



# WELCOME TO THE GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE REGION



The Goldfields-Esperance region is a vast and diverse area of Western Australia, from the southern coastal stretches of Esperance and the Nullarbor to the rich desert interiors of the Northern Goldfields and Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

These unique landscapes include many traditional lands of First Nations people including 17 traditional language groups who hold deep cultural connections to the lands, waters, and communities of the region.

The GEDC has two regional offices located in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Shire of Esperance - the region's major population centres. Kalgoorlie-Boulder is an international mining hub and both Kalgoorlie and Esperance are major service hubs for industry, retail, health, and social services within the region.

Outside of Kalgoorlie and Esperance, the communities of the Goldfields-Esperance region are spread across ten local government areas including the Shires of Ravensthorpe, Dundas, Coolgardie, Menzies, Leonora, Laverton, Wiluna and Ngaanyatjaraku.

As one of the most significant mining regions in Australia, the Goldfields-Esperance region is internationally recognised for its expertise in mining mineral resources including gold, nickel, copper, lithium, iron ore, rare earths, and critical minerals.

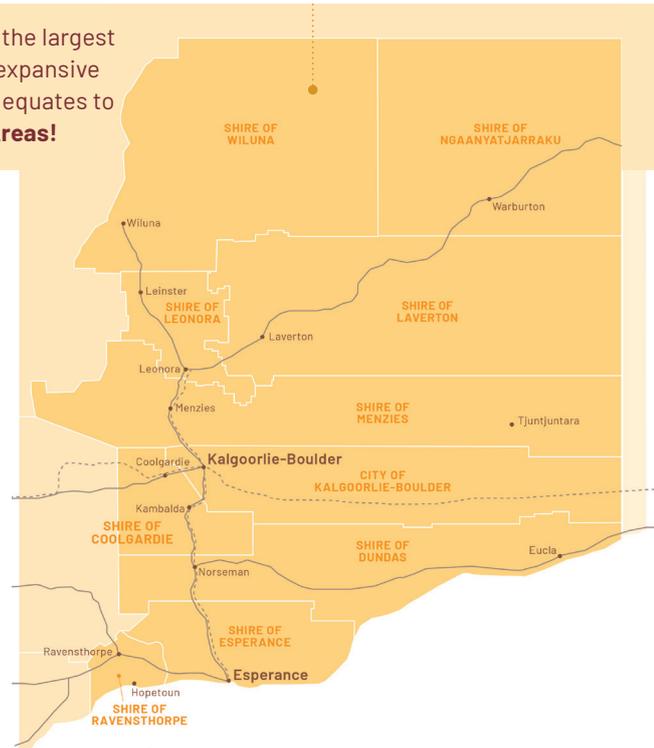
The Goldfields-Esperance region is the largest in Western Australia, covering an expansive land area of over **950,000km<sup>2</sup>**. That equates to over **148 Perth Metropolitan Areas!**

It is home to the Curtin University WA School of Mines - a leading mining research and development and tertiary education facility, with a global student base.

Across the southern parts of the region, agriculture plays a vital role in WA's food production, contributing around 20% of WA's total broadacre cropping output annually. Farm production systems are often mixed with livestock, along with fisheries and forestry activities and opportunities for an emerging aquaculture industry.

Major industries in the region are supported by well-developed manufacturing, construction and transport sectors and strategic infrastructure such as the Port of Esperance - part of Southern Ports - connecting regional industries to global markets.

With a wealth of solar, wind and natural resources and deposits of critical minerals and rare earths required for battery technology, the region is already home to major renewable energy projects and is uniquely positioned to capture emerging renewable industries, supporting the low carbon transition in WA and around the globe.



**KALGOORLIE** >> PERTH - 60 mins  
**ESPERANCE** >> PERTH - 100 mins



**58,134\***  
People call our region home



**19.3%**  
Born overseas



**9.5%**  
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander



**36 years**  
Median age



**\$40.9 billion**  
Economic Output (2023-24)



**4,513**  
Local Businesses



**37,696**  
Jobs in the Region



**3.3%**  
Unemployment Rate

## GEDC A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

The Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission, known as the GEDC, offers rewarding career opportunities for individuals who are passionate about regional communities.

Working with a dedicated and collaborative team with a range of economic and community development experience, you'll contribute to shaping the future of the Goldfields-Esperance region and its communities.

The GEDC works with government, industry, and communities to leverage opportunities that benefit the region. You'll work on diverse and impactful projects and investment opportunities for the region, across a range of portfolios including infrastructure, workforce, industry attraction, climate resilience, local content, Aboriginal empowerment, and economic development grants.

