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The Official Newsletter of the Perth Area Consultative Committee

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The [Regional Partnerships](#) program is an Australian Government initiative supporting the development of self-reliant communities. This financial year there is in excess of \$72 million available for funding of eligible projects under [Regional Partnerships](#).

The [Regional Partnerships](#) programme funds projects that help communities:

- provide opportunities for economic and social participation,
- improve access to services,
- plan their futures, and
- make structural adjustments.

Applicants and their other project partners are expected to make a financial contribution to the project. All applications are assessed against assessment criteria relating to the:

- Outcomes that will be achieved
- Level of partnership funding
- Local support for a project
- Project and applicant viability
- Extent of any competitive advantage
- Extent of any cost shifting by other levels of government

The [Regional Partnerships](#) programme does not have 'rounds of funding' and applications can be made at any time.

Perth ACC is the primary point of contact for assistance and information on the [Regional Partnerships](#) programme. It is our role to assist the development of projects that meet the eligibility and criteria for [Regional Partnerships](#) and demonstrate strong partnership contributions.

So if you know of a project that fits the criteria, has strong local support and will make a difference to your community, please give our Project Officer Carol Williams a call on 9478 1000 or email carol@perthacc.com.au

Guidelines for Regional Partnerships can be accessed through www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au or emailed to you by contacting Perth ACC at admin@perthacc.com.au

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Regional Partnership Update

Twenty-five projects to the value of \$3,879,691 have been funded through [Regional Partnerships](#) programme across Perth since its inception in July 2003.

The total value of these projects is approximately \$16.3 million. This is a generation in excess of \$4.22 of partner funding for each dollar of Australian Government funding.

In May 2007, The Minister for the *Department of Transport and Regional Services*, The Hon. Mark Vaile MP announced changes to the [Regional Partnerships](#) Guidelines. These changes included an increase in value of the streamlined application from \$25,000 to **\$50,000**.

[Click here for a copy of the Guidelines.](#)

Regional Partnerships Success

Congratulations to **Access 31** for successfully applying for \$356,694 of [Regional Partnerships](#) funding to replace the existing transmitter. This will enable WA's only local community television station to double the number of homes it will reach as well as increasing the quality of the transmission. By increasing the area it services, Access 31 will have the ability to increase community participation. Local individuals and groups will participate in training, use ACCESS 31's facilities and equipment, produce new local programs and gain practical hands-on experience in a fully operational television station.

Southcare was successful in applying for \$273,350 of [Regional Partnerships](#) funding to build new premises to expand its capacity to deliver services to frail aged and indigenous people in the South West Metropolitan area of Perth. Southcare delivers programme specific services to disadvantaged people including aboriginal people and people on low incomes. A key goal of the services that are delivered to aged clients is to assist them to remain in their own homes and to be independent for as long as is practicable.



People Places Partnerships



The Perth ACC in partnership with Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council invites you to attend the Leading Practice Seminar *People Places Partnerships* on September 6th at EMRC Council Chambers, Belmont.

For over 20 years the Department of Transport and Regional Services National Awards for Local Government have been highlighting the excellent and innovative work being undertaken by Local Government in communities across Australia. The Awards recognise ingenuity, resourcefulness and self-reliance, and identify and promote councils who are finding new ways of delivering services and developing local solutions to complex and challenging problems in their communities.

People Places Partnerships will bring together award winning projects that are aligned to the direction of the Perth ACC Strategic Regional Plan and metropolitan and outer metropolitan local governments. The seminar will provide opportunities for Councils to see first hand how specific case studies might apply in their own situations and for allow the exchange of ideas and practice on project development and implementation.

The seven projects presenting will be:

Newcastle City Council	The Greenhouse Action in Newcastle (GAIN) Plan.
City of Cockburn	Cockburn Community Development Strategy.
City of Playford	Marni Waeidi Indigenous Transition Pathways Centre.
Greater Geelong City Council	G21 Region Alliance.
Blue Mountains City Council	Yosemite Catchment Restoration and Action Plan.
Western Australian Local Government Association	Perth Biodiversity Project - Integrating Biodiversity Conservation into Planning and Management.
Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	Eastern Hills Volunteer Engagement Model - An Extensive Urban Network.

