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## 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.*

The Perth Area Consultative Committee is part of the National Network of Area Consultative Committees funded by the Australian Government, under the Regional Partnerships programme.

The ACC's provide a conduit between their communities and the Government, working with not-for-profit organisations, Australian and State Government agencies, local governments, business groups and individual businesses, promoting and facilitating access to a wide range of Australian Government programmes and services that support regional economic development and sustainable employment.

In particular, we promote and facilitate applications to the Regional Partnerships Programme, the Australian Government's flagship programme for assisting regions to develop.

## New Board members join Perth ACC

Welcome to Desiree Walsh and Phil Kemp who joined Perth ACC in June, bringing with them a wealth of experience.

Phil has been the Executive Officer of a community owned small business advisory centre for six years and has his own small business. He is actively involved in economic development and small business growth initiatives including a Churchill Scholarship in 2000 to UK and Ireland to investigate best practices in small business development agencies and business incubators. In his spare time, Phil is working towards his Masters in small business development and lectures at Curtin University in small business and entrepreneurship.

Desiree is the General Manager of BJJ Connecting Communities and has a degree in Sociology/ Psychology. She has worked in the community sector for 15 years and has considerable experience in community projects, employment issues and social justice.

Phil and Desiree join existing Board members, Zelinda Bafile (Chair), Elizabeth Taylor (Deputy Chair), Nerrida Porteous (Treasurer), Geoff Hawke, Jay Hardison, Jane Easton, David Atkinson, Lee Best, Kim Bridge, Barbara Macnish and Graeme Harris.

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## Streamlined process for Regional Partnerships Applications under \$25,000

A streamlined process for Regional Partnerships applications seeking \$25,000 or less (GST exclusive) has been released. There is now a shortened application form and a simpler assessment process for these smaller applications. For more information, please visit

[www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au](http://www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au) or [www.perthacc.com.au](http://www.perthacc.com.au)

or call Perth ACC on 9478 1000

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If you have any ideas for projects to help your community, we can assist in developing your application.

For details on these and other Perth ACC Regional Partnerships projects, head to the [Project Profile](#) page on our [website](#)



## Regional Partnerships Update

The Australian Government's approach to regional development is to work in partnership with communities, government and the private sector to foster the development of self-reliant communities and regions. This approach is consistent with the Commonwealth's framework for developing Australia's regions: "Stronger Regions, A Stronger Australia". **Regional Partnerships** is a programme that delivers on the Australian Government's approach to regional development.

Fourteen projects to the value of **\$1,736,581** have been funded through the **Regional Partnerships programme** in Perth since its inception in 2003. The total value of these projects is approximately **\$5.6 million**. This is a generation of **\$3.30** of partner funding for each dollar of Australia Government funding.

### City of Canning - Castledare Miniature Railway Extension

received \$68,200 to upgrade and expand passenger boarding facilities and landscaping of the Castledare Miniature Railway including the enlargement of the existing platform area at Wilson Park, provision of a covered shelter over the railway lines, installation of an additional passing line and building of a ticket box and connection to services. Partners in the project are Challenger TAFE, Wilson Wetlands and Castledare Miniature Railway.



Stakeholders at the launch of Castledare Miniature Railway Extension



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MADDINGTON KENWICK  
Sustainable Communities Partnership

### City of Gosnells - Maddington Kenwick Community Engagement

project received \$66,000 towards the Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership. The funding will support capital improvements leading to the development of the Westfield Street Community Hub in Maddington. The Hub will incorporate two Work for the Dole programs focusing on computer, graphic design, web design and video production training and a community facility which will provide meeting space for community groups and the provision of community services. The community hub is being developed in partnership with the YMCA (Headquarters) program, the Smith Family and the City of Gosnells.

