

Vision for

Bunbury, Vasse and

Warren-Blackwood

**DOING
WHAT'S
RIGHT
FOR WA**





Roger Cook and WA Labor **Vision for Bunbury, Vasse and Warren-Blackwood**

Western Australia has the strongest economy in the nation.

Much of our success as a state is the result of the businesses, industries and people across our vast regional areas.

The exciting thing is - we've only scratched the surface of what we're capable of.

Our Vision for Bunbury, Vasse and Warren-Blackwood is about building on our success and preparing for the future.

In recent years, we've had a major focus on growing our economy, cost of living relief, boosting housing supply and investing in our hospitals.

We've also created a pipeline of investment to help the regions of Bunbury, Vasse and Warren-Blackwood to reach their potential.

We've upgraded major roads, boosted renewable energy, increased tourism, improved our national parks and trails, built better schools and made TAFE free.

At the same time, we've increased the regional health workforce and we're redeveloping Bunbury Regional Hospital.

It's a great start - but we can do more with a steady hand at the wheel.

WA Labor will make more things here, create the jobs of the future and keep our economy strong.

We'll invest in schools and free TAFE, and we'll build job-creating infrastructure to keep our regions strong.

And we'll continue to help with the cost of living, build more houses and set up our health system for the future.

In times of global challenges, WA needs experienced leadership.

Only the WA Labor Government has the experience to keep the WA economy strong and protect our fair share of the GST.

WA Labor's Vision for regional WA will deliver for all Western Australians, across the length and breadth of our State.

Only WA Labor will do what's right for WA.



Roger Cook
Premier of Western Australia



Pipeline of Projects

Pipeline of infrastructure projects under construction, plus future projects under a re-elected Cook Labor Government.

Bunbury Hospital Redevelopment - \$451.1 million

Bussell Highway Duplication project - \$125 million

Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project - \$78.1 million

Inner Harbour Access Bridge project at Bunbury Port - \$34.2 million

South West Aboriginal Medical Service Health Hub - \$18.3 million

Wadandi Track upgrades - \$17.5 million

Hands Oval upgrade - \$13.7 million

Dalyellup Multipurpose Community and Youth Centre - \$10.9 million

Cowaramup Primary School new classroom block - \$12 million

Pemberton Trails Master Plan - \$8 million

New Margaret River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Station - \$5 million

Williams Bay National Park facility upgrades - \$3.5 million

Cape to Cape track upgrades - \$2.7 million

New Vasse West Primary School planning - \$1.9 million

Bunbury Primary School student support centre upgrades - \$1.35 million

Manjimup Rea Park and Collier Street Redevelopment - \$1.25 million

Dalyellup Beach access upgrades - \$1 million

Picton Primary School air conditioning - \$1 million

Bunbury Speedway facility upgrades - \$750,000

Bunbury Motorcycle Club clubroom upgrades - \$750,000

Carey Park Football Club upgrades - \$700,000

Denmark Primary School carpark upgrades - \$400,000

Cost of Living Measures

The Cook Labor Government has kept our economy strong and carefully managed the finances.

As a result, we've had the capacity to offer a record amount of cost of living relief to local households.

We've distributed more than \$1.1 billion in support for households across more than 20 programs and initiatives over the last year alone.

The Cook Labor Government is committed to continuing to help Western Australians with cost of living pressures.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Deliver a further \$100 increase to the Regional Pensioner Travel Card, bringing the total to \$775 per year, building on the \$100 increase delivered in 2024.
- Deliver the \$8 million Country Week Assistance Program to reduce accommodation and travel costs for students attending Country Week events.
- Continue to deliver cost of living relief to regional families and residents across Bunbury, Warren-Blackwood and Vasse.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has:

- Slashed \$700 off power bills in 2024 including \$350 in the December and January billing cycle – and \$2,100 since 2020.
- Delivered the WA Student Assistance Payment to parents, \$150 for every primary school kid and \$250 for every secondary school kid.
- Made regional TransWA services 50 per cent cheaper over summer.
- Made 130 priority TAFE courses free.
- More than doubled the KidSport vouchers program, helping parents cover the cost of kids in sport.
- Doubled the travel and accommodation allowance for regional apprentices, trainees, cadets, and interns who are required to travel long distances for their training.
- Increased the School Clothing Allowance by \$185 to \$300 for two years.
- Assisted kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access public school bus services by doubling the Student Transport Allowance.





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WA Jobs and Economy

Through some of the toughest global conditions, the Western Australian economy has prevailed.

