

## **CHAPTER 5: OUTCOMES OF 1999-2000 BUDGET INITIATIVES**

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This 2000-2001 Western Sydney Budget Statement again reports on the outcomes of the Government's Budget commitments from the previous year. This presents a comprehensive picture of Government funding to Western Sydney and enables the effectiveness of its programs and expenditure to be measured.

1999-2000 INITIATIVE	OUTCOME
<p><b>MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY</b></p> <p>The Government will fund the operations of the <b>Office of Western Sydney</b> to the extent of <b>\$1 million</b> in 1999-2000.</p>	<p>\$1 million was expended on implementing Office of Western Sydney initiatives in 1999-2000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The <b><i>Western Sydney Industry Awards</i></b> target industries which are critical to the growth and economic development of Western Sydney. The Awards Presentation Gala Dinner was held at Stadium Australia on 24 March 2000 before an audience of just under 1,000 people.</li> <li>◆ <b>Corporate Partners for Change</b> trains unemployed people for jobs, traineeships and apprenticeships to young people in Western Sydney. Corporate Partners for Change is funded by the Department of Education and Training. Since October 1998, 145 people have been employed in areas such as information technology, retail, electrical, general engineering, motor vehicle tyre and wheel alignment and the call centre industry.</li> <li>◆ <b>Advancing Information Technology in Western Sydney Industry Conference</b> was held in 1999 at Parramatta. This initiative was developed in partnership with the Australian Information Industry Association, the Australian Computer Society, the Australian Industry Group, the Office of Information Technology and the University of Western Sydney. IT initiatives from the conference are detailed in Chapter 2 of this Statement.</li> <li>◆ The <b>Western Sydney Environment Strategy</b>, developed in 1999, is detailed in Chapter 3 of this Statement under <i>Protecting the Environment</i>.</li> <li>◆ The <b>Western Sydney Arts Strategy</b> was launched in November 1999 and details are set out in Chapter 3 of this Statement under <i>Supporting families and communities</i>.</li> <li>◆ <b>Initiatives for Women in Western Sydney.</b> In partnership with the Departments for Women and State and Regional Development, The Office of Western Sydney provided training for 93 women in small business in Western Sydney through three workshops on <i>Using the Internet as a Business Tool</i>. 86 young women from Western Sydney were mentored by 18 local businesswomen at an <i>Australis Self made Girl</i> workshop on the challenges and benefits of owning and managing their own business.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>SECURING JOBS AND INVESTMENT</b></p> <p><i>Public Infrastructure</i></p> <p>\$65 million has been allocated for the development and maintenance of <b>corrective services facilities</b> in 1999-2000. Development will proceed on a new Periodic Detention Centre at the Parklea Correctional Centre and the construction of a new Transport Unit at Silverwater. Projects commencing in 1999-2000 include a Correctional Centre for Women at Windsor and the Parklea Remand Centre.</p>	<p>Expenditure in 1999-2000 was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Parklea Periodic Detention Centre, \$2.19 million. The Centre, to be completed in June 2000, accommodates 80 detainees in an alternative program to full-time imprisonment.</li> <li>◆ Windsor Correctional Centre for Women, \$2.5 million. The Centre will be part of a program pathway for women which will complement the existing centres at Mulawa and Emu Plains. It will accommodate 200 inmates and is due for completion in mid 2002.</li> <li>◆ Parklea Correctional Centre, \$7 million. The Centre is being expanded to accommodate an additional 200 inmates. The Centre will be a Young Offenders Remand facility and will be an annex to the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre at Silverwater when completed in early 2002.</li> <li>◆ John Moroney Correctional Centre, Windsor, \$1.82 million. The Centre accommodates 300 inmates and was completed in late 1999.</li> <li>◆ Emu Plains facility for female inmates, \$2.59 million. A 70 bed unit was completed in July 1999 and a new 50 bed unit is due for completion by September 2000.</li> <li>◆ Silverwater Transport Unit, \$2 million. The project completion date is April 2001.</li> </ul>
<p>Over \$24 million is proposed to be spent for major <b>new school education facilities</b>, including new schools at Currans Hill, Wattle Grove, Hoxton Park, Harrington Park and Kellyville and replacement schools at Camden and Quakers Hill. In addition, an estimated \$28 million will be expended on school building maintenance.</p>	<p>Over \$24 million was spent in 1999-2000 on the construction of major new school education facilities at Currans Hill, Wattle Grove and Kellyville. Replacement schools have been built at Camden and Quakers Hill. Planning is well advanced for new schools at Hoxton Park and Harrington Park, with construction to commence towards the end of 2000. \$28 million was spent on school building maintenance.</p>
<p>A total of \$20.3 million is proposed to be spent on the development and refurbishment of <b>TAFE facilities</b> at Bankstown, Baulkham Hills, Campbelltown, Granville, Kingswood, Mount Druitt, Richmond, Quakers Hill and Wetherill Park.</p>	<p>\$20.8 million has been spent on the development and refurbishment of TAFE facilities at these locations.</p>

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<p>During 1999-2000, seven new <b>Fire Brigade Stations</b> will be constructed at Bonnyrigg Heights, Horsley Park, Horningsea Park, Regentville, Cranebrook, Huntingwood and Schofields at a cost of \$9.05 million.</p> <p>In addition, land will be purchased in 1999-2000 for the future relocation of fire stations from Northmead to Baulkham Hills (\$225,000), from Castle Hill to Glenhaven (\$225,000) and from Fairfield to Yennora (\$225,000).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Bonnyrigg Heights: Construction will be complete in August 2000.</li> <li>◆ Horsley Park: Negotiations with Council are underway to identify an appropriate site.</li> <li>◆ Regentville and Horningsea Park: Construction was completed in March 2000.</li> <li>◆ Cranebrook, Schofields, Glenhaven, Venora and Baulkham Hills: Potential sites are being investigated.</li> <li>◆ Huntingwood: Construction was completed in April 2000.</li> </ul> <p>The seven new and three relocated Fire Stations will result in a more equitable distribution of firefighting and emergency resources across Western Sydney. The outcomes for residents include an increased capability of the New South Wales Fire Brigades to: save life and property and reduce the number of injuries; minimise property damage; and promote fire safety and prevention.</p>
<p>Over \$98.6 million is allocated for <b>health related capital works</b> in Western Sydney including facilities at Camden, Campbelltown, Blacktown, the Blue Mountains, Mt Druitt, Penrith and Westmead.</p>	<p>Planned completion dates for hospital developments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Camden - September 2001;</li> <li>◆ Campbelltown - November 2003;</li> <li>◆ Blacktown - May 2000;</li> <li>◆ Blue Mountains - April 2000; and</li> <li>◆ Penrith (stage 2) - November 2001.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, Mt Druitt Hospital ward refurbishment is to take place and new community care and palliative care centres have been completed. The new Women's and Children's Health Building at Penrith became operational in February 2000 and initial planning for the new Westmead Procedural Centre has commenced with construction due to start in 2001.</p>

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<p>In 1999-2000, <b>\$23.9 million</b> has been allocated both to the Department of Housing and the Office of Community Housing for the <b>construction or purchase of housing</b> in Western Sydney for people on low incomes.</p> <p>In addition, the Department will receive <b>\$53.57 million</b> for <b>capital improvements</b> to existing housing stock in the region.</p>	<p>In 1999-2000, 555 new capital properties were commenced in Western Sydney and a further 297 properties were leased to provide additional government subsidised housing to eligible, low income households. Utilising newly completed dwellings, newly leased dwellings and properties vacated within existing stock, more than 3,700 households were allocated public and community housing. In addition, more than 8,300 households were assisted with some of the costs of private rental. This included private rental subsidies for more than 200 people with special needs, (people living with a disability or HIV/AIDS). During 1999-2000 more than 6,900 public and community housing properties were improved.</p>
<p>Landcom will contribute <b>\$23 million</b> to the implementation of water, sewer and trunk drainage <b>infrastructure for the Rouse Hill residential land development</b> in 1999-2000. In addition, Landcom is <b>developing greenfield estates</b> throughout the region with a total value of <b>\$21 million</b>.</p>	<p>Landcom has given a commitment for \$23 million over a five year period to the implementation of infrastructure for the Rouse Hill residential land development. In 1999-2000, approximately \$1.1 million was expended.</p>
<p>In 1999-2000, <b>\$3.1 million</b> is allocated for the new \$4 million Auburn and \$4.3 million Narellan Police Stations, both due for completion in June 2000.</p>	<p>The Auburn facility is due for completion in July 2000. Plans for a new police station at Narellan have been delayed with the Council.</p>
<p>The Department of Public Works and Services is co-ordinating the Parramatta Government Property Strategy and the redevelopment opportunities to be realised from the disposal of government-owned sites in 1999-2000. These include the potential redevelopment by the private sector of the Marsden Rehabilitation Centre and Parramatta Hospital sites.</p>	<p>The Strategy is a whole-of-government asset and accommodation initiative to bring about the management, redevelopment and disposal of significant NSW Government land holdings in Parramatta. The Strategy is moving towards implementation and procurement in 2000-2001 for the three key sites, namely Parramatta Hospital, Marsden Rehabilitation Centre and North Parramatta Mixed Use precinct.</p>
<p>Funding of more than <b>\$160 million</b> will be provided in 1999-2000 under the <b>Western Sydney Roads Improvement Program</b>.</p>	<p>The Roads and Traffic Authority will be spending in excess of \$160 million on works under the Western Sydney Roads Program (see details under <i>Better Government Services</i> of this Outcomes report).</p>
<p><b>\$26 Million</b> will be allocated in 1999-2000 for the Parramatta to Chatswood Rail Link.</p>	<p>The allocation of \$26 million was expended in 1999-2000. Consultations on the EIS are complete, detailed design of railway stations has commenced, and construction of the link is expected to commence in 2000-2001.</p>

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<p>The <b>Sydney Catchment Authority</b> will be continuing the major upgrade of the <b>Warragamba Dam</b> at an estimated total project cost of \$150 million. The \$90 million spillway contract is due for completion by December 2001, with expenditure in 1999-2000 to be in the order of <b>\$36 million</b>.</p>	<p>Expenditure for 1999-2000 is forecast to be \$36 million. The Warragamba Dam upgrade is on schedule and involves construction of an auxiliary spillway to divert floodwaters around the dam that will allow it to comply with international dam safety standards. Spillway benefits include preventing a dam break in extreme floods and protection of the water supply to the residents of Sydney, including Western Sydney. It is anticipated that the upgrade will create employment opportunities for up to 175 construction workers. A visitors viewing platform was completed in April 2000.</p>
<p>The <b>Sydney Water</b> Corporation will be undertaking a number of projects in the region in 1999-2000. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the continued construction of stage 1 of the Blue Mountains Backlog Sewerage Program with an allocation of <b>\$6 million</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>This \$80 million project is being completed in two stages that will result in approximately 3,270 lots provided with modern sewerage services. Work on Stage 1 of the scheme (servicing 1,600 unsewered lots between Hazelbrook and North Katoomba) will be completed by June 2001. The construction of the sewerage works through very difficult terrain, takes into account the protection of the sensitive environment, including a range of endangered fauna and flora species.</p> <p>The Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 2 of the Blue Mountains Scheme was placed on public exhibition in 1998. Subject to approval of the EIS, it is expected that servicing of unsewered lots in the three townships of Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Medlow Bath will be completed by 2006.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the continuation of work on significant <b>upgrades to Sewage Treatment Plants</b> in the Hawkesbury-Nepean system. Expenditure will be <b>\$17.3 million</b>;</li> <li>◆ construction of a new sewage pumping station, rising main and sub-main to service the existing and growth areas of Hoxton Park, at a cost of <b>\$7 million</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>WaterPlan 21 is Sydney Water's twenty year vision for sustainable waste water management across the entire Sydney Region. The plan emphasises clear priorities and water quality goals, including the timeframe for delivery of the program. The plan will be beneficial for Western Sydney and will have a significant effect in the following ways:</p> <p><i>Protecting the Rivers:</i> More than \$400 million will be spent upgrading the 18 sewage treatment plants (STPs) that discharge to the Hawkesbury-Nepean River System.</p> <p>These works will service approximately 150,000 people, transferring sewage flows to Liverpool Sewage Treatment Plant. The target completion date is 2003.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ construction of major remedial works at the Potts Hill Reservoirs site with <b>\$12.7 million</b> allocated for this work;</li>   <li>◆ Sewering of the Oaks, Oakdale and Bellambi Park villages at a cost of <b>\$3 million</b>; and</li>   <li>◆ Construction of the \$59 million Picton Regional Sewerage Scheme with over <b>\$23.1 million</b> allocated in 1999-2000.</li> </ul>	<p>This reservoir complex acts as a key distribution point for high quality potable water delivered from the Prospect Water Filtration Plant. Sydney Water recognises that the open reservoirs at Potts Hill were a potential source of contamination. Accordingly, it was decided to decommission Reservoir No. 1 and to upgrade and cover Reservoir No. 2. The final cost of the project will be approximately \$25 million.</p> <p>This \$26.5 million scheme will serve approximately 1,000 existing dwellings in these three villages which lie in the catchment of Werriberri Creek. This Creek flows into Lake Burragorang, the major source of Sydney's drinking water supply. Target date for completion of the scheme is late 2002. Using latest technologies, the plant has zero discharge during dry weather because it reuses water, resulting in a cleaner Upper Nepean River.</p> <p>This project provides reticulated sewerage services to 7,000 residents in the townships of Picton, Thirlmere and Tahmoor. Construction work for the scheme is complete.</p>
<p><b><i>State and Regional Development</i></b></p> <p>The <b>Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board</b> will be funded by the Department of State and Regional Development to the extent of approximately <b>\$300,000</b> in 1999-2000. Significant projects will be the implementation of initiatives of the Greater Western Sydney Industry Strategy Development, the Onshore Import Replacement Program, Call Centre promotions, establishment of E-commerce and marketing of the Greater Western Sydney region and the Greater Western Sydney Trade and Investment Centre.</p> <p>In 1999-2000, it is expected that <b>\$0.5 million</b> will be paid to businesses in Western Sydney in industry support payments under the <b>Industries Assistance Fund</b>.</p>	<p>A significant Board project in 1999-2000 has been the Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Marketing Program which included the establishment of the GWS Marketing Council, publication of GWS Investment Profile, production of a CD Rom on GWS, creation of an Online newsletter 'Media Net' and compilation of a GWS Statistical Guide.</p> <p>Other projects in the reporting year have been: the ongoing implementation of the GWS Industry Strategy, Import Replacement Analysis, Ongoing GWS Call Centre Promotions, Maintenance of GWS Internet Site, Quarterly Greater Western Sydney Economic Bulletin and Sponsorships for Western Sydney Industry Awards and Australian Design Awards.</p> <p>Industry support payments were provided to companies located in Western Sydney in 1999-2000 under the Industry Assistance Fund.</p>

