrade of the golf course has been completed, with reticulated fairways and grass greens to enhance usage and encourage year round visitation to the Island. An agreement was signed with Karma Royal Group to redevelop Rottnest Lodge. The \$20 million redevelopment is the first major infrastructure revitalisation on Rottnest Island since the 1990s and will see the Lodge transformed into a luxury resort complex with day spa, Kid's Club, new conference facilities, a restaurant and the construction of about 80 new holiday units. The project will provide visitors with increased choice of accommodation and facilities. The agreement includes the transfer of the Quod to the Rottnest Island Authority in 2018, when the project is scheduled to be completed.
- first year of operation, enrolments in State Priority areas, including foundation skills, increased by over 9 per cent ensuring vocational education and training (VET) remains relevant to business and gives students skills likely to lead to a job.
- **Construction completed in the last 12 months for State Training Provider campuses:**
 - \$5.8 million - Great Southern Institute of Technology, Albany Community Services and Health Sciences Block (September 2014);
 - \$6.9 million - Kimberley Training Institutes - Derby Extension and Workshop Facilities (September 2014); and
 - \$2.8 million - Kimberley Training Institutes - Halls Creek upgrades and new Auto Workshop (March 2014);
 - \$4.9 million - Muresk Institute - final stage to refurbish accommodation facilities;
 - \$6 million - Challenger Institute of Technology - Peel Health and Community Training Centre (December 2014);
 - \$28.61 million - Challenger Institute of Technology - Rockingham Trade Training Centre (March 2014); and
 - \$10 million - Central Institute of Technology, Green Skills building (October 2014).

TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- **Future Skills WA** - Introduced Future Skills WA, a major new system for prioritising and funding training delivery in Western Australia. Future Skills WA guarantees eligible students a subsidised training place in more than 600 State priority qualifications, including over 500 apprenticeships and traineeships and over 130 qualifications on Western Australia's Priority Industry Qualifications List. This means that no eligible person who wants training in these areas will miss out. In its
- **Changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education** – Major reforms to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), announced in January 2013, came into effect in 2015. The changes will require students to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank and/or a minimum Certificate II to graduate from school with a WACE. Students will also be required to meet minimum literacy and numeracy standards. These changes will ensure that all students are prepared to meet the

demands of everyday life and work once they leave school.

- **In December 2014, the State Government announced a \$17 million funding package for Vocational Education and Training (VET)** in public secondary schools in 2015, a 51 per cent increase on 2014 funding.
- **Publish a register of qualifications that have been endorsed by industry as being suitable for VET in Schools delivery/ Reform VET qualifications to industry standard** – The State has published an online Qualifications Register in collaboration with Training Councils and the schools sector to provide guidance on the suitability of qualifications for VET in Schools delivery. This outlines the delivery requirements for qualifications to meet the needs of industry. (Election Commitment)
- **Improving VET in Schools** - Completed three key initiatives to improve VET in Schools, delivering on an election commitment to reform the program to achieve better outcomes for students and employers:
 - A Good Practice Model project which showcases schools that have demonstrated a strong commitment to providing quality VET in Schools programs.
 - A VET in Schools Qualifications Register, which provides guidance to parents, students and schools about what VET qualifications are supported by industry.
 - New guidelines for schools and training providers to ensure quality and consistency across VET in Schools programs, available on a new VET in Schools website.
- **Develop partnerships between schools and industry** – A series of workshops were held with the State Training Board, Training Councils and education authorities to develop a strategy for more effective school and industry engagement. The workshops informed the development of a School and Industry Engagement Framework which is currently being finalised by the Department of Training and Workforce Development. Various Training Councils are also actively engaging with schools around students' VET in Schools options as well as potential career paths.
- **Provide funding to the Muresk Institute** – Allocated \$10 million funding in the 2013-14 State Budget for the Muresk Institute, to expand training and research opportunities and undertake refurbishment work. Muresk is now a multi-tenanted, multi-functional facility, allowing for a wide range of training providers and conference organisers to utilise the site for a range of industry driven short courses, VET and higher education programs, supporting the agriculture and agribusiness industries.
- **Create scholarship program encouraging women into non-traditional industries and trades** – In March 2015, the Minister for Training and Workforce Development launched a scholarship program to encourage women into non-traditional trades and industries. Up to 400 scholarships over four years will be available to women commencing training at Certificate III level or above. Applications for the 2015 scholarship round closed 15 May 2015 with over 150 applications received.
- **Increase accommodation allowance for apprentices and trainees** – In February 2015, the accommodation allowance for apprentices and trainees was doubled to \$70.00 per night below the 26th parallel and \$110.00 per night above the 26th parallel and interstate. The increased financial assistance is provided to apprentices and trainees for off-the-job

