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Member for Kalgoorlie

2023 Wrap Up

Ali Kent — Making a Difference in the Goldfields!

Myself and Premier Roger Cook, continue to deliver for Kalgoorlie, setting the Goldfields region up for the long term.

My focus is on local projects and progressing our commitments to you. Projects are underway and many have been completed.

We know many Goldfields families are under pressure, and that's why tackling cost of living is our number one priority.

Since coming to office we've:

- ✓ Introduced the WA Rent Relief Program, giving tenants at risk of eviction up to **\$5,000** in direct rental support.
- ✓ Paid **\$1,400** in electricity credits to every household in WA.
- ✓ Kept water and power fees and charges increases to well below inflation.
- ✓ Reintroduced the Seniors Security Rebate.

- ✓ Increased the seniors cost of living rebate.
- ✓ Doubled the KidSport vouchers program, helping parents cover the cost of kids in sport.
- ✓ Continued to support the WA Seniors Discount Directory, helping our seniors with cost of living.
- ✓ Paid **\$650** in small business electricity credits across WA.
- ✓ Introduced more than 130 Fee-Free TAFE courses across priority industries.
- ✓ Provided free Flu Shots to keep your family, your friends, and your community safe during the flu season.
- ✓ Provided a **\$3,000** cost of living payment for all public sector workers, including nurses, police, and firefighters.
- ✓ Extended Water Corp's hardship support to an additional 5,000 customers.



REGIONAL CAPPED AIRFARES

How much do we love capped airfares?

This incredible Cook Labor Government initiative is the first of its kind in Australia and has been a major success ... **30,000** fares have been booked between Perth and the Goldfields!

A few locals told me how it made a difference to them:

"Thanks to the regional cap on flight fares introduced by the Cook Labor Government, I can visit my daughters, who attend boarding school in Perth, more frequently." — Yogi

"The capped airfares give me an affordable choice regarding the medical care I receive. Instead of paying \$1,130, I just had to pay \$399." — Karen

"These fares have allowed me to attend family gatherings, sneaky shopping trips, medical trips and most importantly visit my aging parents regularly." — Tracey

For more information on the Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme, visit www.farego.wa.gov.au.



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY



A 'Win' as Blood Donation Facility Returns

I've been leading the push for the return of a Blood Donation facility in the Goldfields for over 2 years. In June 2023, Nick Fardell and Doug Daws joined forces with me in this fight and collectively we created a community petition, which received an incredible 2045 signatures.

I am extremely grateful that following my strong advocacy with Lifeblood, they have finally agreed to reinstate the blood collection service in Kalgoorlie-Boulder as a pop-up facility before June 2024.

It has been 10 years since it was taken away and now it's coming back! This was a hard won battle, and I thank everyone who feels as passionate about returning the blood donation facility as I do.

Youth Mental Health — zero2hero

In March 2023, a week of suicide prevention programs run by mental health charity zero2hero was carried out across football clubs in the Goldfields, continuing the charity's presence in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. The first safeTALK training session took place at Kalgoorlie City Football Club, followed by sessions at Railways, Mines Rovers, and Kambalda football clubs.

This follows the 2,600 high schools and primary school Goldfields students, who in 2022, received skills to recognise mental skills symptoms — in themselves and their mates and learn how they can get help.

In 2024, zero2hero will be back again in our schools, plus running their Goldfields zero2hero Camp.



Goldfields Women's Refuge Gets \$550,000

It was an honour to have the Minister for Community Services, Sabine Winton, in Kalgoorlie-Boulder to present the Goldfields Women's Refuge with a Lotterywest grant of **\$450,000** in March — and then I presented another **\$100,000** in November 2023.

The Lotterywest grants will support additional temporary accommodation, doubling the capacity of the refuge up to 72 beds.

Our region relies on the wonderful work of the Goldfields Women's Refuge, and I'm so proud to be part of a government that prioritises preventing family and domestic violence in our community and keeping families safe.



International Nurses Day

Our Nurses. Our Future!

Minister for Health Amber-Jade Sanderson and I visited the Kalgoorlie Health Campus to thank the wonderful nurses for the fantastic care they provide to our community.

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth!

They loved the coffee vouchers I gave out!

Thank you to our local nurses for everything you do for our community!

Ngunytju Tjitji Pirni

It was an absolute honour to officially open the Ngunytju Tjitji Pirni — NTP Hub.

This Hub reopening has been made possible from some incredible sponsors but couldn't have been achieved without the amazing work from Dorothy, Charmaine and Shari Champion, and Chelsea Hunter.

