



*Enabling a stronger economy
for the Peel region*

Community Report

April to June 2018

Dear Residents, stakeholders and community members of the Peel region

Please find below the Regional Development Australia Peel (RDA Peel) Quarterly Report to Community for the April to June 2018 period. This report documents what we as an organisation have achieved in relation to our stated outcomes.

We hope you enjoy.

OUTCOME 1: Increased economic opportunities and investment in the Region.

We said we would:

1. Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to leverage public investment from the Commonwealth into the Peel region's priority projects.
2. Maintain awareness of potential investment opportunities.
3. Refer potential investors to Peel Development Commission, AusIndustry, AusTrade and other relevant agencies.

We have:

- ✓ Planned and participated in the WA RDA Conference to strengthen our alliances with other RDAs and Australian Government agencies.
- ✓ Met with WA Senators Reynolds and Smith to discuss regional priorities for the Peel.

OUTCOME 2: Increased trade and jobs creation.

We said we would:

1. Refer potential clients to Peel Development Commission, AusIndustry, AusTrade and other relevant agencies.

We have:

- ✓ Been selected as one of 10 pilot regions for the *Regional Employment Trials Program*.

- ✓ Been successful in having an *Entrepreneurship Facilitator* being appointed to the Mandurah area from 1st January 2019.
- ✓ Been an active participant in the Peel Workforce Development Alliance.

OUTCOME 3: Cooperative effort with all levels of government, industry, community and other regional stakeholders leads to improved economic development outcomes.

We said we would:

1. Be an active lead participant in the Peel Regional Leaders Forum.
2. Drive economic development by supporting evidence-based programs and initiatives.
3. Identify and foster community leadership opportunities within the region.

We have:

- ✓ Commenced development of a regional Election Commitments document for the PRLF to advocate for Australian Government funding for the region.
- ✓ Met with key stakeholders to discuss their future plans and priorities and opportunities to partner with RDA Peel on a variety of initiatives.
- ✓ Been briefed on WA Government future plans for the region outlined in their:
 - *Perth and Peel @3.5 Million* report;
 - State Budget;
 - New Industries Fund;
 - Digital Connectivity projects.

OUTCOME 4: Achieve Government program objectives.

We said we would:

1. Deliver the Regional Development Australia Program.
2. Deliver the Inspiring Australia Regional Science Hubs Program (Peel Bright Minds).
3. Assist in delivery of programs where resources are allocated by responsible agencies.

We have:

- ✓ Fulfilled all of our reporting and activity requirements under the *Regional Development Australia* Program.
- ✓ Conducted a number of activities through the Peel Bright Minds initiative, including:
 - ESTEAM Awards;
 - *Naked Scientist* event at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre;
 - Stall at Stretch Arts Festival Mandurah;
 - *Innovators Tea Party* event at Make Place, Mandurah.

OUTCOME 5: Maximise access to Government programs and grants.

We said we would:

1. Promote and disseminate information on Australian Government policies and grant programs

2. Support community stakeholders in the Region to develop project proposals to access funding
3. Liaise with RDA Program Coordinator to ensure flow of information from Commonwealth Departments on their programs and activities in a timely manner.
4. Update RDA Peel Web Site to enable improved dissemination of information and to reflect RDA roles under revised Charter.

We have:

- ✓ Updated our web site to provide the latest information.
- ✓ Continued publication of our e-newsletter.
- ✓ Advised community & stakeholders of opportunities available under the 2018 Federal Budget.

OUTCOME 6: Advice supports development outcomes.

We said we would:

1. Working in collaboration with the Peel Development Commission conduct a review of the Peel Regional Investment Blueprint.
2. Commence development of a regional level Investment Prospectus.
3. Provide submissions to Australian government inquires.
4. Provide information on regional activities and competitive advantages to all levels of government, industry, business and community sectors through effective communications.
5. Advocate for commonwealth investment in regional priority projects.

We have:

- ✓ Conducted a workshop with regional stakeholders to progress finalisation of the Regional Investment Blueprint review in partnership with the Peel Development Commission.
- ✓ Made a submission to the Senate Inquiry – Indicators and impact of Regional Inequality.
- ✓ Continued to seek resolution from the Australian Government on regional eligibility boundaries for funding programs.

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