### City of Fremantle - Fremantle Linkages

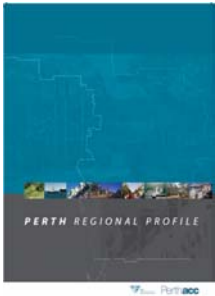
received \$71,500 for the creation of walking pathways, interpretive signage and landscaping between Fishing Boat Harbour and Victoria Quay. The project capitalises on the growing trend for walking and cycling tourism and adds a new dimension to the historic and commercial appeal of the Fremantle area by providing linked, safe and accessible paths. The project will also produce a marketing strategy together with maps and guides which will co-ordinate the promotion of all tourist trails in Fremantle under the one branding. Public art will also be integrated into the street furniture to help tell the important stories along the route and to further add to the experience of the users of the trail. Partners include Fremantle Ports, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce, WA Maritime Museum, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Tourism WA and Fishing Boat Harbour Traders Association.



### Association for the Blind—Guide Dog Discovery Centre

recently received \$578,000 to go towards the construction of the Woodside Guide Dog Discovery Centre. The innovative, experiential Discovery Centre will aim to change generational attitudes about eye health, and about the abilities of people who are vision impaired. By showcasing the abilities of people who are blind or vision impaired to potential employers, the centre aims to decrease the unemployment rate of their clients who are eligible for work. Partners in the project include Woodside Energy and Alinta Pty Ltd.

## Perth Regional Profile 2005



As part of the process to ensure that the Strategic Regional Plan maintains its relevancy and currency, Perth ACC has developed this companion document, the [Perth Regional Profile](#).

This document pulls together economic and social data from a variety of sources to paint a picture of the metropolitan region from Yanchep — Two Rocks in the north to Kwinana and Armadale in the south and east to Kalamunda and Mundaring. It highlights areas of fast population growth, higher educational attainment, younger and older populations, industry growth and different sector employment opportunities.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Perth Regional Profile, please contact us on 9478 1000 or email us at [admin@perthacc.com.au](mailto:admin@perthacc.com.au)

## Strategic Regional Plan 2004-2007



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 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 Strategic Regional Plan contributes to a shared vision for the strategic development of the whole of Perth.

Three Key Priorities and associated focus areas have been identified and form the strategies for the direction of Perth ACC activities.

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## Perth ACC Events 2005 GRANTSMART EXPO - Gingin



The 2005 Grant Smart Expo at the Gravity Discovery Centre in Gingin on May 20 was a significant day for community groups and businesses seeking access to government funding. Around 120 people from the northern metropolitan area and across the Wheatbelt attended to listen to more than 17 Australian Government representatives promote opportunities available from the Australian Government and showcase funding opportunities and priorities for small business and community projects.

The Grantsmart Expo was hosted by the Perth and Wheatbelt ACC's and conducted at the Gravity Discovery Centre which was not only an ideal venue but provided the opportunity to enjoy a project that has been funded under the Regional Partnerships programme.



The Expo was opened by Senator David Johnson and the official welcome from Mr David White Chair of the Wheatbelt ACC was followed by a series of rotational workshops highlighting Australian Government programmes and giving participants the opportunity to talk to representatives about their projects and communities. Australian Government departments represented were Department of Transport and Regional Services; AusIndustry; Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs; Skills Migration Unit – WA Department of Industry and Resources; Department of Family and Community Services; Centrelink; Austrade; Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Department of Education, Science and Training and the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.



The Sundowner function at the end of the day gave participants and presenters the chance to network and to sample local Wheatbelt produce.

Professor David Blair from the University of Western Australia entertained and enthralled dinner guests with his recollections of the development of the Discovery Centre, some of the major challenges encountered and what's in store for us from the wonderful world of physics. The day was completed with a stargazing experience and supper at the Southern Cross Cosmos Centre.

The Grantsmart Expo is an example of the role that ACC's play as a facilitator of information flows and acting as a catalyst and co-ordination point for a whole of government response to regional development. This has been undertaken by drawing together avenues of funding and resources for communities and businesses to foster development in their regions. The Perth and Wheatbelt ACC's hope 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.

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