

Vision for the Pilbara

**DOING
WHAT'S
RIGHT
FOR WA**





Roger Cook and WA Labor **Vision for the Pilbara**

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 the Pilbara 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 Pilbara reach its 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 delivering new hospitals in Tom Price and Paraburdoo.

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.

New wharf at Port of Dampier - \$101 million

Lumsden Point, Port of Port Hedland - \$96 million

Burrup water supply - \$95 million

Pilbara Hydrogen Hub - \$70 million

Tom Price and Paraburdoo Hospitals major upgrades - \$52 million

Dialysis facility and renal hostel, Karratha - \$44.2 million

Murujuga National Park access road & facilities - \$15 million

Wirraka Maya Aboriginal Health Service, South Hedland - \$10 million

Karratha Netball Association covered outdoor courts - \$6.7 million

Onslow Community Boating Precinct - \$6.5 million

Newman Recreation Centre upgrades - \$3.5 million

Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation infrastructure upgrades - \$3 million

Hedland Senior High School STEM classroom upgrades - \$2 million

Pegs Creek Primary School sport facility upgrades - \$1.2 million

Dampier Primary School hard courts upgrades - \$1 million

South Hedland Primary School shade and play equipment - \$900,000

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 billion in support for households across more than 20 programs and initiatives over the last year alone, such as our regional airfare caps.

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, 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 the Pilbara.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has:

- Introduced Regional Airfare Caps for Pilbara residents, reducing one way fares to Perth, to a maximum of \$299.
- 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.
- Made regional TransWA services 50 per cent cheaper over summer.
- 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 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.

Much of this success is thanks to the Pilbara and a re-elected Cook Labor Government will continue to grow local opportunities.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Continue to support major job-creating projects in the Pilbara such as critical minerals processing and green steel.
- Invest an additional \$20 million, on top of the existing \$70.5 million program, to expand the highly successful Aboriginal Ranger Program.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$500 million to deliver enabling infrastructure in Strategic Industrial Areas including at Boodarie, Maitland, Ashburton North and Anketell.
- \$148 million to support upgrades to the electricity network in the North West to support the clean energy transition.
- \$70 million for the development of the Pilbara Hydrogen Hub.
- \$96 million towards the new Lumsden Point at the Port of Port Hedland, expanding port capacity and supporting our clean energy transition.
- \$101 million for a new multi-user wharf at the Port of Dampier.
- \$20 million to upgrade Nelson Point Tug Haven at Port Hedland.
- \$17 million for roadworks at Utah Point at the Port of Port Hedland.
- \$95 million to expand the Burrup sea water supply to connect to the Perdaman Urea Plant.
- \$6 million to build 100 iron ore railcar wagons to support local jobs, plus a further \$1 million towards the Rail Collaboration Centre in Karratha.
- \$5.5 million through the Regional Economic Development grant program to support 49 job creating projects in the Pilbara.
- \$21 million to transform and upgrade Karijini National Park.
- \$14.9 million to support the creation of the Fortescue Marsh Nature Reserve.
- \$11 million to expand the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program.
- \$15 million to build the Murujuga National Park access road and visitor facilities.

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 in initiatives focussed on boosting housing supply.

In the Pilbara, we're training the next generation of home builders, 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:

- 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.
- Double the Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) construction program with over 100 new builds across regional WA, to support more key government workers such as police and teachers to live in the regions and boost housing supply, including 20 new homes in the Pilbara.
- 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:

- More than 170 housing lots for worker housing in Karratha through a \$122 million partnership with industry.
- \$200 million to fund housing for Aboriginal communities across the Kimberley and Pilbara.
- \$16 million to house Aboriginal employees in dwellings across the Kimberley and Pilbara.
- \$35 million to unlock development-ready land, including \$13 million for 51 lots at Karratha's Madigan at Baynton West including 7 social homes and additional Government worker housing.
- \$6.9 million through the Infrastructure Development Fund to support the delivery of 158 homes for key worker accommodation in the Pilbara region.
- \$400 million Housing Enabling Infrastructure Fund to unlock residential land.
- Provided assistance for first home buyers looking to build a home with the \$10,000 First Home Owners Grant and transfer duty exemptions and concessions for land.

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 Pilbara, we're progressing a number of projects such as new Tom Price and Paraburdoo hospitals.