training and will help apprentices and trainees who are required to travel long distances and live away from home temporarily as part of their training. Around 900 regional apprentices and trainees per year will benefit from this initiative.

- **Support for Group Training Organisations** – The State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to working in partnership with these organisations to support disadvantaged people through traineeships and apprenticeships with small to medium enterprises.

TRANSPORT

- **Forrestfield-Airport Link** - In January 2015 Expressions of Interest were invited for the \$2 billion Forrestfield Airport Link. The new line will connect with the existing Midland Line near Bayswater and run underground for eight kilometres in twin-bored tunnels beneath the Swan River and Perth Airport. It will open up a new rail corridor to Perth's eastern suburbs as well as connecting the city to Perth Airport. With construction expected to begin in 2016, the project will create a 20-minute rail journey from Perth's eastern suburbs to the city and will feature three new stations - Airport West (Belmont), Consolidated Airport and Forrestfield.
- **The Perth City Link project rail and bus component** - The \$360 million rail component was completed in December 2013, six months ahead of schedule. This involved sinking part of the Perth to Fremantle railway line west of Perth Station and the provision of track, infrastructure and passenger amenity improvements, including a new underpass linking the Perth Underground Station and Perth Station. Work on the \$209 million bus component is well underway with completion in 2016. Lifts, stairs and escalators will connect

passengers from the ground-level entry points to the underground, 16-stand, air-conditioned lounge level. Large screens will provide passengers with up-to-date service information, including stand locations and departure times.

- **Unveiled a congestion-easing plan to improve traffic flow through the city by introducing a second entry to the new Perth Busport, part of the \$209 million existing Perth Busport project budget** - This entrance has the potential to improve more than 30,000 bus passenger journeys in and out of the CBD each day.
- **Progress safety improvements to Great Northern Highway** – Committed \$116.5 million in the 2015-16 State Budget to continue the joint Commonwealth-State funded \$387.2 million upgrade of Great Northern Highway (Muccea-Wubin Stage 2), including a \$30 million bypass of New Norcia. This is in addition to the recently completed reconstruction, realignment and seal widening of the Great Northern Highway known as the Bindi Bindi Curves.
- **Construct dual carriageway on Reid Highway** – Committed \$24 million for Reid Highway widening between Duffy and Erindale Roads, as well as westward to Marmion Avenue. Works commence in early 2015.
- **Construction is underway for the \$84 million Reid Highway-Malaga Drive interchange with completion due in early 2016.** Part Federal funded project.
- **Construct heavy vehicle bypass at Ravensthorpe** – Allocated \$17.5 million for the construction of a heavy vehicle bypass around Ravensthorpe to provide safe and more efficient journeys for heavy transport operators. Works commenced in 2014 and will be completed by late 2015.

