

**Vision for**

**Murray-Wellington**

**Mandurah and**

**Dawesville**

**DOING  
WHAT'S  
RIGHT  
FOR WA**





# Roger Cook and WA Labor **Vision for Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville**

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 Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville 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 Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville reach their potential.

We've upgraded major roads, boosted renewable energy, increased tourism, unlocked industrial land, built better schools and made TAFE free.

At the same time, we've increased the regional health workforce and we're redeveloping Peel Health Campus.

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





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# Pipeline of Projects

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

**Peel Health Campus** major redevelopment - \$152 million

**Mandurah Estuary Bridge Duplication** - \$148.8 million

**Common Ground Mandurah** - \$48.8 million

**Peel Netball Centre** - \$20 million

**Infill Sewerage Falcon** - \$9.7 million

**Forrest Highway and Marriott Road** intersection upgrade - \$8 million

**Munday Avenue Extension** - \$7 million

**Mandurah Aquatic Centre** additional courts - \$6 million

**Brunswick River Cottages** new homes for seniors - \$5 million

**Pinjarra Primary School** air conditioning - \$2.8 million

**Dwellingup Oval** new pavillion - \$1.45 million

**Munda Bidli** spur trail - \$1 million

**Harvey Primary School** air conditioning - \$970,000

**Waroona Football Club** changerooms - \$800,000

**North Pinjarra** park upgrades - \$800,000

**Edenvale Heritage Precinct** upgrades - \$750,000

**Meriden Park, Harvey** all abilities playground - \$750,000

**Falcon Primary School** fencing - \$500,000

**Sir Ross McLarty Oval Pinjarra** changerooms - \$180,000

# 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 2025 round of the WA Student Assistance Payment, providing \$150 to primary school students and \$250 to secondary school students to assist with school costs and cost of living pressures.
- Cap public transport fares at the cost of a one-zone ticket with the introduction of a single suburban flat fare for all public transport, including for commuters on the Mandurah rail line, as well as regional bus services including the Waroona Shopper.
- Halve TransWA fares including for the Australind and bus services connecting towns in regional WA towns including Pinjarra, Waroona, Yarloop, Cookernup, Harvey and Brunswick Junction.
- Deliver a further \$100 increase to the Regional Pensioner Travel Card, bringing the total to \$775, 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.
- Deliver the Access All Areas Pass for kids, a \$50 voucher that will be available to all young Western Australians aged from five to 15 years so they can attend an event at various arts, cultural and creative venues, including in Mandurah.
- Continue to deliver cost of living relief to regional families and residents in Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville.





**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, \$150 for every primary school kid and \$250 for every secondary school kid.
- Introduced the Summer of Free Public Transport and Fare Free Sundays.
- Made 130 priority TAFE courses fee free.
- More than doubled assistance through 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.







# 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 340,000 jobs have been created during our time in office.

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

Our diversification vision is backed by local projects like the Food Innovation Precinct at Peel Business Park and tourism infrastructure like new hiking trails and the Giants of Mandurah.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Continue to support major job-creating projects in the Peel and South West regions such as critical minerals processing.
- Invest \$8 million to upgrade the entry into Kemerton Strategic Industrial Area at the intersection of Forrest Highway and Marriott Road, to assist with truck movements and increased worker vehicles, as well as increasing safety for commuters on Forrest Highway.
- Negotiate to bring the State's freight rail network back into Government hands.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$500 million to deliver enabling infrastructure in Strategic Industrial Areas including at Kemerton.
- \$45 million towards the Food Innovation Precinct in the Peel Business Park, that includes an agrifood and beverage centre for excellence.
- \$4 million through the Regional Economic Development grants program to support 40 job creating projects in the Peel.
- \$8 million to upgrade and expand the network of Peel regional trails, including walking, riding, paddling and driving trails.
- \$4.9 million in the Dwellingup Adventure Trails project, including the Dwaarlindjirraap Suspension Bridge.

# Housing

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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 Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville, 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.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- 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:**

- \$48.8 million to deliver Common Ground Mandurah, delivering supported housing for people who are experiencing ongoing homelessness.
- \$4.6 million to the Shire of Murray to build 11 social housing dwellings for older people into Dwellingup Community Village homes.
- \$5 million to deliver twelve new social homes for seniors to age in place at Brunswick River Cottages.
- \$400 million Housing Enabling Infrastructure Fund to unlock residential land.
- Assistance for first home buyers looking to build a home with the \$10,000 First Home Owners Grant.
- \$80 million towards the Infrastructure Development Fund, including funding to unlock housing in the regions.





## Health

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The Cook Labor Government has invested a record \$14.3 billion in new health and mental health initiatives 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 Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville, we're undertaking a \$152 million redevelopment of Peel Health Campus.

### **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- 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.
- Invest \$16.3 million to increase paid paramedics in Dawesville and Australind to provide faster ambulance response times, with higher quality of care to match the same level of service people could expect in Perth.





**Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$152 million major redevelopment of the Peel Health Campus, after bringing it back into public hands.
- \$8.6 million expansion of the Peel Community Alcohol and Other Drug Integrated Services.
- \$2 million for Bedingfeld Park Aged Care dementia wing including nurses' station, common areas, treatment and training facilities.
- 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.
- 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.
- The WA Telestroke service, giving regional hospitals a 24-hour, seven day a week service for clinicians caring for patients with acute stroke symptoms.

