



Peel Community PAGE

Partnerships / Assistance / Grants / Engagement

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Peel Community PAGE which has been established after recent consultations with the community and other groups within the Peel region. RDA Peel welcomes feedback and comments which can be direct to community@rdapeel.org.au.

RDA Peel – Roles & Functions

From October 1, 2009 the Peel Area Consultative Committee Inc. (PACC) changed its name to Regional Development Australia Peel Inc. (RDA Peel) to become part of the Regional Development Australia National network.

The new role for RDA Peel focuses on 5 areas:

1. Advice, consultation and community engagement
2. Contribute to regional planning
3. Whole of government activities
4. Promotion of government programs
5. Community development

For more information please refer to our website www.rdapeel.org.au



This newsletter has been prepared in conjunction with the **Peel Community Development Group Inc.**



Does Your Group Need Assistance With:

Finding a Suitable Grant or Funding Opportunity?

Contact us and arrange a meeting where we can discuss your project or initiative.

Writing a Funding Submission or Grant Application?

Contact us to make an appointment so we can assist you with your application on a one-on-one confidential basis.

Access to a Computer or the Internet?

Make an appointment to use our "Open Access" area where you are welcome to use our facilities for your group's purposes.

Publishing or printing a newsletter?

Contact us—your group is welcome to use our resources (limits apply).

Photocopying or Collating?

Contact us—your group is welcome to use our resources (limits apply).

Finding a Meeting Venue in Mandurah?

Your group is welcome to use our 15 seat board room in Mandurah to hold meetings. Contact us to make a booking.

ALL OF THESE SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PEEL REGION.

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Regional Development Australia Committee Appointments

On December 7, 2009 the Australian Government appointed 93 local leaders to be the voices of WA's regions on Regional Development Australia committees.

Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development, Maxine McKew, and Parliamentary Secretary for Western Australia, Gary Gray, announced the appointments of the committee members, including Chairs and Deputy Chairs, for the nine WA RDA committees.

A full list of appointments is available at www.rda.gov.au

Ms McKew and Mr Gray congratulated the appointees.

Ms McKew said the committee members were chosen for their local leadership, their dedication to and understanding of their communities.

"I look forward to working with all RDA Western Australia committee members on regional development issues close to their communities," Ms McKew said.



Regional Development Australia Committee Appointments *Continued*

"RDA Western Australia will be a first point of call to promote regional initiatives and partnerships and make sure that they respond to local needs."

Mr Gray said the Rudd Government was listening to WA's regional communities.

"WA has unique needs across a vast array of different communities. We want the people on the ground across the state to tell us the challenges they face," Mr Gray said.

"RDA is a direct link between these local communities and government."

Ms McKew and Mr Gray said today's appointments would help to create new opportunities in regional communities across Western Australia.

"We urge all the new WA RDA committee members to provide a strong voice for their regions," they said.

Regional Development Australia Peel Inc. Committee Members are:

Chairperson: Coral Richards

Coral has extensive experience in community development activities. Coral was instrumental in establishing charitable organisations such as FinUCAre, a financial counselling service and Uniting Outreach Mandurah, a community agency which provides services to the local community. Coral has been a member of the Peel Region Planning Committee since 2001 and is also a teacher with broad ranging experience across the Primary and Secondary schools, including working with indigenous students and their families.

Deputy Chairperson: Elizabeth Hoek

Elizabeth is a long time resident of Boddington and is the Coordinator of the Boddington Old School Community Centre. She has a strong interest in community development and has worked with volunteers at the Boddington Old School Community Centre to help develop their skills. She has also assisted volunteers to improve local grounds and buildings and worked in partnership with the local Peel TAFE to deliver Horticulture and e-learning programs. Elizabeth has been a Councillor with the Shire of Boddington since 1998 and is also an active Board Member of the Peel Development Commission.

Other Committee Members

Mr Mark Newman

Mr Walter (Wally) Barrett

Ms Patricia Creevey

Ms Maree De Lacey

Ms Denyse Needham

Ms Margaret Barnesby Johnson

Ms Antoniette La Rosa

Mr Filippo Bongiovanni

Mr Noel Nancarrow

Mr John Read



Available Grants & Funding Opportunities

RDA Peel holds information on many hundreds of grants available to community groups. The following are just a few current Grants & Funding opportunities available, however if your group needs funding for purposes other than general administration costs and overheads, please contact us to discuss your situation.

