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*"Coming together  
is a beginning*

*Staying together  
is progress*

*Working together  
is success"*

### Vision

*The growth and development of the whole of Perth region which integrates economic, social and environmental opportunities to ensure the needs of both current and future generations are met.*

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### Regional Partnerships Program Update

Changes to the Australian Government's Regional Partnerships funding program and for the Area Consultative Committees were recently outlined by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, the Hon Warren Truss. The announcement detailed a strengthening of the role of the ACCs with three year funding contracts, a streamlining of the application process and changes to the decision process for Regional Partnerships projects.

Mr Truss outlined four new government priorities for the Regional Partnerships program for 2006-2007:

- Helping small and disadvantaged communities
- Building youth capacity and leadership
- Boosting economic growth and skill development
- Addressing the needs of Indigenous communities

There is \$360.9 million available under the Regional Partnerships program from 2005-06 to 2008-09 with \$77.2 million of this available in the 2006-07 financial year.

Since its inception in July 2003, more than \$225 million in funding under Regional Partnerships has been approved for over 800 projects across Australia.

Perth ACC projects funded in this period are in excess of \$2.7m and have generated contributions by business, state and local government of \$10.2 million.

Of the 56 National ACC's, these project figures have placed Perth in the top 10% with 100% of projects submitted approved for funding in the 2004-2005 period.

Perth ACC is a primary source of information and assistance in the development of your Regional Partnerships application. Perth ACC is also the Department's primary provider of independent advice on all applications in the Perth metropolitan region. If your organisation has a project or idea that you think may be eligible for Regional Partnerships funding, call our office on 9478 1000 or email us at [admin@perthacc.com.au](mailto:admin@perthacc.com.au) We will assess your project and see if fits the Regional Partnership program guidelines.

Perth ACC 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.



## Regional Partnerships funded projects update

To date, twenty projects to the value of **\$2,671,021** have been approved for funding through the Regional Partnerships program across Perth since its inception in July 2003.

The total value of these projects is approximately **\$10.2 million**. This is a generation in excess of **\$3.85** of partner funding for each dollar of Australia Government funding.

Perth ACC's region has been extended to include the Indian Ocean Territories (Cocos (Keeling) and Christmas Islands).

Our congratulations go to:

**The City of Armadale - Armadale Youth Precinct Study** has been approved for funding of \$11,000 from Regional Partnerships. The study is stage one of the development and eventual construction of a Youth Precinct in central Armadale. The study is a vital component in the process of the Precinct as it will determine the feasibility of the Precinct; recommend a management plan to ensure the short and long term sustainability of the precinct and to facilitate the acquisitions of funds for the facility. The Precinct will meet a variety of community needs through service delivery and education, training, indigenous programs and youth development initiatives not already catered for in the Armadale region. The City of Armadale and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority are partners in the project.

**City of Gosnells - Pioneer Park Redevelopment** has been approved for funding of \$275,000 towards the construction of a tree top walk to strengthen the link between the town square and town centre and is part of the Town Centre Revitalisation Scheme. The City will restore and enhance Pioneer Park's recreational, social, cultural and environmental assets to create a major regional attraction. The project will facilitate an increase in visitors and trade to the Gosnells Town Centre and promote economic development opportunities.

**City of Swan - Ballajura Peace Park** has been approved for funding of \$137,500 from Regional Partnerships to establish the Ballajura Memorial Peace Park adjoining Ballajura Community College. Regional Partnerships funding was used for lighting, furniture, tree planting, paving and concrete materials and installation of brick paving.

The Ballajura Memorial Peace Park provides a creative and inclusive setting for the community of Ballajura and surrounding districts. It will be a visual reminder for residents and visitors in the area of those who died during times of war, and of the work done to promote peace and harmony and prevent war. The Park will also provide ongoing opportunities for community participation in local projects, including inter-generational programs and pre-vocational activities for young people attending Ballajura Community College.

**Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands - Community Resource Centre Project** has been approved for funding of \$450,000 to establish and construct a centrally located purpose built building. This co-locates all existing and future community services to encourage sharing of facilities and resources and avoid the duplication of amenities. Direct employment outcomes will come from the construction stage and also once the building is in operation. Partners in the project include Department of Local Government and Regional Development and Lottery West.