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<p><b>Tourism</b></p> <p>Tourism job initiatives will include the \$13 million <b>facelift for Katoomba and Echo Point</b>, of which the Government will provide <b>\$11 million</b>.</p>	<p>Work on up-grading the historic Blue Mountains' town of Katoomba and the Echo Point lookout is proceeding with the Government committed to spending over \$11 million up to 2002-2003. Over \$200,000 has been spent on the project in 1999-2000. The redevelopment will further enhance Katoomba's tourism opportunities, creating potentially hundreds of new jobs. Up to 1.4 million tourists a year visit Echo Point, making it the most visited tourist site in the State. The Project Manager is employed by Blue Mountains City Council and his salary is paid from NSW Government funds for the project.</p>
<p>In 1999-2000, <b>\$330,000</b> will be available for tourism development in Western Sydney. Under the Government's Sydney Tourism Strategy the <b>Sydney Tourism Development Experience Program</b> will fund projects to assist local groups to promote their areas.</p>	<p>Funds were expended on: marketing development, tourism photography and media fact sheets to promote local tourism experiences through the Sydney Tourism Experience Development Program; tourism information database management at visitor information centres; dedicated staff resources to provide advice and assistance to local tourism industry; and domestic consumer marketing campaigns.</p>
<p><b>Skills Development and Resources</b></p> <p>Funding levels in 1999-2000 for the <b>Western and South Western Sydney TAFE Institutes</b> and the Bankstown, Padstow and Lidcombe colleges within the <b>Southern Sydney TAFE Institute</b> will support Institute profiles which reflect industry trends and customer needs.</p>	<p>Funding levels for 1999-2000 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$98.6 million for the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE;</li> <li>◆ \$104 million for the South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE; and</li> <li>◆ \$109.6 million for the Southern Sydney Institute of TAFE.</li> </ul>
<p>An estimated <b>\$4 million</b> will be available to support <b>Industry Training Programs</b> in Western Sydney during 1999-2000 through the Department of Education and Training <b>Industry Training Services Centres</b> located at Bankstown, Liverpool and Parramatta.</p>	<p>The Olympic 2000 Industry Training Strategy outlines projected increases in skill workforce levels across key areas of Olympic Workforce needs – Tourism, Hospitality, Security, Transport, Arts and Broadcasting, Disability Awareness, Building and Construction and Property Services. Over \$12 million is committed in Contracted Training Provision purchasing to September 2000.</p>

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<p><b>Information Technology</b></p> <p>The NSW Government's Homepage <b>Service NSW</b> (<a href="http://www.nsw.gov.au">http://www.nsw.gov.au</a>) provides useful and efficient access to government information and services and encourages the creation of employment and business opportunities.</p>	<p>This Government website provides community access to government information resources and services 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. More than 2,500 links (including NSW government websites) are linked to the homepage.</p> <p>In 1999-2000 the Department of Information Technology and Management's Office of Information Technology has continued to enhance the website by including online services as they become available.</p>
<p><b>Connect NSW</b> is a whole-of-government strategy for the use of information technology to streamline internal government practices, reduce costs and improve service delivery for the NSW community. In 1999-2000, funding to the extent of <b>\$8.5 million</b> has been allocated for this service.</p> <p>The <b>Government Radio Network</b> provides improved radio services to support the delivery of emergency and administrative services to communities, including Western Sydney. <b>\$0.925 million</b> will be provided in 1999-2000 for upgrading the network.</p>	<p>Funding of \$8.5 million in 1999-2000 was used to co-ordinate whole-of-government projects and fund selected agency projects that deliver enhanced services to the community and business. Key projects included:</p> <p>Connect funding program – a \$5 million program established to assist agencies in meeting the Government's commitment for delivering all appropriate services online by 31 December 2001;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Online projects such as a graffiti solutions State-wide hotline to report graffiti vandalism; online applications and payments for NSW Fisheries' licences and permits; Environment Protection Authority licenses; mining exploration licences; National Park annual passes; and car owners can now design their own number plates and pay for them through the RTA Website.</li> <li>◆ Government Network Service (GNS) – contracts have been established with a range of private suppliers to deliver a high quality, whole-of-government data communications network service. Pilot projects include a high-speed link between Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals.</li> </ul> <p>\$3.5 million was provided State-wide in 1999-2000 to continue to upgrade capacity and coverage, improve network resilience and digitisation of the Radio Network.</p>

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<p><b>Agriculture</b></p> <p>NSW Agriculture has four establishments in, or directly servicing Western Sydney targeting the industries of stone fruit, nursery, vegetable, dairy, turf, mushroom, horse, poultry and beef cattle. The total budget for these centres is around <b>\$22 million</b> per annum.</p>	<p>These establishments had a total budget of some \$28 million in 1999-2000. They have a direct effect on Western Sydney by providing employment, supporting primary producers and promoting a sustainable role for agriculture.</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p><b>Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Continuation of the <b>Macarthur Sector Strategy - \$13.6 million</b> (\$85.6 million total project cost);</li> <li>◆ Complete the redevelopment of the Blacktown and Mt Druitt Hospitals at a cost of \$96 million (<b>\$30.5 million</b> in 1999-2000).</li> <li>◆ Complete the stage two development of Nepean Hospital and open the new \$40 million Women's and Children's Health Building (<b>\$12 million</b> in 1999-2000).</li> <li>◆ A new \$5 million Procedural Centre to be established at Westmead Hospital to provide greater access to day only surgery (<b>\$1 million</b> in 1999-2000).</li> <li>◆ Establishment of new premises for <b>Wilma Women's Centre</b> in Campbelltown (<b>\$760,000</b>);</li> <li>◆ <b>Neonatal Emergency Transport</b> planning is continuing with expenditure in 1999-2000 of <b>\$1 million</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The revised project cost for the Strategy is \$100.5 million. The Camden Hospital Development tender was accepted in January 2000 with an expected completion date of September 2001. Historic building works are expected to be completed in March 2002. The Campbelltown Hospital development commenced in September 1998 and is due for completion in November 2003. \$14.1 million is budgeted to be spent on the Strategy in 1999-2000.</p> <p>The new Blacktown Hospital, incorporating 374 beds, is complete. Some ward refurbishment is also taking place at Mt Druitt Hospital. Also on the Mt Druitt Hospital site, a community care centre and palliative care unit have been completed. \$33.8 million will be spent in 1999-2000.</p> <p>The new Women's and Children's Health Building, completed in November 1999, became operational in February 2000. The total Stage 2 development of the Nepean Hospital is due for completion by November 2001. \$15.1 million will be spent in 1999-2000.</p> <p>Initial planning for this Centre, which will provide a one-stop service for surgery patients, has commenced. Construction is due to start in 2001.</p> <p>Construction of this facility commenced in December 1999 and is expected to be completed by June 2000.</p> <p>Tenders were called in March 2000 for design of facilities to provide accommodation for neonatal emergency transport and Childflight with a helipad at Westmead Hospital. The project is expected to be completed in 2001.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The <b>Blue Mountains Hospital</b> upgrade (\$1.2 million);</li> </ul>	<p>Construction of a new Emergency Department and upgrading of the Operating Theatre complex was completed in April 2000.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>NSW Breast Cancer Institute</b> at Westmead (\$2.4 million);</li> </ul>	<p>The project will provide accommodation for the administrative and research components of the Breast Cancer Institute. Planning work is being finalised and construction is anticipated to commence in January 2001 and works completed by October 2001.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Westmead Institutes of Health</b>, (\$6.2 million);</li> </ul>	<p>Construction of a new research institute to provide accommodation and laboratory space for virus research, the Storr Liver Unit Institute of Cancer Research Administration and the Westmead Hospital Research Foundation, was completed in April 2000.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Bodington Hospital Nursing Home</b> Wentworth Falls, (\$4 million); and</li> </ul>	<p>This development will provide an 80 bed aged care facility with 40 community care packages for frail aged and those with mild dementia. Construction is expected to be completed by August 2000.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Y2K Millennium Bug Rectification</b> (\$12.3 million);</li> </ul>	<p>A major use of these funds was the comprehensive testing and active integrity monitoring of IT application systems and interfaces and associated data both before and after the New Year and Leap Year transactions. This was to ensure that there would be no adverse impact on services and that no undetected errors had been introduced. To 30 April 2000, \$17.27 million was expended on the Y2K program, including funds for rectification works.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$2.8 Million for Mental Health Services</b></li> </ul>	<p>This additional mental health funding enabled the development of partnerships, prevention, promotion, early intervention and other State-wide programs funded in partnership with the Commonwealth. This is the first year of a five-year funding program.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$850,000 for Aboriginal Health Services</b></li> </ul>	<p>Funds of over \$880,000 were committed to Western Sydney for various programs including: the employment of Aboriginal Education Officers and Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officers; and grants to non Government organisations including \$357,000 to the Daruk Aboriginal Medical Service which, in partnership with the Wentworth Area Health Service, provides obstetrics and psychology services to the local Aboriginal community.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$260,000 for Child and Youth Health Services</b></li> </ul>	<p>Funding has been provided to 13 Centres throughout Western Sydney for more services and flexibility of care, including improved after hours and outreach services and services appropriate to fathers. This funding is consistent with the Government's Families First initiative.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$130,000</b> for the <b>NSW Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Youth</b></li> </ul>	<p>This centre, located at the New Children's Hospital Westmead, has been funded to improve the health of young people in NSW through best practice, education and training, community research, networks and partnerships.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ an estimated <b>\$140 million</b> for the <b>Rehabilitation and Extended Care Program</b></li> </ul>	<p>In 1999-2000, the revised expenditure projected for this program is \$160 million. This funding is being applied to improve or maintain the well being and independent functioning of people with disabilities or chronic conditions, the frail aged and the terminally ill.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$260,000</b> for <b>Suicide Prevention Programs</b></li> </ul>	<p>\$260,000 was allocated for this program in 1999-2000, the first year of a five year funding program. The program focuses on all age groups, especially young people. Its emphasis is on raising awareness, prevention and early intervention.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$7 million</b> for <b>Drug and Alcohol Programs</b></li> </ul>	<p>Funding of around \$7 million has been allocated in Western Sydney to provide a range of drug and alcohol services including: Methadone programs; Inpatient and Day Only Detoxification Units; Drug Intervention Services; Adolescent Residential Detox Unit; and drug and alcohol health promotion and counselling services.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$450,000</b> capital funding towards a new <b>drug treatment unit</b> to be operated by the Ted Noffs Foundation</li> </ul>	<p>The Western Sydney Area Health Service has provided funding and temporary accommodation for the unit on the Cumberland Hospital site. The Ted Noffs Foundation has been awarded the tender and is yet to identify a permanent location for the unit.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Health Improvement Zones</b> at Auburn and Campbelltown/Claymore (to be funded from a State allocation of up to \$2 million)</li> </ul>	<p>In the two year period ending 30 June 2000, \$0.6 million has been provided in Western Sydney to pilot innovative service models in community health. These innovative models of service delivery serve to increase access to community health services for those groups experiencing poorer health status.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ An additional <b>\$500,000</b> for <b>intensive care services</b> at Westmead Hospital</li> </ul>	<p>Increased use of day surgery, improved discharge planning and post acute care, in conjunction with the ageing of the population and increasing incidence of morbidity, has led to an increase in patient acuity. This funding was allocated to meet increasing demand for critical care services at Westmead Hospital to enhance local service delivery and relieve pressure on specialist retrieval services.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$1.6 million</b> on the expansion of <b>speciality services</b> at Liverpool Hospital</li> </ul>	<p>A range of speciality services, including cardiology, rheumatology, gastroenterology, critical care and diabetic care at Liverpool Hospital, continues to expand to meet the needs of the local and referral population. Patients are able to receive enhanced care, treatment and follow-up care locally, from a multi-disciplinary team.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$900,000</b> on the continuation of <b>expanded services, including intensive care and drug and alcohol services</b> at Nepean Hospital</li> </ul>	<p>Continuation of these services is assisting in local access to services for residents in this area. Drug and alcohol services have been identified as a service need in the Nepean area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>new ambulance vehicles</b> as part of the \$18.3 million upgrade of the State's Ambulance Service fleet</li> </ul> <p>The Police Service conducts a <b>Community Drug Education Program</b> in Western Sydney involving 37 drug education officers and 2 Ethnic Community officers.</p>	<p>Forty new ambulance vehicles will be in service by the end of June 2000. After their use for the Olympic Games, the vehicles will replace the ageing Ford F Series ambulances and will be available for general duties throughout Western Sydney.</p> <p>63 Police Officers and 3 Ethnic Community Liaison Officers in Western Sydney have undertaken the program to provide drug education to community groups including schools. 6 Western Sydney officers attended the Police Service's Management of Alcohol Related Crime training program. The aim of the program is to reduce alcohol related crime and minimise harm by promoting integrated, intelligence driven policing. Harm Minimisation Training has been undertaken with all police officers located at Fairfield and Cabramatta Local Area Commands. Planning is underway with the Western Sydney Area Health Service to develop training related to needle, syringe and methadone programs for St Marys and Penrith Local Area Commands.</p>
<p><b><i>Education and Training</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ approximately <b>\$1.28 billion</b> in operating costs for <b>primary and secondary schools</b>;</li> <li>◆ over <b>\$24 million</b> on major <b>new school education facilities</b>;</li> <li>◆ approximately <b>\$200 million operating costs for TAFE Institutes</b>; and</li> </ul> <p>The Department will continue to implement its <b>Computers in Schools</b> Policy to bring the total value of computers provided to schools in Western Sydney to \$37.8 million. A <b>computer technology grant of \$2.2 million</b> and a <b>technology grant of \$2.1 million</b> will continue to be provided to Western Sydney schools.</p>	<p>In 1999-2000, the Department of Education and Training spent approximately \$1.28 billion in operating costs for over 220,000 students in Western Sydney's primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>Over \$24 million has been spent in 1999-2000 including new schools at Currans Hill, Wattle Grove and Kellyville and replacement schools at Camden and Quakers Hill.</p> <p>In 1999-2000, \$202.6 million was spent on operating costs for TAFE Institutes in Western Sydney.</p> <p>The total value of computers provided to schools in Western Sydney for the implementation of the Computers in Schools program initiative is \$38.7 million. Computers that have reached the end of their three year lease period will be replaced from 2000. A Computer Coordinators grant of \$5.3 million and a technology grant of \$5 million has also been provided to schools in Western Sydney.</p>