- **Committed \$3 million annually to match Federal funding under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme** - this has delivered rest stops and heavy vehicle bays on Great Northern Highway, Eyre Highway, Goldfields Highway, Mt Magnet-Leinster and Marble Bar Roads.
- **\$14 million to duplicate Gnangara Road from Alexander Drive to Drumpellier Drive** – Committed \$14 million in 2013-14 State Budget over two years. Works commenced in late 2014.
- **Announced a \$1.57 billion Perth Freight Link to connect Fremantle Port with Kewdale and beyond, jointly funded between the Commonwealth and State Governments** - The project would include a five kilometre four-lane dual carriageway extension of the Roe Highway, from its existing terminus at the Kwinana Freeway to Stock Road in Coolbellup and improvements to Stock Road and High Street. Contract to be awarded 2015, with construction to commence 2016.
- **Seal Wiluna to Meekatharra Road** – Committed \$20 million in the 2013-14 State Budget over four years to upgrade Goldfields Highway and Wubin-Mullewa Road which will involve sealing of overtaking berths, with further planning being undertaken to seal the remainder of the road. Works were completed in 2014.
- **Upgrade Marble Bar Road** – Committed \$20.67 million in 2015-16 State Budget for upgrading works including a new bridge over the Fortescue River (part funded by mining contributions).
- **Upgrade Wubin-Mullewa Road (Perenjori-Morawa) at a cost of \$21.6 million.** Works were completed in 2014.
- **Realign Curtin Ave to improve access and amenity near Leighton and Port beaches committed \$40 million in 2013-14 State Budget over four years** – Construction is now rescheduled to commence in 2017.
- **Build a traffic bridge over Collie River, linking Treendale and Eaton** – Allocated \$18 million to commence construction of the new bridge. Preloading will commence in 2015, construction early 2016 with completion of the new bridge in early 2017.
- **Install electronic flashing speed signals in every 40km/h school zone in Western Australia** – Committed \$36 million over 2014-15 to 2016-17. The signs will be installed at 1,070 schools across the State.
- **Committed to construction of Northlink WA** – This project, being undertaken in partnership with the Federal Government, includes the \$836.6 million Swan Valley Section and \$281.2 million Tonkin Highway Grade Separations.
- **Implement Taxi Action Plan** – A new occupational licensing system for taxi drivers was passed in Parliament in 2014 and the regulations are being developed for implementation in late 2015. Also as part of the plan mobile security patrols were implemented in 2011 and are continuing to increase security in the taxi fleet in addition to the Taxi Camera Surveillance Unit (TCSU) replacement program from 2011 to 2014. The State Government also made regulatory changes to half the maximum credit-processing fee in taxis to 5 per cent.
- **Fund completion of the Principal Shared Path Bicycle network** – Over the past six years the State Government has spent more than \$100 million on cycling initiatives. This investment is resulting in 221 km of off-road shared paths and 71 km of on-road bike lanes, principal shared paths (PSPs) and local

government grants from 2014-15 to 2017-18, new cycling infrastructure as part of the Gateway WA project, and building a further 50 kilometres of PSPs as part of both the North Link and Perth Freight Link projects.

- **Construct 15 overtaking lanes on Great Eastern Highway between Southern Cross and Kalgoorlie** – Allocated \$48 million with planning commencing in 2015-16 and delivery in 2016-17 and 2018-19.
- **Improve safety and remove dangerous sections of the Coalfields Highway** – Funding of \$25 million in the Government’s first term and \$28 million in the second term to undertake significant upgrades to Coalfields highway, west of Collie. This significant project will be completed in June 2017.
- **Upgrade Great Eastern Highway between Greenmount and Mundaring** – Allocated \$12 million in the 2013-14 State Budget as the State’s 50 per cent share of the project. Awaiting confirmation of the matching Federal component.
- **Construct nine overtaking lanes on Albany Highway** – Allocated \$10.85 million in 2015-16 State Budget as part of a \$22 million initiative to improve safety and reduce the social and economic cost of road trauma. Delivery of this series of overtaking facilities will be completed in 2018.
- **Build secure multi-storey car park at Edgewater Station** – Committed \$46.5 million in 2013-14 State Budget over three years for the development and construction of a secure multi-storey car park at the Edgewater Train Station. Revised cost of \$29.5m. Construction to commence early 2016 with completion by the end of 2016.
- **Seal remaining section of bike path around Lake Joondalup** – Committed \$500,000 in 2013-14 State Budget to seal the remaining section of the path.
- **Install four flashing LED speed signs on Oxford Street, Leederville** – Allocated \$40,000 to install the speed signs by June 2014 – completed on schedule.
- **Free public transport** - From 1 July 2015, free travel times have been extended to evening and early morning services. Carer, Aged and Disability Support Pensioner SmartRider holders will be able to travel for free at the following times:
 - From first service until 6am
 - From 9am until 3.30pm
 - From 7pm until last service
 - All day Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.
- **Kenwick Train Station upgrade** – \$8.5 million has been invested in the upgrade of Kenwick Train Station as part of a commitment to ensure accessibility for all public transport users. This upgrade was completed in January 2015.
- **Aubin Grove Station building, parking facilities and roadworks** – In February 2015 a lead design consultant was appointed for the construction of the new \$57 million Aubin Grove train station to service the expected 3,900 daily boardings. With 2,000 bays, Aubin Grove Station will become the largest Park ‘n’ Ride station on the Transperth network. In April 2015 the Government announced an expansion to the scope of works, which will see the Russell Road bridge widened and intersection improvements adding \$25 million to the project cost.
- **New generation of railcars** - To provide for growth beyond 2016 the State Government announced \$1.2 billion for a further 300 new “state of the art” railcars to be delivered over a ten year period

