



MINUTES

CERTIFICATION OF CONFIRMATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

7 FEBRUARY 2012

I, Ms Francesca Lefante, hereby certify that the following minutes [pages 1 to 262] of the Meeting of the **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held on 7 February 2012 were confirmed at a meeting of the Committee held on 10 April 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "F. Lefante", is written over a horizontal line.

Signature

Ms Francesca Lefante

Person presiding at the Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2012

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7 February 2012

(REF: COMMITTEES-13564)

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chief Executive Officer of the EMRC opened the meeting at 12:30pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Committee Members

Ms Francesca Lefante (Chairman)	Chief Executive Officer	City of Bayswater
Mr Bob Jarvis (Deputy Chairman)	Chief Executive Officer	Town of Bassendean
Mr Stuart Cole from 12:55pm	Chief Executive Officer	City of Belmont
Ms Rhonda Hardy (Deputising for Mr James Trail)	Director Corporate and Community Services	Shire of Kalamunda
Mr Jonathan Throssell	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Mundaring
Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer	EMRC

Apologies

Mr James Trail	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Kalamunda
Mr Mike Foley	Chief Executive Officer	City of Swan

Leave of Absence Previously Approved

Nil

EMRC Officers

Mrs Marilyn Horgan	Director Regional Services
Ms Theresa Eckstein	Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

4.1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEOAC)

The Chief Executive Officer of the EMRC advised that no nominations for the Office of Chairman of the CEOAC had been received, and called for nominations. Mr Throssell nominated Ms Lefante. Ms Lefante accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received.

There being no further nominations, Ms Lefante was declared Chairman of the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee for the term commencing 7 February 2012 until 2013.

The Chief Executive Officer of the EMRC congratulated Ms Lefante and vacated the Chair at 1:35pm.

At 1:36pm, Ms Lefante took the Chair.



4.2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEOAC)

The Chairman advised that no nominations for the Office of Deputy Chairman of the CEOAC had been received, and called for nominations. Ms Lefante nominated Mr Jarvis. Mr Jarvis accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received.

There being no further nominations Mr Jarvis was declared Deputy Chairman of the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee for the term commencing 7 February 2012 until 2013.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 MINUTES OF CEOAC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2011

That the minutes of the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 October 2011, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

CEOAC RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR JARVIS

SECONDED MR THROSSELL

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2011 WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

8 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil



9 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 REGIONAL YOUTH AND EDUCATION DISCUSSION PAPER

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13540

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with a Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper and to seek approval to release the Discussion Paper to member Councils for a six week consultation period.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The EMRC occasionally receives requests from member Council officers and councillors to consider increasing its involvement in youth development activities. Historically the EMRC has engaged in youth focused activities in response to external funding opportunities that align to the organisation's business or existing strategic project directions.
- It was proposed that the EMRC develop a Regional Youth and Education Strategy to guide the EMRC in its delivery of agreed regional youth activities. The proposed Regional Youth and Education Strategy would align with and add value to member Council youth activities whilst also complementing existing community based providers and leveraging partnerships with major stakeholders.
- The Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper has been prepared with input from member Council community development officers, community service providers based in the region and relevant government agencies to establish the need for and feasibility of developing a Regional Youth and Education Strategy.
- It is recognised that state government agencies and community organisations are the principal providers of education and employment services to youth, often with funding from the federal government.
- The Discussion Paper identifies that in the area of youth and education, the region already has a wide range of agencies delivering services and that member Councils are actively involved in the delivery of a range of youth initiatives in their communities. Member Councils actively support youth development through community capacity building, direct service provision and/or financial and in-kind support to community based providers.
- It is proposed that the EMRC uses the information provided in the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper to prioritise relevant youth projects for the region in partnership with member Councils and key stakeholders. These regional activities will support those underway or proposed by member Councils, the community sector and government.
- It is envisaged that the EMRC will facilitate agreed youth projects that complement the direction, projects and initiatives already outlined in the Regional Economic Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy and Regional Advocacy Strategy.

Recommendation(s)

That:

1. Council notes the content in the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper.
2. Council approves the release of the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper to member Councils for a six week consultation period.



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SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Regional Services
Manager Regional Development
Manager Environmental Services

BACKGROUND

Historically the EMRC has engaged in youth focused activities in response to external funding opportunities that align to the organisation's business or existing strategic project directions. Examples of youth projects undertaken through existing strategies and plans include;

- Delivery of training in Natural Resource Management to unemployed youth through the Green Jobs Corp in partnership with Bridging the Gap;
- Support to the Engineering Manufacturing Industry Cooperative Limited (EmiCol) to develop a pre-employment skills program for 16 to 17 year old students;
- Funding of research conducted by Matrix Consulting Group into education retention of 10 to 14 year olds at risk of anti-social and offending behaviour; and
- Support for Swan Alliance Inc which developed and supported youth school retention and pathway to employment programs. This was funded through the federal government Local Community Partnership program.

Member Councils actively support youth development through community capacity building, direct service provision and/or financial and in-kind support to community based providers. Member councils actively seek and source funding from State and Federal governments to achieve youth-related strategic objectives.

Government agencies and community organisations are the principal providers of education and employment related services to youth. In Perth's Eastern Region, providers include Polytechnic West – Midland Campus, Kuljak Aboriginal Employment Centre, Swan City Youth Services Inc., Employment Directions East Metro, Jobs Australia and Bedford Workforce.