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<p>An additional <b>\$900,000</b> will be allocated to the <b>Technology in Learning and Teaching Program</b> to provide training to teachers working in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>In 1999-2000, \$930,000 was allocated to Western Sydney for the Technology in Learning and Teaching (TILT) program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ TILT was implemented in 9 Western Sydney districts in semester 2, 1999;</li> <li>◆ 975 teachers were trained as part of the Program;</li> <li>◆ TILT components 7 and 8 were piloted in 3 Western Sydney districts leading to a TAFE level 2 Certificate in Information Technology;</li> <li>◆ TILT Plus programs piloted in 12 Western Sydney districts included Leaders in School Technology, a technology program for principals;</li> <li>◆ TILT Hub groups or teacher support network groups are operating in 4 Western Sydney districts; and</li> <li>◆ Technology training has been provided for one third of teachers aide and one third of Aboriginal Education Assistants.</li> </ul>
<p>Over <b>\$17 million</b> will be made available for the <b>Back-to-School Allowance</b> payments to families in Western Sydney.</p> <p><b>\$20 million</b> will be provided for literacy programs in schools throughout Western Sydney for 1999 as part of the <b>Literacy Support Program</b>, of which a significant component is the Reading Recovery Program.</p>	<p>Over \$17 million in Back to School Allowances was distributed to families in Western Sydney in 1999-2000 to help them in meeting the costs of schooling their children.</p> <p>\$20 million was provided for the Literacy Support Program in schools throughout Western Sydney in 1999–2000. The literacy needs of students in the region are identified through the Basic Skills Test in Years 3 and 5 and the English Language and Literacy Assessment (ELLA) test in Years 7 and 8. By using these assessment programs, resources are targeted to students in Western Sydney who most need support for literacy learning.</p> <p>Initiatives and resources in 1999–2000 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Early Literacy Initiative continues to operate in 119 schools in Western Sydney. The program targets students of low socio-economic status in the crucial early years (Kindergarten to Year 3) to improve their literacy outcomes;</li> <li>◆ The ELLA test has been used to identify students in Years 7 and 8 who require additional assistance with their literacy learning. The intervention and support program <i>Literacy Plus</i> is being used to support these students in 44 schools in Western Sydney;</li> </ul>

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<p><b>\$15.5 million</b> for the new <b>Mt Druitt multi-campus college</b> to provide excellent school education, TAFE and university opportunities</p> <p><b>\$8.2 million</b> will be provided to 155 schools in Western Sydney in 1999/2000 within the <b>Disadvantaged Schools Program</b>. An additional 173 teachers will also be appointed to these schools.</p> <p>The <b>Student Assistance Scheme</b> provides financial support to those students whose families are in greatest need. It is expected that over <b>\$1.4 million</b> will be distributed under the scheme to Western Sydney schools in 1999-2000.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All primary schools received support to assist teachers to implement <i>Focus on literacy: spelling</i>, the Department of Education and Training's policy paper on the teaching of spelling. The materials included <i>Teaching spelling K-6</i>, <i>Working with Teaching spelling K-6</i> (training and development activities for teachers) and <i>Helping your child with spelling from Kindergarten to Year 6</i>;</li> <li>◆ All districts in Western Sydney had the support of a literacy consultant to work with schools to meet the literacy needs of students; and</li> <li>◆ \$5.6 million has been allocated for the Reading Recovery Program in schools in Western Sydney.</li> </ul> <p>Stage 1 of the Mt Druitt multi-campus college was approved in the 1999-2000 Major Capital Works Program (estimated cost \$7.3m). Planning work is in an advanced stage.</p> <p>In 1999-2000, \$7.6 million was provided to 143 schools in Western Sydney within the Disadvantaged Schools Program (DSP). An additional 159 teachers were appointed to these schools to support 71,549 students. All DSP schools in Western Sydney have reported improvements in literacy outcomes or, in the case of some of the nine schools for specific purposes (SSPs), improvements in communication outcomes.</p> <p>Of the 95 primary schools, including one infants school, 86 per cent have in place comprehensive whole-school co-ordinated student literacy assessment programs and procedures. Improvements in Basic Skills Tests results, particularly between matched students from Year 3 to year 5, were reported by 60 per cent of the schools.</p> <p>Of the 39 high schools, including one senior high school, 60 per cent are teaching and assessing literacy across faculties and Key Learning Areas. Improvements in English Language and Literacy Assessment scores between Year 7 and Year 8 were reported by 82 per cent of the schools, while 31 per cent of schools reported improvements in School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results.</p> <p>Over \$1.5 million was distributed to schools in Western Sydney to support students.</p>
<p><b>\$1 million</b> for <b>Youth Assistance Strategies</b> for programs designed to assist disadvantaged</p>	<p>Over \$1 million will be expended for Youth Assistance Strategies by the end of the 1999-2000 when it is expected</p>

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<p>young people to improve their self esteem and their literacy and numeracy skills, include <b>Helping Early Leaver, Circuit Breaker and Time Out.</b></p> <p>An additional <b>\$130,000</b> will be allocated for the <b>TAFE Youth at Risk Program</b> in the region.</p> <p>An estimated <b>\$240,000</b> will be provided to schools in Western Sydney to enable year 9 to 12 students to develop individual school to work plans.</p>	<p>that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 160 young people in Western Sydney will have participated in the Circuit Breaker program and all participants will return to further education and training;</li> <li>◆ 900 young people in Western Sydney will have participated in the Helping Early Leavers program and more than 700 of these will enter or return to further education and training; and</li> <li>◆ 120 young people in Western Sydney in Years 7 and 8 will have participated in the Time Out Program and more than 100 of these will re-establish regular school attendance.</li> </ul> <p>A total of \$102,000 was allocated for Western Sydney as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$41,000 to Western Sydney Institute of TAFE for the provision of Certificate in General Education at Nepean Inter-Youth Services for Homeless Youth and for the expansion of vocational modules in TAFE/School Programs at Blue Mountains, Baulkham Hills, Blacktown and Richmond;</li> <li>◆ \$47,000 to South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE for programs including <i>The Mac Thing</i>, a joint schools/TAFE initiative run through Outreach in collaboration with relevant community agencies and the local James Meehan High School; and</li> <li>◆ \$14,000 to the Open Training and Education Network to support young people in Western Sydney.</li> </ul> <p>It is estimated that expenditure on implementation of the school to work plans in Western Sydney will be \$100,000 in 1999-2000 and \$140,000 in 2000-2001.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 12 schools in Western Sydney piloted school to work planning in 1999 and reported positive student outcomes such as better job seeking skills, improved knowledge of workplace and employer expectations, greater awareness of post school options and local employment opportunities;</li> <li>◆ 170 students in Years 9 and 10, at risk of leaving school early, were assisted to develop school to work plans; and</li> </ul>

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<p>The Government will continue <b>air cooling demountable classrooms</b> under the State-wide air cooling program with expenditure of \$10 million in 1999-2000. A proportion of this will be allocated to schools in Western Sydney.</p> <p><b>\$340,000</b> will be spent in Western Sydney on the <b>TAFE NSW Scholarship Scheme</b> to encourage and support further study to all young people who have successfully completed vocational education and training courses as part of their HSC over years 11 and 12.</p> <p>In 1999-2000, funding of <b>\$1 million</b> will be available to students in government secondary schools in NSW to undertake <b>study of languages overseas</b>.</p> <p>It is expected that approximately <b>\$2.3 million</b> of the Joint Secondary Schools TAFE Program will be distributed to schools in Western Sydney by <b>Local Vocational Education and Training in Schools Committees</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ teacher support materials and training and development were provided to support careers advisers and teachers to assist students to develop school to work plans.</li> </ul> <p>The air cooling of demountable classrooms has continued State-wide and funding for this program was directed to schools in Western Sydney.</p> <p>The introduction of the TAFE NSW Scholarship Scheme has been deferred. The first scholarships will be offered to students completing their HSC in 2000 and commencing study in 2001.</p> <p>\$250,000 was allocated to 229 students from 13 schools in Western Sydney to undertake intensive language study overseas.</p> <p>In 1999–2000, \$2.7 million was expended on TAFE-delivered vocational HSC courses, previously Joint Secondary Schools TAFE courses.</p>
<p><b>Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ It is anticipated that in 1999-2000, under the <b>Women's Grants Program</b>, a significant proportion of the funding of some \$1 million will again be allocated to key projects for women in Western Sydney.</li> </ul>	<p>The 1999-2000 Women's Grants Program allocated \$187,500 to 6 Western Sydney projects out of a total of 24 projects funded. The projects included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils for research into childcare services and the labour force participation of women in Western Sydney;</li> <li>◆ The Violence in the Home Committee at the University of Western Sydney, Macarthur;</li> <li>◆ Fairfield Community Resource Centre to create a safe physical public space for women as part of the Wetherill Park landscape design improvement program;</li> </ul>

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<p>Women's Health Services include: continuation of the <b>Breast Screening and Assessment Service - \$3.5 million;</b></p> <p><b>\$0.5 million</b> for the <b>Cervical Screening Program;</b></p> <p><b>\$1.2 million per annum</b> for the <b>Gynaecology and Oncology Services</b> at Westmead;</p> <p><b>\$0.7 million</b> for <b>counselling services</b> at Liverpool Women's Health Centre and Wilma Women's Health Centre;</p> <p><b>\$2.4 million</b> towards the establishment of the <b>NSW Breast Cancer Institute</b> at Westmead; and</p> <p><b>\$0.3 million</b> for <b>Alternative Birthing</b> and other programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Domestic Violence Advocacy Service in Harris Park to translate an Apprehended Violence Orders booklet into Vietnamese and Arabic;</li> <li>◆ The Immigrant Women's Speakout Association of NSW to develop a training package in gender and cross-cultural issues; and</li> <li>◆ The Liverpool Women's Resource Centre to develop a mobile information stall/display for use at community events.</li> </ul> <p>In 1999-2000, around \$4 million will be expended on breast cancer screening and assessment services for women in Western Sydney. It is estimated that 60,000 screening mammograms will be carried out on women over 40 years of age in Western Sydney in the year.</p> <p>Expenditure of approximately \$0.4 million will be incurred in the development and implementation of resources and projects to encourage women in Western Sydney to have Pap smears every two years.</p> <p>This service, which includes a MidLink Menopause Clinic, is an ongoing program to provide high level services to the local and referral population of Western Sydney.</p> <p>These Health Centres continue to provide counselling, naturopathy, medical and health promotion services to women in the Liverpool and Macarthur areas. Women seek help regarding domestic violence, stress, pregnancy, menopause, sexuality and a range of other issues.</p> <p>The project will provide accommodation for the administrative and research components of the Breast Cancer Institute. Planning work is being finalised and construction is anticipated to commence in January 2001.</p> <p>More than \$1.4 million will be expended on these programs in 1999-2000. \$161,000 was provided to Daruk and Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Services, non-Government organisations located in Wentworth and South Western Sydney Area Health Services, to support birthing options and improve birthing outcomes for Aboriginal women and their babies. \$642,500 was provided to Area Health Services to support women's health services and includes Ethnic Obstetric Liaison Officers, Women's Health Co-ordinators and Women's Health Nurses.</p>

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<p>Other programs which will assist women in Western Sydney include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Program (approximately \$600,000);</li> <li>◆ the <b>Victim Support Program</b> where Community Safety Officers provide follow up support to victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;</li> <li>◆ the continued presence of seventeen <b>Domestic Violence Liaison Police Officers</b> to monitor the efficiency of police response and to provide co-ordination and support at the local level;</li> <li>◆ the <b>Violence Against Women Strategy</b>; and</li> </ul>	<p>Non-Government organisations throughout Western Sydney received \$631,000. These include: Fairfield Multicultural Family Planning Association; Immigrant Women's Health Service; Bankstown Women's Health Centre; and Cumberland Women's Health Centre. These organisations offer a range of services such as cancer prevention, counselling, and other interventions to improve the health of women living and working within Western Sydney.</p> <p>This program provides support for victims of domestic violence during the process of applying for an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO). The program aims to fully inform women about the legal process and options. The program operates at Bankstown, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Campbelltown, Liverpool/Fairfield, Parramatta, Penrith/Mt Drutt, and Windsor. Over \$590,000 was provided for the program in Western Sydney in 1999-2000.</p> <p>The Victim Support Policy and Procedures are under review. The Police Service continues to work closely with the Victims of Crime Bureau on projects identified by victims groups. An example is the production of the video "Your Day in Court", which assists victims in understanding the court process.</p> <p>In March 2000 there were 24 Domestic Violence Liaison Police officers located within Western Sydney. They play an integral role in co-ordination and support at the local level.</p> <p>As part of the Violence Against Women Strategy a number of activities have been completed or are in progress in Western Sydney, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ community education project targeting ethnic minority communities such as <i>Violence is Crime</i> pamphlet in Punjabi language in the Wentworth region;</li> <li>◆ Building Safer Communities projects;</li> <li>◆ report titled <i>Women's Voices for Safety</i>;</li> <li>◆ <i>Working Together for a Safer Future</i> regional conference at Penrith;</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the Women in Business Mentor Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Education Intervention Training Package on <i>Women and Violence</i> for General Practitioners and production of <i>Violence Against Women - A guide for Medical Practitioners</i> for the Nepean Area;</li> <li>◆ implementation of a State-wide community education campaign aimed at men 21-29 years;</li> <li>◆ “Safe Schools, Safe Homes, Safe Neighbourhoods expo”; and</li> <li>◆ production of a number of information kits and projects targeting older women and women with disabilities.</li> </ul> <p>The NSW Police Service plays an active role in the Strategy.</p> <p>\$17,500 was spent on two Women in Business Mentor Programs conducted in Parramatta in December 1999 and March 2000. The programs assisted approximately thirty female small business owners to grow their businesses. Both programs were co-ordinated by the Parramatta Business Enterprise Centre. The outcomes from the first workshop show that within six months, 50 per cent of participants increased their turnover and 75 per cent improved their business skills.</p> <p>The Department for Women, in partnership with the Office of Western Sydney and the Department of State and Regional Development, contributed to supporting women in small business in Western Sydney through three workshops on <i>Using the Internet as a Business Tool</i>. Expenditure in 1999-2000 for this initiative was \$4,000. A total of 93 women trained in workshops at Parramatta and Liverpool.</p>
<p><b>Services for children and families</b></p> <p>\$900,000 in capital funds will be provided for the construction of a multi-purpose children’s centre at Hazelbrook.</p> <p><b>\$4.6 million</b> will be allocated to the <b>Families First Strategy</b> in 1999-2000, of which \$3.5 million will be for new services to support families living in South West Sydney, the mid North Coast and the far North Coast.</p>	<p>The Blue Mountains City Council has dedicated land for this project. A Development Application for the project is being submitted.</p> <p>\$2 million was allocated in 1999-2000 to boost services for families in South Western Sydney. The types of services included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Antenatal Home Visiting Service for Aboriginal Women;</li> </ul>