Please use the links for more information and relevant grants guidelines and applications:

Royalties for Regions – round 2 are now open and closes Wednesday, 10 February 2010. This scheme is to improve economic and community infrastructure and services in the Peel Region through funding projects that will assist in attracting investment and increasing for more information go to <http://www.peel.wa.gov.au/content/royalties-for-regions>

Lotterywest & Dept. of Sport and Recreation 2010 Trails Grants Program – not for profit, community organisations and local government authorities are eligible to apply for projects such as trail construction; upgrade of existing trails; trail promotion & marketing; trail planning (feasibility, consultants work). Applications open 1 December 2009 and close 19 March 2010. More information go to <http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/grant-opportunities/apicl/581>

Dept. of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts National – Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program – provides direct funding support to indigenous art centres and art support and advocacy organisations with the overall objectives to assist art centres to becoming stronger and to build a more sustainable Indigenous visual arts industry. Application opened 16 November 2009 and close on 5 February 2010. More information <http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/NACIS>

Dept. of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts – Home Sustainability Assessments & Green Loans – provides detailed, quality Home Sustainability Assessments and access to Green Loans of up to \$10,000 that are interest free for a maximum of four years, to make the changes recommended in the assessment. Assessments commenced mid 2009 and are available until 31 December 2012 or available funding is exhausted. Green Loans are intended to be available until 31 March 2013 or until available funding is exhausted. More information <http://www.environment.gov.au/greenloans/index.html>

Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASD) Scholarships for staff from not-for-profits – has over \$600,000 of scholarships available from major universities and private education providers across Australia for a variety of programs. Take the first step to broaden your skill set and make your not-for-profit organisation more effective. Applications are open now. More information <http://www.scholarships.org.au/index.php>

Community Noticeboard

If your organisation is holding a community event please let us know. RDA Peel would be more than happy to list it in their Community Noticeboard. **Community Employers WA** represents not-for-profit employers in non-government sector of Western Australia.

CEWA was registered as an Employer Organisation by the WA Industrial Commission in September 2009 after 29 community employers started meeting in late 2007 to discuss common issues as employers.

CEWA's primary objective is to secure a 30% increase in government funding to non-government, not-for-profit community service organisations in Western Australia, to increase the capacity of these organisations to pay fair and just wages to their staff and continue to deliver essential community services.

Do you believe staff in the non-government, not for profit sector are underpaid? Sign CEWA's petition. This will be presented to the State Government of Western Australia.





Peel Community Development Group Inc.

Focus on our Community

Have you heard of Peel Community Development Group?

The Peel Community Development Group (PCDG) is an independent not-for profit organisation hosted by the Peel Development Commission that was established in 2001.

The PCDG works to support and strengthen a positive sustainable community development process in the Peel region, whilst advocating for and supporting the work of the community sector.

The Peel Community Development Group aims to:

- Promote and support services that meet the community's needs;
- Promote and support community cohesion;
- Assist in development of the capacity of groups, professionals and leaders in the community; and
- Improve coordination of community development initiatives.

PCDG welcomes the partnership recently entered into with WA Council of Social Services (WACOSS) and the benefits it will engender for the community of Peel.

Clearer communication channels with government and easy access to information and research will enable Peel to have greater strategic decision making power. WACOSS training programs are well known and held in high regard by the community. PCDG in partnership with City of Mandurah is conducting a survey of training needs in the Peel. Funding opportunities will then be sought to ensure the Peel Region capitalizes on capacity building and training opportunities.

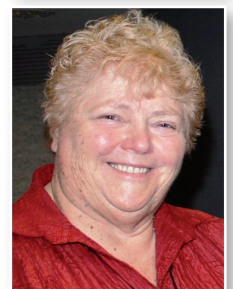
Through this partnership PCDG will also be able to offer a tiered membership system allowing member groups and individuals all the benefits of a WACOSS membership. These include but are not limited to:

- Industrial relations support through FREE Association Alliance with Workplace Relations and Management Consultants.
- Unlimited access to an assigned advocate by email and fax
- 10-20% discount on all WACOSS trainings, seminars, organisational consultations and publications.
- Access to affordable insurance arrangements, and,
- Opportunities to input to consultation processes.

PCDG are also in the process of attaining funding for a review of the Peel Away the Mask study. The last study was in 2001.

It is hoped that the review will commence in February/March 2010 and provide current, relevant data to identify and validate the needs of the Peel community. This will increase awareness, provide justification for funds leverage and encourage collaboration for local solutions.

