

Ali Kent & Mark McGowan are delivering for the Goldfields, setting the region up for the long term.

I am working hard to deliver real outcomes for local people and as your Member of Parliament, I'm your voice in the McGowan Labor Government.

My focus is on local projects and progressing our commitments to you. We have rolled out all the funding for our local commitments. Some projects are underway, and lots more have already been completed.

There's always more to do, but we have the Goldfields Plan and it's working.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with State Government matters, please contact my office on (08) 9021 6766, email ali.kent@mp.wa.gov.au or visit 227 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie.

Relief on regional airfares

The **\$19.8 million Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** is a fantastic State Government initiative that allows Goldfields regional residents to access a capped airfare for personal travel to and from Perth.

It doesn't matter when you travel, you won't pay more than \$199 each way. Demand has been very strong, with thousands of residents taking the opportunity to visit Perth to catch up with family and friends, attend appointments, or enjoy a break using the capped airfares.



For more information, visit www.transport.wa.gov.au/aviation/regional-airfare-zone-cap.asp



Keeping our community healthy

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering the biggest ever investment in WA's public health system – bringing the total new investment to \$5.7 billion. A massive \$1.3 billion investment to bolster mental health, alcohol and other drug services in Western Australia.

Improving the mental health of our children and young people is a big focus for our Government. We're helping to address mental health issues where they often start – in the early years of someone's life – and we're putting community care and early intervention front and centre.

Help is available. Visit mhc.wa.gov.au/getting-help

MRI Machine

Like lots of people in the community, I occasionally have to have health checks. I had an **MRI** at Kalgoorlie Health Campus recently and kudos to the great staff for making it such an easy experience.

It was also brilliant to get the feedback that thousands of people are happy to have this facility in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and it saves them the travel and expense of going to Perth.

I'm proud to be delivering for the Goldfields as part of the McGowan Labor Government team.

Goldfields Young Heroes Tours

In late 2021 I met an inspiring woman, Ashley from **zero2hero** in Perth. A not-for-profit group kicking goals in addressing mental health among young people.

I'm passionate about doing what I can in this space and with the support of MLG, Topdrill, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Headspace, we have managed to bring **zero2hero** to the Goldfields and create the inaugural 'Goldfields Young Heroes Tours'.

Since August, over **2,600** high school and primary school students have received much needed skills to recognise mental health symptoms—in themselves and their mates—and how they can get help! We will continue to build on this and I'm excited to see where this will take us.







Women's GP in Goldfields

Helping women make healthier choices is very important! Regular screening is the best protection against cervical cancer. That's one of the reasons the McGowan Labor Government has delivered the **\$1.8 million** commitment to employ a permanent GP at the Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre.

48% of our Goldfields population are women, and it's important that we have access to specific health services that save many lives. Phone 9021 8266 to chat with the friendly GWHCC staff or to book a screening.

Supporting our Seniors

The McGowan Labor Government is supporting Goldfields seniors with the Seniors Safety and Security Rebate.

The Rebate allows holders of a Seniors Card to claim back up to \$400 per household following the purchase of eligible home security, fire safety or electrical safety items.

Find out more at seniorscard.wa.gov.au or 1800 671 233.





Pringle Village

If you have visited Pringle Village in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, you would have been impressed by the facilities.

So, it was absolutely brilliant to be alongside the Minister for Lands, the Hon John Carey, and the Hon Kyle McGinn, when the Minister announced that the McGowan Labor Government have provided **15.6ha** of land for a significant expansion of seniors accommodation.

The land valued at **\$6.6 million** has been provided to Goldfields Masonic Homes and will allow Pringle Village to expand from its current 49 units to an estimated **250 units**.

An expansion of seniors accommodation is critical for Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as it will allow more people to downsize and open up housing.





Seniors Discount Directory

The inaugural Goldfields Seniors Discount Directory, launched during Seniors Week in November 2022, is a joint project between myself, the Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC, and the Rotary Club of Kalgoorlie.

Goldfields seniors can access local business discounts, support services and senior-friendly community groups in one free, easy to use directory and encourages seniors to buy and shop locally.

We thank the participating businesses that have continued to acknowledge the contributions seniors have made to the community by providing them with generous discounts on goods and services. 5000 directories have been printed and will be available from my office, Kyle McGinn's office and participating businesses.

Delivering local commitments



My family and I have lived in the Goldfields for decades and I'm passionate about delivering for our community. Here are just a few of the local projects that we have achieved in the last 12 months.

This is just the beginning. With many more projects in planning or underway, the Goldfields Plan is working!

orth Kalgoorlie Junior re Brigade

500 for equipment and hirts



Railways Football Club \$60.000 for a lift

Eastern Goldfields Squash Racquet Association

\$1,500 for new equipment

Kalgoorlie Bowls Club

\$26,120 for security screens

Masonic Homes

\$35,000 for security fences and gates



Salvation Army Youth Shed

\$4,600 for artificial turf and basketball hoop

South Kalgoorlie Primary School

\$30,000 for retic and lights for oval



\$15,000 for a new patio area



Eastern Goldfields Rugby Union

\$1,600 for equipment

Boulder City Football Club

\$4500 for new commercial oven



... and more

Coolgardie Junior Fire Brigade

\$3,000 for uniforms and equipment

Kambalda United Junior Soccer \$2,600 for equipment



Kambalda Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

\$6,500 for junior uniforms & equipment

Harry Steinhauser Oval

\$60,000 for nature playground

Laverton School

\$5,000 for library shelving

Laverton Men's Shed

\$7,000 for new equipment

CAPS Kurrawang

\$5,000 for cultural garden

Kambalda Art Centre

\$5,280 for air conditioning

Leonora Bowls Club

\$5,000 for shed



Exciting projects underway

New Basketball Stadium

I catch up regularly with **Basketball Stadium** 'Guru', Rob Tagliaferri, to get updates on this exciting project.