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 \$44.2 million to establish an 8 chair dialysis facility in Karratha, supported by a new 16 bed renal hostel.
- Contribute \$10 million to Wirraka Maya Aboriginal Health Service to develop their new, expanded facility in South Hedland.
- 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:

- \$207 million for the new Karratha Hospital.
- \$61 million for Newman Hospital for a brand-new, state of the art health facility.
- \$41 million to complete the Onslow Health Service.
- \$52 million for major redevelopments at Tom Price and Paraburdoo Hospitals, including a \$40 million contribution from Rio Tinto.
- \$15 million for an MRI unit at Hedland Health Campus.
- \$2.3 million for a four-chair dialysis unit at Karratha Health Campus.
- 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.



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 million to deliver new STEM facilities at Hedland Senior High School.
- Invest \$900,000 to upgrade shade and play equipment at South Hedland Primary School.
- Invest \$1 million to upgrade the hard courts at Dampier Primary School.
- Invest \$1.2 million for outdoor sporting facility upgrades at Pegs Creek Primary School.
- Explore new measures to boost early childhood education and care throughout the State, including in the Pilbara.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$72 million for the redevelopment of Roebourne District High School.
- \$48.9 million to build two new workshops and modernise facilities at North Regional TAFE's Pundulmurra campus.
- \$31.7 million for upgrades to Karratha Senior High School, including design and technology workshops, STEM and IT classrooms.
- \$8 million in upgrades to Roebourne TAFE campus.
- \$4 million for a new residential facility for Martu students travelling to Newman.

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 \$2.3 million to install additional CCTV cameras across the State to help combat anti-social behaviour, including additional cameras in Karratha, Newman, Port Hedland, South Hedland, Roebourne and Wickham.
- Contribute \$3 million towards infrastructure upgrades for Jalyardi Aboriginal Corporation in South Hedland to support delivery of Target 120, the Safe at Home FDV program and other community programs.
- Invest \$11.5 million to expand the Safe at Home program that supports victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to stay in their homes, including expanding it to Karratha.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$1.8 million in Emergency Services vehicles to help keep the Pilbara safe.
- \$1 million for the new Dampier Legend sea rescue vessel at Marine Rescue Dampier.
- 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 the Pilbara, we have built and upgraded a range of roads to improve access to communities, increase safety and open up economic opportunities.

We've also committed to a major program of works to increase the resilience of bridges and roads following natural disasters.

To ensure the Pilbara can maximise its potential as a major economic hub, we're working with industry to upgrade the Pilbara's electricity grid.

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:

- \$2 million towards planning for a new water source to secure Exmouth's future drinking water supply.
- \$187 million to the new Spoilbank Marina Project at Port Hedland.
- \$113 million to remove three level crossings in Port Hedland.
- \$94 million for drinking water at Onslow with a desalination plant.
- \$17 million to replace the Karratha water tank.
- \$6.5 million towards Stage Two of the Onslow Community Boating Precinct.
- \$1.3 million towards an improved boat launching facility at Tantabiddi on the Ningaloo coast.
- \$17 million for roadworks at Utah Point at the Port of Port Hedland.
- \$50 million to construct up to 11 overtaking lanes on the Great Northern Highway between Newman and Port Hedland.
- \$20 million to upgrade key Exmouth tourism roads.
- \$380 million for the Manuwarra Red Dog Highway, sealing the road from Karratha to Tom Price, with Stage 3 complete.



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Sport and Recreation

Sport and recreation are vital parts of life in regional Western Australia, and the Pilbara is no exception.

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.

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 \$6.7 million towards the delivery of 4 new outdoor covered courts at the Karratha Netball Association.
- Contribute \$1.3 million to upgrade medical facilities at Karting WA clubs, including Karratha, Hedland, Exmouth and Impala (Tom Price) Kart Clubs.
- Establish the \$4 million Veterans Facilities fund to help RSL and veterans organisations upgrade their local facilities and RSL clubs.
- Invest \$200,000 to increase funding to Fishability to allow them to further expand their programs into key locations in regional WA, including the Pilbara.