'Strong Women creating Strong Families'.



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS



Leonora Aged Accommodation

In November, I joined the Minister for Regional Development and Seniors and Ageing, the Hon. Don Punch, and Parliamentary Secretary, Kyle McGinn MLC, to open the Ageing in Place village in Leonora. This is an exciting project providing a modern, independent living village for our senior residents to remain in their community, while being supported by local and visiting wrap around services. The project was funded through a **\$3.5 million** allocation from the Cook Labor Government's Regional Aged Accommodation Program, with a \$1 million contribution from the Shire of Leonora.



Seniors Safety and Security Rebate

The Cook Labor Government is supporting Goldfield's seniors with the Seniors Safety and Security Rebate. The Rebate allows WA Seniors Card members to claim up to **\$400** per household for items like Home Alarms, CCTV systems and security door and window screens. To find out more, go to seniorcard.wa.gov.au or phone 1800 671 233.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Sport plays an important role in regional Western Australia. Here are some of the local highlights.

New BMX Track!

Just look at that newly sealed track at the Eastern Goldfields BMX Club Inc — the best in regional WA!

I'm proud to have delivered on this **\$70,000** election commitment for the club and love seeing it being enjoyed.



Hockey Lights

What a difference the new lights have made to the hockey stadium in Kalgoorlie-Boulder!

Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association were awarded **\$70,000** through the Cook Labor Government's Club Night Lights Program. I was honoured to

switch on new lights for the first time and see players and supporters benefit from this funding.



Goldfields Seniors Directory

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

Goldfield's seniors can access local business discounts, support services and senior-friendly community groups in one free, easy to use Directory. It also encourages seniors to buy and shop locally.

We thank the participating businesses that have continued to support this initiative with generous discounts on goods and services. The new version will be bigger and better and available early in 2024.



Elder Abuse

The Cook Labor Government is rolling out WA's strategy to prevent and respond to the abuse of older people. Added to this is a new diary, containing legal information on how senior West Aussies can protect their rights.

All older Western Australians have the right to feel safe and to be treated with dignity and respect in our community. These 2024 diaries are available for **FREE FROM MY OFFICE**.



Leonora Multi Facility Court

What an absolute joy it was to see the finished basketball and tennis courts in Leonora. This marked the delivery of a **\$100,000** election commitment to resurface the courts. Thanks to the Shire of Leonora for leading this project and putting in new lights, so the courts can now stay open later in the evenings.



Kids Sports Vouchers Double

Every WA kid should be able to participate in their favourite sport — no matter their circumstances. That's why the Cook Labor Government is doubling the value of KidSport vouchers to help cover the costs of participating in sport.

Families struggling to cover the cost of registering their children in community sport can now apply for up to **\$300** in KidSport vouchers for each child.

To find out more visit www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport



SUPPORTING OUR EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education, from early learning and schools right through to universities and TAFEs, is the ticket to a lifetime of opportunity. Check out more funding going into our schools infrastructure in the map!

I loved visiting schools and providing \$300 worth of vouchers during 2023. These were used to raise funds through raffles, such as the Father's Day Raffle, and other fundraising activities.

Principals Day

Principals Day is a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work of principals (and deputies) in our schools. I visited every school in Kalgoorlie-Boulder to give them gorgeous cookies. Regional schools didn't miss out! They all got a muffin and coffee.



To all the school Principals in the Goldfields and across Western Australia, thank you.

World Teachers Day

I have the utmost respect for teachers. Their job is so important to the education of our young people. To say thank you, I made sure every school in the Goldfields received a box of goodies to share.



Book Week

Book Week celebrates Australian children's literature and promotes the value of books for education, enjoyment, and enlightenment. Most of all — kids love Book Week!

I checked out the awesome costumes at North Kalgoorlie and South Kalgoorlie Primary Schools.



Free Period Products

The Cook Labor Government is providing free period products for high school and TAFE students across WA. Period products are a basic health necessity, and too many students miss school time because of their period.

Lower TAFE Fees

It's great news that we are continuing our partnership with the Albanese Government to deliver Fee Free training in over 130 courses in 2024.

WA has already smashed our targets for 2023, with more than 34,000 enrolments in fee free courses. This will run alongside our highly successful Lower fees, local skills program, which reduces fees for more than 160 priority courses by up to 72%.



COMMITMENTS BEING DELIVERED!!



New Basketball Stadium

I catch up regularly with the Basketball 'Guru', Rob Tagliaferri, and get updates on the new Stadium. The designs look amazing ...and the redevelopment is well underway! From mid-January 2024, you will start to see the structural steel going up and everyone is working hard getting the new stadium ready in late 2024.