For further information on the PCDG or their current activities contact Donna Selby on 9535 0011 or email donna.selby@peel.wa.gov.au



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PCDG Regional
Coordinator Donna
Selby (top) and
Chairman Paddi Creevey
(bottom)





Peel Community Development Group Inc. Community News

Productivity Commission Releases Draft Report into NFP Sector

The Productivity Commission has released a draft of its report into the not-for-profit sector in Australia. The report follows months of consultation with not-for-profits around the country.

The Commission has given the sector a chance to provide feedback in response to the draft report. WACOSS intends to provide input to the joint Councils of Social Service submission being prepared by ACOSS.

ACOSS has indicated that the submission will focus on the importance of the voice of the sector;

- the importance of sector's non-financial contributions including advocacy, education and policy development;
- models of contracting;
- the potential and need for an innovation fund;
- the vital importance of a gradual process for any tax reform; and
- strengthening the relationship between the not-for-profit sector and government beyond the Compact.

We would like to ensure that West Australian not-for-profit organisations' views are adequately represented in submissions to the Commission.

If you have any issues you would like to raise regarding the Productivity Commission's draft report, your organisation has until 24 November to make a submission.

The sorts of issues you might raise could include support for or opposition to particular recommendations;

- examples of how particular recommendations would assist or harm your organisation;
- areas or issues you think the Productivity Commission hasn't examined sufficiently, or given sufficient weight to.

The Commission's draft report is available at: <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/study/not-for-profit/draft>

The draft recommendations are available at: http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/91720/03-draft-recommendations.pdf

Partnerships within our Community

If your organisation has a special project they consider will benefit the wider community and need advice or assistance in realising it, please contact RDA Peel on 9586 3400 or email community@rdapeel.org.au to discuss your situation.

We may be able to assist in identifying suitable funding and/or project partners.



Helpful Hint

Volunteers

- Always be clear about what you're asking them to do, and they'll be more willing to help you out. A great hint is to divide the work up into smaller tasks, and have volunteers sign on for one or two specific tasks of their choosing.
- Remember to thank them, and do your best to convey your appreciation. That's the best way to keep your volunteers on board for future campaigns.
- Be the example to volunteers and keep them motivated by being present and available throughout the campaign. However hard your volunteers are working, you should be working harder to support them and keep them organized.

Local Community Networks

Did you know that your local Shire or City has a community register?

If your organisation is not registered with them, then get on-line or ensure that after your AGM that the correct contact details are available. Go directly to your local community directory via:

City of Mandurah - <http://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/community/directory>

Shire of Murray - <http://www.murray.wa.gov.au/communitydevelopment/communitydirectory>

Shire of Waroona - Currently under construction, contact Maree Ellis - CDO cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au

Shire of Serpentine - Jarrahdale - <http://www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/template.asp?Main=yourcommunity&Parent=communitydirectory>

Shire of Boddington - <http://boddington.wa.au/directory/community-groups-and-clubs>

Treasurer Calls for 2010-11 Budget Submissions

On November 27 2009 the Hon. Wayne Swan MP, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia invited Australians families, individuals, business and community groups to submit their ideas and priorities for the 2010-11 Budget.

The Treasurer's media release states:

"Australia has come through the global recession in a stronger position than any other advanced economy. The investments made during the crisis will help strengthen our recovery and lay the foundations for a new era of long-term growth.

The challenges that lie ahead will be just as difficult as the ones we have faced through this year, including the ageing of the population, reforming the tax and retirement-incomes system, reforming our health and hospitals system, tackling climate change, delivering a world-class education system and modernising our infrastructure.



Treasurer Calls for 2010-11 Budget Submissions *Continued*

It is vital that the development of public policy is informed by as wide a range of views as possible, and so I encourage any interested individuals, businesses and community groups to have their say by submitting their ideas and priorities for the 2010-11 Budget.

For the 2009-10 Budget, I received submissions from a broad range of individuals and groups. These submissions provided a real insight into the challenges that are being faced across our nation, and opportunities for the Australian Government to improve the wellbeing of all Australians.

In order to allow views to feed into the Budget process, interested parties should lodge submissions as soon as possible, and before Friday, 29 January 2010.

Submissions should also be mindful of the impacts of the global recession on revenues, as well as the Government's strong commitment to fiscal discipline and the need to offset new spending with savings.

Lengthier submissions should include an executive summary of no more than two pages, and be accompanied by an electronic version, either on disk or CD, or emailed in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format.

Submissions should be forwarded to: **Budget Policy Division** Or email to: prebudgetsubs@treasury.gov.au
Department of the Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Keep Us Informed

Help us to help you.

Please keep us informed of your current organisations' contact details via email community@rdapeel.org.au or facsimile 08 9586 3411.

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