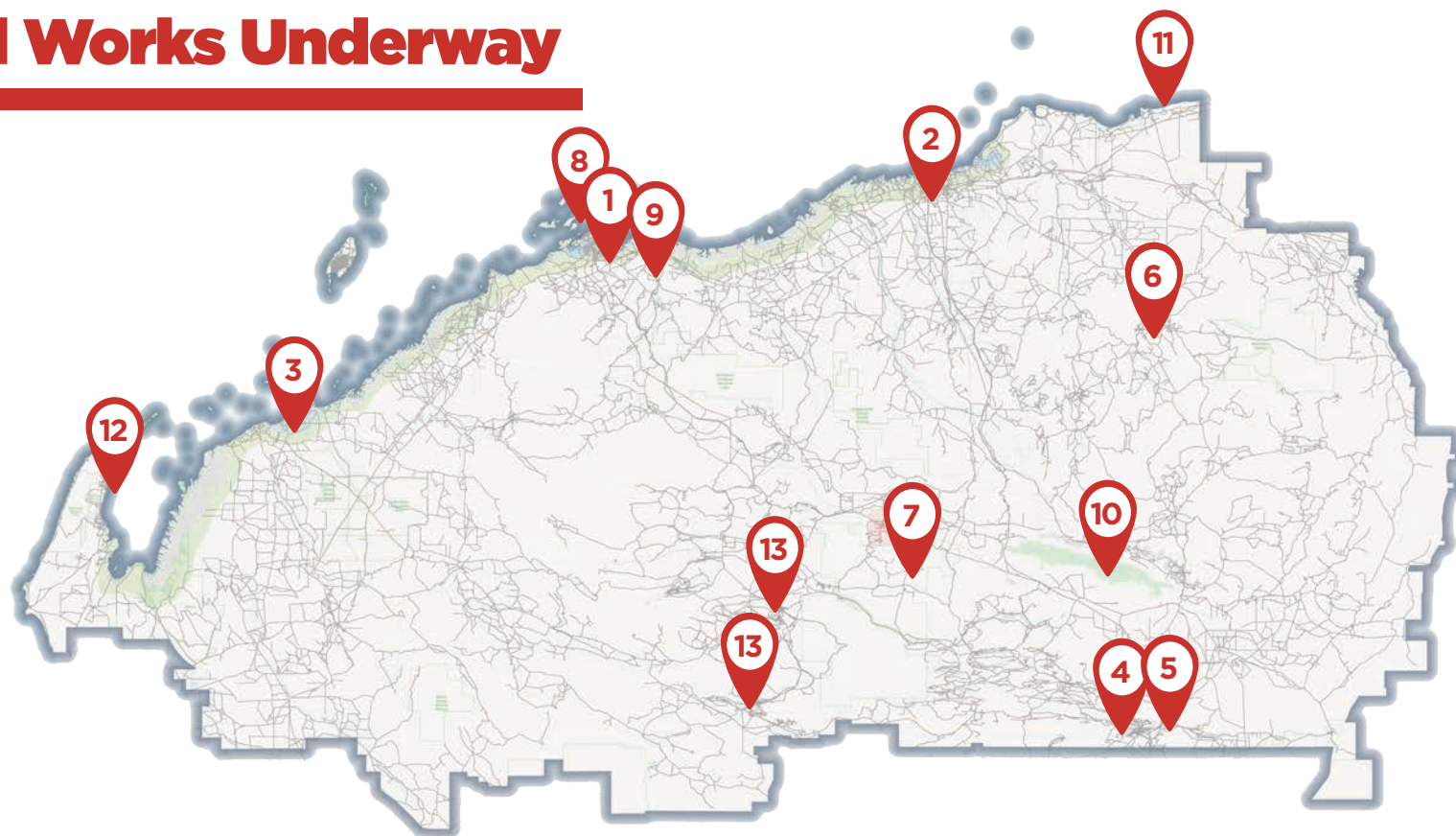
Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$3.5 million for major upgrades to the Newman Recreation Centre, located at Newman Senior High School.
- \$10 million for the Port Hedland Sporting and Community Hub that will also be an evacuation centre during emergencies.

Achievements and Works Underway

Under Construction/Delivering:

- **\$200 million** for the North West Aboriginal Housing Fund to build housing and infrastructure in Aboriginal Communities.
- **\$16 million** to house Aboriginal employees in dwellings across the Kimberley and Pilbara.
- **\$1.8 million** in Emergency Services vehicles to help keep the Pilbara safe.
- **\$160,000** for the Whim Creek Hotel recommissioning.
- **\$140,000** for the Mackerel Islands Resort development.
- Works progressing on the **Manuwarra Red Dog Highway** to reduce travel times, improve safety and improve wet-weather resilience.
- 672 kilometres of shoulder widening and audible edge lines through the **Regional Road Safety Program**.
- Establishing 2 new Step Up/Step Down services in South Hedland and Karratha.
- Funded 1 additional dedicated paid paramedic in Newman.
- **\$900,000** in incentives to support dentists and dental therapists working in the Pilbara and regional WA.
- **\$4.2 million** to support 350 new nursing and midwifery graduates working in the Pilbara and across regional WA.