commencing in 2019. These 300 new cars will be configured as single six car trains as opposed to the current three car configurations. These new C-series railcars will have four doors either side of each railcar (as opposed to two doors on the current railcars). The removal of the two intermediate driver cabs and the greater number of doors will enable higher and more uniform loading and passenger comfort.

- **An additional twelve, three-car B-series train sets carrying passengers on the Joondalup and Mandurah lines** - The new trains boost capacity on the Joondalup and Mandurah lines during the busiest part of the day by about 600 more passengers per three-car set. These additions are part of a \$244 million investment in 22 new three-car rail sets. Final trains in this order will be delivered by the end of 2016.
- **New Train Radio System** – Government has approved \$120 million to replace the obsolete analogue radio system used by the Public Transport Authority to operate its passenger rail services with a modern digital radio system. It will be capable of serving the Authority's data transmission requirements to support future services and safety improvements.
- **Saw the first passenger trains leaving Perth's new Butler Station on September 21 2014** - The project, initially due to cost \$241 million, was delivered three months ahead of schedule and \$20 million under budget.
- **Extend Mitchell Freeway from Burns Beach Road to Hester Avenue** – Allocated \$261.34 million. Works commenced in 2015, six months ahead of schedule with completion scheduled for early 2017. Part Federal funded project.
- **More than 27,700 Western Australian children ride free on the 'orange' school bus. School Bus Services (SBS) take children to and from more than 500 schools across the State** - The State Government spent over \$115 million to operate the services for Western Australian families last year.
- **The new \$36.5 million Augusta boat harbour officially opened in November 2014** – The new harbour offers sheltered water and service facilities to thousands of commercial and recreational boaties in the South West. It incorporates a four-lane boat launching facility, floating finger jetties and 40 boat pens.
- **Allocated \$47.1 million in partnership with the Federal Government towards the upgrade of Great Eastern Highway between Walgoolan and Coolgardie.** Completed late May 2015.
- **Constructed over 5,000 additional parking bays at train stations across the metropolitan area at a cost of over \$60 million.**
- **Released the Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031 (WABN)** - providing a blueprint for metropolitan and regional cycling facilities to encourage and support bicycle trips.
- **Completed \$8.9 million worth of improvement works on Armadale Road at Warton Road, bringing safety benefits to the area.**
- **Installed an acoustic, wave and current device on the seabed outside Jurien Boat Harbour entrance to record wind speed and direction, plus wave height and direction** - Two fixed cameras are now in place to provide information on changes to the beach and channel entrance, collecting data as part of an ongoing investigation into environmental problems in the local area.
- **\$7.5 million for the Narrogin Link Road Project** - Which will allow road trains up to 36.5m long to travel safely through

Narrogin, and improving the safety of the town centre. Works are underway.

