



Your Nationals team in the South West: Hon Colin Holt MLC



Message from Colin Holt, Member for the South West

The future looks bright for residents in the South West, after the unveiling of the 2010 State Budget.

The Nationals in Government are working hard to deliver outcomes for regional WA – and communities in the South West won't miss out.

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 will provide \$60.9 million over three years in much needed funding for the Albany Hospital.

We're investing more in health; providing greater support for ambulance, greater support for ambulance volunteers, funding to keep the Royal Flying Doctor Service flying, and training regional doctors.

More people will have access to the Country Aged Pensioner Fuel Card – which now includes more pension categories and more regions.

We're investing in regional telecommunications, to ensure your mobile works when it matters.

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

I 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 in the South West

Royalties for Regions is the historic agreement that underlines 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 Residential Colleges

Funding for Regional Residential Colleges will support improvements to student accommodation – allowing your children to board and study in upgraded facilities closer to home. **\$51.9M** over four years.

Clontarf Academies

Establishing eight new Clontarf Academies across regional WA will provide improved education outcomes for indigenous students. **\$5M** over 3 years.

Regional Education Plan

A dedicated fund available for country schools to build and renovate classrooms to ensure your children have better educational facilities. Your children will have more options when it comes to education thanks to the Regional Education Plan.

\$100.5M over four years.

Regional Development Commissions

The Regional Grants Scheme has already delivered great outcomes throughout the regions and has allowed community organisations to start and complete locally important projects. The scheme continues with a focus on local decision making, attracting investment and increasing job opportunities.

\$74M this financial year.

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



Royalties for Regions Budget highlights in the South West

Albany Hospital

Finally, after years of waiting, the Albany Hospital will be rebuilt. Royalties for Regions funds will deliver better healthcare by ensuring the Albany Hospital redevelopment meets your needs.

\$60.9M over three years.

Orange School Buses

New Orange School Buses will be fitted with air conditioning and automatic transmission, so your children can travel to school in comfort. **\$10.9M** over four years.

Country Age Pension Fuel Card

More pensioners will have access to the Country Age Pension Fuel Card. We're expanding the scheme to include recipients of the Disability Support Pension, Wife Pension, Widow B Pension and Carer Payment. The fuel card has already assisted thousands of country pensioners to travel to access health services and to stay in touch with family. Semi-rural country post-codes in the Peel region, such as Jarrahdale, Hopeland, Mardella, Serpentine, Keysbrook, Dawesville, Bouvard, Clifton and Herron will also be included in the expanded scheme. **\$23.5M** this financial year.

Training regional doctors

Supporting 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. **\$8.5M** over three years.

St John Ambulance Service in country WA

Professional and volunteer ambulance officers will get much needed support to continue the brilliant job they do and continue delivering the best services in our communities. **\$26.1M** over four years.

Better Beginnings

We're supporting the Better Beginnings program to develop literacy skills in young children through fostering a love of books and language. **\$2.8M** over four years.

Responsible Parenting Support Services

We're expanding the Responsible Parenting program, which includes home visits, support and advice for at-risk families, to the Great Southern. **\$27.9M** over four years.

Country Local Government Fund We're committed to local decision making to empower communities to create a better future. We're providing funding to support country local governments to invest in local and regionally significant infrastructure projects. **\$94M** this financial year.

Regional Communications

Better mobile phone coverage on the State's major regional highways, providing more reliable communication for police, emergency services, businesses and you. **\$120.3M** over three years.

Royal Flying Doctor Service

More aircraft, pilots, doctors and nurses so emergency health care is not too far away, no matter where you live in regional WA. **\$9.3M** this financial year.

Foodbank

With support from Royalties for Regions, Foodbank will be upgrading their premises and extending the School Breakfast program to an additional 100 schools in regional WA. **\$0.8M** over four years.

Performing Arts Boost

You will have the chance to see WA's premier performance companies – WA Symphony Orchestra, WA Ballet, WA Opera and Black Swan Theatre Co. – as they travel to more regional areas. **\$1.2M** over four years.

Collie Desalination

A new desalination plant in Collie will provide better quality water for the community, industry and the environment. **\$5.2M** over two years.

Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme Boost

Assisting communities to plan and construct boating facilities. This will enhance tourism, recreation and business opportunities. **\$5M** this financial year.

What is Royalties for Regions delivering in your area?

Find out here: www.royaltiesforregions.com.au

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