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\$55.9 MILLION EXTRA TO SUPPORT FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

With the 2025-26 State Budget now confirmed, I am pleased to share that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) has received significant funding to ensure the delivery of frontline services in Western Australia.

As part of a \$55.9 million package over the next four years, DFES will deliver the following new initiatives:

- Build a new Career Fire and Rescue Service Station in Yanchep to service Perth's rapidly growing northern coastal area, as well as employ and train 40 firefighters to meet the State's growing emergency management needs.
- Finalise planning of the new State Emergency Management Training Centre.
- Provide a grant to the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup to replace the Argyle Irishtown Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade facility.
- Provide a grant to the City of Wanneroo for the construction of the Wanneroo Emergency Management Complex to enhance community safety.
- Replace the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services station in Bullsbrook.
- Establish a State Bushfire Mitigation branch, supported by a dedicated Aboriginal Ranger Program and equipped with mitigation machinery and appliances.
- Expand the Community Services Manager program with six positions embedded across regional WA.

In addition to the above, DFES secured permanent funding for aerial suppression to protect grain harvests during the high threat bushfire season.

As part of the Government's commitment to support local communities, DFES will also receive funding for several one-off grants to volunteer brigades, groups and units for small asset replacement.

These initiatives will continue to support career firefighters and emergency services volunteers in their vital work to keep communities safe. I look forward to sharing updates on our progress to implement these important initiatives.

For more information, visit the State Budget pages on the DFES [Staff Intranet](#) or [Volunteer Hub](#) which includes a [Budget infographic](#) for download, or email StateBudget@dfes.wa.gov.au.

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