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Perth ACC wishes all of our stakeholders and subscribers a very safe and joyful Christmas.



Important Note: Office Closure

Perth ACC will be closing it's office from 19th December for a short break over Christmas. We will reopen on 19th January, 2004.

As mentioned below, although there are no longer funding rounds for Regional Partnerships applications, it would be worthwhile considering having your projects submitted before Christmas. This will allow assessment at National Office to be underway and completed in the first quarter of next year.

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A New Regional Partnership

In July 2003 the Federal Government launched its new Regional Partnerships programme, making it simpler for communities to get Government backing for their regional development ideas.

Regional Partnerships integrates all of the Government's key regional funding programmes, except Sustainable Regions, into one simple programme and will use the Government's new Standardised Funding Agreement (model that all government departments can use to simplify and harmonise their approach to funding community organisations).

Perth ACC is the primary point of contact for assistance and information regarding the Regional Partnerships programme in metropolitan Perth. It is our role to assist in project development through facilitation with stakeholders and the development of project ideas into sound funding applications. In addition Perth ACC is asked for comment on all applications for Regional Partnerships funding applicable to metropolitan Perth.

We can :

- provide you with advice on obtaining and providing evidence of broad community and business support for your project
- assist you with identifying other project partners
- ensure that all the relevant areas of your application form are completed in sufficient detail .

Therefore, involving Perth ACC early in your project and application development phase will reduce the assessment time with an application.

"Under Regional Partnerships there is one set of guidelines & one simple application process to make it as easy as possible to apply for Federal Government funding support".

www.perthacc.com.au - Regional Partnerships

How to apply for Regional Partnerships funding?

Further information on the Regional Partnerships programme, including a copy of the programme Guidelines and Application forms is available from our website by visiting the [Regional Partnerships](#) pages.

We recommend commencing your application development by considering Part 10 of the application form - covering Questions 13 - 19, in addition to developing the Budget. An [Idea Assessment Kit](#) is also available for download from our website, which is a valuable tool for beginning development of your new project concept. Feel free to contact our office directly by [email](#) or phone: 9478 1000.

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**** News Flash ****

More Funding for New Regional Projects

Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister, De-Anne Kelly announced on 6th November that a **further \$5.5 million has been made available** for new projects under the Regional Partnerships programme in 2003/04. In total it is envisaged that nearly \$290 million will be spent on Regional Partnerships over the next four years (2003/04 - 2006/07).

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Perth ACC was successful in securing over \$335,000 of Regional Assistance Programme funding in 2002/03, representing 12% of the state allocation.

Strategic Regional Plan grows to Strengthen Communities

Following the Federal Election in November 2001, when responsibility for the national network of Area Consultative Committees moved to the Department of Transport and Regional Services, a new National Charter and Statement of Ministerial Priorities was released.

In working to align the operations of Perth ACC with the new direction that ACCs have been given a NEW Key Priority has been added to our Strategic Regional Plan – Strengthening Communities.

Strengthening Communities has become a strategic goal for the Perth Area Consultative Committee to acknowledge the critical importance of community development in building economic capacity and social capital.

A sustainable community results from a long-term integrated systems approach to developing and achieving a healthy community by jointly addressing economic, environmental and social issues

Strategies identified to strengthen communities include:

An Addenda to the Strategic Regional Plan has been produced, including our new Key Priority 'Strengthening Communities', the Core Responsibilities of the new Charter and details of the Ministerial Statement of Priorities.

Reducing marginalisation and social exclusion

- Liaison with new and retro fit urban developments projects to promote employment self sufficiency and community capacity building as essential components of the development;
- Ensure that opportunities are provided for indigenous participation and consultation in community initiatives;
- Encourage the provision of a social infrastructure, which caters for all ages and cultural groups to ensure better access to facilities, education and community services;
- Encouraging initiatives that address long-term unemployment, breakdown of the family unit and continued welfare dependency.

Building community capacity

- Work with community, the private sector and all tiers of government to develop community capacity building skills in disadvantaged communities;
- Assist project proponents to develop their submissions, including the provision of economic, social and background information as appropriate;
- Assist communities to articulate their needs and then to act so they can be met;
- Assist the community to access development assistance and funding from public and private sources;
- Encourage projects that address issues identified by local communities.

To assist in establishing relationships with Community Development networks we are holding seminars to introduce this new sector to the work of Perth ACC and the Regional Partnerships programme. An event was held in Fremantle in late October targeting Community Development workers south of the river. We are planning to hold another event in early 2004, based in the north of the metropolitan region. If you would like to attend an event, or would like information and speakers notes from the Fremantle seminar, please [contact us](#).