**City of Fremantle - Living Smart for the Workplace** has been approved for funding of \$14,190. This project comes from the City of Fremantle and incorporates Business Smart aimed at supporting the ongoing viability of existing businesses and providing ideas for new businesses that encourage improvements in productivity and their bottom line through changing the way they operate to reduce impact on the environment and increase their connection with the community.

**City of Cockburn - Drive Thru Art Gallery** has been approved for funding of \$46,750. This project comes from the City of Cockburn and is the result of an extensive community consultation process to identify areas of need and solutions to the issues facing this area. The project will utilize existing public spaces, business precincts and amenities to incorporate arts works to establish the largest open air art gallery in Western Australia.

A complete list of approved Regional Partnerships projects in the metropolitan area can be found at: [www.perthacc.com.au](http://www.perthacc.com.au) and follow the link to Project Profiles.



Works being carried out for the Community Resource Centre at Cocos (Keeling) Island



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## GrantSmart Expo 2006

More than 150 participants plus representatives from 19 Federal Government departments attended this year's Grantsmart Expo held in Canning Vale recently (March 14).

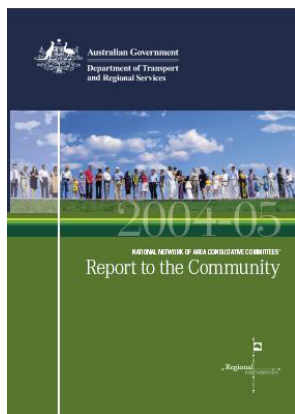
The event was organised by the Perth ACC and sponsored by AusIndustry and DIMA as a showcase of government funding opportunities for community groups, small businesses, local government and not-for-profit organisations. Due to the high level of community interest in the event it was oversubscribed.

**GrantSmart** is expected to become an annual event with GrantSmart Expo 2007 planned to be held in the first half of next year. Further details will be posted on the Perth ACC website towards the end of this year.

For more information and the wrap-up on GrantSmart 2006, head to our website: [www.perthacc.com.au](http://www.perthacc.com.au) and follow the links to Recent Events.



## National Report to the Community 2004-2005



The National Network of Area Consultative Committees'  
**Report to the Community 2004-05**  
is now available.

The report highlights some of the key activities and initiatives undertaken by the ACC's during this time.

For a copy of the report, follow the link:  
[http://www.acc.gov.au/downloads/report\\_ttc.pdf](http://www.acc.gov.au/downloads/report_ttc.pdf)

## 3rd round of Australian Tourism Development Program (ATDP) Funding Open

The Australian Tourism Development Program (ATDP) is a highly competitive merit-based grants program that aims to assist in the development of a continuous tourism experience across Australia.

It does this by supporting initiatives that will:

- o promote tourism development in regional and rural Australia;
- o contribute to long term economic growth;
- o increase visitation and yield throughout Australia;
- o enhance visitor dispersal and tourism expenditure throughout Australia;
- o increase Australia's competitiveness as a tourism destination.



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There are two separate categories of grant:

- o Category 1: Tourism Projects
- o Category 2: Integrated Tourism Development Projects

Round 3 of ATDP closes on 28 June 2006. For further details, call the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or follow the link to:  
<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=A241A6BF-9470-45FC-AF72E8AA122553FE&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6>



## Grant Writing Workshop in July

**Would you like some tips on preparing successful grant applications?  
Interested in finding out about Regional Partnerships funding program, how it can be accessed and by whom?**

Perth ACC will be presenting two grant writing workshops this year. The first will be held in Armadale on July 5. The second is expected to be held north of the river, possibly in September/October.

A presenter from the Perth ACC and another funding institution will be presenting information on their respective funding programs and workshopping application preparation to give you the best possible chance for success.

Both presenters will be available for one-on-one discussions after the completion of the presentations to discuss any possible ideas for funding you may have for your organisation and to guide you in the right direction for other possible funding opportunities.

To register your expression of interest for either workshop or for more information please contact Carol Williams at Perth ACC on 9478 1000 or email [carol@perthacc.com.au](mailto:carol@perthacc.com.au)

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