Our domestic economy has grown by nearly a quarter from pre-pandemic levels, the fastest of any State and well above the national growth rate.

Unemployment has averaged below four per cent for more than three years, while more than 330,000 jobs have been created during our time in office.

We're also investing to diversify our economy at a rate never seen before.

In the South West, we're unlocking land in places like Kemerton to fast-track clean energy and major industrial projects.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Continue to position Bunbury as a hub for local advanced manufacturing.
- Continue to invest in our Strategic Industrial Areas, including Kemerton Strategic Industrial Area, to attract major job-creating projects such as critical minerals processing.
- Double the State Government's contribution to the Wine Industry Export Growth Partnership to help grow the volume of WA wine exports, particularly into the East Coast market.
- Invest \$2 million to boost local farmers markets by providing grants of up to \$50,000 to support farmers markets.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$2.4 million to scope and plan the South West's Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Hub.
- Over \$5 million through the Regional Economic Development grant program to support 58 job creating projects in the South West.
- A new Main Roads WA office in Manjimup, and created 61 new in-house maintenance jobs at Main Roads in the South West.
- \$30 million in Native Forestry Transition grants to South West communities transitioning from native forest logging, stimulating industry diversification and creating local jobs.
- \$15.3 million for key projects to improve water security for the Manjimup-Pemberton horticulture industry.
- \$1.2 million to establish the Creative Technology Innovation Hub in Bunbury.

Housing

After some of the toughest conditions in the construction market experienced both globally and nationally, we're getting more homes built across the regions.

Through our WA Housing Plan, we are building more homes, freeing up land, cutting red tape and growing our construction workforce.

In the last four years, we've invested an additional \$4.5 billion into initiatives focussed on boosting housing supply.

In the South West, we're training the next generation of home builders, we're expanding stamp duty concessions, incentivising short stay accommodation back onto the rental market and building more social homes.

The Cook Labor Government will continue to accelerate housing supply, while exploring innovative and sustainable solutions such as modular construction and tiny homes.

We're on track to deliver an additional 32,000 houses by the end of 2025. Our plan is working, but there is more to do.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Allocate \$3.1 million to expand the successful Housing First Support Service to Bunbury and surrounds to support rough sleepers, using the supported landlord model.
- Establish a new \$25 million Regional Housing Support Fund that will provide grants of up to \$5 million to support new housing and land supply across regional WA, assisting with a wide range of costs, with local government projects and regional subdivisions eligible.
- Deliver additional stamp duty relief for first home buyers in regional WA by raising stamp duty thresholds for both established homes and vacant land.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$5 million to the Bunbury Withers Renewal Project to refurbish 14 public units, plus road upgrades.
- Nearly 70 homes in the South West back to the long-term rental market, through incentives to owners of vacant homes and short-term accommodation.
- \$2.5 million to support aged accommodation projects in Dunsborough.
- \$1.6 million through the Infrastructure Development Fund, to support the delivery of 58 additional key worker homes in Cowaramup.
- \$443 million to deliver the landmark partnership with the Federal Government building 1,800 new social and affordable homes, including homes in Dalyellup.





Health

The Cook Labor Government has invested a record \$14.3 billion in new health and mental health since 2021.

We've added more than 800 beds to the system in the past three years - more than a new tertiary hospital.

Despite global health workforce shortages, we've increased our health workforce by more than 30 per cent. To further boost health outcomes in the South West, we've planned and funded the \$451 million redevelopment of Bunbury Regional Hospital, with the construction contract now signed and works underway.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Invest \$13.8 million to establish a mental health child and adolescent Acute Care and Response Team (ACRT) in Bunbury. ACRTs are mobile teams that provide rapid response and support to children, adolescents, their families and carers, who are experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Invest \$34 million to expand and increase the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) by increasing the fuel subsidy to 40c per km, and include Allied Health and Dental in the eligibility requirements.
- Continue to invest in and prioritise health programs that allow regional residents to access health care close to home.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$451.1 million for the major Bunbury Hospital Redevelopment.
- \$18.3 million for a new South West Aboriginal Medical Service Health Hub in Bunbury.
- The Bunbury Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in conjunction with the Albanese Labor Government, providing free GP appointments for Medicare card holders.
- The HECS-HELP initiative, providing grants of up to \$12,000 over 3 years for newly qualified registered nurses and midwives who take up a role in WA's rural, remote, and regional public hospitals.
- The roll out of a new, expanded role for community pharmacists in Western Australia, providing patients access to treatment for a range of common and mild conditions, including UTIs and repeats of the contraceptive pill.
- The first-ever dedicated rural psychiatry training program in Australia, designed to attract, train, and retain psychiatrists to regional WA.
- A new, state-wide telephone support line, 'Here For You', providing a single point of contact for Western Australians who are concerned about their own or another person's mental health issues and/or alcohol and other drug use.