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<p>The Department of Juvenile Justice will implement the following programs in Western Sydney in 1999-2000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Specialist <b>counselling and developmental programs</b> as an alternative to detention.</li> <li>◆ <b>Juvenile Justice Community Services</b>, located at Blacktown Fairfield and Campbelltown, to provide the courts with sentencing alternatives to custody.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Additional Primary Health Nurses to support families with newborn babies;</li> <li>◆ Volunteer Home Visiting Services where experienced parents are linked to less experienced parents with young children for practical help and support;</li> <li>◆ Family Workers who visit families needing additional assistance in caring for their children before a crisis occurs; and</li> <li>◆ Supported play and home visiting programs for parents.</li> </ul> <p>Intensive Programs Units based at Blacktown and Liverpool provide community based services designed to assess and address offending behaviour. Specialist counsellors and Forensic Psychologists staff these units and provide counselling for young offenders convicted of serious violent offending, sexual offences or for young offender's with drug and alcohol issues. It is estimated that by 30 June 2000, the Units will have received approximately 380 requests to assess the suitability of young people to participate in these programs and that in the same period approximately 245 young people will have commenced specialist supervision.</p> <p>Juvenile Justice Officers provide support to young people with welfare problems seeking bail, prepare assessment reports for the courts and facilitate court-directed supervision for offenders placed on good behaviour bonds, probation or parole and community service orders.</p> <p>Support services establish regular contact with young people before they leave custody to prepare them in their transition to the community. This can include finding accommodation, dealing with relationships difficulties, finding employment, developing employment skills or supporting the young person's return to school.</p> <p>It is estimated that by 30 June 2000, Juvenile Justice Community Services located in Western Sydney will have received approximately 1,388 requests to prepare assessment court reports for juvenile offenders and that approximately 598 young people would have commenced post release support, parole and court ordered community service under the supervision of these offices.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Funding will be allocated to employ mentors to provide individual support to non-English speaking background and Aboriginal clients and sessional supervisors to supervise and monitor work placements for clients serving community service orders.</li>   <li>◆ <b>Juvenile Justice Centres</b> - implement court ordered detention for juvenile offenders. Anticipated expenditure is <b>\$5 million</b> for Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre, Werrington and <b>\$7 million</b> for Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre, Airds.</li> </ul> <p>A number of community organisations in Western Sydney are funded by the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide various services and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Over <b>\$1 million</b> for the conduct of <b>Youth Justice Conferences</b> for young offenders from Western Sydney; and</li> <li>◆ Funding to implement recommendations from the Wood Royal Commission relating to <b>accommodation support for homeless young people</b> who are at risk of drifting into the juvenile justice system.</li> </ul>	<p>To provide additional support for Aboriginal clients and clients from various ethnic backgrounds in Western Sydney, 14 Aboriginal mentors and 22 mentors from non-English speaking backgrounds are employed by the Department. Sessional Supervisors supervise and monitor work placements for clients serving community service orders resulting in the development of placements that have greater community relevance and afford young people completing community service orders the opportunity to provide appropriate restitution to the community.</p> <p>These centres, which have the combined capacity for 144 young people, offer various developmental programs for young people including access to education and training, life skills development, specialist counselling and pre-release support services.</p> <p>It is estimated that there will be a total of around 350 conferences held in 1999-2000.</p> <p>In 1999-2000 the Department funded the Getting it Together Scheme, administered by Marist Community Services and the Penrith Streetwork Project. Both agencies use the funds to secure private rental accommodation or public housing for homeless young people by providing the required bond payment and assisting with the payment of water and electricity accounts.</p>
<p>Funding of the <b>Schools as Community Centres Program</b> will be continued in 1999-2000 with approximately <b>\$125,000</b> to be expended in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>Revised funding for this program in Western Sydney in 1999-2000 was \$90,000. Support for families with young children in the local community was provided through projects which included the implementation of a structured playgroup in collaboration with Families First and home visits undertaken by the playgroup facilitator. The Curran Schools as Community Centre continued to operate in Macquarie Fields</p> <p>In recognition of the importance of providing services to young people, in 1999-2000 the Government provided \$200,000 for the establishment of 2 new after school youth services at Bankstown and Mount Druitt and \$150,000 to expand the Backyard Café service at Penrith. This initiative assists in providing young people with activities after school and is a proactive measure in keeping them off the street.</p>
<p>Funding will be allocated to Western Sydney</p>	<p>Funding of \$7,500 is allocated per annum to the Western</p>

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<p>for the Early Childhood Intervention Co-ordination Program.</p>	<p>Sydney Area Committee to support the <b>Early Childhood Intervention Co-ordination Program</b> as identified by the Area Action Plan. Outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ professional development activities: services are better able to cater for family needs through promotion of a family-centred approach;</li> <li>◆ improved access to services for families, including those of non-English speaking background and Aboriginal families;</li> <li>◆ strengthening links between mainstream early childhood services and specialist disability services; and</li> <li>◆ identification of gaps and duplication of Early Childhood Intervention services.</li> </ul> <p>A Pilot program operated in the Mt Druitt and St Marys districts in 1999-2000. The Program, which supports a case load of 15-18 families, was extended to the Nepean Area.</p>
<p>The implementation of recommended strategies for <b>therapy services for school age children</b> with a disability in the Nepean area.</p>	<p>The Nepean area has commenced the phased implementation of recommendations of a review of therapy services for school age children undertaken in 1997. To help in the implementation of the project, the Ageing and Disability Department has allocated \$35,000 for the employment of a project officer for a period of six months. In addition, a further \$30,000 has been allocated for set up costs and \$70,000 will be made available for service delivery.</p>
<p>The <b>Joint Investigation Teams</b> project between the Police Service and the Department of Community Services, will continue at Penrith, Liverpool and Campbelltown. The project, to improve the investigation of child abuse allegations and to minimise distress to child abuse victims will be allocated over <b>\$740,000</b> in 1999-2000.</p>	<p>The Joint Investigation Teams project trained 29 personnel in 1999-2000. Equipment to allow the taping of children's evidence was purchased for Penrith, Liverpool and Parramatta.</p> <p>The Liverpool Team has continued to service the Liverpool, Campbelltown and Fairfield local government areas and in the period January to December 1999 reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 431 notifications accepted for investigation;</li> <li>◆ 16 persons arrested; and</li> <li>◆ 102 charges laid.</li> </ul>

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	<p>The Penrith Team services the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Penrith and part of Blacktown local government areas and in the period January to December 1999 reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 325 notifications accepted for investigation;</li> <li>◆ 38 persons arrested; and</li> <li>◆ 98 charges laid</li> </ul> <p>The Parramatta Team services the Auburn, Holroyd, Baulkham Hills, Parramatta and part of Blacktown local government areas and in the period January to December 1999 reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 235 notifications accepted for investigation;</li> <li>◆ 38 persons arrested; and</li> <li>◆ 106 charges laid.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Services for older people and people with special needs</i></b></p> <p>The Home Care Service of NSW helps frail, aged people and younger people with disabilities and their carers to live independently. It is expected that in 1999-2000, approximately \$28 million will be spent providing services to the Western Sydney community.</p>	<p>Home Care expects to deliver in excess of 650,000 hours of service to over 8,500 clients in Western Sydney in 1999-2000.</p>
<p>The Department of Local Government will continue its <b>Subsidies for Pensioner Concessions Program</b> in 1999-2000 with some <b>\$12 million</b> as subsidies for shire and municipal rates relief to be provided to Western Sydney councils.</p>	<p>The Department estimates that in 1999-2000, \$12 million will be provided as subsidies for pensioners throughout the 14 Western Sydney local government areas.</p>
<p>The Ageing and Disability Department administers community support programs for older people and people with disabilities, their families and carers. State-wide Commonwealth and State expenditure will be \$4 million on accommodation, \$500,000 on In Home Support, \$2.4 million on respite services, \$2 million on equipment for disabled persons and \$100,000 on support for younger carers.</p>	<p>Allocation of supported accommodation places is being finalised with an expression of interest process to be undertaken to select suitable service providers. Expressions of Interest have also been called from service providers for respite care services. Funding has been allocated to Western Sydney in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Cumberland/Prospect \$291,000; South West Sydney \$399,000; and Nepean \$114,000.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ In Home Support funds allocated to the Attendant Care Program in Western Sydney are South West Sydney \$77,717 (3 places) and Cumberland/Prospect \$104,392 (3 places).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Home and Community Care Program</b> recurrent funding in 1999-2000 in <b>south western Sydney</b> will be around <b>\$350,000</b> and in the <b>Cumberland/Prospect</b> and <b>Nepean</b> areas, more than <b>\$410,000</b> and <b>\$660,000</b>, respectively.</p>	<p>The Home and Community Care Program allocated \$1.03 million for services in Western Sydney, including \$249,000 in Nepean, \$324,000 in Cumberland/Prospect and \$457,000 in south west Sydney. The additional services developed include respite and transport services in Nepean, respite and centre based day care services in Cumberland/Prospect, and personal care and domestic assistance services in south west Sydney.</p>
<p>The <b>Ageing Issues Directorate Programs</b> in Western Sydney include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>The NSW Healthy Ageing Framework;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>The NSW Action Plan on Dementia;</b> and</li> </ul>	<p>The Framework outlines six areas of actions, each with a specific objective for older people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ improved attitudes to ageing and decreased unlawful discrimination;</li> <li>◆ increased participation in the work force, education, leisure and volunteering;</li> <li>◆ provision of information about services and rights;</li> <li>◆ provision of accessible and supportive living environments;</li> <li>◆ promotion of independence, well being and health; and</li> <li>◆ planned approach to policy and service provision for older people.</li> </ul> <p>At the end of year 1, the Framework resulted in: over 90 per cent of the above actions being fully achieved or progressing satisfactorily; 21 government agencies had established a focus on health ageing; and 80 new initiatives had been proposed for implementation in the second year of the Framework.</p> <p>An expression of interest for a State-wide education service is being finalised under the Action Plan. Funding for this project was allocated in 1999-2000 and 2 dementia projects are being implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Awareness of Dementia in non-English speaking background communities - \$65,000 in the South Western Sydney Area Health Service; and</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Transport Demonstration Projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ a General Practitioner/Aged Care Assessment Team Integrated Care project - \$50,000 at Western Sydney Area Health Service</li> </ul> <p>Transport Demonstration Projects with a combined value of \$104,000 were completed in Western Sydney during 1999-2000. The projects were in the Liverpool, Fairfield, Granville and Mt Druitt areas. The outcome of the projects has been that transport services are continuing to be provided to older people and people with disabilities at no on-going cost to Government.</p>
<p><b>Transport Assistance programs</b> provide funding for concessions such as half-fare concessions for pensioners, transport subsidies provided under the Community Transport Program, Home and Community Care Program and subsidies for half-fare taxi transport for persons unable to utilise public transport because of disabilities. The estimate for <b>pensioner travel</b> in 1999-2000 is \$230 million and for the <b>Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme</b>, \$9.877 million. A further \$2.327 million will be spent on the <b>NSW Community Transport Program</b>.</p>	<p>Funding for Transport Assistance programs have continued in 1999-2000. Pensioner travel was allocated over \$260 million and assistance schemes comprising the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme, the Home and Community Care, Community Transport and Area Assistance Scheme, were allocated over \$23 million.</p>
<p><b>Aboriginal people</b></p> <p>The <b>Housing Aboriginal Communities Program</b> provides rental housing for Aboriginal people in housing stock managed by Aboriginal providers.</p>	<p>In 1999-2000, 11 houses were acquired in Western Sydney under the Program. They are managed by the Deerubbin, Gandangarra and Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC). Construction commenced on 3 houses for the Tharawal LALC and 2 units were replaced in Blacktown and Penrith.</p> <p>The three LALCs participated in the piloting of <i>Housing Our Mob Everywhere</i> (HOME) Pilot, a training package for the Aboriginal Housing sector developed to assist Aboriginal housing organisations in achieving the National Community Housing Accreditation Standards and for individuals who work in or are on the Board of Housing Organisations to achieve the National Competency Standards.</p> <p>A crisis accommodation program for Aboriginal people, jointly sponsored by the Aboriginal Housing Office and the Office of Community Housing, was piloted in Campbelltown.</p>