If you would like to attend the one day seminar, please complete the [registration form](#) and return it by fax no later than August 29th.

Registration is essential as places are limited .

Grant Writing Workshops

For the 2006/2007 financial year, seven Grant Writing Workshops were presented by Perth Area Consultative Committee in conjunction with Cities of Armadale; Wanneroo; Cockburn; Mandurah; combined Swan, Mundaring and Kalamunda, City of Belmont and City of Nedlands which attracted approximately 584 registrations representing 394 organisations. The interest in these workshops provides evidence of the need for such community workshops in the widespread metropolitan region as well as the growing interest in communities, local government authorities and other organisations seeking government funding.

The Grant Writing Workshops provided local government representatives, community members and organisations with valuable information for writing grant applications and applying for funding for small business and community projects as well as networking opportunities with business, community and government organisations.

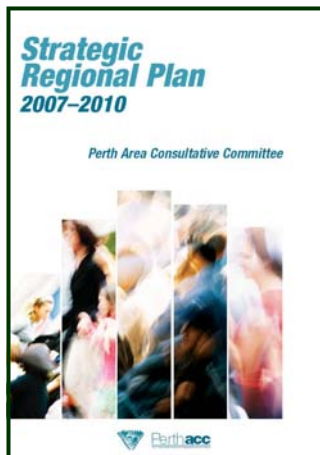
The seven Grant Writing Workshops included guests speakers from Perth ACC, Office for Children and Youth, Local Government and Regional Development; Healthway, Office for Multicultural Interests, City of Cockburn and Office of Crime Prevention delivering valuable up-to-date information on their respective funding opportunities.

The next workshop being presented by Perth ACC, in conjunction with City of Stirling, is September 12 at the Stirling Civic Centre. For more information please contact Carol Williams on 9478 1000 or carol@perthacc.com.au



Participants at the Cockburn, Mandurah and Wanneroo Workshops

Strategic Regional Plan Launch



July 31st saw the well anticipated launch of the Perth ACC Strategic Regional Plan 2007 - 2010.

The Strategic Regional Plan identifies a co-ordinated approach to economic and community development for the whole of Perth and provides a clear priority for the activities of the Perth ACC over the next three years. It has been developed with community consultation and survey input from our region and incorporates the strategic direction of our major stakeholders.

The key priority areas are:

- Diversifying Economy
- Strengthening Community
- Promoting Local Growth

The Plan is used to provide the [Department of Transport and Regional Services](#) with our comments and priority for [Regional Partnerships](#) projects and also for other Australian Government funding programs including the [Employment Innovation Fund](#), [AusLink Strategic Regional Transport program](#), [AusIndustry Small Business](#) and [Australian Tourism Development Programs](#).

If you would like a copy of the Plan, please contact us at admin@perthacc.com.au

Local Government Week



President WALGA, Cr Bill Mitchell
opening proceedings

The Annual Local Government Conference was conducted at the Burswood Resort Convention Centre recently. Perth and Wheatbelt ACCs represented all WA ACCs in hosting a display across the weekend. The event saw Local Government representatives from across WA in attendance.

The theme of this years conference was **Connecting Communities** and was aimed at addressing some of the common issues being experienced by government and business; including trends and attitudes on generational change in the workplace, the balance between economic realities and creative needs of communities and Climate Change. Speakers at the conference noted the importance of partnerships with Area Consultative Committees and Local Government.

Special guest at the conference was Erin Brockovich with her keynote address: ***Because It Is The Right Thing To Do.***

Congratulations to WALGA for hosting another successful event.

