

Royalties for Regions **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS** 2010-2011



Your Nationals Team in the Goldfields: Hon Wendy Duncan MLC



Message from Wendy Duncan, Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region

The Nationals in Government are working hard to deliver outcomes for regional WA and Goldfields residents will be pleased to see key areas getting attention in the 2010 State Budget.

Royalties for Regions is returning 25 per cent of the State's mining and onshore petroleum royalties to regional areas each year, as an additional investment in infrastructure and community services.

In 2010/2011, the historic Royalties for Regions agreement will deliver more than \$897 million back to your community.

Royalties for Regions projects will be rolling out across the State to assist regional communities to create a better future.

We're investing in health services: the Kalgoorlie Hospital will receive \$15.5 million over three years to improve healthcare in the region.

We're providing more support for the St John Ambulance Service in country WA, more funding for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and funding to support training for regional doctors.

We're investing in schools and student accommodation.

More funding for regional telecommunications will mean your mobile works when it matters.

For more information about projects in your community, visit www.royaltiesforregions.com.

We look forward to hearing your feedback on the 2010 State Budget, and continuing to deliver Royalties for Regions in WA.

THE NATIONALS for Regional WA

Royalties for Regions Budget Highlights 2010 in the Goldfields

Royalties for Regions is the historic agreement that underpins the State Government's long-term focus on regional development throughout Western Australia.

The Nationals in Government are continuing to deliver Royalties for Regions with \$897 million allocated for key projects in this year's State Budget.

Statewide initiatives

Regional Development Commissions

\$74M this financial year to improve infrastructure and services in regional WA through strategic and contestable community grants. The Regional Grants Scheme aims to promote local decision making and attract investment and increase jobs in regional areas.

Regional Education Plan \$100.5M over four years to upgrade our regional schools. The Regional Education Plan will improve school facilities and educational opportunities in regional WA to ensure their long term sustainability.

Regional Residential Colleges **\$51.9M**

over four years to upgrade Regional Residential Colleges. The Regional Residential College funding will support upgrades to residential boarding facilities in regional centres.

Clontarf Academies \$5M over three years to improve education outcomes for indigenous students through the establishment of eight additional Clontarf Academies across regional WA.

St John Ambulance Service in country WA \$26.1M More resources to support the growth in staff numbers, to better support volunteers and to coordinate the various volunteer support mechanisms and services together with a clinical coordination program.

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Kalgoorlie Hospital \$15.5M over three years for the Kalgoorlie Hospital (\$10 million in 2010-11).

Training junior regional doctors **\$8.5M**

over three years to support the training of junior doctors in regional areas, as part of the Rural Generalists Pathways program. This program will work with the WA Country Health Service and WA Department of Health to increase training places available to junior doctors.

Country Local Government Fund **\$61M**

this financial year for individual country local governments to invest in local and regionally significant infrastructure projects, with a further \$33 million allocated to groups of country local governments to invest in regionally significant infrastructure projects, developed with the support of the Regional Development Commissions. We're committed to local decision making to empower communities to create a better future.

Regional Communications **\$120.3M**

over three years to address shortcomings in mobile phone coverage on the State's major regional highways. This funding will provide better mobile phone coverage for police, emergency services, businesses and the public in these areas. Your phone will work when it matters.

Country Age Pension Fuel Card **\$23.5M**

this financial year to expand the successful scheme to include recipients of the Disability Support Pension, Wife Pension, Widow B Pension and Carer Payment. This program has already assisted thousands of country pensioners to travel to access health and other vital services and stay connected with family.

Royal Flying Doctor Service **\$9.3M**

this financial year to continue supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service to improve access to hospital care for people living in Western Australia's regional areas. This funding will provide more aircraft, pilots, doctors and nurses

Orange School Buses **\$10.9M**

over four years and \$3.3 million in 2010-11 to improve conditions for regional students travelling long distances to school. This upgrade will ensure all new school buses are equipped with air conditioning and automatic transmission.

Reforming the Rangelands **\$2.3M**

over three years for the Rangelands Reform program to address long-standing problems faced by our pastoral industry. This will include better support for pastoralists who wish to diversify their land use, giving greater economic certainty to those who work and live in the rangelands.

Foodbank **\$0.8M**

over four years to extend the School Breakfast program to an additional 100 schools across remote and regional WA.

WA Indigenous Tourism Operators

Committee \$1M over four years for the indigenous tourism peak industry body to develop strategic plans across regional WA.

Indigenous Visitor Hostels **\$0.5M**

this financial year for short stay accommodation for indigenous families, initially starting in Kalgoorlie.

Performing Arts Regional Tours Boost

\$1.2M over four years to enable the WA Symphony Orchestra, WA Ballet, WA Opera and Black Swan Theatre Co. to take performances to regional WA.

What is Royalties for Regions delivering in your area?

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