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"Coming together is a beginning

Staying together is progress

Working together is success"

Regional Partnerships Update

Project Submissions

To-date Perth ACC has received strong proponent interest and submissions for Regional Partnerships funding. Six projects have been recommended and supported by the Perth ACC Management Committee and submitted with the Department of Transport and Regional Services. A further three projects are in the later stages of the development phase.

As you would know, Perth ACC is the primary point of contact for information and assistance in developing applications for the Regional Partnerships programme and provides independent advice to the Department of Transport and Regional Services on applications submitted from the Perth region. We have also been assisting project proponents in lodging their Regional Partnerships applications electronically, spending time guiding them through the online application process.

WATCH THIS SPACE for announcements of successfully funded Regional Partnerships projects.

It is our aim to maintain and build on our success rate from 2002/03 in which 80% of Perth ACC endorsed projects receiving funding. In addition, we hope to continue in fostering a high level of community value of our projects, which last year averaged a contributory level of in excess of \$3.70 for every \$1.00 of funding granted. (The Australian Government aims to generate new investment in the local community of \$2.50 for every \$1.00 of funding.)

Our last Management Committee meeting for this Financial Year will be held on 25th May, 2004. Therefore, if you have any ideas for projects that you feel may be applicable under Regional Partnerships and would like assistance to develop an application, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

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If you have a project idea please [contact us](#) to discuss the possible development of your Regional Partnerships application.

Regional Partnerships Downloads:
[Idea Assessment Kit](#)

[Guidelines](#)

[Application](#)



Perth ACC Compliance Under the Spam Act 2003

In December 2003 the Spam Act was passed by the Australian Government. The powers of the Act came into effect on 11th April 2004 which now means that organisations are liable and face possible penalty for breaching the provisions of the Act.

Perth ACC, from time to time may forward you 'commercial information' by electronic message in the form of information about seminars and business events. This information comes through our networks and is passed on to you when we have the permission of the originating agency and when we feel that the details may be of interest to you.

Our Privacy statement details why we keep contact information and in what context it is used.

Relevant Links:
[Perth ACC Privacy statement](#)

[Information on the Spam Act 2003](#)

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Strategic Regional Plan - Update

Strategic Regional Plan

The Perth ACC Strategic Regional Plan for 2004 –2007 (SRP) identifies a coordinated approach to regional development and provides a clear focus and priority for the activities of the Perth ACC over the next three years. In developing the SRP we have sought linkages and commonality with existing strategic plans from state, regional and local government and seek to add value to these to ensure that the final document is a shared vision for the strategic development of the whole of Perth.

Our SRP is a vital document in determining which projects are recommended and ultimately funded under Regional Partnerships as well as other applications for funding from other Australian Government areas such as AusIndustry, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources and Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Development of our new SRP commenced in January 2004 after a period of extensive data analysis and research. A questionnaire was distributed electronically to a SRP Stakeholder Focus group asking for comments, opinions and advice on specific issues impacting on areas across metropolitan Perth. Issues raised from the returned questionnaires were collated and matched with research data and trends and it is these issues that have formed the rationale behind the development of three Key Priorities and associated focus areas and strategies for the direction of Perth ACC activities over 2004–2007.

The three Key Priorities are:

- **Diversifying Economy** To foster a diversified economy which supports economic growth and employment opportunities and enhances the competitiveness of the region.
- **Strengthening Community** To build social capital and economic capacity in communities to enable them to respond to and influence social, environmental and economic outcomes.
- **Promoting Local Growth** To support local business development and employment generation initiatives which lead to diversifying products and services and a greater range of local employment options.

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Details of our SRP
Launch Event
will be available soon.

Please [contact us](#) to register your interest in attending the release of this important document for the future direction of Perth ACC activity and focus.

Project News:

Swan Valley Grape Juice

In 2003 the Swan Valley Grape Juice Association received \$105,050 of Australian Government funding for their pilot project to utilise an excess of wine grapes in the Swan Valley to trial the development of a non-alcoholic grape juice product for the domestic market.

The project offered an opportunity for grape growers to make a transition from traditional wine products to a fresh juice product and utilise excess capacity within existing production and processing plants. The first vintage was produced in 2002 and following the success of the 'Swan Valley Premium Grape Juice' in commercial markets a move to harnessing the commercial potential has begun, with the foundation of the Swan Valley Grape Juice Pty Ltd.

Swan Valley Grape Juice Pty Ltd. will manage juice production with grapes from a co-operative of around 15 Swan Valley grape growers. There has also been strong interest from grape growers in southern regions wanting to contribute their fruit to the juicing project. The Swan Valley Grape Juice Project is turning the current glut of red wine grapes in Western Australia into small profits for grape growers as the Swan Valley Grape Juice is sold. These grapes would have remained on the vines if the capacity for grape juice production did not exist.

