The 2015 Federal Budget is responsible, measured and fair. It will deliver jobs, growth and opportunity. The Budget will help families and small businesses get ahead and provide greater capacity for Australians to make their own decisions about their future.

- The Jobs and Small Business package reduces taxes and creates opportunity, especially for young people.
- The Families Package gives parents more choice and opportunity for child care and for work.
- Pensions have been enhanced and there is NO plan to further tax superannuation.
- There is new funding for national security, a continuation of the Government’s $50 billion infrastructure programme and reforms that make our tax, foreign investment and welfare system fair and sustainable.

Durack will benefit further from tax measures for primary producers, a $5 billion loan facility for infrastructure in northern Australia, $100 million for northern beef roads, a doubling of funds to $32 million for the Roads to Recovery programme, Black Spot funding (Broome, Eneabba, Regans Ford), continuation of works on Gt Northern and NW Coastal Highways, $990 000 for a multipurpose complex in Bencubbin, and a $150 000 Durack community chest.

A number of locations will have towers built to increase capability for around 1,700 premises primarily in the Wheatbelt.
ANZAC 100 - a new coming of age

“ Australians were at their patriotic best on Anzac Day – the Government, the communities, the RSL and many organisations have been privileged to work together to lift Anzac Day to a new level of awareness and appreciation,” said Melissa Price MP.

“I had the honour of attending Anzac services in Kalbarri, Cervantes, Yuna and Jurien Bay.

“I also visited Mullewa where Father O’Bryan rededicated the World War I Memorial which has been restored with the support of Anzac centenary funding.”

ANZAC Centenary grant recipient  Project description

Carnamah Historical Society and Museum  Develop and display exhibition on impacts of World War I on Carnamah and surrounds

Shire of Morawa  Anzac Centenary commemorative services

Shire of Broome  Install a new Memorial wall

Shire of Murchison  Develop Anzac Memorial

Working with my office team members over many months, I am pleased these organisations secured Federal funding for Anzac centenary projects.

“This new small business, Newman Bakery and Takeaway, is doing it right, according to the locals and visitors alike.”

“When it comes to national security, there can be no shortcuts”.  
Tony Abbott MP, Prime Minister of Australia
More Affordable Child Care

The Australian Government’s new child care measures will make child care more affordable. From July 2017, the new Child Care Subsidy will help more families get into work and stay in work.

1. Working families with incomes between $65,000 and $170,000 will be around $30 per week better off. And we’re removing the $7,500 cap for families earning less than $185,000.

2. Working families earning less than $65,000 will get an 85% subsidy of child care fees (up to an hourly cap). A Child Care Safety Net will help those families earning less than $65,000 that don’t meet the activity test.

3. A Home Care (Nannies) Pilot will help people like shift workers access child care.

4. Our “no jab, no pay” rule will remove access to child care subsidies for parents who don’t immunise their children (with exemptions only on medical grounds).

More Security for Seniors

The Age Pension will continue to increase twice a year - at the highest available indexation rate.

- From 2017 - 170,000 pensioners with modest assets will have pensions increased by an average of $30 per fortnight.

- For 90% of pensioners, there will either be no change in pension arrangements, or higher pensions. Some part pensioners with higher assets will no longer qualify for the pension, but will continue to get cheaper PBS medicines with the Senior Health care Card.

- We will fight Labor’s new taxes on Superannuation.

Friends of Battye Library Inc.  Making WA’s World War I history available world-wide through the digitisation of World War I newspapers

Shire of Mount Magnet  Upgrade of Mount Magnet’s Anzac Memorial Park

Shire of Moora  Construct Honour Wall in Centenary Park to commemorate former local residents who served in World War I

Shire of Perenjori  Install bronze relief and plaques commemorating locals who served in World War I

Shire of Dalwallinu  Create murals to commemorate the forces and their horses of World War I

Meckering Action Group Inc.  Upgrade the Meckering War Memorial

Koorda Parents and Citizens Association  Koorda Primary School Anzac Memorial

Geraldton City RSL Sub-branch  Restore honour rolls and reprint the 1918 Victoria District honour roll

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Council, Mullewa  Restore the World War I Memorial - Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Shire of Murchison  Develop Anzac Memorial

Shire of Mukinbudin  Install signage at the Popes Hill Interpretive Site

Wongan Hills RSL Sub-branch  Upgrade lighting at the Wongan Hills Memorial

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On the road in Durack

Roebourne, Yaandina Aged Care Centre
The new state of the art facility allows residents to age in place, to stay close to families and friends as they enjoy their twilight years and grow more dependent. I was pleased to officially open the centre on 21 April, to which the Australian government contributed $3.7 million.

Jurien Bay, Anzac Commemoration
Anzac Day touches every Australian family. Anzac Day 2015 confirmed for me that it is firmly embedded as a day of national pride. It unites us as one. I enjoyed hearing stories about the ANZACS from well-known identity Jim Clarke in Jurien Bay.

Inkpen, Wheatbelt NRM Bushcare Grants
The Australian Government’s efforts to conserve the bush were applauded when I announced that 22 farmers were recipients of round 2 of the Wheatbelt NRM Region Bushcare Grants. The grants will be used to protect bush areas that are important both ecologically and to the community.

Kununurra, Ord East-Kimberley Expansion Project
The development of Northern Australia is a very high priority for the Australian Government. The Hon Bronwyn Bishop, an MP of 28 years, marveled at the enormity and opportunity of the Kimberley, when she visited Broome, Kununurra and Ord stage 2 at my invitation.

Karijini, Karijini Experience
Event tourism has enormous potential for development in northern Australia, and locals from Tom Price and Paraburdoo are on the front foot. It was a privilege to attend the Karijini Experience event featuring an opera performance, culinary experience and moonrise lounge, to name a few.

Wild dogs threat to sustainable agriculture
Sustainable agriculture is an important issue in my federal electorate of Durack. Recently, I visited Challa Station in the Murchison, to better understand the wild dog problem.

Wild dogs have been destroying thousands of livestock each year, costing producers millions of dollars. Whereas dingos were once the main culprit and cause of attacks on sheep and goats, it is now the cross bred mongrel that is the problem.

I was impressed with the pastoralists’ tenacity in dealing with wild dogs through their baiting program but this alone will not curtail the dogs sufficiently, as recent history has shown.

I have written to the State Government, to encourage funding support for the vermin cell fence, and to develop a State wide strategy for the management of wild dogs.