- **Four of Western Australia's new regionally based port authorities commenced operations following the announcement of the State Government's ports amalgamation process.**
- **Opened the \$1 million peak-period bus-only lane on Beaufort Street between Walcott and Bulwer streets** - This project, a joint initiative between the State Government and the cities of Perth, Vincent and Stirling, sees bus travel times from Perth's north-eastern suburbs into the CBD reduced by about three to four minutes, depending on traffic conditions.
- **Committed \$16.3 million to buy 23 road coaches for passengers travelling in regional Western Australia** - This investment will improve services in regional communities and especially help senior passengers and tourists who are frequent bus users.
- **Opened the new Bunbury road train assembly facility in 2014** - Giving road trains a safe location to break down into single trailers before travelling into the Bunbury city area. Jointly funded by the State (\$5.2 million) and Federal (\$1.3 million) Governments.
- **Allocated \$25.2 million for realignment and improvement of Bussell Highway (Vasse-Newtown) in 2015-16 – 2016-17.**
- **Widening of Kwinana Freeway southbound from Roe Highway to Russell Road as part of a \$66.4 million joint State/Federal project** - Works commenced in 2014 with completion due in August 2016.
- **Launched pedestrian countdown timers trialled on traffic lights at the intersection of William and Murray streets in Perth CBD in a bid to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow** - This initiative has since been broadened to several other CBD intersections.
- **Allocated \$6 million towards reconditioning and sealing shoulders on sections of the Collie-Lake King Road, between Collie and Arthur River.**
- **Significantly increased the efficiency and capacity at Fremantle ports** - Two rail projects have been jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments at a total cost of \$38.4 million. These are the extension of the North Quay Rail Terminal servicing Western Australia's container trade, and the construction of a crossing loop at Spearwood that enables freight trains to pass on the rail line that connects the port with the Kewdale/Forrestfield area. The third completed project in 2014 is Fremantle Ports' \$27.2 million development of roads and services on land reclaimed at Rous Head as a result of the 2010 harbour deepening. Industrial leases on this new land are now being developed by the private sector.
- **Started of construction of the Roe Highway-Berkshire Road interchange upgrade in Forrestfield, valued at \$46.2 million** - Upgrades provide much needed relief at this heavily congested intersection and eradicate a major black spot. Works commenced in 2014 and completion is expected in 2016.
- **Recreational boating enthusiasts across the State benefited from a further \$5.49 million funding injection under the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme (RBFS)** - In 2014/15 for new and improved facilities.

- **Signed a new Land Transport agreement signed with the Commonwealth to secure \$4.3 billion in funding for transport infrastructure in Western Australia** - Including the new Perth Freight Link.
- **Construct the Lloyd Street Underpass** - To service the new Midland Health Campus at a cost of \$83.7 million. Works commenced in June 2015 with completion scheduled for late 2015.
- **North West Coastal Highway (Minilya-Barradale)** - \$217.9 million joint State / Federal project to upgrade this major freight route. Project completion scheduled for late 2017.

TREASURER

- **Retain cap on the size of the public sector salaries budgets during current period of budgetary restraint** – Government agencies are now subject to a cap on salary appropriations rather than a cap on the number of staff. This ensures that the cost of delivering services is controlled while still allowing flexibility and innovation in service delivery.
- **Maintain a wages policy that prevents unsustainable growth in wages and conditions, while maintaining real wages for public sector employees** – Took key steps in reforms to improve the efficiency and flexibility of the public sector and deliver cost-efficiency and more rigorous expense management for Western Australian taxpayers, by announcing new wages policy to keep wages in line with inflation, stemming the growth of the Government's wages bill while ensuring the real wage of public sector workers is protected. Wage negotiations have been in line with the wages policy and the Government achieved a very low rate of general government sector salaries

growth in 2013-14 at 5.2 per cent, the lowest rate of growth in 13 years.

- **Raise payroll tax threshold to \$800,000 in 2014-15 and \$850,000 in 2017-18** – Changes the threshold, which will provide tax relief to more than 16,000 employers.
- **Continued Western Australia's transformation with a \$24.1 billion infrastructure program over the next four years (from 2015-16 to 2018-19)** - To deliver 21 new schools, new hospitals, new fire stations, 407 buses, 30 new rail cars and continued expansion of our road networks.
- **In response to the sharp decline in the iron ore price since the 2014-15 State Budget and Western Australia's low GST share, The State Government announced a package of savings measures in October 2014 worth \$2 billion over four years.** Measures include:
 - A 1 per cent efficiency dividend on most general government agencies;
 - An ongoing 15% reduction in non-essential general government procurement expenditure from 2015-16 onwards (a 15% procurement reduction was implemented for 2014-15 in the 2014-15 State Budget);
 - A voluntary separation scheme targeting 1,500 public sector employees across agencies with identified surplus staff;
 - A reduction in operating subsidy payments to a number of government trading enterprises; and
 - Further asset sales in the Government's Asset Investment Program.
- **Further revenue and savings measures totalling \$1.8 billion over four years as part of the 2014-15 Mid-year Review, including:**