# 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 \$2.8 million to upgrade air conditioning at Pinjarra Primary School.
- Invest \$500,000 to install new fencing at Falcon Primary School.
- Invest \$970,000 to deliver air conditioning upgrades at Harvey Primary School.
- Invest \$200,000 to begin planning for a future secondary school in the Dawesville catchment area.
- \$37.2 million to expand the existing School Breakfast Clubs program, including in regional WA.
- \$10 million to establish a program to boost capacity in public school canteens through grants for canteen staff, equipment and minor facility upgrades.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$16.9 million for the new Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre at Mandurah TAFE.
- \$25.8 million to deliver the new Madora Bay Primary School.
- \$11.23 million for a performing arts and sports hall at Pinjarra Senior High School, and a further \$1.5 million to deliver a new STEM classroom.
- \$15 million for new facilities at Australind High School, including a two-storey classroom block, art studio, STEM room and two science laboratories.
- \$1.5 million to construct a new STEM classroom for Halls Head College.
- \$1.5 million for a STEM classroom at Coodanup College.
- \$1 million for a STEM classroom at John Tonkin College.
- \$1.2 million for upgrades at Harvey Senior High School, plus an additional \$500,000 to redevelop a classroom into a STEM classroom.



# 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:**

- Invest \$15.6 million to increase the number of police officers in regional WA with recruits from regional WA by:
  - Redeveloping the accommodation facilities located at the WA Police Academy, and provide regional recruits with free accommodation at the upgraded facility while undergoing their training; and
  - Guaranteeing regional Police Recruits a placement in or near their home in regional WA for the first four to six years of their career.
- Establish a dedicated State Bushfire Mitigation Branch, to undertake mitigation works on Unallocated Crown Land and Unmanaged Reserves, as well as assisting local governments, and will be supported by a new Aboriginal Ranger Program.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- Operation Regional Shield across regional WA, 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 that will see 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 in regional infrastructure - roads, bridges, ports and renewable energy.

In Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville, we have built and upgraded a range of roads to improve access, increase safety and open up economic opportunities.

We are also continuing to roll out safety improvements to hundreds of kilometres of regional roads through our Regional Road Safety Program.

The Cook Labor Government is also delivering new railcars for The Australind and we will boost service frequency.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- \$80 million for an additional two rail cars for the Australind, bringing the total to four new rail cars, ensuring more services with a more comfortable commute.
- Deliver \$250 million to expand the Regional Road Safety program to include local government roads, delivering road safety treatments including the sealing of road shoulders and the installation of audible lines, making more regional roads safer.
- Install signalised crossings on Mandurah Road, near Coodanup Drive in Dudley Park, to service Dudley Park Primary School.
- Invest \$9.7 million to kickstart infill sewerage for homes in Falcon that will benefit the health of the estuary, as well as homeowners.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$148.8 million for the Mandurah Estuary Bridge Duplication.
- \$72 million for the new METRONET train station in Lakelands.
- \$32 million for the new multi-storey car park at Mandurah Station, increasing parking capacity by 782 bays.
- \$5 million in safety upgrades to Forrest Highway to facilitate safer access for Binningup, Harvey, Preston Beach and Myalup.
- \$7 million to the Munday Avenue Extension project, providing a new link between Greenlands Road and Munday Avenue.

# Sport and Recreation

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Sport and recreation are vital parts of life in regional Western Australia.

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

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

WA 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 \$20 million towards the new Peel Netball Centre, with the location to be developed in consultation with the community and Netball WA.
- Contribute \$6 million for additional multi use indoor courts at Mandurah Aquatic Centre to cater for basketball, volleyball, badmington and netball.
- Contribute \$800,000 towards new women's changerooms at Waroona Football Club.
- Contribute \$180,000 to improve women's facilities at Sir Ross McLarty Oval in Pinjarra
- Contribute \$1.45 million towards a new pavillion at Dwellingup Oval, including women's changerooms.
- Contribute \$400,000 towards lighting and storage upgrades at Merlin Street Reserve, used by the Halls Head Football and Netball Club.
- Contribute \$200,000 towards storage at Peel Reserve Oval to cater to the Halls Head Cricket Club and Mandurah City Football Club.
- Contribute \$750,000 to build a new all abilities playground at Meriden Park in Harvey.
- Contribute \$800,000 towards upgrades at North Pinjarra park including for the multi-use courts, play area and barbeques.
- Invest \$1 million to deliver a spur trail off the Munda Bididi trail at Lake Brockman to Harvey Dam and back to the Munda Bididi.
- Contribute \$750,000 for upgrades at Edenvale Heritage Precinct including lighting and toilets.



- Invest \$10 million to implementing the Bindjareb-Djilba Protection Plan for the Peel Harvey Estuary including a \$5 million community grants program to deliver nutrient reduction and river restoration projects.
- Invest \$3 million to restore the natural environment to provide an improved habitat and breeding conditions for marron, including at Harvey and Logue Brook dams.

**Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$6.2 million towards the Dawesville Community Centre.
- \$10 million towards the Mandurah Foreshore upgrades with a new estuary pool, skatepark and play spaces.
- \$1.3 million for the Ravenswood Community Centre.
- \$610,000 for upgrades to the Harvey Senior Citizens Centre.
- \$4.4 million for Waroona Town Centre revitalisation, including Railside Park with a new skatepark and pump track, playgrounds and BBQ's, shade, rest areas and RV parking.
- \$3 million towards major upgrades to Leschenault Leisure Centre.



