

Presentation to: Senate Inquiry into Regional Partnerships

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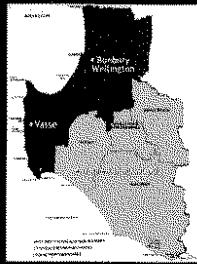
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Graham Hodgson, Executive Officer
South West Area
Consultative Committee Inc



Overview

South West Region:

- 12 LGAs
- 27,000 square kilometres
- 140,000 people
- \$5.5 billion pa gross regional product
- Most diverse economically of any region in Australia
- Fastest-growing region of Australia (5 of the fastest-growing LGAs located in South West)



Overview

South West ACC operates in Australia's South West.

Vision: Empowering communities in the South West of WA

Chairman: Paul Vukelic, appointed April, 1999

Executive Officer: Graham Hodgson, appointed December, 1999

Board of 12 volunteer members



Overview

South West ACC Board has directly provided advice to Australian Government on:

- Regional Assistance Programme
- Dairy Regional Assistance Programme
- Regional Partnerships

Total funding over 6 years, approx \$15 million for total project cost in excess of \$50 million



Overview

Also involved in:

- Regional Solutions
- Rural Transactions Centres
- SW Structural Adjustment Programme
- Grants for Forest Communities
- WA Forestry Assistance Programme
- Indigenous employment
- Skilled migration
- Many more

Total funding over six years \$33.2 million for projects totalling in excess of \$100 million



Overview

Achieved this with:

- Operational funding: \$250,000 pa (approx)
- Staff: Executive Officer, Project Officer, Office Manager/Project Officer. Also: Small Business Field Officer (DITR funded)
- Equates to Australian Government funding to South West community 32 times operational funding



Overview

By comparison:

WA State Government's South West Development Commission (same service area)

- 25 staff
- Operational funding - \$2,367,000 pa
- Capital works funding - \$2,650,000 pa
- Project funding (for regional projects) - \$400,000 pa



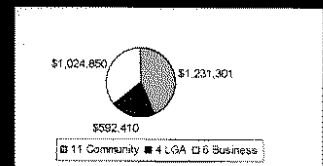
Regional Partnerships

- South West ACC has dealt with scores of inquiries regarding Regional Partnerships Programme since its introduction in 2003
- Total of 29 projects proceeded to formal applications
- The total funding requested for these projects is \$7,510,807 with the total project cost being \$24,449,662
- 21 projects have been approved as at 5 July, 2005



Regional Partnerships

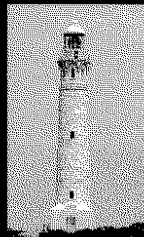
- Regional Partnerships funding: \$3,118,817
- Total project costs: \$10,138,177
- Four applications are currently being assessed.
- The South West ACC Board considers all applications against the Regional Partnerships assessment criteria, and the regional priorities, as stated in our three-year Strategic Regional Plan 2004-2007.



Regional Partnerships

Augusta-Margaret River Tourism Assn

- Funding will be used towards the redevelopment of the Cape Leeuwin lighthouse tourist precinct at Augusta.
- Funding: \$275,000
- Champion: Pauline McLeod



Regional Partnerships

Lake Jasper Certified Seed Potatoes

- This project will assist the establishment of new production sites to double potato seed production over next two years to meet anticipated increase in exports.
- Funding: \$192,500
- Champion: Tom Fox



Regional Partnerships

Royal Life Saving Society

- Funding will be used for the expansion of the society's Warren-Blackwood Call Centre
- Funding: \$258,500
- Champion: Alex McKenzie



Regional Partnerships

Shire of Nannup

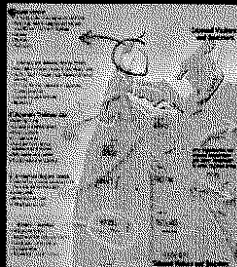
- This project will develop and construct stall holder and recreational facilities by the Blackwood River in Nannup.
- Funding: \$81,840
- Champion: Rachelle Maddox



Regional Partnerships

City of Bunbury

- This project will prepare a regional growth strategy for the region of Bunbury
- Funding: \$117,700
- Champion: Tony Brun/Franco Andreone



Regional Partnerships

Harvest Highway

- Funding will assist the Harvest Highway group to raise the profile of Harvest Highway businesses and identify new business initiatives.
- Funding: \$106,502
- Champion: Anne Chapple