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<p>The Aboriginal Housing Office provides funding for the Department of Housing to acquire and manage housing under the <b>Housing for Aboriginals Program</b>. The Department of Housing manages some 715 dwellings occupied by Aboriginal people in Western Sydney under the Program and a 3-4 year repairs, maintenance and upgrading program for these properties commenced in 1998-99 and is estimated to cost \$7.07 million.</p> <p>The Department of Fair Trading has established an <b>Aboriginal Strategy</b> to meet the needs of Aboriginal consumers in Western Sydney. Approximately <b>\$112,000</b> has been allocated in 1999-2000.</p> <p>The Government has established an <b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workplace Services Unit</b> within the <b>Department of Industrial Relation's Parramatta Contact Centre</b>, to assist Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders to understand their rights and responsibilities as employees, managers and employers. The Unit also provides information on employment issues such as occupational health and safety, workers' compensation and superannuation matters.</p>	<p>The Aboriginal Housing Office is undertaking a major program to renovate and upgrade its properties across the State. This is a 4 to 5 year program which commenced in 1998-99. Up to 1999-2000, a total of 198 houses in Western Sydney were or are in the process of being upgraded.</p> <p>The operating budget for the Strategy in 1999-2000 was more than \$153,000. To meet the needs of Aboriginal customers in Western Sydney the Department has employed 2 Aboriginal Customer Service Officers. A particular focus of these officers is on tenancy issues, an area that was identified in research conducted by the Department as a major concern of Aboriginal people.</p> <p>A specialist telephone hot-line for Aboriginal people, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Advisory Service, has been set up to give advice on NSW's employment laws. Callers to the Service from throughout the State pay only the cost of a local telephone call. An average of about twenty callers per month seek assistance. This number is expected to rise as the new service becomes better known. This telephone hot-line is an important step in ensuring that the Advisory Service is easily and equitably available to all Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.</p>
<p>The <b>Police Service</b> oversees a number of initiatives concerned with Aboriginal communities in Western Sydney such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the <b>Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLO) Scheme</b>;</li> <li>◆ <b>Interagency Committees</b>;</li> <li>◆ <b>Work Experience by Aboriginal students</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The NSW Police Service has 3 ACLOs servicing Campbelltown, Liverpool, Macquarie Fields, Green Valley, Camden, Mt Druitt and Blacktown Local Area Commands.</p> <p>ACLOs from Mt Druitt and Campbelltown participate in committees and provide and disseminate information on issues relating to policing in Aboriginal communities.</p> <p>An Aboriginal student is attending Mt Druitt Local Area Command one day per week for twelve months performing clerical duties.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Blue Light Discos;</b> and</li>   <li>◆ <b>Police Aboriginal Support Group</b></li> </ul>	<p>Discos are held each month by the Police and Community Youth Clubs at Blacktown, Mt Druitt, Liverpool and Campbelltown. Aboriginal young people are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>The program has been successful in improving relationships between Police and the Aboriginal community within Western Sydney. Membership of local Aboriginal volunteers in the Group has increased from 66 to 80 in 1999-2000. As a consequence groups have been established in areas across NSW with large Aboriginal populations.</p>
<p><b><i>Housing</i></b></p> <p>In addition to the capital housing allocation in excess of \$77 million in 1999-2000, <b>\$39.4 million</b> has been allocated to the Department of Housing for <b>repairs and maintenance</b> to its housing stock in Western Sydney.</p> <p>State-wide, \$205,000 has been allocated for Housing Assistance Planning for 1999-2000, some of which will be spent in Western Sydney</p> <p>The Department each year allocates proportions of its Capital Works budget for Western Sydney and utilising existing mainstream stock, for supported housing. The 1999-2000 <b>supported housing</b> allocation for the region is <b>\$1.23 million</b>.</p>	<p>The 1999-2000, more than \$34 million was spent on maintenance and repairs to public housing homes in Western Sydney, as the Department of Housing continues to focus on maintaining assets at an appropriate standard.</p> <p>In 1999-2000, the Department of Housing funded regular joint Regional Planning Forums in Western Sydney and South Western Sydney. The Department supported Neighbourhood Advisory Boards (partnerships between the Department, tenants, and other stakeholders) which met regularly to co-ordinate service delivery and plan projects.</p> <p>Almost 200 units of new and existing supported accommodation was provided in Western Sydney during 1999-2000. A percentage of new public and community housing has been identified for households with additional support needs including people with disabilities, people with a mental illness and older people. In addition, existing public housing properties are also used to provide supported accommodation.</p>
<p><b><i>Sport and Recreation</i></b></p> <p><b>\$100,000</b> has been allocated in 1999-2000 to the two <b>Sports Academies</b> - Western Sydney Academy of Sport and the South West Sydney Academy of Sport.</p> <p><b>\$50,000</b> will be provided in 1999-2000 to the <b>Western Sydney Sports Foundation</b>.</p>	<p>The two regional Academies each received a Government grant of \$100,000. Overall 325 athletes and 57 coaches were supported.</p> <p>The Sports Foundation was allocated \$50,000 in 1999-2000 to assist talented young athletes in Western Sydney to pursue their potential in sport. 20 scholarships were awarded and a further 10 are pending.</p>

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<p>\$350,000 will be made available to the <b>NSW Institute of Sport</b>.</p> <p>Programs and services of the Department of Sport and Recreation in Western Sydney include expenditure of approximately <b>\$320,000</b> for 1999-2000 for <b>Swimsafe</b> learn to swim lessons; <b>Holiday Sport</b> programs for children; <b>Introductory Opportunities</b> to a sport or recreation activity; <b>Volunteer Involvement Program</b> to help organisations gain, train and retain volunteers; <b>Aquafitness</b> physical activity in the water; <b>Fitness Leaders and Austswim Accreditation</b> education and training of fitness and swimming instructors; and <b>Sport Development</b> to assist coaches, officials, players and parents in many aspects of sport.</p> <p>The Department of Sport and Recreation has provided <b>\$2 million</b> towards each of the <b>Blacktown</b> and <b>Bankstown</b> regional athletic tracks.</p> <p>The State-wide <b>Youth In Sport Program</b> with Police-Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) will continue to be funded to the extent of \$300,000 in 1999-2000.</p> <p><b>Public Safety</b></p> <p>Following the successful trial of streamlined operations at Fairfield Local Court, the Court Plan is to be expanded at Liverpool and Blacktown courts so as to relieve police from routine court duties and return them to frontline duties.</p>	<p>\$350,000 was provided to the NSW Institute of Sport in 1999-2000 for equipment purchases. The number of Institute athletes represented on national sports teams has more than doubled to 433 in the past three years. Total State funding for the Institute in 1999-2000 was \$4.5 million.</p> <p>The Department will have delivered these programs and services worth approximately \$320,000 by the end of 1999-2000. Participation in these programs was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 780 Swimsafe programs - 7,000 participants;</li> <li>◆ 68 Vacation Sports programs - 330 participants;</li> <li>◆ 23 Introductory Opportunities programs - 1,300 participants;</li> <li>◆ Coach Education program - 400 participants;</li> <li>◆ Leadership programs - 560 participants;</li> <li>◆ 28 Aquafitness programs - 460 participants;</li> <li>◆ 16 Fitness Leaders and Austswim Accreditation programs - 200 participants; and</li> <li>◆ 5 Sports Development programs - 120 participants.</li> </ul> <p>The Department has provided \$2 million each to the Blacktown and Bankstown athletic tracks. The Bankstown athletics track is now in operation.</p> <p>The Department of Sport and Recreation provides funds to Western Sydney Police and Community Youth Clubs at Parramatta, Bidwill, Fairfield/Cabramatta and Mt. Druitt. \$40,000 was provided in 1999-2000 for Youth at Risk programs involving over 1,000 club participants.</p> <p>This initiative is being implemented State-wide, including in local courts in Western Sydney. The Government is committed to the release of police time through transfer of responsibility for prisoner escorts from the Police Service to the Department of Corrective Services. By early 2001, the following number of police will have been released: Bankstown 9.6, Campbelltown 7.7, Penrith 8.3 and Blacktown 10.1. In addition, police have increased efficiency by improving processes at Fairfield Court. Improvements such as the electronic transfer of court documents have decreased the amount of police time spend at the court.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the employment of <b>Community Safety Police Officers</b> and <b>Youth Liaison Police Officers</b> in all Local Area Commands (LAC);</li>   <li>◆ <b>Crime Prevention Workshops</b> in local schools and a new resource video and manual at an estimated cost of \$75,000 for State-wide use;</li>   <li>◆ the provision of <b>nameplates to officers</b> receiving funding under the Community Language Allowance Scheme to <b>identify the language they speak</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Each LAC in Western Sydney has a Community Safety Officer and Youth Liaison Officer appointed. These officers engage in local crime prevention projects and community education campaigns based on the six major categories in the NSW Police Service Corporate Plan - assault, malicious damage, break and enter, motor vehicle theft, robbery, and stealing.</p> <p>The Police Service and Department of Education and Training (DET) have developed new resources for use in schools. The Crime Prevention Workshops Kit is a curriculum and video which covers 12 modules related to juvenile crime prevention. The modules will be jointly presented by police and DET staff and will form the basis of all police school programs. The kit is being launched in 2000 and will be made available to all schools in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Police officers can obtain name plates which identify the second language they speak and the Police Service has notified officers of this initiative.</p>
<p><b>Corrective Services</b></p> <p>A total of approximately <b>\$108.5 million</b> has been allocated for recurrent expenditure in Western Sydney in 1999-2000 for the <b>containment and care of inmates</b>, for the <b>Probation and Parole Service</b> and for <b>Attendance Centres</b>.</p>	<p>The actual allocation in 1999-2000 was \$124 million.</p>
<p><b>Supporting Cultural Diversity</b></p> <p>Over \$80 million will be spent State-wide by the Department of Education and Training under the <b>Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) Program</b> in 1999-2000. A major proportion of this program will be implemented in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>In 1999-2000, students and their families in Western Sydney benefited from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 445 full-time equivalent English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher positions in 288 schools to support 37,266 students with ESL and English literacy development;</li>   <li>◆ 8 Intensive English Centres;</li>   <li>◆ 539 students in 7 schools and 8 Intensive English Centres received the Certificate of Spoken and Written English; 10 new ESL programs established;</li>   <li>◆ 10 new ESL programs established;</li> </ul>

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<p>Funding of over <b>\$3.3 million</b> will be provided for the <b>Multicultural Education Plan 1998-2001</b>. A major proportion of this program will be implemented in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Over \$1 million will be provided in 1999-2000 to fund additional <b>community language full-time teaching positions</b> in schools across the State. 37 of these positions will be at schools in Western Sydney.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 89 schools without an ESL allocation were provided with a temporary allocation to support newly arrived NESB students; and</li> <li>◆ 107 new ESL teachers trained.</li> </ul> <p>In 1999, students and their families in Western Sydney benefited from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 106 full-time equivalent Community Language positions in 60 primary schools;</li> <li>◆ 7 centres of the Saturday School of Community Languages;</li> <li>◆ 11 Community Information Officers (NESB) to strengthen links between schools and their culturally diverse school community members;</li> <li>◆ 10 Multicultural/ESL Education consultants;</li> <li>◆ 230 relief days to support training in anti-racism and understanding refugee students;</li> <li>◆ funding to support school-based multicultural targeted projects, specifically: anti-racism projects in 10 schools; multicultural curriculum development projects in 5 schools; and NESB Parent Participation projects in 29 schools.</li> </ul>
<p>The <b>Business Migration</b> initiative will continue in 1999-2000 with an allocation from the Department of State and Regional Development of approximately \$200,000.</p>	<p>\$50,000 was allocated State-wide in 1999-2000 to the Business Migration Information and Referral Service to provide information and services to migrants interested in setting up or expanding their businesses.</p>
<p>The Police Service will continue its <b>Ethnic Community Liaison Officers Program</b>, aimed to enhance the relationship between the Police Service and ethnic communities. \$294,000 will be allocated for this initiative in 1999-2000.</p>	<p>The NSW Police Service currently has 11 Ethnic Community Liaison Officer positions and 7 of these are located within Western Sydney. The Program is under review with the aim of further expansion.</p>
<p>The <b>Police and Community Training Program</b> is to be extended for a twelve month period with a further <b>\$142,000</b> in funds committed for Cabramatta, Bankstown and Fairfield.</p>	<p>The program has been extended to December 2000. \$132,000 was committed for Cabramatta, Bankstown and Fairfield projects and further crime prevention initiatives under the program are under consideration. Research is being undertaken to determine projects at the Penrith and St Marys Local Area Commands under the program. Each project ensures a whole-of-government approach.</p>

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The Ethnic Affairs Commission will provide funding under its <b>Community Development Grants Program</b> .	Under the 1999-2000 Community Development Grants Program, the Commission paid \$178,575 to organisations in Western Sydney.
<p><b>Arts</b></p> <p>The Ministry for the Arts, under its <b>Cultural Grants Program</b>, will allocate approximately <b>\$1.67 million</b> in 1999-2000 for grants to organisations based in Western Sydney.</p>	It is anticipated that this target will be met. Final figures for the 1999-2000 year will be known in July 2000 after components of the Cultural Grants Program have been completed and allocated for the year.
The Government will establish a <b>Western Sydney Local Government Arts Incentive Fund</b> to provide matching support on a dollar-for-dollar basis for arts projects.	The Government is providing funds from 2000-2001 to implement <i>A Strategy for the Arts in Western Sydney</i> over the next two to five years. The Western Sydney and Community Cultural Development Program Manager, Ministry for the Arts, is developing a timetable and guidelines for establishment of the fund in consultation with Western Sydney stakeholders.
Under the <b>Capital Assistance Program</b> , priority will be given to projects in Western Sydney.	Ministry for the Arts Cultural Grants Program capital assistance has been re-focussed to establish a Capital Infrastructure Program with components to provide priority to Western Sydney. Guidelines were released in February 2000 seeking applications for projects to commence in 2001. The number of projects and the amounts to be provided each year are dependent upon applications received and their assessment in meeting the guidelines.
<p><b>Community Development</b></p> <p>The Government will continue to provide funds to community organisations in Western Sydney under the Area Assistance Scheme for family and community development services. For 1999-2000 grants under the scheme (including <b>Western Sydney Area Assistance Scheme</b> and the <b>Macarthur Area Assistance Scheme</b>), funding will be maintained at a comparable level to previous years.</p>	<p>The 1999-2000 grants funding level for Western Sydney is \$4.7 million. New projects recommended for funding were:</p> <p>Western Sydney: 39 projects valued at \$1.3 million</p> <p>Macarthur: 11 projects valued at \$0.24 million.</p> <p>This is in addition to approximately \$3.2 million in commitments to projects continuing from previous funding rounds into 1999-2000.</p>
<p><b>PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>In 1999-2000 the Environment Protection Authority will spend some \$19.1 million of its operating budget in Western Sydney.</p>	Actual expenditure over this period was \$20.8 million.
<p><b>Clean Air and Clean Waterways</b></p> <p>In 1999-2000, some \$1 million will be</p>	\$1 million has been spent operating 10 air quality monitoring