It will feature two additional indoor courts — one as a show court with tiered spectator seating, plus refurbished existing courts, women's and men's home-and-away team change rooms, offices, a bar, function room, kitchen, and first-aid areas.

I was proud to advocate to the Cook Labor Government that provided **\$5 million** to build the Stadium.



Karlkurla Nature Playground

The land has been cleared and construction is underway. We will have a new park ready early 2024!

Nature brings the best out of children — what better way to take advantage of this than building a massive nature playground in the beautiful setting of the 200-hectare Karlkurla Bushland Park.

The Cook Government is funding **\$600,000** towards this project, with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder contributing a further \$400,000. This will be worth waiting for and I can't wait to see the community enjoy all the new facilities.



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

I absolutely love the part of my job that enables me to provide much needed donations and sponsorships. In the past 12 months, I've supported almost **60** groups, businesses, and individuals, such as:

Foodbank Kalgoorlie-Boulder-*Eastern Goldfields Netball Association*-Kalgoorlie-Boulder Salvation Army-*Boulder Rotary Club Radio Auction*-Judumul Aboriginal Corporation-*Goldfields Multicultural Community Organisation*-Hams and Lion's Cakes for City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Shire of Coolgardie's Senior Christmas Lunch-*Golden Mile Art-Boulder Scouts*-Goldfields-Eyre Isolated Children's Parents Association-*Rule Breakers First Lego League Group*-Eastern Goldfields Karters-*Terence Morton International Darts Competition*-Goldfields Repertory Club-*Goldfields NAIDOC Netball Carnival*-Goldfields Equestrian Centre-*Helping Hands Coolgardie Men's Shed*-Norseman Garden Show-*Goldfields Soccer Association*-Kambalda Cultural Art's Group-*St Joseph's Parents and Friends Association*-Nyunngaku Women's Group, Leonora-*Golden You Leadership Camp*-Shire of Menzies Lantern Workshop-*Kambalda Community Garden*-Nullarbor Muster 2023-*Outback Rodeo's-YM Hockey-Hope Community Services*-Goldfields Football League-*Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre*-Kalgoorlie PCYC-*City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Art Prize*-Linda Rae Exhibition-*Eastern Goldfield's BMX*-Lions Cancer Institute-*Kalgoorlie Women's Tri*-Goldfields Native Animal Care-*McDonald's Helping Hands*-The Round Kalgoorlie Inc-*Mara Pirni Healing Place*-Australian Breastfeeding Association, Western Australia Branch-*Golden Community Mile Inc. 2023 Christmas Day event*-Kambalda, Coolgardie, North Kalgoorlie, and South Kalgoorlie Junior Fire Brigades-*Kalgoorlie Amateur Swim Club*-Goldfields Outback 2 Ocean Bike Ride Supporting Police Legacy-*zero2hero Youth Mental Health*-North Soccer Club-*African Goldfields Community*-Goldfields Touch Association State finals-*Goldfields Family Assistance Fund*



Youth Precinct

Kingsbury and Lord Forrest Parks will be unified into a central youth precinct.

This was one of my commitments, and with the Lotterywest Grant, the Government is providing **\$4.3 million** — with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder adding a further \$1.83 million. The Precinct will consist of skate park upgrades, a pump track, playscape, a multi-purpose sports court, parkour and fitness zone, and a youth hub. Work will begin on this project in February 2024 — it'll be exciting to watch this project come to fruition!



New TAFE Workshop

This **\$10 million** Heavy Plant and Engineering Trades Workshop is being built at Central Regional TAFE — Kalgoorlie Campus. It's anticipated the new workshops will open in Semester 1, 2024.

The new workshop will deliver priority training in Mobile Plant Mechanic, Heavy Commercial Vehicle and Auto Electrical apprenticeship training, so locals can skill up for local jobs.

Brand New Full Circle Therapy Centre

The Cook Labor Government has committed **\$2.8 million** for the construction of a purpose-built therapy centre for Full Circle. I look forward to seeing the construction of the new building in 2024.