Regional Partnerships

West Coast Electro Fishing

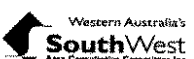
- Funding will assist West Coast Electro Fishing to purchase a small boat for the electro fishing of redfin perch and to establish a fish processing plant in Manjimup
- Funding: \$99,000
- Champion: Matt Anderson



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Nurture Works

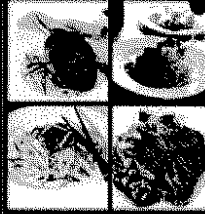
- Funding will assist Nurture Works, Busselton, to expand the reach and range of its life skills activity throughout the region. The initiative will provide preventative and life skills programs to school age children.
- Funding: \$65,385
- Champion: Pastor Steve Heron



Regional Partnerships

E. G. Green and Sons

- This project is a training and employment partnership between EG Green and Sons and Karnet Prison Farm to integrate prisoners into sustainable employment as skilled meat processing workers.
- Funding: \$237,435
- Champion: Tony Bandera



Regional Partnerships

JLV Industries

- This project will expand and consolidate the operation of cable-hauled conveyor belts for use by the world's mining industry.
- Funding: \$268,400
- Champion: George Thomas



Regional Partnerships

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

- This project will develop the Blackwood Foreshore Park Precinct with footbridge, walkways, playground equipment, signage, seating and lighting.
- Funding: \$67,111
- Champion: Dawn Earl



Regional Partnerships

Rotary District 9460

- This project will establish a warehouse and distribution facility in Bunbury providing a reliable supply of low cost food through community agencies to people in need within this region.
- Funding: \$77,000
- Champion: Rob Prestage/ Kent Machar/ Ross Ranson



Regional Partnerships

Silver Chain Nursing

- This project will assist the Silver Chain Nursing Association to construct a new facility that will meet the health care needs of the Walpole area.
- Funding: \$165,000
- Champion: Rod Burton



Regional Partnerships

In Town Centre Inc

- To assist in establishing a new In Town Lunch Centre to cater to the needs of the homeless, the lonely and those needing meals, other support or assistance or social contact.
- Funding: \$71,500
- Champion: Geraldine Webster



Regional Partnerships

Shire of Manjimup

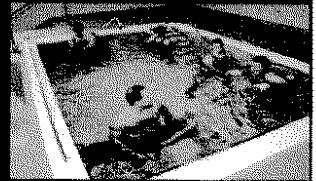
- This project will assist the Shire of Manjimup to construct a clear span, all-weather cover over the existing swimming pool facility to enable year-round use.
- Funding: \$385,000
- Champions: Jeremy Hubble / Gail Ipsen-Cutts



Regional Partnerships

Augusta Community Development Assn

- This project will assist ACDA will assist to construct and fit-out a community hydrotherapy centre in Augusta.
- Funding: \$123,904
- Champion: Owen Jones



Regional Partnerships

Drover's Rest Enterprises

- Funding will enable the expansion of an organic horticulture enterprise, creating 19 jobs directly and fostering the organic horticulture industry in the area.
- Funding: \$154,000
- Champion: Errol Seymour



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Bannister Downs Dairy

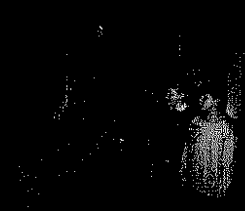
- This project will see Bannister Downs implement on-farm processing and retailing of whole milk at their Northcliffe dairy farm.
- Funding: \$178,200
- Champion: Sue Daubney



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Greenbushes Eco Cultural Discovery Centre

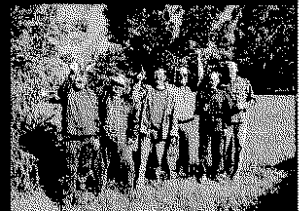
- This project will enable another visitor attraction to be completed at this volunteer-run centre that interprets the area's industry and environment
- Funding: \$24,400
- Champion: Pat Scallan



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Bridgetown Returned Services League

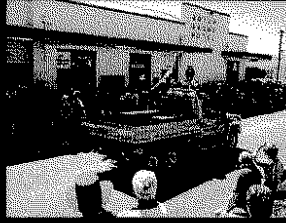
- Funding will assist the Bridgetown RSL to fit-out a new Men in Sheds to provide a 'mateship' centre for more than 100 older men.
- Funding: \$27,500
- Champion: Terry Linz



Regional Partnerships

Boyup Brook Music Club

- This whole-of-community project will build on Boyup Brook's image as the country music 'capital' of WA, producing economic returns and community revitalisation.
- Funding: \$143,000
- Champion: Daly Winter



Questions