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Copies of the addenda can be [downloaded from our website](#) – OR [contact us](#) to have a printed copy posted to you.

Regional Economics Conference - Overview

A short course entitled 'Regional Economic Development and Community Capacity: Positive Impacts for Regions' was held at the University of Western Australia from 5-7th, November, 2003.

The course, jointly conducted by Perth ACC and the Institute for Regional Development (IRD) was based on the Masters of Regional Development degree program, offered by the Institute of Regional Development online and was originally delivered at the Australian National University in Canberra by the Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics.

For an overview of the event please follow this link to [download our Post-event brief](#)

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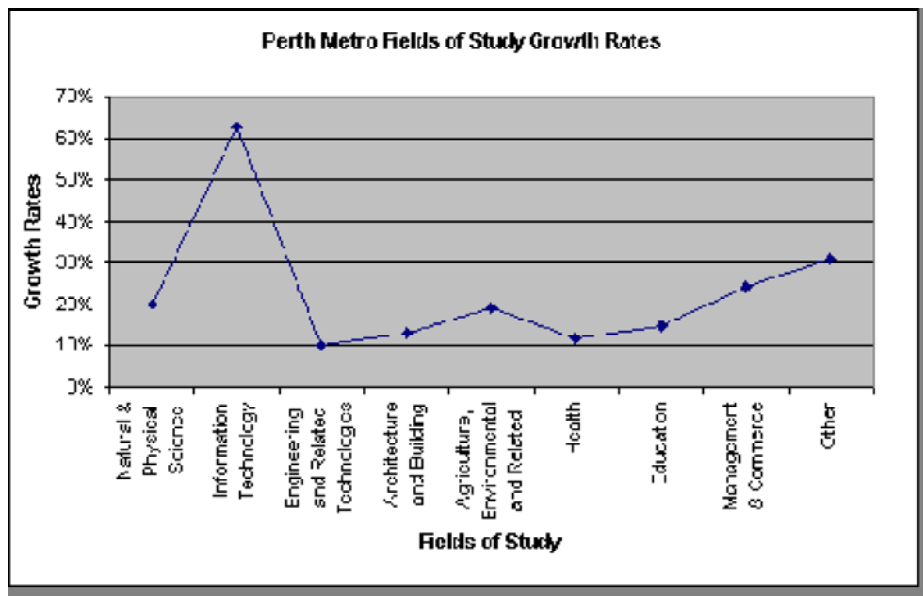
Regional Economic Development and Community Capacity: Positive Impacts for Regions

Labour market fact file –National

- Less than half of employees work a standard Monday to Friday week.
- The number of employees working a full 35-40 hr week has fallen from 50% to 35% of the workforce in the past twenty years.
- Permanent full-time employees have fallen from 74% to 61% of the work force since 1988.
- Casual jobs have grown from 16% to 27% of all employees since 1984.

Labour market fact file – Perth

- The City of Nedlands has the highest percentage of people over 15 years of age that have achieved the highest level of education that being a Bachelor Degree or Post Graduate Degree with 31% of the Perth population. City of Nedlands also having the greatest percentage of work professionals in the area with 40% of the population.
- The Town of Kwinana , The City of Wanneroo and The City of Fremantle have the highest overall unemployment in the Perth Metropolitan area. The City of Perth and The City of Fremantle have the highest youth unemployment rates.
- The secondary field of study that has the highest growth in the Perth Metropolitan area is Information Technology with a rate of 63%. With the workforce growth rate at 19%, all other field of studies have remained at a constant growth rate with the exception of the engineering and health fields, declining by 9% and 7%.



- The majority of people who have achieved further study status after year 12 have been female, being 51% of the population.
- Females dominate the management and commerce work sector, being 61% of the total population, whilst men dominate the engineering and related technologies sector, being 94% of the total population.
- The Perth Metropolitan area's majority of youth (15 years to 24 years) are employed in the retail trade industry and the majority of elderly (65 years and over) are employed in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (2001) , Census of Population and Housing; Selected Education and Labour Force Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas

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All areas in the Perth Metropolitan area have decreased their unemployment rate since 1996.

In the Perth Metropolitan area the average age is 34, average individual weekly income is \$300 - \$399, average family weekly income is \$800 - \$999 and the average number of persons per household is 2.6.