- A new public sector workforce renewal policy has been applied from 1 January 2015. The policy aims to encourage the public sector to adopt more innovative methods of providing services, as well as reducing growth in salaries expenditure. Anticipated savings from agencies are based on expected employee separations and harvested across agencies' budgets, not position by position;
 - Changes to the payroll tax scale, including a gradual diminishing of the exemption threshold such that employers with payrolls of \$7.5 million and above will pay payroll tax on their entire payroll from 1 July 2015;
 - Targeted reductions in general government agencies' information and communications technology expenditure; and
 - A series of Agency Expenditure Reviews in the first half of 2015 to ensure that programs or activities being delivered by agencies are being delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible.
- **Announced a new round of revenue and savings measures worth a total \$1.3 billion (in net debt terms to 30 June 2019) in the 2015-16 Budget.** These measures include:
- A revised land tax scale from 1 July 2015;
 - Removal of the First Home Owner Grant (FHOG) for established homes;
 - Alignment of the Loan Guarantee Fee for Universities, local government and Keystart at 70 basis points (consistent with Government Trading Enterprises);
 - Removal of the cellar door subsidy;
 - Allocation of savings for the Agency Expenditure Reviews announced at the time of the Mid-Year Review; and
- Reform of social concessions to better target this assistance to those most in need.
- **The 2015-16 Budget included a no-fault catastrophic injury scheme** – This scheme is to assist people who are catastrophically injured in motor vehicle accidents in Western Australia without the need to prove fault. It is estimated that each year, 44 Western Australians not covered under the current CTP scheme suffer a catastrophic injury as a result of a motor vehicle accident. These people rely on support available through Government-funded services, personal accident, superannuation or income protection insurance, and/or the support of family and friends. From 1 July 2016, they will be eligible for ongoing care and support over the course of their lives, funded by the Scheme.

VETERANS

- **Announced new 10-member Veterans Advisory Council to provide input on issues relating to veterans including advice on health, ageing and welfare issues** - While Veterans Affairs is a Commonwealth responsibility, the State Government provides some of these services.
- **Coordination and implementation of events and projects to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Anzac** including the restoration of memorials on Mt Clarence (Albany), construction of the National Anzac Centre (Albany), 'Diggers Departing' re-enactment at Blackboy Hill and Fremantle commemorative heritage train journey, teachers resource packs and Albany commemoration and community events.
- **Free Public Transport for ANZAC Day** - The State Government provided free public transport on Saturday 25 April 2015 as hundreds of thousands of Western

Australians attend ANZAC Day events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

- **Free driver's licence for injured and disabled veterans** - Hundreds of veterans will not pay a fee for their driver's licence under changes made by the State Government. The change will save veterans \$37.60 a year.