Drawings are complete and it looks amazing. It's a massive project, and Rob is working towards the new stadium being ready for the 2023 season.



Youth Precinct

When the Premier and I announced **\$2.2 million** for a **Youth Precinct**, I was reacting to the massive feedback from the community about the lack of facilities for youth in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. So it was exciting to see the City add another \$6 million to this project. In October, local firm H+H Architects was awarded the tender to provide the detailed design.

The **Youth Precinct** is likely to consist of skate park upgrades, a pump track, playscape, a multipurpose sports court, parkour and fitness zone, and the transformation of Lord Forrest into a youth hub. This project is long overdue and it will be exciting to see it come to fruition!

Karlkurla Nature Playground

Nature brings the best out of children—everyone knows that! What better way to take advantage of this than a massive nature playground in the beautiful setting of the 200 hectare Karlkurla Bushland Park.

The McGowan Labor Government is funding **\$600,000** towards this project, that is undergoing the detailed design phase by Nature Playground WA. The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is contributing \$400,000 towards power, ablutions, and more.

We're hoping that construction will get underway very soon and the playground will be finished early next year. This will be worth waiting for — Kim Eckert and I are counting down the days.



Concept Impression of Nature Play Playground Karlkurla Bushland Park



Wifi on the Prospector

Many people travel on the great Prospector train. So it's fantastic news that we have recently provided 1GB of free **WIFI** for passengers.

This will go hand-in-hand with the personalised on-demand entertainment systems already on board, giving passengers more choice and more flexibility in how they choose to enjoy this wonderful journey across our beautiful State.



Supporting our community



We're lucky to live in our fantastic community and I absolutely love the part of my job that enables me to provide groups with much needed donations.

In the past 12 months, over 40 groups have received funding, including:

- Coolgardie Community Blue Light Disco
- Kambalda Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Golden Mile Art
- North Kalgoorlie Primary School
- The Goldfields Repertory Club
- Kalgoorlie College Football Club
- Goldfields Soccer Association
- CAPS Coolgardie
- Allies Aboriginal Football Team

- Rotary Club of Boulder
- Goldfields Special Olympics
- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Art Prize
- Goldfields Tennis Club
- Kambalda Community Garden
- Kalgoorlie Tri Club
- Golden Community Mile
- · Palace Theatre
- Goldfields Women's Refuge

- zero2hero
- Foodbank
- RRR Network
- Goldfields 8 Ball
- Goldfields Girl
- Blu Tree
- Goldfields Pride
- Coolgardie P & C

CCTV network expansion



The Minister for Police, the Hon, Paul Papalia, the Mayor of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, John Bowler, and I announced the completion of the installation of the **CCTV** in Kalgoorlie-Boulder in October 2022.

This **\$1 million** election commitment project has two parts — expanding new camera sites across Kalgoorlie-Boulder, and installing automatic number plate recognition cameras.

The upgrades include 14 new sites with more than 30 new cameras, improving the infrastructure on previously hard-to-reach areas, and eight number plate cameras selected by the WA Police. Minister Papalia

said that it would be "an extraordinary improvement in the quality and coverage of **CCTV** imagery in the Goldfields. If there's any black spots, they'll be picked up. It's going to be huge coverage".

I believe community safety is very important, and this addition will add a sense of security for us all.

Cost of living relief

I'm proud to be a part of the McGowan Labor Government that has provided relief and support to Goldfields households with its **\$400 credit on residential electricity bills**—giving the average household months of bill relief. I know this was welcomed by families across our community!

It begins with education and training

Education is the ticket to a lifetime of opportunity. 15 schools within the Kalgoorlie electorate received a share of the McGowan Labor Government's Primary School Science Program for science equipment.

This investment will prepare our kids for the jobs of the future and inspire our future chemists, doctors, geologists and miners.

The Minister for Education recently announced that Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School was the first school to launch a **Virtual Power Plant**, to be closely followed by Hannans, Kalgoorlie and O'Connor primary schools.

The VPPs will help schools better manage their energy use and equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to explore new possibilities for WA's energy future.

Free period products: the McGowan Labor Government now provides access to free period products for secondary school students across WA. Period products are a basic health necessity—too many students miss school because of their period.





Lower TAFE fees: there are now are more than 210 vocational education and training courses discounted, from Certificate II qualifications to Advanced Diplomas. Eligible courses are discounted up to 72%, and students will have their course fees capped for each year.

\$2.4 million is also being provided to attract international students to live and study in regional WA, plus a **\$4.5 million** new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees.

And let's not forget the **new TAFE Workshop!** This **\$10 million** Heavy Plant and Engineering Trades Workshop, being built at Central Regional TAFE Kalgoorlie Campus, will expand and support the resource industry's workforce needs.

We're here to help you!

For assistance with a state government matter, please get in touch. We can help with:

- Setting up the ServiceWA app
- Free reusable shopping bags, pens, magnets and writing pads
- Witnessing statutory declarations and certifying copies of documents

We're also a drop off point for feminine hygiene products for Share the Dignity, Rug Campaign, and Christmas toys—to name a few!



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