Community Cultural and Arts Facilities Fund 2007 Annual Round

Call for Applications

About the Community and Arts Cultural Facilities Fund (CAFF)

Funding is available to Local Governments and Western Australian eligible arts and cultural organisations to partner with the State Government to develop arts and cultural infrastructure projects. The Community Cultural and Arts Facilities Fund (CAFF) will strategically address community arts and cultural infrastructure needs. A diverse range of projects will be supported. Groups such as theatres, gallery and exhibition spaces, Indigenous art and cultural centres and community museums will benefit from this new program. CAFF will support projects that provide a venue for, or are integral to, arts and cultural activity. The CAFF aims to increase participation in, and access to arts and culture. It places an emphasis on advancing artistic and cultural activity through purposeful and well-planned facilities.

Projects will be funded to a maximum of one third of the total cost of the project, subject to funding category limits. Projects that can demonstrate community need and planning are encouraged. The Department of Culture and the Arts (DCA) is working in partnership with the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) to implement the funding program.

Applications are invited from Western Australian regional/rural and metropolitan Local Governments and eligible not for profit arts and cultural organisations to partner with State Government to develop and improve arts and cultural facilities.

Funding partnerships will increase community participation and access to arts and culture, and benefit:

- Regional/rural arts infrastructure
- Indigenous arts and cultural infrastructure
- Community Museums infrastructure
- Art form infrastructure

Applications close **Friday 28th September 2007**

ALL applicants MUST contact the CAFF Project Officer to discuss the project and its eligibility prior to commencing an application

Please contact Ellen Cressey at **9224 7452** or ellen.cressey@dca.wa.gov.au directly

Guidelines and Application form - www.dca.wa.gov.au/CAFFHome.asp



Tradex

Tradex supports the development of Australia's manufacturing and export capability by providing relief from customs duty and GST on imports that are subsequently exported.

Tradex assists Australian industry by allowing goods to be imported without up-front payment of customs duty or other taxes, provided that the goods are subsequently exported or incorporated in goods that are exported, within 12 months, or another approved period.

The scheme provides cash flow advantages because it is an up-front exemption based system rather than a drawback system. *Tradex* also uses self assessment and periodic settlement to reduce compliance costs for exporters.

The *Tradex* scheme is administered by **AusIndustry**, the Australian Government's business program delivery division in the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

More than 1600 importers have registered with **AusIndustry** for *Tradex* orders since the scheme was introduced on 23 June 2000, removing the need for Australian industry to pay (and later claim back) about \$225 million (\$80 million in duty and \$145 million in GST) in the 2006–07 financial year alone.

Contact **AusIndustry** on the hotline 132846 or at www.ausindustry.gov.au

Australia Post Community Development Grant

Community groups, including local landcare groups across Australia, can now apply for yearly grants of up to \$3,300 (including GST) to help improve their local community and environment, through the Australia Post Landcare Community Development Grants Program.

The grants can fulfil a community groups' "wish list" and directly fund a community project, help buy much needed tools and equipment, or help raise awareness and encourage more community members to get involved. The flexibility in the allocation of funds aims to help groups in their ability to grow within the community.

Community Benefits Through their partnership, Australia Post and Landcare Australia aim to assist the thousands of community members across Australia who are working together to improve our environment and way of life.

Creating a healthy environment provides benefits for the whole community. Not only does it beautify our surroundings, it also has economic and social benefits by building more sustainable and healthy communities, productive landscapes and prosperous futures.

Who's eligible?

Any community group undertaking strategic projects to care for the environment, including landcare groups, youth groups and indigenous groups, can apply for the Australia Post Landcare Australia Community Development Grants. Groups that are not incorporated will need to form a partnership with an organisation that will (and can) accept responsibility for administering the financial aspects of the grant, including insurance, e.g. an incorporated Landcare or catchment organisation.

Closing date: Round 2: 14th September 2007

For more information: [Download Community Development Grants Application Guidelines \(MS Word version\)](#)
[Download Community Development Grants Application Form \(MS Word version\)](#)

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