Swan Valley Grape Juice will be available in 300ml and 1litre bottles and will be available through wineries and a brewery in the Swan Valley as well as a number of metropolitan fresh markets. It is encouraging to see a pilot project evolve to be a commercially viable venture, ensuring long-term economic benefits to regions of metropolitan Perth.

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Funding and Grants Update:

• **Small Business Enterprise Culture Program**

Applications are now being accepted for Round 8 of the **Small Business Enterprise Culture Program**

The Small Business Enterprise Culture Program aims to develop and enhance the business skills of small business owner-managers and demonstrate the contribution that such skills can make to business viability and growth. It will achieve this by providing competitive grants for initiatives designed to enhance small businesses access to skills development and mentoring. This forms part of the Australian Government's broader \$60 million Small Business Assistance Program.

Applications can be submitted by industry associations, women's professional and business organisations, community organisations, educational institutions, (including universities and TAFEs), and business enterprise centres. Grants under the program range between \$12,000-\$250,000, with the average grant being about \$80,000, which is awarded through a competitive, merit-based process.

Perth ACC provides comments on Small Business Enterprise Culture Program applications to AusIndustry so if you have a project please [contact us](#) to enable you to include Perth ACC comments as part of your application.

Applications for Round 8 close on Friday 18 June 2004.

For further information please visit www.ausindustry.gov.au
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Successful applications for Round 7 were announced last week and there were two successful projects from Perth metropolitan region:

Edith Cowan University - *Micro Biz* received \$72,000 and

Belmont BEC - *Textiles Clothing Footwear Business Skills Development; Women in Regional and Isolated Australia* received \$178,000.

Our congratulations to the project applicants on their success

• **Community Partnerships to Prevent Crime**

Below is a Press Release from the Prime **Minister's Office announcing new funding available for communities who are working in the area of community safety and security.**

"I was pleased to announce today that the Australian Government is committing \$20 million over four years in this Budget to establish a new National Community Crime Prevention Programme.

The centrepiece of the programme is a national community grants scheme to support grass roots projects designed to prevent crime and improve community safety and security.

A lot of crime is very local in nature and there is growing evidence of the effectiveness of locally organised crime prevention initiatives.

I am also delighted that the programme will be supported by Mr Mick Palmer AO APM, former Commissioner of both the Australian Federal Police and the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services. Mr Palmer will act as an Ambassador for the programme, promoting the scheme among those community groups who may wish to seek grants under the programme.

The new programme builds on the foundations of the National Crime Prevention Programme, to which the government has committed \$38 million since 1996 for a range of initiatives aimed at reducing crime and violence in Australia.

The Australian Government shares the community's concern about violence and other forms of crime and their impact on people's lives.

The National Community Crime Prevention Programme is designed to provide the additional resources often needed by community groups to develop their own projects and find their own ways of getting people to work together for the common goal of promoting community safety.

For example, grants could be provided to local sporting groups to develop strategies to reduce sport-related violence; to community groups to reclaim and maintain local parks; and to local clubs to run programmes for children from disadvantaged areas.

The Australian Government believes that communities are in the best position to recognise local problems and find locally relevant solutions.

The National Community Crime Prevention Programme will support innovative crime prevention projects that demonstrate strong community partnerships, target priority areas and provide ongoing benefit to the community."



Further details can be found at
www.crimeprevention.gov.au

• **Stronger Families and Communities Strategy**

The Stronger Families and Communities Strategy is an Australian Government initiative giving families, their children and communities the opportunity to build a better future.

A new strategy has been released for 2004-2008.

Please visit the [Family and Community Services website](#) for further details on the different elements, guidelines and criteria for the programme.

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• **Australian Tourism Development Program**

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

It supports initiatives that will contribute to economic growth; increasing tourist visitation and yield, enhancing visitor dispersal and tourism expenditure, and increasing Australia's competitiveness as a destination.

The ATDP will build on the achievements of the Regional Tourism Program by targeting innovative projects that enhance tourism prospects in regional and metropolitan destinations. It will also support integrated tourism development initiatives across regions.

Applications for the current round are now open and will close on 1 June 2004.

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The Australian Tourism Development Program is part of a \$235 million strategy announced in the Australian Government's Tourism White Paper to boost the growth of the tourism industry.

For more information visit the [Australian Tourism Development Program website](#)

Community Information:

Charity Link

Charity Link was established in 2001 to provide the framework for Western Australian charities and community groups to work together to help more people over Christmas (with toys and food) and throughout the winter months (with blankets). In November 2003 Charity Link was an award winner at the The Annual Community Services Industry Awards in the category of 'Building the Capacity of the Community Services Industry' for its longstanding work with Annual Christmas and Winter Appeals across Western Australia.

For more information visit the Charity Link [website](#) or contact [Liz Pepper, Manager](#).

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Western Australian Charities Working Together

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