WATER

- **Continue with water reform** - Drafting of new water legislation has commenced. Six outdated Acts will be replaced by one new piece of legislation that allows faster decision making, greater certainty for water users and risk based management of water resources.
- **Retain existing licensing and fee regime for farm dams** - This commitment forms part of the State Government's water resource management reform. A principle of the reform is that water management fees will not be introduced and the licensing regime for farm dams will not be changed. Drafting of a *Water Resources Bill* as part of the reforms will incorporate this principle.
- **Continue State infill sewerage program during next term of government** - Allocated \$25 million in 2013-14 State Budget and \$30 million from 2014-15 to 2015-16 to continue the State's infill sewerage program, with works completed in Geraldton, Quinns Rocks and Hyden in 2014. A further \$50 million was announced as part of the 2015-16 State Budget for a further 10 projects. Traditional infill projects will progress for City Beach, Halls Head, Bunbury, Esperance, Bridgetown and parts of Toby Inlet. Kukerin, Bindoon, Leonora and Boyup Brook will receive Small Town Effluent Disposal (STED) schemes.
- **Complete upgrades to South Hedland and Karratha wastewater treatment plants** - Committed \$200 million since 2013 for water infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the Pilbara. Commissioning of both the South Hedland and Karratha wastewater treatment plants is now complete. This included an upgrade of the recycling facilities at both plants to provide higher quality recycled wastewater to the City of Karratha and Town of Port Hedland to use as irrigation water on parks and gardens.
- **Construct Millstream to Greenbushes pipeline and extension to Kirup** - The construction of Millstream to Greenbushes pipeline commenced in November 2013. The Greenbushes to Kirup pipeline is scheduled for completion in 2016.
- **Complete essential water and wastewater infrastructure for Greater Albany** - The water infrastructure upgrade program is underway and will be completed in 2018 at a total cost of \$25 million. The wastewater infrastructure is currently underway and will be completed in 2016 costing a total of \$15 million.
- **Complete construction of water infrastructure for Mt Barker** - The contract was awarded in January 2014 with Stage 1 now complete and in commissioning phase.
- **Complete feasibility investigation of integration opportunities through *Water Forever: South West* project across South West and determine feasibility of south west integration options at 2030 and 2060** - This investigation is occurring through the Water Corporation's *Water Forever: South West* project which will develop the long term, 50 year strategic plan for public water supply in the South West. The *Water Forever: South West*

project commenced in mid-2013 with an estimated completion date of late 2015. The work will complement the water supply and demand planning for all industries in the South West currently being undertaken by Department of Water. This planning will ensure water from the South West Yarragadee aquifer is available for local use.

- **Complete East Rockingham wastewater treatment plant** - More than \$100 million allocated to continue construction of the East Rockingham Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant will be operational by December 2015.
- **Commit to target of 30 per cent recycling of wastewater by 2030** - The State remains committed to recycling 30 per cent of wastewater by 2030. Construction on the first stage of the groundwater replenishment scheme has commenced and will enable 14 billion litres of recycled water to be recharged.
- **Enabling Wellington Dam and other areas to be used for recreation** - Wellington Dam, Harvey Dam, Bickley Brook, Gooralong Brook, Dirk Brook, Boddington Dam, Murray River, Bancell Brook and Brunswick are now all used for recreational purposes.
- **Wellington Dam as a strategic water source for industry and agriculture** - Established a Myalup-Wellington Steering Group to explore downstream salinity treatment of water from the Wellington Dam to lift production, create private sector investment opportunities, improve grower confidence and create sustainable jobs.
- **Commenced the Water for Food program** through the announcement of:
 - **\$15.5 million Stage 1** which funds four projects to support agriculture development in the West Kimberley.
 - **\$24.5 million Stage 2** to fund seven projects across the State: Southern Forests Water Futures-Manjimup Pemberton; Myalup-Wellington-Water for Growth; Midlands Water-Groundwater and Land Assessment; Middle Gascoyne Water Investigations; La Grange-West Canning Basin Groundwater for Growing Opportunities; Bonaparte Plains – Ord East Kimberley Expansion; Water Information Conversion.
- **Commenced working with Mowanjumb Aboriginal Corporation on a stand-and-graze irrigation trial in Derby under the \$40 million Royalties for Regions' Water for Food program** - This will help develop a template for West Kimberley pastoral projects and bolster the State's international beef trade. Production bore drilling, road construction, fencing and clearing of the 38-hectare site is complete.
- **The new \$300 million Mundaring Water Treatment Plant officially opened in March 2014** - The plant treats water from several sources including the Mundaring Weir, groundwater, a desalination plant and the Lower Helena Catchment, and delivers major advances in the quality and reliability of water for people, supplied through the Goldfields pipeline.
- **Continued with \$25 million groundwater investigations across the State** - Murchison paleochannels, Albany hinterlands, Hamersley Range near Karratha, West Canning Basin near Port Hedland, Broome and Wallal aquifers near Dampier, Scott and Swan Coastal Plain.
- **Confirmed the discovery of additional groundwater in Albany, following an assessment program commissioned by the Department of Water** - This permits the State to defer plans to build a \$250

million desalination plant for another decade.

