

Regional Partnerships Update

Project Activity

We have had 12 projects submitted for Regional Partnership funding since February. Four of these projects have now been funded.

Our congratulations to:

- **City of Swan - Midland Education Precinct** who received \$99,000 of Regional Partnerships funding to contribute towards testing the feasibility of the Midland Education Precinct concept and develop a business case.
- **City of Fremantle - On-Track Cycles** granted \$40,700 towards the establishment of a new community-based enterprise at the Fremantle train and bus station, providing services to cyclists and other active commuters such as supervised bicycle storage, maintenance, repair and servicing.
- **City of Armadale – Rushton Park Redevelopment** received \$110,000 for a story wall and performance space development to provide an outdoor venue for performance and cultural based activities as well as a visual recognition of artworks which portray heritage and cultural significance. It is part of an overall redevelopment of the Rushton Park area to meet the needs of an expanding population and address community issues in the area.
- **Craft West (now Form) - Designing Futures Business Development Program** received \$104,500 to increase the capacity of the creative industry sector to meet the forecast supply needs created by the new Kings Park creative design retail outlet and Perth convention facilities. This will increase the potential of the craft and design sector to create employment opportunities, trigger investment into the sector by government and industry. The project has both a metropolitan and a regional focus, with a significant emphasis on nurturing creative clusters.

It is our aim to continue in fostering a high level of community value for 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.)

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](#).

Small Business Enterprise Culture Program

This program provides competitive grants for initiatives designed to enhance small businesses access to skills development and mentoring. Two metropolitan projects were successful in Round Eight announced in September.

Our congratulations to:

- **Edith Cowan University** who received \$107,000 for their HRT for Small Business project.
- **North East Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce** who received \$70,000 for their Corporate Leaders Exchange Program.

This now brings the total Australian Government funding for small business under the SBCEP in the Perth region to just over \$470,000 in two years.

Australian Tourism Development Program

This competitive merit based grants program aims to boost the growth of tourism across Australia by targeting innovative projects that enhance tourism prospects in regional and metropolitan destinations.

Our congratulations to:

- **City of Swan** who received \$83,650 in the first round of this new program for the Swan Valley Bike Trail project.

Perth ACC is the primary point of contact for information and assistance in the development of applications for the Regional Partnerships programme.

Please [contact us](#) to discuss the development of your possible Regional Partnerships project idea.

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

[Guidelines](#), [Application](#)



For further details on the Small Business Enterprise Culture Program, click on the link above.



For further details on the Australian Tourism Development Program, click the link above.

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Strategic Regional Plan 2004 - 2007

Strategic Regional Plan

The Perth ACC Strategic Regional Plan (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.

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.

• Perth ACC Events:

Local Government Week

Conducted over 7th - 10th August 2004, Perth ACC was proud to be included in a Department of Transport and Regional Services display at the Burswood Ballroom as part of the Local Government Week showcase.

Dept. of Transport and Regional Services, Regional Manager, WA, John Love participated as a Key Speaker at the major workshop session 'Regional Economic Development' presenting information on 'A Whole of Government Approach'.

Our congratulations are extended to all at WALGA for their efforts in organising and hosting Local Government Week 2004.



National Leading Practice Seminar

In a national first, Perth ACC partnered with the South West Group of Councils and the Department of Transport and Regional Services – Office of Local Government, to bring to Perth an outstanding showcase of Leading Practice Initiatives from Local Government Authorities from across Australia.

The 'Partnerships: Delivering Integrated Solutions' seminar could not have happened without the support and contribution from the South West Group of Councils to put together and host this event at the beautiful City of Melville Civic Chambers on 18th August.

Projects chosen for the Leading Practice Seminar represented the strategic direction of the Perth ACC and other local stakeholders and provided solutions and implementation strategies to address the issues they face. Five Local Governments from across Australia presented initiatives from their regions that received an Award, Commendation or Nomination at National Awards for Local Government.

In addition, in recognition of the excellent work Local Government has undertaken in Western Australia, three local initiatives from City of Wanneroo, City of Swan and the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council were also presented as part of the national showcase. Each of these projects received the support of Perth ACC in facilitation and development of applications for funding by the Australian Government.

The majority of projects presented had received Australian Government funding from the Department of Transport and Regional Services either through the former Regional Assistance Programme or Regional Solutions. The event was a great example of the role that Regional Partnerships funding is playing in economic development and the strategic direction of Local Government.

Partnerships:

*Delivering
Integrated
Solutions*



John McIlhone, Director South West Group of Councils & Marilyn Horgan, Executive Officer, Perth ACC

Around 60 people attended the event, representing many of the 27 Local Governments Authorities from the Perth metropolitan region. Representatives from beyond the metropolitan region also attended travelling from Kwinana, Rockingham, Mandurah, Bunbury and Busselton. Executive Officers from seven of the metropolitan Area Consultative Committees also attended the seminar, representing Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast and the Northern Territory.

