

Specific projects funded in the Budget for the Gascoyne region included:

Regional Development

- Part-funding for the Carnarvon Police and Justice Complex of \$9.5million
- Upgrades to regional health services will also start this year with \$20.7million allocated over four years for the Carnarvon Hospital
- \$8.1million over three years to upgrade the Exmouth Clinic
- \$120.3million over three years to expand the State's mobile phone coverage on the State's highways, including \$8.3million in 2010-11 to expand mobile phone coverage to address black spots
- Program also includes \$80.3million over four years to upgrade communications systems for regional police and emergency services
- \$102million to the Country Local Government Fund with \$61million to be allocated to individual country local governments and \$33million to groups of country local governments to invest in significant infrastructure projects developed with the support of the regional development commissions.

New and continuing projects in 2010-11 include:

- Country Age Pension Fuel Card - expanded scheme (\$23.5million)
- Responsible Parenting Program - expanded to the Murchison region
- eight new Clontarf Academies across WA, including one in Carnarvon) (\$1.6 million total funding in 2010-11)
- Better Beginnings - Early Literacy (\$628,000)
- Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme (\$5million)
- continued support for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (\$9.3million)
- funding for the Community Resource Centre Network (\$12million)
- ongoing funding for the Boarding Away from Home Allowance (\$1.9million)
- continued support for the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (\$9million)
- ongoing funding for Housing for Workers (GROH) (\$79million)
- Regional Airport Development Scheme - ongoing funding (\$5.5million).

Agriculture and Food

- \$4.8million for wild dog management and to upgrade the State Barrier Fence to wild dog standard (in Gascoyne and Goldfields).

Attorney General

- Carnarvon Police and Justice Complex - \$52.5million
- Justices of the Peace training across all regions \$800,000.

Education

- Exmouth District High School - documentation has commenced on the \$15million redevelopment of Exmouth District High School. The state-of-the-art school will provide an enhanced learning environment. The project is expected to be completed by 2011.

Health

- \$8.1million to refurbish the Exmouth health clinic by 2012-13 to better cater for dental, mental health, pathology, occupational health, community health and PathWest

- \$20.7million over four years for an upgrade of Carnarvon hospital for mental, allied and community health, a new dental facility, redevelopment of day surgery and pathology renovations.

Police

- As part of the Liberal-National Government's election commitment to construct new police facilities and carry out upgrades in a \$34million plan across regional WA, the Burringurrah Remote Multi Functional Police Facility will be completed in 2010-11 at a capital cost of \$6.4million.

Transport

- \$3million to build a new boat ramp in Carnarvon
- \$1.5million for the Tantibiddi boat ramp near Exmouth
- \$2.3million for 46 floating boat pens in Exmouth.

Water

- The Water Corporation will spend more than \$3.4billion over the forward estimates period on essential projects across the State, recognising the ongoing need for major water and wastewater infrastructure developments. These projects are essential as WA continues to grow strongly
- In 2010-11, the Water Corporation will spend \$1billion on capital works projects across WA, with about \$339million allocated to dozens of smaller projects across regional WA.

FESA

State-wide:

- A significant increase in funding for volunteer emergency service units to accelerate the replacement of overage bushfire brigade appliances; provide additional bushfire appliances and State emergency vehicles in high risk areas, the replacement of strategic regional assets, the provision of fit-for-purpose facilities and garaging for both services and the provision of a first response bushfire fighting capability for vulnerable remote communities (\$10million in 2010-11 and a further \$30million from 2011-12 to 2013-14)
- A significant enhancement to local government's fire management capabilities through the extension of the Community Emergency Services Officers Program at a gross cost of \$2.9million in 2010-11.

Planning

State-wide:

- The WAPC has committed \$600,000 to addressing poor environmental health and living conditions in Aboriginal communities through the introduction of town planning principles and proper development standards. The project seeks to improve living and environmental health conditions in large, permanent and remote Aboriginal communities through the preparation and implementation of community layout plans. Town planning provides an opportunity to achieve co-ordination when constructing housing and infrastructure in communities.

Fisheries

The 2010-11 Budget has flagged Government borrowing of \$11.9million to pay for the surrender of various commercial fishing licenses under the provisions of the Fisheries Adjustment Scheme 1987, (The FAS Act) - with those borrowings repaid by industry over 10 years. The three Fisheries involved include the Shark Bay Scallop Fishery and Abrolhos Islands and Mid West Trawl Fishery (\$6.4million in 2009-10 and \$3million in 2010-11) and Exmouth Gulf Prawn Fishery (\$2.5million in 2009-10).

Capital works funding of \$4million over two years is earmarked to replace the ageing 23-metre-long Fisheries patrol vessel (PV) Walcott. The PV Walcott will perform a range of compliance, research and long-range management activities along the Gascoyne coast.