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<p>expended on the Air Quality Monitoring Program in Western Sydney.</p> <p>The Sustainable Energy Development Authority's Energy Smart Homes Program provides local councils with a model energy efficient building policy that provides lifetime savings in energy bills and reduces greenhouse gases. It is estimated that approximately \$0.5 million will be spent in Western Sydney on residential energy efficiency programs.</p> <p>The <b>Energy Smart Business Program</b> will continue in 1999-2000 with around 30 business partners with operations in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Major facilities involved in the <b>Energy Smart Government Program</b> in Western Sydney include the South Western Sydney Area Health Service, the New Children's Hospital, Westmead and the Parklea Correctional Centre.</p> <p>The Government will implement the <b>Sydney Catchment Authority</b> work program to put in place practices and monitoring to ensure clean drinking water for all of Sydney.</p> <p>Up to 100 Sydney Water positions will be transferred to the Authority's office in Penrith.</p> <p>Funding will be continued for the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust with \$3.6 million being allocated in 1999-2000.</p>	<p>stations in Western Sydney to provide information to the community and policy makers.</p> <p>A number of Western Sydney councils have almost fully implemented the Energy Smart Homes policy. This policy ensure that all new homes reach at least a 3.5 star energy rating making them more comfortable to live in and cheaper to run. Under the Community Housing Energy Project, over 700 Department of Housing and community housing homes have been upgraded in Western Sydney over the past 12 months. This reduces energy bills for those that can least afford the high cost of running a home. The Sustainable Energy Development Authority has spent over \$150,000 on the project.</p> <p>There are around 30 Western Sydney businesses participating in the Energy Smart Business program. Collectively, they are saving around \$1 million per annum through projects initiated through this program as well as reducing greenhouse gas emissions by around 17,000 tonnes each year.</p> <p>New energy performance contracts have been let for the Parramatta Linen Service and for the Attorney General's Department facilities at Liverpool, Campbelltown and Parramatta. These contracts will upgrade lighting and air conditioning systems to ensure optimum efficiency and performance while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As these projects are guaranteed to pay for themselves over an agreed time period, they do not impact on the capital works budgets of the agencies.</p> <p>The \$9 million upgrade to the Upper Canal, which transports water from the southern metropolitan dams to the Prospect <b>Water</b> Treatment Plant, has commenced. The Authority is also funding work to reduce river bank subsidence, improve soil erosion control and control pests and weeds. Preparation of the Sydney and Regional Centres Drinking Water Catchments REP is underway.</p> <p>The Authority commenced operation at Penrith in 1999. Approximately 80 people are now located at the Penrith office and another 47 staff are located at Warragamba.</p> <p>The Department of Land and Water Conservation allocated this funding to the Trust in 1999-2000 to meet operating costs.</p>
<p>The Government's Water Reform Commitments in the Hawkesbury-Nepean system will involve the allocation of approximately \$150,000 in 1999-2000 to the Recreational Water Quality Monitoring</p>	<p>In 1999-2000, \$50,000 was expended on the Hawkesbury-Nepean Water Extraction Monitoring Trial, to investigate water extraction monitoring technologies, raise landholder awareness of metering needs and investigate water usage patterns in various agricultural/industrial activities. The</p>

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Project.	<p>trial has been a crucial element of determining draft annual water licence volumetric conversion rates and the development of a statewide metering strategy.</p> <p>A further \$50,000 was spent on the Hawkesbury-Nepean Integrated Water Monitoring Framework in 1999-2000 to integrate all water monitoring activities and information across all agencies, organisations and the community, into one management system.</p> <p>Other projects undertaken in 1999-2000, as part of the Water Reform Agenda for the Hawkesbury-Nepean system, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Blue Mountains/Richmond Groundwater Management Plan (\$90,000);</li> <li>◆ The Hawkesbury-Nepean Farm Dams Impact Studies (\$100,000);</li> <li>◆ The Hawkesbury-Nepean Low Flow Indicator Gauging Station Network, developed as part of the volumetric conversion program (\$200,000);</li> <li>◆ The Hawkesbury-Nepean Daily Flow Model (\$150,000);</li> <li>◆ Hawkesbury-Nepean Geomorphological Benchmarking of the catchment (\$70,000);</li> <li>◆ Hawkesbury-Nepean Biological Indicator Analysis A review and analysis of existing information, based on a Pressure-Biota-Habitat approach was commenced. The aim is to develop an understanding of ecosystem stress and river health issues for each of the stressed river sub-catchments. This work is an expansion of the stressed rivers assessments and is a crucial tool for water management planning (\$40,000);</li> <li>◆ Assessment of Water Quality (\$30,000);</li> <li>◆ Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program. The program, which involves analytical monitoring, publication of results and liaison with catchment stakeholders, was implemented (\$160,000);</li> </ul>

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<p><b>\$150,000</b> will be expended in 1999-2000 on a <b>water reform communications strategy</b> aimed to ensure that water licensing reforms and effective river flow, groundwater and water quality planning for the Hawkesbury-Nepean system are implemented.</p> <p><b>\$1.5 million</b> will be allocated in 1999-2000 on the new <b>Georges River Foreshore Improvement Program</b> to stabilise the ecological integrity of the Georges River Catchment. In addition, the Georges River Regional Environment Plan will be implemented.</p> <p>Grants totalling <b>\$5.5 million</b> will be allocated by the EPA for the Stormwater Trust for stormwater remediation and associated projects in Western Sydney.</p> <p>The <b>Blue Mountains Urban Run-off Control Program</b> will continue as a joint project by the Department of Local Government and the Roads and Traffic Authority with expenditure in 1999-2000 of <b>\$4.2 million</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Volumetric Conversion/Farm Dams Policy consultation. Extensive consultation to address landholder concerns and questions was undertaken. Over 1,000 landholders attended meetings in the catchment (\$20,000);</li> <li>◆ Ongoing liaison is being undertaken with water user associations, the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust, local councils, state agencies and the public, on water reforms (\$50,000);</li> <li>◆ South Creek Water Quality. An in-situ water quality probe to investigate impacts of water quality in South Creek on agriculture was installed, in response to community concerns (\$20,000); and</li> <li>◆ Blue-green Algae Management. The Algal Contingency Plan was developed by the State Algal Coordinating Committee with clear assignment of responsibilities given to agencies such as NSW Health and the Sydney Catchment Authority (\$50,000).</li> </ul> <p>The first phase of the Communication Strategy was implemented. It is designed to communicate water reform messages to landholders who have reading difficulties and to those from a non-English speaking background, many of whom are unauthorised water users and have never received or understood previous amnesty/water reform messages. \$150,000 was expended on the strategy in 1999-2000.</p> <p>\$1.5 million was allocated to the program. An outcome of the Georges River Regional Environment Plan will be the systematic identification and mapping of areas of significant conservation value. This information will be used to inform regional land use planning decisions.</p> <p>The Environment Protection Authority allocated grants totalling \$5.9 million for the Stormwater Trust for stormwater remediation and associated projects in Western Sydney in 1999-2000.</p> <p>The continuation of the Urban Run-off Control Program will enhance the prospects of a successful Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage nomination by demonstrating a continuing government commitment to improving water quality in the nominated area. The Environment Protection Authority is now responsible for this initiative.</p>

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<p>The Department of Transport contributes funding for the <b>study of Parramatta River bank erosion</b> caused by river traffic such as ferries and private craft. Approximately <b>\$100,000</b> will be expended in 1999-2000.</p> <p>The Department of Land and Water Conservation will spend <b>\$200,000</b> on a <b>sewage pump out facility for boats</b> at Windsor.</p>	<p>During 1999-2000 the Waterways Authority continued a study to provide time series data on sandy beaches, mangrove banks, boat traffic and boat wakes to assist with the development of effective solutions.</p> <p>Final design and construction of the facility has been delayed as a result of heritage and historic site considerations.</p>
<p><b><i>Parks, Gardens, Reserves and Forests</i></b></p> <p>The Government will commit an estimated <b>\$9 million</b> in 1999-2000, to <b>Regional Parks, National Parks and Nature Reserves</b> for the people of Western Sydney.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Western Sydney Regional Park, Horsley Park, \$2.9 million.</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Parramatta Park, \$1.4 million.</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Rouse Hill Regional Park, \$1.23 million.</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Leacock Regional Park, Casula, \$260,000.</b></li> <li>◆ <b>William Howe Regional Park, Narellan Vale, \$470,000.</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Masterplan and Plan of Management for the Park have been completed. New entrance gates and a car park for 40 vehicles have been constructed. Additional walking tracks and cycle paths are being built and improvements to existing picnic facilities at Sugarloaf Ridge, additional planting, paving, signage, toilets and lookout facilities are being undertaken.</p> <p>Management and on-going works costing \$1.1 million are being undertaken on road and landscape improvements within the Park, including the construction of barbecues and picnic shelters. Extensive work has also been undertaken on the regeneration of the creek and ridgeline through the park.</p> <p>A Plan of Management for the park has been completed. Landscape and improved visitor facilities have included installation of play equipment, barbecue and picnic facilities and walking tracks along Second Ponds Creek.</p> <p>Construction of additional picnic shelters, barbecues, walking tracks, paths and a lookout has been completed, at a cost of \$400,000. Bush regeneration and additional planting is in progress. Tenders to construct a cycle path have been invited.</p> <p>The Plan of Management for the park has been completed and bush regeneration, planting, weed control and fencing, costing \$50,000, is in progress.</p>

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<p>◆ Improvements and maintenance will also be undertaken at <b>Bents Basin State Recreation Area, Greendale, \$95,000; Lower Prospect Canal, \$1.5 million; Scheyville National Park, \$320,000; Castlereagh Nature Reserve, \$125,000; Mulgoa and Kemps Creek Nature Reserves, \$410,000 and \$135,000, respectively; Burratorang State Recreation Area, \$10,000; Nattai National Park, \$10,000; Thirlmere Lakes National Park, \$10,000; and Dharawal Nature Reserve, \$100,000.</b></p> <p>In Western Sydney, the Government will spend <b>\$35 million</b> in 1999-2000 under the <b>Sydney Region Development Fund,</b></p> <p>Negotiations by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning are continuing for the purchase of property, including 305 hectares of land at Doonside for the <b>Eastern Creek Open Space Corridor.</b></p> <p>The Department estimates that the <b>Metropolitan Greenspace Program</b> and the <b>Greening Western Sydney Program</b> should receive funding in the order of <b>\$500,000</b> and <b>\$675,000,</b> respectively, in 1999-2000.</p> <p>53.5 hectares of land at Narellan Vale, valued at an estimated <b>\$1.3 million,</b> will be dedicated by Landcom as a <b>bushland corridor</b> in 1999-2000.</p> <p><b>Bicentennial Park</b> has been allocated <b>\$3.1 million</b> in recurrent funding and <b>\$7.45 million</b> in capital funding.</p>	<p>Improvement works to Scheyville National Park, Pitt Town Nature Reserve; Nattai National Park; Thirlmere Lakes National Park and Burratorang State Recreation Area have been undertaken. These include the upgrading of various utilities, ground areas, buildings and access routes; pest and fire management activities; improved neighbour relations; and preparation and exhibition of draft plans of management.</p> <p>Total funding under the Sydney Region Development Fund in 1999-2000, for property purchases and grants, was \$33.5 million. It is anticipated that the purchase of a 307 hectare property at Doonside for the Eastern Creek Open Space Corridor will be finalised by 30 June, 2000.</p> <p>A joint study by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) and the National Parks and Wildlife Service has identified 35 parcels of land purchased by DUAP as potential additions to national parks in the Sydney region. Contracts have been exchanged for land in the Eastern Creek Open Space Corridor and settlement is expected in the near future.</p> <p>The Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan, expected to be completed in late 2000, will identify objectives and actions for the management of open space. The National Parks and Wildlife Service and DUAP are considering the value of open space corridors for the protection of endangered ecological communities. In 1999-2000, \$451,000 was expended on the Metropolitan Greenspace Program and \$735,500 on the Greening Western Sydney Program.</p> <p>The significant dedication will provide a bush corridor to link William Howe Regional Park and Mount Annan Botanic Gardens to the Nepean River. As the land is within a residential urban release area, its value is estimated at around \$13 million. The Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning officially handed over the land on 18 May 2000.</p> <p>In 1999 the Park Trust provided recreation and leisure services to over 600,000 visitors as well as environmental education and eco-tourism services for 25,000 school children, 7,000 children under five and 16,000 tourists. From the Trust's market research, 39 per cent of visitors to the Park are from a non-English speaking background.</p>