Guided by our strategic priorities, your work may explore emerging opportunities like renewable energy or tourism development and help tackle critical challenges like climate adaptation, housing, and workforce development. You may be part of the corporate team supporting the functions of the agency in the region – this includes supporting the GEDC Board of Management and staff based across offices in Kalgoorlie or Esperance.

The GEDC provides a supportive and collaborative working environment with people of varying skills and experience. GEDC has centrally located offices in Kalgoorlie and Esperance CBDs so you can enjoy coffee on the 'Golden Mile' or a walk to work along the Esperance Bay.

Working collaboratively with stakeholders is a priority for the GEDC. Working with us, you become a leader in the community and part of a team of people committed to fostering economic growth, community development and environmental sustainability for the future of the region and WA.

With a chance to make a real difference in the community, the GEDC is an excellent place to build your career, connect with regional and remote people, experience the best of the spectacular Golden Outback and make a lifestyle change you will never regret.

Read more about the GEDC's work in the region at [gedc.wa.gov.au](http://gedc.wa.gov.au)

## KALGOORLIE AND ESPERANCE GREAT PLACES TO LIVE

Our region is renowned for its exceptional lifestyles and welcoming sense of community. Our close-knit communities are safe and genuinely 'there for each other'. With high levels of community participation and volunteering, get ready to be welcomed with open arms and find yourself enjoying new people, hobbies and the work-life balance you could never have in a metropolitan location.

Built on the gold-rush era, Kalgoorlie, at the heart of the Goldfields, offers contemporary city living and an authentic outback lifestyle with a dynamic social scene, historic buildings, character pubs and incredible landscapes - like the stunning Lake Ballard - to explore.

The region's coastline is world-renowned for its white sand beaches, the islands of the Recherche Archipelago and its unique biodiversity – think leafy sea dragons, whales, and wildflowers. Take advantage of a laid-back coastal lifestyle in Esperance and spend your weekends camping on secluded beaches or hiking through spectacular National Parks.

Combine the tranquillity of regional living with access to city amenities. The region's growing economy makes Kalgoorlie and Esperance attractive destinations for families and professionals seeking a fulfilling lifestyle, rewarding work, and accelerated career opportunities.

Image: Lake Ballard, Shire of Menzies

Discover the secret gems of the Outback at [australiasgoldenoutback.com](http://australiasgoldenoutback.com)

# JOIN THE GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

At the GEDC, our purpose is to facilitate the economic and social development of the Goldfields-Esperance region. The functions and objectives of the GEDC and other regional development commissions are established under the Regional Development Commissions Act, 1993.

We work to make the region an even better place to live, work and invest by partnering with government, industry, and communities to identify investment opportunities and support projects that benefit the region and WA.

We demonstrate leadership in our communities and our values in the interactions we undertake with our stakeholders and co-workers.



Image: Mural, Curtin University, Kalgoorlie

**OUR VISION:** The Goldfields-Esperance region is **economically and culturally diverse** with vibrant communities and a prosperous future.

**OUR PURPOSE:** To facilitate **economic and social development** in the region.

**OUR VALUES:** To promote a positive and collaborative working environment within our team, within government and with our stakeholders through **Excellence, Integrity, Collaboration and Impact.**

## EXCELLENCE

In all that we do, inspiring a culture of innovation, continuous improvement and leadership within the agency. With a responsive approach, and a solid focus on outcomes, we deliver excellence in our portfolio.

## INTEGRITY

Acting with integrity and accountability, making ethical and informed decisions consistent with State Government objectives. This is demonstrated through excellence in our governance and performance of the agency.

## COLLABORATION

We care about the work we do and the people we work with. We engage respectfully with stakeholders, to connect and collaborate, to understand complex and diverse issues and perspectives, and to facilitate initiatives and investment in the region.

## IMPACT

We take a proactive, timely, and adaptable approach to economic development, promoting initiatives that bring about meaningful change within government, industry, and regional communities, making a positive difference for the region and WA.

## WORKING WITH THE GEDC YOU WILL BE PART OF DELIVERING OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



ENHANCING REGIONAL LIVEABILITY



ABORIGINAL EMPOWERMENT



CLIMATE RESILIENCE & LOW CARBON ECONOMY



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSIFICATION



ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE

INTERESTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT **OUR WORK**? TAKE A LOOK AT THE **PROGRAMS WE'RE DELIVERING** ACROSS THE REGION.

VISIT [GEDC.WA.GOV.AU/OUR-PROGRAMS](http://GEDC.WA.GOV.AU/OUR-PROGRAMS)

# INTERESTED IN A **CAREER** WITH THE GEDC?

Candidates are encouraged to monitor and register for current employment opportunities at Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission via the [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au) hub.

Or register your interest directly by speaking with one of our Directors at the relevant office below.



Image: Kalgoorlie Court House



Image: Oversized load on the Highway



Image: Esperance Foreshore



Image: Lake Ballard



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