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Staying together is progress

Working together is success"

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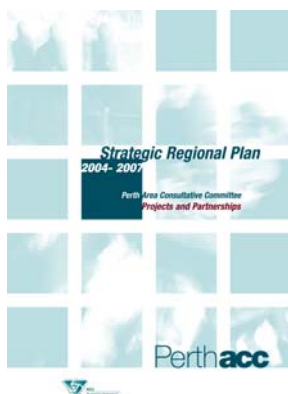
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• Strategic Regional Plan 2004 - 2007

SRP 2004 –2007 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. It also provides linkages and commonality with existing strategic plans from state, regional and local government and aims to add value to these to ensure that the Perth ACC SRP contributes to a shared vision for the strategic development of the whole of Perth.

Development of our new SRP commenced in January 2004 after a period of extensive data analysis and research. Three Key Priorities and associated focus areas have been identified and form the strategies for the direction of Perth ACC activities.

Please [contact us](#) to reserve your copy of our STRATEGIC REGIONAL PLAN.

The three Key Priorities identified in the Perth ACC Strategic Regional Plan for 2004-2007 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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Small Business Training Portal:

The State Training Board and Department of Education and Training, in collaboration with the Small Business Development Corporation recently launched a new business portal: Small Business Skills.

The portal is an interactive site to provide small business owners with the skills to start, maintain and grow their small business. Features include:

- Online learning modules
- information about training courses
- small business case studies
- information and advice
- links to other sites

Small Business Skills was launched by the Hon Bob Kucera MLA, Minister for Small Business on 10th August 2004. Development of the portal was one of the key recommendations from the State Training Board's Small Business Taskforce Report 'Meeting the Training Needs of Small Business in Western Australia'

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[Small Business Skills](#)

Click the above to be directed to the Small Business Skills website

Community News:

The Big Issue

The Big Issue is an informative, independent street magazine – a current affairs publication with a sense of humour. It is sold on the streets of Australia's major cities, including Perth, by authorised vendors who are either homeless or unemployed. The magazine is published fortnightly and sells for \$3, of which \$1.50 is direct income for the vendor.

The Big Issue is funded through magazine sales, advertising revenue, sponsors, trusts and philanthropic organisations, and donations from readers. One of the aims of The Big Issue is to provide a mechanism to assist homeless and long-term unemployed people to participate in society as independently as possible.

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Click the logo above to visit The Big Issue website to locate a vendor near you.

Funding and Grants Update:

- Online Funding 'Search Engines'

The internet is a valuable tool in identifying useful sources of funds, partnerships or grants from State Government, the Australian Government or philanthropic trusts. A new online Grants Directory has been produced by the Western Australian Department of Local Government and Regional Development (DLGRD). It provides information about grants and assistance programs for regional and metropolitan communities and local government.



www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au

Websites of Interest

- Healthway Research Program - include health promotion research project and starter grants, scholarships, fellowships and Indigenous research training scholarships, and also a visiting research fellow program.



www.healthway.wa.gov.au

The Independent Living Centre - is a non-profit community service organisation which provides impartial, expert advice for people with disabilities, their advocates, carers and service providers. Their website includes information on programs and services, disability grants, assistive equipment and technology program, country services, education and training program, consultancy program, Vocational Equipment consultancy, volunteer program.

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- Other Helpful Resources:

CommunityWise: www.communitywise.wa.gov.au

Good Company: www.goodcompany.com.au

Our Community: www.ourcommunity.com.au

The Scoop Community for Community Project: www.scoopcommunity.com.au

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www.dpc.wa.gov.au

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