1 Getting things done in Karratha

- **\$207 million** for the new Karratha Hospital.
- **\$31.7 million** for upgrades to Karratha Senior High School – including design and technology workshops, STEM and IT classrooms.
- **\$17 million** to replace the Karratha water tank.
- **\$13 million** for 51 lots at Karratha's Madigan at Baynton West including seven social homes and additional Government worker housing.
- **\$6 million** to build 100 iron ore railcar wagons to support local jobs including in Karratha.
- **\$2.3 million** for a four-chair dialysis unit at Karratha Health Campus.
- **\$3 million** to support the Yuri Renewable Hydrogen Ammonia Plant.
- **\$1 million** for the Rail Collaboration Centre in Karratha.
- **\$400,000** for the Bayview shared path in Karratha.
- **\$250,000** in Regional Economic Development grants to support renewable electric vehicle uptake in Karratha.
- **\$250,000** for the expansion of the Pilbara Physiotherapy service.
- **\$150,000** to support the development of a Civil and Construction Centre of Excellence in Karratha.
- **\$150,000** for a General Rescue Utility vehicle for Karratha State Emergency Service.

2 Getting things done in Hedland

- **\$500 million** to unlock Strategic Industrial Areas including at Boodarie, Maitland, Ashburton North and Anketell.
- **\$187 million** to the new Spoilbank Marina Project at Port Hedland.
- **\$113 million** to remove three level crossings in Port Hedland.
- **\$96 million** to fund the Lumsden Point project at Port Hedland, expanding port capacity and supporting our clean energy transition, under construction.
- **\$48.9 million** to build two new workshops and modernise facilities at North Regional TAFE's Pundulmurra campus.
- **\$10 million** for the Port Hedland Sporting and Community Hub that will be an evacuation centre during emergencies.
- **\$50 million** to construct up to 11 overtaking lanes on the Great Northern Highway between Newman and Port Hedland.
- **\$20 million** to upgrade Nelson Point Tug Haven at Port Hedland.
- **\$17 million** for roadworks at Utah Point at the Port of Port Hedland.
- **\$15 million** for an MRI unit at Hedland Health Campus.
- **\$13.5 million** for the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre.
- **\$2 million** to help build the Port Hedland Community Recycling Centre.

3 Getting things done in Onslow

- **\$94 million** for drinking water at Onslow with a desalination plant.
- **\$41 million** to complete the Onslow Health Service.
- **\$6.5 million** towards Stage Two of the Onslow Community Boating Precinct under construction.
- **\$150,000** for a General Rescue Utility vehicle for Onslow Volunteer Fire and Emergency.

4 Getting things done in Newman

- **\$61 million** for Newman Hospital for a brand-new, state of the art health facility, the Newman Health Service.
- **Six new homes** delivered for Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service Healthcare workers.

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\$4 million for a new residential facility for Martu students travelling to Newman.

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\$1.7 million for the Marble Bar battery energy storage system.

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\$21 million to transform and upgrade Karijini National Park.

8 Getting things done in Dampier & the Burrup

- **\$101 million** to develop a major new cargo wharf project at the Port of Dampier.
- **\$95 million** to expand the Burrup sea water supply to connect to the Perdaman Urea Plant, under construction.
- **\$70 million** for the development of the Pilbara Hydrogen Hub under construction.
- **\$15 million** to build the Murujuga National Park access road and visitor facilities under construction.
- **\$11 million** to expand the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program.
- **\$950,000** for the new Dampier Legend sea rescue vessel at Marine Rescue Dampier.
- **\$250,000** for a Light Tanker for Dampier Volunteer Fire Rescue Service.
- **\$100,000** for Archipelago Adventures to establish a private marine charter and tour business along the Dampier Archipelago.

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Getting things done in Roebourne

- **\$72 million** for the redevelopment of Roebourne District High School, which includes primary years.
- **\$8 million** in upgrades to Roebourne TAFE campus.
- **\$800,000** for the Gaolers Quarters heritage project at the Roebourne Gaol Precinct.
- **\$150,000** for a General Rescue Utility vehicle for Roebourne State Emergency Service.

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\$14.9 million to support the creation of the Fortescue Marsh Nature Reserve.

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\$1 million for the boat ramp project at Cape Keraudren.

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Getting things done in Exmouth

- **\$20 million** to upgrade key Exmouth tourism roads.
- **\$7 million** to build a battery energy storage system.
- **150 lots released** to increase housing supply for key workers on the edge of the Exmouth Marina.
- **\$3 million** to support the work of the Exmouth Gulf Taskforce.
- **\$550,000** for Cape Range and Ningaloo roads and visitor facility improvements.
- **\$216,000** for Whalebone Brewing to increase production capacity.
- **\$203,000** for Bullara Glamping and Camping Development.
- **\$200,000** for the Ningaloo Aggressor diving experience.
- **\$217,000** for Exmouth Early Learning Centre.

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\$52 million for major redevelopments at Tom Price and Paraburdoo Hospitals, including a \$40 million contribution from Rio Tinto.