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<p><b>Mt Annan Botanic Gardens</b> has been allocated <b>\$410,000</b> in 1999-2000 for infrastructure maintenance projects and a further <b>\$135,000</b> to fund better visitor facilities.</p> <p>The Government has allocated <b>\$353,000</b> in 1999-2000 to both upgrade and provide new visitor services at <b>Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens</b>.</p> <p>State Forests of NSW will spend <b>\$607,000</b> on capital and operating expenditure within the <b>Cumberland State Forest</b> at West Pennant Hills. Also located at West Pennant Hills are the <b>Forest Research and Development Division</b> and the <b>Cumberland Nursery</b>, which have an annual operating budget of approximately <b>\$11.08 million</b>.</p>	<p>The Trust has entered into various partnerships with research institutions including the University of Western Sydney to improve scientific research supporting the Trust's nature conservation programs. Research information is available to environmental groups, students and the community.</p> <p>The Trust reviewed its Homebush Bay Wetlands Management Plan in 1999 and completed a Stormwater Management Plan and Environmental Management System for the Park. These guide the management of waste, stormwater and environmental issues to help improve, among other things, the water quality of Homebush Bay and the Parramatta River.</p> <p>The Trust has built a considerable library of information about the wetlands of Homebush Bay, the history of land use, cultural heritage and the development of Homebush Bay and surrounding lands. The information is freely available to the public through the Park's Visitor and Environment Centre. Over 160,000 people visit the Park's Visitor Centre each year.</p> <p>The funds have been expended to provide access for people with disabilities, additional toilet facilities, BBQs, roads, paths and irrigation.</p> <p>The funds have been expended on an effluent reuse project, enhancement to retail facilities, communications and Aboriginal site interpretation.</p> <p>Statistics relating to the Forest include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 120,000 visitors to Cumberland State Forest each year.</li> <li>◆ 85 visits by school groups in 1999, involving over 4,200 students.</li> <li>◆ Community Education program delivered to 35 groups. School vacation education programs provided.</li> <li>◆ Library and information services are available to the community.</li> </ul>

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<p><b><i>Heritage</i></b></p> <p>The Heritage Office is involved with funding of significant heritage projects in Western Sydney in 1999-2000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A <b>\$450,000</b> grant to the University of Western Sydney will enable conservation work to be undertaken at the <b>former female orphanage at Rydalmere</b>.</li> <li>◆ A <b>\$200,000</b> grant will be made to the Parramatta City Council towards <b>landscape works in the Harris Park heritage precinct</b>.</li> <li>◆ Hawkesbury City Council will receive a <b>\$100,000</b> grant to assist <b>conservation work to the former Windsor Hospital</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Conservation work on this project is in the planning stage.</p> <p>The NSW Heritage Office is a member of a Steering Committee overseeing the project. Tender specifications are being finalised and landscaping is expected to proceed in mid-2000.</p> <p>Conservation work on this project is in the planning stage.</p>
<p><b><i>Waste Management</i></b></p> <p>In 1999-2000, it is anticipated that a total of <b>\$2.3 million</b> will be allocated to the <b>Western Sydney Waste Board</b> and the <b>Macarthur Waste Board</b> to enable the ongoing implementation of the Boards' waste reduction plans.</p> <p>The Waste Planning and Management Fund, administered by the Environment Protection Authority, will also provide grants of around <b>\$2 million</b> to promote community waste reduction programs in the region.</p>	<p>In 1999-2000 the Western Sydney Waste Board and the Macarthur Waste Board were allocated \$2.3 million from the Waste Planning and Management Fund to assist with boards' operations and the implementation of regional waste plans for 2000-2001 to 2002-2003. Overall Waste Board recurrent funding has risen by 13 per cent and program funding by 40 per cent for 2000-2001.</p> <p>Achievements during the year included research and conceptual designs for innovative waste management facilities (Drive Through Recycling Centres) and processes (pre-treatment). In addition to the improved environmental outcomes that stem from these initiatives, they have the potential to generate significant employment opportunities in Western Sydney.</p>

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<p><b>Waste Service NSW</b> is a major supplier of waste management services with significant waste management facilities operating in Western Sydney. In 1999-2000, capital expenditure totalling <b>\$3.8 million</b> will be allocated to: <b>Chullora Recycling Park</b>, Bankstown (\$1.1 million); <b>Eastern Creek Waste Management Centre</b> (\$1.7 million); <b>Jacks Gully Waste Management Centre, Camden East</b> (\$0.8 million); <b>Grange Avenue, Marsden Park Facility</b> (\$0.1 million); and <b>Seven Hills Waste Management Centre</b> (\$0.1 million).</p>	<p>Other initiatives include: community acceptance of the Earthworks Program (home composting and worm farms) and roll out of the “Waste Not Development Control Plan” by constituent councils (waste management planning for new developments); various agreements on the provision of regional waste service arrangements which improve the quality and efficiency of services available to residents and businesses within the region; and various initiatives involving businesses and industry to improve waste management practices (eg, waste audits and management plans, provision of new waste services, cleaner production etc). In addition, two community waste reduction grants totalling more than \$80,000 were approved to businesses within the region for recycling and re-use initiatives.</p> <p>The Regional Illegal Dumping Squad initiative is one of a number of significant measures to address this problem in Western Sydney. The Environment Protection Authority contributed \$60,000 to a joint venture with four Councils and the Western Sydney Waste Board to establish the squad to patrol Western Sydney and trial a range of investigation strategies. In a six month period the squad investigated 141 complaints of illegal dumping, issued 57 infringement notices, handed out 23 clean-up directions, referred 5 matters to council for prosecution and had a further 28 matters under investigation. A range of investigation techniques are being systematically trialled in known dumping areas in Liverpool, Blacktown, Penrith and Fairfield.</p> <p>Total expenditure in Western Sydney in 1999-2000 is estimated at \$37.24 million. This is comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Private sector operating contract for operation of Waste Management Centres;</li> <li>◆ Waste Service's operating costs of these Centres; and</li> <li>◆ Capital expenditure.</li> </ul>
<p>The Department of Transport is undertaking a project for the <b>remediation of contaminated areas of Homebush Bay</b>, caused by industrial waste, at a total cost of \$21 million. Almost \$1 million has been spent on preliminary work and a further <b>\$1 million</b> will be expended in 1999-2000.</p>	<p>The Waterways Authority is now responsible for remediation of contaminated areas of Homebush Bay. During 1999-2000, preliminary work on detailed proposals, community consultation and the Environmental Impact Statement process, was undertaken.</p>

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<p><b>BETTER GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b></p> <p><i>Premier's Department</i></p> <p>The Department has several major 'place'-focussed and coordination initiatives in Western Sydney. The total budget allocation in 1999-2000 for these regional initiatives is \$600,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The <b>Cabramatta Project</b> aims to improve the delivery of government services to Cabramatta.</li> </ul>	<p>A number of important initiatives have been put in place to improve drug treatment and to address community concerns regarding drug dealing and use. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ a purpose built 20 bed detoxification unit constructed at Fairfield Hospital at a cost of \$3.3 million;</li> <li>◆ a multipurpose drug and alcohol centre;</li> <li>◆ a \$40,000 police van anti-drug command post set up by the Police Service;</li> <li>◆ an operational policing strategy;</li> <li>◆ a drug education program and specialist training in dealing with students with drug problems attended by 16 school counsellors from 27 local schools;</li> <li>◆ a telephone hotline to allow residents to identify areas being used as dumping grounds for used needles and syringes; and</li> <li>◆ a Specialist Adolescent Drug Rehabilitation Centre is being established.</li> </ul> <p>Three projects to address youth unemployment have been funded through a \$200,000 Area Assistance Scheme grant. Planet Retail involves a unique partnership between the Cabramatta Project and the Australian Retailers Association. A further program in partnership with Sodexo-Stadium Australia and South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE has provided training in tourism/hospitality and employment opportunities at Stadium Australia for 25 young people from Cabramatta.</p>

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<p>◆ The <b>Regional Co-ordination Program</b> - management of strategic projects that have the potential to bring significant benefits to the people, the economy, infrastructure or the environment of the region.</p> <p>◆ In response to a number of high profile crime and safety incidents in the Canterbury-Bankstown area the Premier's Department was asked to consult in more detail with the community and agencies on issues concerning young people and families. An action plan is being implemented.</p>	<p>Tourism development initiatives include: a Food Trail Guide to market Cabramatta to potential visitors creating a more positive image; the appointment by Council of a dedicated Tourism Officer, funded by the NSW Government; and funding through the Tourism NSW's Sydney Tourism Experience Development Program for publicity purposes.</p> <p>Regional Coordinators were established in the Western Sydney and South Western Sydney Regions in 1998 and 1999, respectively.</p> <p>The Regional Co-ordinator Western Sydney has co-ordinated the work of key government agencies on strategic planning, declaration of lands as a release area and provision of major regional transport infrastructure for the redevelopment of Boral's 300 hectare quarrying operation at Greystanes. When fully developed, the site will provide jobs for 4,000 to 6,000 people. In addition, the co-ordinator has facilitated the first stage of the SungeiWay (Wonderland) 154 hectares Business Park at Eastern Creek. The area will generate up to 1,000 jobs in the next two years and up to 5,000 jobs when fully completed.</p> <p>The co-ordinator has also been involved with the pilot innovative Drug Court established at Parramatta in 1999; the Prospect Canal Linear Park; the research project on Social Exclusion under an ARC-SPIRT (Strategic Partnership with Industry – Research and Training Scheme) grant; the establishment of a pilot travel information/training project which links job seekers in Western Sydney with 'job rich' areas outside Western Sydney; a workshop to showcase "best practice" of government and local government agencies working with non-English speaking background communities in Western Sydney on solutions to environmental issues; the planning for the redevelopment of surplus government sites in Parramatta in line with the implementation of the Parramatta Regional Environment Plan; and the provision of skills audits, support and financial counselling services for retrenched workers from the Oakdale Colliery.</p> <p>The Action Plan was finalised early in 1999 and distributed to relevant agencies and community groups. It includes a commitment to on-going whole-of-government co-ordination and covers a wide range of actions designed to ensure community safety and active policing of unlawful behaviour and to improve police/community/youth relations.</p>

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<p>The <b>Infrastructure Coordination Unit</b> aims to achieve a more co-ordinated and efficient delivery of government infrastructure in the State. In Western Sydney, the Unit has allocated an experienced planning professional to work with Liverpool City Council to plan for and coordinate the release of lands and to plan for coordinated services delivery in major growth areas surrounding Liverpool.</p>	<p>Measures underway include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the implementation of intensive and proactive policing strategies;</li> <li>◆ the appointment of additional Youth Liaison and Ethnic Community Liaison positions in the NSW Police Service;</li> <li>◆ funding of a Police and Community Together project to help build links with ethnic communities;</li> <li>◆ funding of a Youth Crime Prevention Officer with the emphasis on prevention and early intervention;</li> <li>◆ prevention of crime committed by young people and the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders;</li> <li>◆ improved support for parents and families through the development of culturally and religiously appropriate strategies;</li> <li>◆ additional resources for schools to ensure students who are at risk of leaving school early receive additional assistance, including additional English as a second language programs and literacy and numeracy programs; and</li> <li>◆ establishment of a multi-purpose facility for young people in the Bankstown area;</li> </ul> <p>The Department of Community Services provided \$30,000 to employ a Youth Development Officer in partnership with Canterbury Council and \$32,000 to achieve action plan outcomes.</p> <p>The Safer Communities Development Fund administered by the Attorney General's Department has provided financial support to Fairfield, Canterbury and Bankstown Councils under the Safer Towns and Cities grants for the development of local Crime Prevention Plans.</p> <p>The Unit has a contracted Place Manager in Western Sydney, co-located with Liverpool City Council, who is planning for the co-ordinated release of lands and services delivery in the major growth area of Edmondson Park.</p> <p>The Unit sponsored the 2000 Western Sydney Industry Awards to the value of \$5,000.</p>

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<p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>In 1999-2000, it is estimated that <b>\$21.5 million</b> will be spent on the posting of <b>security guards</b> on every CityRail train from 7pm until the service closes each night. Surveillance cameras are being installed on 4,000 government and private buses.</p> <p>The <b>\$1 State Rail and State Transit Pensioner Excursion Ticket Scheme</b> allows pensioners to be provided with unlimited travel on CityRail services and most State Transit Authority services on the day of purchase.</p>	<p>Security guards have been posted on every CityRail train after 7.00 pm at a cost of \$20 million in 1999-2000. Surveillance cameras being installed in metropolitan buses are designed to act as a deterrent to crimes against both drivers and passengers.</p> <p>This Scheme is demand based. Pensioner Excursion Tickets have been available to New South Wales pensioners and seniors throughout 1999-2000. The scheme enables people, including pensioners and people with special needs to access transport services as required.</p>
<p><b>Roads and Traffic Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ As part of the Government's <b>Western Sydney Roads and Transport Program</b>, works exceeding <b>\$160 million</b> have been programmed for 1999-2000. Major construction projects under the program are:</li> <li>◆ \$26 million on the construction of the Liverpool to Parramatta Bus only Transitway;</li> <li>◆ \$7.5 million on a new railway overbridge on Horsley Drive at Carramar;</li> <li>◆ \$9.8 million to widen Castlereagh Road from Jane Street, Penrith to the Penrith Lakes;</li> </ul>	<p>The Transitway project is estimated to cost \$200 million and is scheduled to be completed in 2003. \$19.5 million will be expended in 1999-2000. The Environmental Impact Statement is nearing finalisation and will be displayed shortly. Expressions of Interest have been received and are being assessed. The 3 kilometre section of Transitway between North Liverpool Road and Edensor Road, Bonnyrigg has been completed.</p> <p>The new railway overbridge will provide improved capacity and a reduction in delays at the River Avenue intersection. Construction commenced in August 1999 and bridge girders were erected in December 1999. Construction of reinforced earth walls and earthworks are nearing completion. \$9.5 million will be spent in 1999-2000.</p> <p>Upgrading of Castlereagh Road from 2 undivided lanes to 4 divided lanes, includes the construction of roundabouts at Coreen Avenue and Andrews Road and traffic signals at Peachtree Avenue and Lugard Street. \$12 million will be spent in 1999-2000.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$6 million to widen Old Windsor Road;</li>   <li>◆ \$5.3 million to widen Cowpasture Road from Restwell Road to the Horsley Drive; and</li>   <li>◆ \$5 million to widen Elizabeth Drive between Cabramatta Road and Cowpasture Road.</li> </ul>	<p>The State Government has committed \$200 million to the reconstruction of the Old Windsor/Windsor Road corridor to improve safety, access and traffic flow at the intersection of Old Windsor Road, Balmoral Road and Miami Street. The section from Sunnyholt Road to Balmoral Road/Miami Street was opened to traffic in December 1999. Work is currently underway at the Schofields Road intersection. Planning has commenced on the provision of a flood free route at South Creek, South Windsor. \$12.8 million will be spent in 1999-2000. Work is to be completed by 2008.</p> <p>\$4.3 million will be spent in 1999-2000 and work was completed in April 2000. Contract documents for construction of noise walls are being prepared for tender and construction of an off-road cycleway between The Horsley Drive and Elizabeth Drive is in progress.</p> <p>\$7.3 million will be spent in 1999-2000. The west bound carriageway between Smithfield and Wilson Roads was completed in May 2000. Construction of an off-road cycleway between Cowpasture Road and Bonnyrigg High School is in progress.</p>
<p><b><i>Fair Trading and Consumer Protection</i></b></p> <p>The Department of Fair Trading commenced the <b>Home Building Grants Program</b> in 1999. Approved grants offering benefit to Western Sydney under the inaugural 1999-2000 Program total <b>\$250,000</b>.</p> <p><b>\$1.05 million</b> in funding will be provided for the <b>Residential Tenancies Tribunal</b> in Western Sydney in 1999-2000.</p> <p><b>\$415,000</b> will be spent in 1999-2000 on the <b>Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Program</b> through the Western Sydney Tenants Service located at Harris Park and the South West Tenants Advice Service at Liverpool.</p>	<p>In 1999-2000, \$186,000 was allocated to two organisations in Western Sydney, Building Apprentices Training Limited at Lidcombe (\$150,000) and the Housing Industry Association at Parramatta (\$36,000). Western Sydney received 55 per cent of the total project expenditure of \$350,000 for the Home Building Program.</p> <p>Of the 45,000 applications received State-wide during 1999-2000, 30 per cent were received from Western Sydney. The Tribunal hears applications in Penrith, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Liverpool and Katoomba. In 1999-2000, 5,173 applications were heard at Penrith, 2,702 at Blacktown and 3,449 at Campbelltown. The estimated expenditure for 1999-2000 is \$970,000.</p> <p>Funding for the Tenants Advice and Advocacy Program in 1999-2000 in Western Sydney was just over \$423,000. Tenants Services located at Harris Park and Liverpool provided information, advice and advocacy services to tenants in Western Sydney as well as community education seminars on tenancy issues and law.</p>