DELIVERING LOCAL COMMITMENTS



Goldfields Women's Refuge
\$65,000 for new furniture & playground

Hannan's Primary School
\$5,000 for new iPads and \$191,719 for structural integrity, shade structures, playground and operable walls

North Kalgoorlie Primary School
\$183,959 for maintenance

North Kalgoorlie Junior Fire Brigade
\$4,500 for equipment and t-shirts



Railways Football Club
\$60,000 for a lift

Eastern Goldfields Squash Racquet Association
\$1,500 for new equipment

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden
\$3,500 for a chicken coop

Kalgoorlie Bowls Club
\$26,120 for security screens

Salvation Army Youth Shed
\$4,600 for artificial turf and basketball hoop



Eastern Goldfields BMX Club
\$70,000 for track resurfacing

Masonic Homes
\$35,000 for security fences and gates



Golden Mile Art Group
\$15,000 for a new patio area



Gold Rush Cheer
\$5,000 for a competition trampoline

South Kalgoorlie Primary School
\$30,000 for retic and lights for oval and \$332,318 for maintenance, lighting, operable walls and toilet refreshments

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School
\$1,000,000 for STEM laboratory and \$500,000 to upgrade performing arts facilities

Eastern Goldfields Rugby Union
\$1,600 for equipment

Mates4Mates
\$120,000 customised van for services



Goldfields Teeball
\$2,000 for new equipment



Boulder City Football Club
\$4,500 for new commercial oven



Eastern Goldfields Little Athletics
\$19,000 for a new canteen



O'Connor Primary School
\$5,000 towards nature playground
\$118,252 for maintenance and LED lighting

Indian Association
\$7,000 for event equipment

Boulder Primary School
\$185,486 for science classroom upgrade and maintenance

Boulder Bowling Club
\$20,000 for a new shed and accessible toilets

... 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 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

Kambalda Art Centre
\$5,280 for air conditioning

CAPS Kurrawang
\$5,000 for cultural garden

Leonora Bowls Club
\$5,000 for shed

Shire of Leonora
\$100,000 for multi court facility

Norseman Swimming Club
\$1,500 for training equipment

Nullarbor Links
\$20,000 to upgrade greens & tees

Kambalda West District High
\$505,000 for science classroom upgrades

Laverton School
\$1,223,816 for maintenance, covered structures and solar panels

Leonora District High
\$318,695 for maintenance, resurfacing playing surfaces and solar panels

Norseman District High School
\$222,696 for maintenance, solar panels, and toilet upgrades

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!



Update on Housing and Land Releases

Accommodation options are very important to the growth of our region, and I was grateful to see the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder awarded **\$4 million**, through the Cook Labor Government's Infrastructure Development Fund. This will enable an extension of the main sewerage network to service 66.9 hectares of undeveloped land near the airport.

The land includes a 17.2-hectare site on Hart Kerspien Drive, for the development of a proposed 400-dwelling residential lifestyle village featuring one, two, three and four-bedroom homes.

Residential land supply has also received a major boost with the release of 28 new single residential lots and one-grouped housing lot.

These projects demonstrate the significant investment by the Cook Labor Government in housing and land supply. I'm delighted we are delivering these priority initiatives for Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



Monthly Raffles

We have some fabulous local businesses, and every month I give the Goldfields community an opportunity to win a \$100 voucher so that they can keep spending money in our businesses.

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| January: Lush Body & Soul | July: Miners Rest |
| February: Beaten Track Brewery | August: Freerange Supplies |
| March: Eagle Petroleum | September: Salty's Surf & Skate |
| April: Orana Cinemas | October: Kalgoorlie IT |
| May: Boulder Book Boutique | November: Kalgoorlie SportPower |
| June: Goldfields Family Dental | December: Hannans IGA |



Community Cabinet, Kalgoorlie-Boulder

In July, Premier Roger Cook brought his entire Ministry to Kalgoorlie-Boulder for Community Cabinet.

It was an important opportunity for Ministers to experience firsthand some of the projects we are working on, and significantly, talk with over 500 community members and business stakeholders.

Nothing beats that one-on-one interaction and I'm so grateful to have hosted them in the Goldfields.



The PM Comes to Kal!

It was an honour to welcome Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Federal Minister for Resources Madeleine King to Kalgoorlie-Boulder earlier in 2023.

They were very impressed by the Super Pit, discussions about the planned expansions and what it will mean to our resources industry and economy.

We also visited the Kalgoorlie School of the Air where the PM chatted to the kids, parents and teachers and learned out about life on a station.

The Federal Government's planned upgrades to the NBN will have a significant impact on the School of the Air—and 4,800 homes and businesses in Kalgoorlie-Boulder will also benefit.

YOU ARE WELL REPRESENTED

As well as myself, our community is supported by fabulous Members of Parliament representing the Mining and Pastoral region, the **Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC** and **Hon. Peter Foster MLC**.

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

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We all work together to make our community an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