- **In January 2014 established the Water Services Ombudsman** - To help customers resolve complaints about their water and sewerage services.
- **Commenced actions to improve the health of the Vasse Wonnerup and management of water assets in the Geographe Catchment** - These include \$200,000 funding for a community catchment group to undertake on-ground work, \$4.8 million for infill sewerage to reduce nutrients to Toby Inlet (part of the State Infill Sewerage Program) and a study of options to improve water flow from the Vasse and Sabina Rivers to the wetlands.
- **Completed the \$60 million Carnarvon flood mitigation project** - In June 2014, protecting Carnarvon's vital horticultural industry from major flood damage.
- **Developed a new water strategy** to ensure Perth's fast growing north-western suburbs will have adequate water for sporting and recreation spaces.
- **Smart Water Meters** - Residents in the Pilbara will save more than one billion litres of water each year after the installation of over 14,000 smart water meters in homes. The meters have been installed as part of the \$4.735 million Pilbara Smart Water Meter Program, which is jointly funded by the Water Corporation and the Federal Government.
- **Pressure Management Program** - In May 2014 a \$120 million pressure management program began. The 10-year program forms part of a 20-year water loss management and customer consumption reduction strategy and is expected to save 10 billion litres of water each year, by reducing excessive pressure

in water pipes, and minimising leaks and breaks, and reducing water use.

- **Rural Water Assistance Program** - In 2014 approximately \$800,000 in grants were provided to 80 farmers and pastoralists under the Rural Water Assistance program to make improvements to their on-farm water supplies. To June 2015 almost \$200,000 have been provided to 19 farmers and pastoralists, with a further \$170,000 for 14 farmers and pastoralists in train.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

- **Women's Consultative forums** – The forums are being held throughout 2015 and will fulfil the important role of providing advice to the State Government on issues affecting women. The first forum held in March and co-chaired by the Premier focused on strategies to attract more young women into non-traditional trades and careers involving science, technology, engineering and maths (or STEM), to address the significant under-representation of girls and young women in these sectors. The second forum to be held in June will focus on strategies to encourage women to remain in the work force and gain leadership positions.
- **Launched Being Board Ready: A Guide for Women** - An online resource to support women into obtaining positions on Board's and other senior roles.
- **Create scholarship program encouraging women into non-traditional industries and trades** – In March 2015, the Minister for Training and Workforce Development: Women's Interests launched a scholarship program to encourage women into non-traditional trades and industries. Up to 400 scholarships over four years will be available to women commencing training at Certificate III level or above. Applications for the 2015 scholarship

round closed 15 May 2015 with over 150 applications received.

- **Provided Scholarship's** for women in innovation and entrepreneurial programs through Curtin University.
- **Co-funded the Committee for Perth's Report "Filling the Pool"** - A landmark report to achieve gender equity in Western Australia undertaken in June 2013 and published in June 2015.

Corridor Youth Partnership Project. The two-year project is:

- assisting in coordinating services for at-risk young people in south-east Perth;
- generating best practice models in service delivery; and
- developing a better understanding of the impact of the sector on children, families, and the community.

YOUTH

- **Mentoring Program** - Launched 'Marja Mob' in Broome, a mentoring program run by young people and operating in two high schools and four primary schools, which encourages young leaders to collaborate and increase awareness of Aboriginal culture.
- **Youth Activities Grants** - Offered \$100,000 through the Youth Activities Grants program to help young people improve their life skills, wellbeing and resilience.
- **Cadets** - Expansion of the State's Cadets WA program providing six new Cadets WA units over four years in the Goldfields, Pilbara and the Kimberley. New River Ranger units will also be introduced at Alinjarra Primary School, Swan View Primary School and Beechboro Christian School. The State Government invests \$3.6 million a year in Cadets WA.
- **South East Corridor Youth Partnership Project** - This major program is improving outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people in Perth's south-east due to a funding boost of more than \$470,000. Save the Children Australia has been granted \$478,958 from the State Government's Social Innovation Grants program to deliver the South East