Education and Training

A good education at a well-equipped school is the right of every Western Australian child – no matter where they live.

In partnership with the Federal Government, we're boosting funding to public schools in Western Australia by \$1.6 billion.

We are upgrading, refurbishing and redeveloping schools across WA to prepare our young people for the jobs of the future.

Additionally, we're committed to maintaining Fee Free TAFE, which has already afforded tens of thousands of people the opportunity to gain a new skill.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Invest \$12 million to deliver a new classroom block at Cowaramup Primary School.
- Invest \$1 million to upgrade air conditioning at Picton Primary School.
- Invest \$1.35 million to deliver student support centre upgrades at Bunbury Primary School.
- Invest \$400,000 to upgrade the carpark at Denmark Primary School.
- Invest \$1.9 million to start planning for the new Vasse West Primary School, to open Term 1 2028.



Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$3 million for upgrades at South Bunbury Education Support Centre.
- \$3.4 million in upgrades to Bunbury Senior High School sports facilities and fitness centre, plus a further \$1 million for a new STEM and robotics lab.
- \$3 million to build a new STEM lab at Newton Moore Senior High School.
- \$1.3 million for an NDIS training centre at Bunbury TAFE.
- \$36 million to upgrade Margaret River Senior High School, delivering new classrooms, science labs, sports hall, a new oval and expanded facilities.
- \$1 million to expand the STEM lab at Dalyellup College.
- \$285,000 to refurbish a STEM laboratory at Northcliffe District High School.
- \$1.5 million for a STEM laboratory at Denmark Senior High School.
- \$1 million for a STEM laboratory at Manjimup Senior High School.
- \$460,000 for a STEM laboratory at Nannup District High School.
- \$400,000 for a STEM laboratory at Bridgetown High School.
- \$85,000 for a STEM laboratory at Boyup Brook District High School.

Community Safety

We have more Police on the beat than ever before – nearly 800 Police Officers joined the Force in the last year.

At the same time, initiatives like Regional Shield have increased police presence in regional communities across WA.

We're also committed to ensuring our emergency services are equipped to respond when disaster strikes.

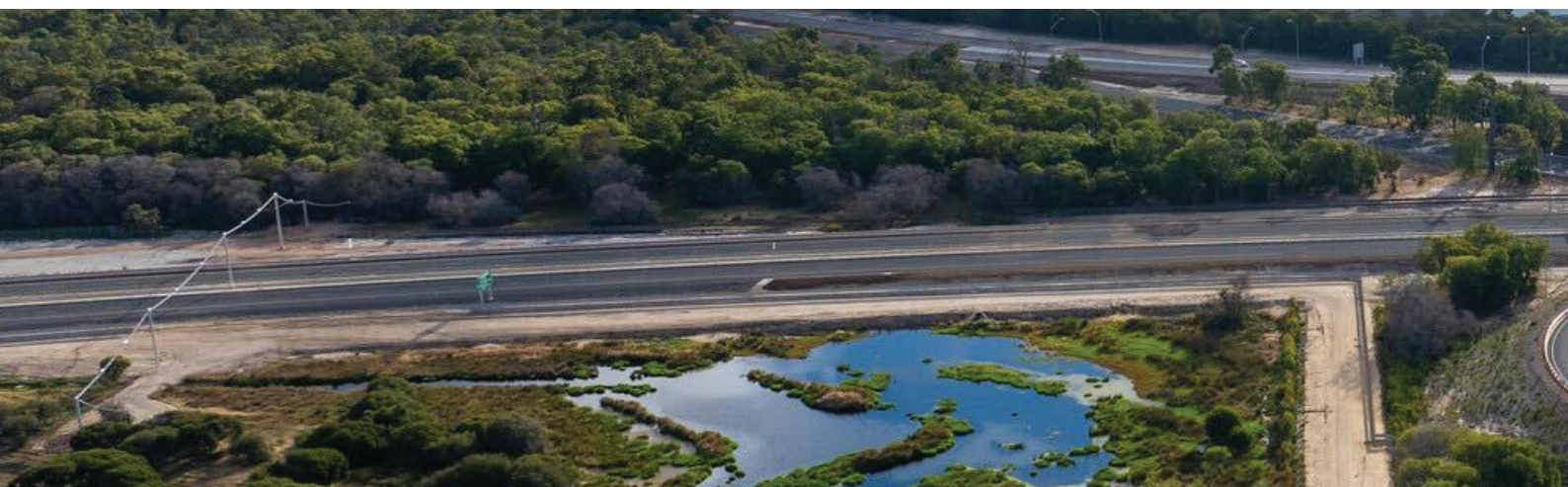
By funding extra firefighters, boosting volunteer infrastructure and expanding our aerial firefighting fleet, more Western Australians can be kept safe during bushfire season.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Continue to increase the number of police officers with a focus on regional areas.
- Invest \$1 million to PCYC for youth diversion programs in Bunbury.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$5 million for a new Margaret River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Station.
- \$26.7 million for three new rescue helicopters, including one based in Bunbury.
- Operation Regional Shield, with a surge of police resources and officers in regional towns ready to disrupt any criminal and anti-social behaviour over the summer period.
- Operation Regional Influence, delivering an additional 8,000 extra hours of road patrols, a fleet of 44 high visibility highway patrol cars and two new alcohol and drug testing buses boosting regional road safety.
- \$15.8 million for a new WA Police jet and to upgrade existing air assets to provide critical support in regional communities.