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<p><b>Financial Counselling</b> will continue to be provided to the people of Western Sydney by the Government in 1999-2000, with more than <b>\$296,000</b> allocated.</p> <p>Approximately <b>\$20,000</b> will be spent on advertising campaigns in 1999-2000, to reach Western Sydney audiences, under the <b>Register of Encumbered Vehicles Program</b>.</p> <p>The annual operating budget for the <b>Fair Trading Centres</b> at Penrith, Blacktown, Liverpool and Parramatta is <b>\$3.4 million</b> in 1999-2000.</p>	<p>Funding for financial counselling services is made up of two components: the Credit Counselling Program (CCP) which is funded by the Government and administered by the Department of Fair Trading and the NSW Financial Counselling Trust Fund (FCTF). Nearly \$311,000 in funding for financial counselling and community education in Western Sydney in 1999-2000 comprised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Bankstown Family Support (\$17,160);</li> <li>◆ Christian Community Aid Service (\$34,100);</li> <li>◆ CreditLine at Penrith (\$41,750), at Hawkesbury (\$16,000) and at Quakers Hill (\$16,000);</li> <li>◆ The Salvation Army: \$24,960 at Mt Druitt and \$24,000 at Parramatta;</li> <li>◆ Sydney City Mission Campbelltown (\$24,000);</li> <li>◆ Campbelltown Community Legal Centre (\$22,000);</li> <li>◆ CreditLine at Fairfield (\$51,500) and at Macarthur (\$15,500); and</li> <li>◆ Sydney City Mission at Green Valley (\$24,000).</li> </ul> <p>During 1999-2000, \$12,000 was expended to specifically promote the Program in Western Sydney community-based ethnic newspapers and radio. Languages covered were Arabic, Lebanese, Chinese, Vietnamese and Spanish.</p> <p>The allocation for these Centres in 1999-2000 was nearly \$3.7 million. The Centres provide information and assistance on the full range of services offered by the Department of Fair Trading including access to business names registration, building licenses, lodgement of Residential Tribunal and Fair Trading Tribunal applications and the Register of Encumbered Vehicles Program services.</p> <p>The Penrith Fair Trading Centre also operates a call centre that has responded to approximately 719,140 inquiries (up to the end of January 2000), since opening in September 1997.</p>

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<p><b>Justice</b></p> <p><b>Remote Witness Closed Circuit TV facilities</b>, successfully implemented at 59 courthouses throughout New South Wales, are to be extended to Western Sydney. \$205,000 will be spent State-wide on this program in 1999-2000.</p> <p>A <b>NSW Drug Court</b> has been established in Parramatta on a two year trial basis. The Attorney General's Department will be providing expenditure in 1999-2000 in the order of <b>\$1.2 million</b>.</p> <p>In 1999-2000, the budget for <b>Community Justice Centres</b> in Western Sydney at Bankstown, Campbelltown and Penrith will be <b>\$1.5 million</b>.</p>	<p>Closed Circuit TV is now located in 62 courthouses throughout the State, including courthouses in Western Sydney at Bankstown, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Lidcombe, Liverpool, Parramatta and Penrith.</p> <p>The first year of the two year Drug Court trial has been completed. An evaluation of the trial will be undertaken upon completion. A proposal for extending the trial is currently being considered.</p> <p>Community Justice Centres (CJC) have been very effective in supporting an early intervention approach to community conflict. In Western Sydney, 1,103 files were opened, of which 381 matters were resolved through mediation. CJC has a memorandum of understanding with the Local courts which results in more matters before the courts being referred for mediation.</p>
<p><b>Emergency Services</b></p> <p>During 1999-2000, the <b>Hawkesbury-Nepean Floodplain Management Strategy</b> will continue. \$58.3 million has been allocated to the strategy for the five years 1998-99 to 2002-03, plus \$1 million per annum thereafter.</p>	<p>Funds to develop and implement strategies to address the risk from flooding are being allocated only from the New South Wales Government, despite continued pressure on the Commonwealth to provide funding to address major flood risks in Western Sydney. During 1999-2000 the Department of Land and Water Conservation continued the development of the Floodplain Management Study for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Area as part of the implementation of the Floodplain Management Strategy.</p> <p>Funds were provided as follows: \$1.3 million for completion of the study; \$5 million for evacuation route upgrade of Londonderry Road, completion of the Agnes Bank Deviation, the Pitt Town evacuation route and upgrades in the Llandilo area including The Northern Road; \$1.6 million for flood emergency planning; and \$500,000 for a public awareness program.</p> <p>Western Sydney floodplain projects undertaken in 1999-2000 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Haslams Creek management study, Auburn \$40,000;</li> </ul>

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<p>In Western Sydney, allocations will be provided in 1999-2000, through the Rural Fire Fighting Fund, to the local government councils. In 1999-2000, \$5 million is to be provided State-wide for the purchase of new fire tankers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Lower Parramatta River management study, Parramatta \$80,000;</li> <li>◆ Milperra voluntary purchase, Bankstown \$250,000;</li> <li>◆ Milperra Drain flood mitigation works, Bankstown \$80,000;</li> <li>◆ East Hills flood mitigation works, Bankstown \$320,000;</li> <li>◆ Camden management study \$50,000;</li> <li>◆ Campbelltown flood mitigation works \$400,000;</li> <li>◆ Prospect Creek flood mitigation works, Fairfield \$650,000;</li> <li>◆ Lower Cabramatta Creek management study, Liverpool \$40,000;</li> <li>◆ Lower Cabramatta Creek flood mitigation works, Fairfield \$100,000;</li> <li>◆ Upper Prospect Creek flood mitigation works, Fairfield \$40,000;</li> <li>◆ Lower Prospect Creek flood mitigation works, Fairfield \$100,000;</li> <li>◆ Lansvale voluntary purchase, Fairfield \$60,000;</li> <li>◆ Hawkesbury flood mitigation maintenance \$11,200;</li> <li>◆ South Creek flood mitigation, Liverpool \$200,000; and</li> <li>◆ Moorebank voluntary purchase, Liverpool \$300,000.</li> </ul> <p>In 1999-2000, more than \$8.5 million of Rural Fire Fighting Fund moneys was allocated to councils in Western Sydney.</p> <p>\$23.6 million was provided State-wide for the purchase of fire tankers. Vehicles were provided to Baulkham Hills, Blue Mountains, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Penrith and Wollondilly Councils.</p>

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<p><b>Survey Services</b></p> <p>The Surveyor-General will spend <b>\$300,000</b> in 1999-2000 in the first stage of a two year program which will provide <b>new edition topographic maps and digital information</b> for Western Sydney.</p> <p>A further <b>\$500,000</b> will be provided for <b>digital subdivision and boundary mapping</b> that will facilitate planning and land management in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>The first of the new edition topographic maps for Western Sydney will be available in June 2000.</p> <p>Almost 19,000 new land parcels have been added to the digital subdivision and boundary mapping database for Western Sydney. The quality of the database has also been improved. The accuracy of the coordinates of all the survey control marks in the Penrith local government area has been upgraded. This is the first area in the State to have this work completed.</p>
<p><b>Waterways</b></p> <p>Under the Waterways Authority's <b>Waterways Asset Development and Management Program</b>, <b>\$59,000</b> will be provided to <b>Penrith City Council</b> to assist in the upgrade of boating facilities at Trench Reserve.</p>	<p>Penrith City Council has requested that this grant be deferred until 2000-2001. Council plans to invite tenders for the project at the end of 2000 at a time of less demand for marine and piling work.</p>
<p><b>Industrial Relations</b></p> <p>The Government will be allocating <b>\$1.8 million</b> to <b>support industrial relations services</b> in 1999-2000 through Contact Centres located in Parramatta and Bankstown.</p>	<p>Each year, both Contact Centres resolve some two thousand individual industrial complaints lodged by workers in relation to outstanding workplace entitlements.</p>
<p><b>OLYMPICS BUDGET – WESTERN SYDNEY</b></p> <p>◆ <b>Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park</b></p>	<p>The Government has contributed approximately \$318 million on the construction of Western Sydney Olympic and Paralympic sporting facilities.</p> <p>The Centre was completed in September 1999. The site consists of more than 25 kilometres of endurance roads and tracks, steeplechase and galloping tracks and a cross country course with 42 jumps. It can be adapted for a wide range of equestrian events, from dressage to rodeo and can be used for concerts, conventions and community functions. In addition to the Olympic facility, a large community park has been established for the enjoyment of the Western Sydney community.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Sydney International Shooting Centre, Liverpool</b></li> </ul>	<p>The facility, opened in October 1999, will leave a legacy for the sport of shooting for local, national and international competitions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Blacktown Olympic Centre – Softball Centre, Second Baseball Venue and Athletic Training Facilities</b></li> </ul>	<p>Blacktown Olympic Centre, completed in January 2000 at a total cost of \$31 million, will be a permanent sporting legacy for Western Sydney. The venue will become the home of NSW Softball and the prime training and competition venue for all grades of softball players. Some \$23 million was incurred in 1999-2000 in completing this project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Dunc Gray Velodrome, Bankstown</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Velodrome was completed in November 1999 and hosted its first event, the Oceania International Cycling Grand Prix in December 1999. The facility will also be used for concerts, exhibitions, banquets and indoor sports such as volleyball, indoor hockey, badminton and basketball.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Penrith Whitewater Stadium, Penrith Lakes</b></li> </ul>	<p>The canoe course was opened in October 1999. After the Games, the course will provide a permanent venue for national and international competitors as well as providing a safe whitewater experience and a valuable facility for school training camps, functions, corporate days and family outings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Media Village</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Media Village is being located on the former Lidcombe Hospital site and will accommodate 6,000 media representatives during the Games. Over \$37 million is being expended in 1999-2000 and the project will be completed in mid 2000.</p>
<p><b><i>Homebush Bay</i></b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Sydney SuperDome</b></li> </ul>	<p>This facility, completed in August 1999, will be used as the Olympic venue for basketball finals and artistic gymnastics and the Paralympic venue for basketball. The NSW Government contributed \$142 million toward the total cost of the project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Athletes' Village</b></li> </ul>	<p>Construction of the Village at the Newington site is expected to be completed in June 2000. After the Games, further staged residential construction for an estimated 5,000 people will be undertaken.</p>

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<p>◆ <b>Millennium Parklands</b></p> <p>◆ <b>NSW Tennis Centre</b></p> <p>◆ <b>Site Remediation</b></p> <p>◆ <b>Roads and Parking</b></p> <p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>The Olympic Roads and Transport Authority has been established to co-ordinate the planning and delivery of Transport services during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.</p>	<p>Work is continuing at the parklands that involves land remediation, major landscaping and the provision of a network of cycle routes and footpaths. Millennium Parklands will have great sporting and recreational facilities and will provide a high standard environmental and educational legacy. Some \$8 million has been expended in 1999-2000.</p> <p>The Tennis Centre was completed in December 1999. The venue will be used as Tennis NSW headquarters, as a club facility, for public court hire, as a venue for future State, national and international test events, for sports development and training and as a venue for other sports and events. \$16 million has been spent during 1999-2000.</p> <p>The Earth Council's February 2000 review of the Environmental Performance of the Olympic Co-ordination Authority states that important results have been achieved in remediating soil, commencing the treatment of scheduled chemical wastes and pioneering the study and protection of ecological systems and regeneration of natural areas.</p> <p>After eight years of closure, most of Wilson Park at Silverwater will reopen to the public by the end of this year. When completed the park will include pedestrian pathways, playing and cricket fields and picnic areas. Wilson Park is a 12 hectare recreation area on the Parramatta River, linked along the river frontage to Homebush Bay. The park was closed by Auburn Council following evidence of past pollution left behind by an oil processing plant. Bio remediation, the method chosen to clean up the park, provides a natural solution to environmental problems, combining techniques of pollution containment, active remediation of contaminated groundwater and the clean up of sub surface soil contamination.</p> <p>All internal roads, bus ways, footpaths, cycle ways, carparks and landscaping were completed in 1999.</p> <p>Residents of Bankstown, Auburn and the Hills District were provided with cross-regional bus services to the 2000 Royal Easter Show and a number of other designated Special Events. To facilitate easy access to buses for the travelling public, Park and Ride facilities, incorporating special car parks in close proximity to the Regional Bus Services, were provided for those events.</p>