On the following day, interstate visitors had the opportunity to visit Local Government Authorities across Perth to share further ideas and information on project initiatives, development and implementation.

This is the first time that the leading practice projects have been given the opportunity to actually go on site to other local governments who face similar issues and are working on similar projects. Feedback from the seminar participants has been very positive and the site visits have also been seen as a valuable opportunity for information exchange and more detailed exposure to projects at an operational level.

Chairperson of the Perth Area Consultative Committee, Ms Zelinda Bafile, said "Perth ACC has been involved in some dynamic and exciting project work. Promoting Local Growth is a Key Priority of Perth ACC and we work proactively across the whole of Perth assisting Local Government and community stakeholders to address economic and social problems by the development of sustainable projects delivering tangible results."

The Partnerships – Delivering Integrated Solutions Seminar reinforces the role that ACC's can play as a facilitator of information flows, change and development in their regions. Perth ACC hopes that the success of the event will be reflected in the development of new projects and initiatives for funding through Regional Partnerships and the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Comments from Participants

As both a participant and presenter at Wednesday's conference can I thank you for organising such a great event. The project we presented 'Adding Value thru Tourism' was a RAP Grant recipient, which means that we have an obligation to pass on the learnings of our project to other areas to foster transferability of the methodology and approach. This was a great opportunity for us to therefore show case the project to other local governments.

I also found the other sessions to be useful as they had been selected to suit the interests and current project focus of many Perth Local Govts - including the City of Swan. May I particularly thank you for also organising the follow up visits. It is rare for WA local Govts to meet with colleagues from interstate because of our relative isolation, so having visits from the Cities of Newcastle and Griffiths was extremely valuable.

Fiona Weigall, Group Manager Community Planning, City of Swan

It was excellent. Your events are always great to attend, and to be able to go (for free) and speak with other people dealing with similar issues across Australia is such a great opportunity. We in the Econ Dev world are often so marginalised in the business world, and indeed in our own organisations, that it is important to have a forum like these where we can get together on the odd occasion and share the wealth of knowledge.

Scott Mills, Midland Marketing Inc.

Thanks for a brilliant show yesterday. It was tiring, but well worth it

Ian Martinus, Manager Economic Development, City of Wanneroo



David Penfold, City of Salisbury (SA)



Samantha Seymour-Eyles and Fiona Weigall, City of Swan (WA)

WA on Show

Perth ACC is proud to be featured at the inaugural event for the new Perth Entertainment and Convention Centre as part of a combined display, showcasing the Western Australian network of Area Consultative Committees.

Staff from Perth ACC were on roster over the five days of the event, in conjunction with representatives from other ACCs across Western Australia and a representative from Department of Transport and Regional Services from Canberra, to showcase the work undertaken by ACCs and promote the Australian Government's Regional Partnerships programme.



Official Opening Event
Perth Convention Exhibition Centre
27 - 31 August 2004

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.



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

Funding and Grants Update:

- Australian Government Assistance for Small Business

The Small Business website provides simple step-by-step information to help those starting and running their own small business.

Smallbusiness.gov.au

AusIndustry provides information on R&D Start Program, Commercialisation Loan, Comet and Small Business Answers Officer services and Business Incubators.



www.ausindustry.gov.au

Austrade for advice and assistance on exporting.

www.austrade.gov.au

Business Entry Point includes all levels of government business information.

www.business.gov.au

CRIS (Commonwealth Regional Information Service) provides information on relevant government programs

www.regionalaustralia.gov.au

IP Australia for all information on trade marks and patents including the SmartStart publication.

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Australian Government

IP Australia

www.ipaustralia.gov.au

GrantsLink provides valuable information for those looking for a grant from the Australian Government to assist in the development and execution of project ideas.

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YOUR COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY GRANTS SITE

www.grantslink.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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- Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships

Award winners for Western Australia were announced in late July and Perth ACC would like to congratulate the following winners on their outstanding achievements:

- Virtual Cancer Centre.Com Pty Ltd and the Silver Chain Nursing Association - WA Small Business Award.
- Jacobs Sverdrup Australia in partnership with South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council - WA Medium Business Award.
- Freehills and Sussex Street Community Law Service - WA Large Business Award.
- MODAL and Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc. (WACOSS) - WA Medium Business Encouragement Award.

Perth ACC participated in the Awards Ceremony, hosting a display in the main hall, which attracted strong interest from those attending.

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More details on winning partnerships can be found by visiting the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership web-site.



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