Transport and Infrastructure

In recent years, the Cook Labor Government has overseen major investment into regional infrastructure - roads, bridges, ports and renewable energy.

We recently opened the \$1.46 billion Wilman Wadandi Highway - the single biggest road project ever undertaken in the South West.

Other major road projects, such as the duplication of Bussell Highway and regional road safety upgrades are well progressed.

The Cook Labor Government will also be delivering a revitalised train service between Perth and Bunbury with new railcars.

At the same time, major projects like Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront are opening up new economic opportunities for the region.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Continue to prioritise upgrading regional roads, including expanding the Regional Road Safety Program to local government roads.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$1.46 billion for the Wilman Wadandi Highway (Bunbury Outer Ring Road) - recently opened.
- \$9.45 million to upgrade the intersection of South Western Highway and Vittoria Road.
- \$20 million to create a new entry to Glen Iris from Forrest Highway.
- 794 kilometres of shoulder widening and road upgrades through the Regional Road Safety Program.
- \$125 million towards the Bussell Highway Duplication project.
- \$78.1 million for the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project, with Stage 3 works underway.
- \$34.2 million to the Inner Harbour Access Bridge project, improving public access to Turkey Point at Bunbury Port.
- \$47.1 million to upgrade the Busselton Margaret River Airport - to assist with direct flights from Melbourne and Sydney.



Sport and Recreation

Strong participation in sport and recreation is an essential part of any regional community.

The Cook Labor Government has invested in better facilities for sporting clubs and organisations.

Equally, we have expanded our network of trails and national park infrastructure for locals and visitors alike.

Western Australia offers the best recreational opportunities in the world and the Cook Labor Government is committed to making them more accessible for everyone.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Contribute \$750,000 towards upgrading the canteen, toilets and improving accessibility at Bunbury Speedway.
- Contribute \$750,000 towards clubroom upgrades at Bunbury Motorcycle Club.
- Contribute \$700,000 towards minor upgrades at Carey Park Football Club in Bunbury.
- Invest \$1 million to upgrade and improve the amenity and paths at the access to Dalyellup Beach, next to the Dalyellup Beach Surf Life Saving Club.
- Allocate \$1 million to deliver new recreational facilities at Turkey Point in Bunbury including paths, seating and barbeques.
- Invest \$3.5 million towards upgrades at Williams Bay National Park near Denmark.
- Contribute \$1.25 million towards the Manjimup Rea Park and Collier Street Redevelopment.
- Contribute \$1.3 million for medical facilities at Karting WA clubs, including Bunbury City Kart Club.



Plus the Cook Labor Government has invested:

- \$5 million to develop Kalgulup Regional Park with an accessible scenic lookout.
- \$3 million for upgrades at Gloucester and Bicentennial trees in Pemberton.
- \$17.5 million to connect and improve the Wadandi Track walking and cycling trail.
- \$10.9 million to build the Dalyellup Multipurpose Community and Youth Centre.
- \$13.7 million to upgrade Hands Oval in South Bunbury, and securing an annual AFL Premiership Game in Bunbury.
- \$4 million for a new fishing platform in Bunbury.
- \$8 million for the Pemberton Trails Master Plan including the Pemberton Circuit Hike, Two Rivers Adventure Ride and the first two stages of the Pemberton Arboretum Mountain bike trails.
- \$2.7 million to upgrade the Cape to Cape track.

