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# ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS

**INVESTING IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE**  
**2014-15 TO 2017-18**

Royalties for Regions is the State Government's multi-billion dollar program to help grow Western Australia's regional areas into thriving and sustainable communities.



# The Department of Regional Development is a vibrant agency with a clear agenda: to develop thriving towns and communities in regional Western Australia.

As lead agency of the State Government's Royalties for Regions program, the department is uniquely placed to make this happen.

The best part is local people are having a big say in determining the priorities for funding. There is also

a strong flow on effect with growing economic, social and cultural activity in the regions.

**Find out more about how regional Western Australia is growing and changing today.**



## What does it mean for me?

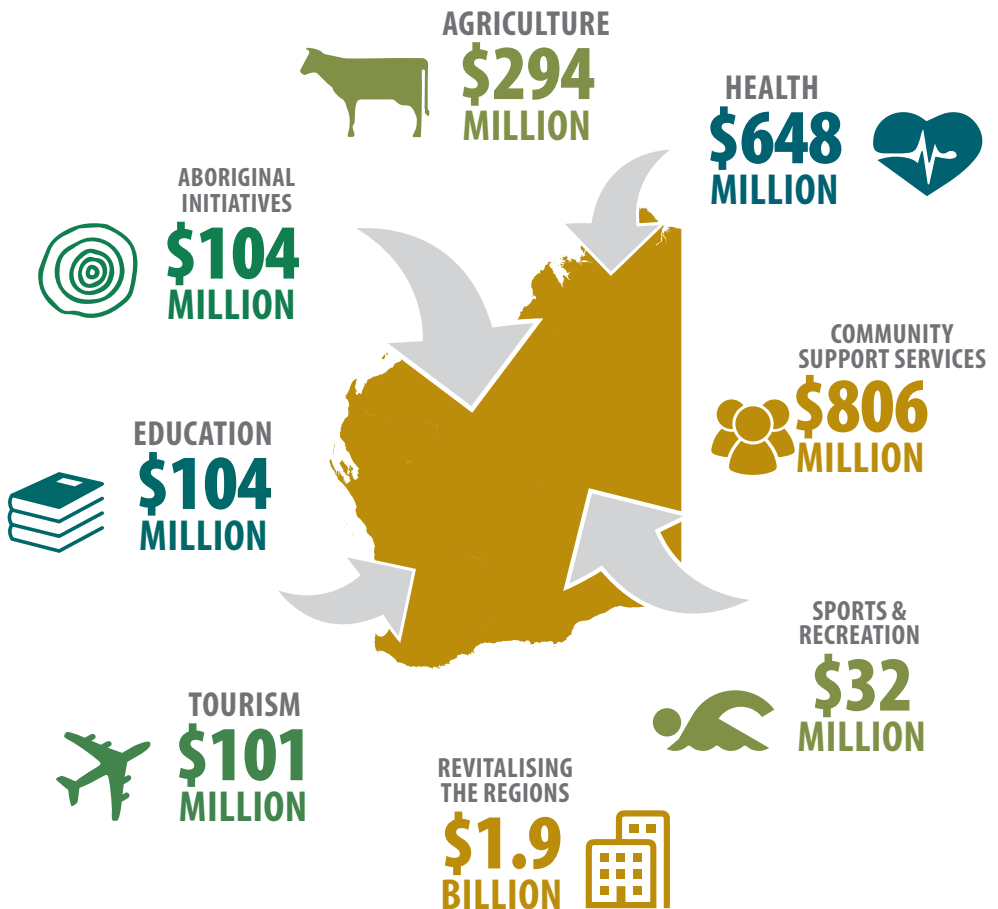
The support that Royalties for Regions gives to regional WA means more people can visit, stay, invest, work and play in our regional communities in a sustainable way.



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# INVESTING IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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## Seizing the Opportunity Agriculture

# \$294 million



Royalties for Regions is creating new opportunities and diversifying regional economies for the future through:

- Industry research and development and biosecurity defence.
- Agrifood business strategies for the sheep and beef industries.
- Investment attraction and trade, through WA Open for Business and increasing the profile of WA agriculture.
- Land and water investigation, including State-wide 'Water for Food' initiative.
- Food Industry initiatives, including food centres and Buy West, Eat Best.

## Health

# \$648 million



Royalties for Regions has continued its commitment to quality health services for all families through the provision of additional funding towards services and programs such as:

- Regional Hospital and Health Campus upgrades
- More doctors and specialists
- Telehealth
- North West and Southern Inland Health Initiatives
- Transport for patients through the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme
- Royal Flying Doctor medical aircraft
- St John Ambulance Services in regional locations
- Health services for remote indigenous communities.

## Community Support Services

# \$806 million



New funding to support the:

- Protection of fire crews that operate high to extreme bushfire risk environments.
- Transport needs of aged pensioners through the Country Age Pension Fuel Card.
- Volunteer Fuel Card for regional volunteer emergency service groups.
- Attraction and retention of police officers and other public sector employees who provide essential services in the regions.
- Continuation of existing community service programs, such as Foodbank, Community Resource Centres and Better Beginnings early years literacy program.

## Sports and Recreation

# \$32 million



Sport is a vital part of regional communities and this is recognised with funding for local sporting clubs and promising athletes. Royalties for Regions will continue supporting the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund to enhance regional sporting facilities and equipment.

## Aboriginal Initiatives

# \$104 million



Royalties for Regions is investing in initiatives that will bring sustainable change to the lives of Aboriginal people in regional Western Australia. This includes funding for supporting families, health clinics, education including Clontarf Colleges, leadership programs, housing, improving water quality, drug and alcohol support and justice programs.

## Education

# \$104 million



Every child has the right to a quality education and Royalties for Regions is making a difference in WA. Royalties for Regions continues investment in regional education through the Regional Schools Plan, which includes the relocation of Year 7 students and residential college upgrades, and the Regional Skills and Training initiative.

Photo: Courtesy of the West Australian



## Tourism

# \$101 million



Tourism is a key part of the State's economy. Royalties for Regions continues to support tourism in regional areas through various initiatives and regional events.

The Caravan and Camping project and 'Parks for People' program aim to expand the number of low-cost recreational camping and caravanning facilities across the State, including enhancing facilities in our national parks.

## Revitalising the Regions

# \$1.9 billion



A range of initiatives will be funded to continue to revitalise regional WA, including new funding of \$169 million for the **Statewide Blueprints Initiative**.

Additionally, each of the nine regional areas will receive significant funding, including \$515.1 million for **Growing Our South** – Southern Investment Initiative; the continuation of the Mid West Investment Plan; and the Gascoyne, Goldfields-Esperance and East/West Kimberley revitalisations. \$832.5 million is committed to **Pilbara Cities** projects to deliver the State's vision for the our unique north.



## **Want more information on Royalties for Regions projects?**

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