At its meeting of 18 February 2010, Council discussed the development of a Regional Youth and Education Strategy to guide the delivery of agreed EMRC activities for the period 2010 to 2015. (Ref: Committees-10423) It was requested that a scoping document be produced that included an environmental scan of the services already provided by member Councils and other agencies before the consideration of the development of a strategy so that any agreed role would add value across the Region and not duplicate the activities already being delivered by member Councils.

REPORT

The development of the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper (shown as Attachment) is the first stage in establishing the need for and feasibility of developing a Regional Youth and Education Strategy for Perth's Eastern Region.

The Paper provides a description of youth related programs and services within the region and identifies a potential coordination role for the EMRC. The Paper was developed from desktop research and also interviews with Youth and Community Development Officers from member Councils. It will form the basis of consultation with member Councils and relevant key stakeholders.

It is not intended that regional collaboration will replace member Councils' existing programs and services but rather to value-add, address gaps and support member Councils.



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The Discussion Paper notes that the development of a Regional Youth and Education Strategy (RYES) could provide potentially a number of benefits to the EMRC and the Region including:

- An overarching framework for the EMRC to establish and deliver projects and services that will benefit the Region's youth;
- A centralised regional support mechanism to bring member Councils together in their youth activities including a forum to work together, collaborate and identify broader opportunities;
- Contributing to the vitality and viability of the Region by attracting and retaining young people in the Region as residents, workers and/or visitors;
- Contributing to social cohesion in the Region by valuing, respecting and supporting the Region's youth; and
- Supporting and facilitating the Region's youth to become active and constructive members of the community.

The EMRC's aspiration for a proposed regional coordination approach for youth in Perth's Eastern Region builds upon its strategic vision and is defined as:

"A Region that provides a safe and supportive environment filled with opportunities for the Region's young people to work, live and play."

The proposed regional coordination approach would complement the direction, projects and initiatives already outlined in the Regional Economic Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy and Regional Advocacy Strategy.

Based on the review of Federal, State, member Councils and community organisations policy, programs and services, it is suggested in the Discussion Paper that the EMRC could focus on five project areas:

- 1 Youth Capacity Building and Leadership;
- 2 Regional Collaboration;
- 3 Youth in Environmental Management;
- 4 Creative and Engaged Youth; and
- 5 Supporting Youth,

The project areas and proposed objectives are listed below.

1. Youth Capacity Building and Leadership

Objective 1.1 To facilitate skills development opportunities to develop leadership skills in the Regions youth demographic.

Objective 1.2 To build a network of "thought leaders" across the Region who can provide opportunities for the Region's youth to become role models and mentors for their peer groups.

2. Regional Collaboration

Objective 2.1 To facilitate opportunities for regional networking and collaboration on youth issues.

Objective 2.2 To attract funding and investment in youth activities and programs to the Region.

3. Youth in Environmental Management

Objective 3.1 To create positive attitudes within the Region's youth towards the environment.

Objective 3.2 To provide the Region's youth with the skills, knowledge and opportunity to become involved in environmental management and bushland conservation.



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4. Creative and Engaged Youth

Objective 4.1 To provide the Region's youth with the opportunity to experience creativity and the arts for their personal growth, social development and community involvement.

Objective 4.2 To engage the Region's youth in the Region's planning and development.

5. Supporting Youth

Objective 5.1 To support the implementation of youth support services in the Region by community organisations and all forms of government.

Objective 5.2 To provide a regional advocacy role to attract increased public transport infrastructure to assist in youth mobility.

Objective 5.3 To investigate regional youth infrastructure requirements to assist in facilitating service delivery across the region.

Objective 5.4 To support the Region's youth to make local employment career decisions.

For each of the five project areas and objectives, the Discussion Paper identifies strengths and opportunities and proposes projects for consideration. The Discussion Paper will be issued to member Council officers for a six week comment period and depending upon the feedback, will be issued to key stakeholders if applicable.

The purpose of the comment period is to focus member Council officers (and regional stakeholders) on the findings in the Discussion Paper and to seek confirmation of project themes and support for the further development of proposed project ideas that have been generated for consideration as regional projects. Feedback would be incorporated into a stakeholder workshop where confirmation of project themes and priority of proposed project ideas would be determined.

The proposed regional coordination approach will be undertaken by the EMRC in accordance with the following program:

Action Required		Timeframe
1.	Map current youth employment, education and related service provision and capacity building activities in the Region.	Discussion Paper (Completed)
2.	Investigate state and federal government frameworks, youth policies and funding programme objectives.	Discussion Paper (Completed)
3.	Consult with member Councils' Officers on current strategic youth priorities, youth development activities, gaps and potential regional focus areas.	Discussion Paper (Completed)
4.	Present Discussion Paper for proposed Regional Youth and Education Strategy (RYES) to CEOAC.	February 2012
5.	Issue the Discussion Paper to member Councils and key regional stakeholders for a six week comment period.	February – March 2012
6.	Employ a Regional Youth Coordinator to undertake workshops and facilitate identified projects.	March 2012



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Action Required		Timeframe
7.	Assess and prioritise potential focus areas and projects for regional youth activities (identified by Actions 3 and 5) through a workshop with member Council officers and key stakeholders.	April 2012
8.	Undertake detailed scope and costing, investment opportunities of agreed regional projects.	May 2012
9.	Present proposed regional projects to CEOAC.	June 2012
10.	Facilitate delivery of agreed regional projects in partnership with member Councils and key stakeholders.	July 2012 - June 2013

Regional youth coordination will be undertaken in-house by an EMRC Officer. Their key role will be to:

- Facilitate a workshop with member Council officers and stakeholders to assess and prioritise potential focus areas for regional youth activities.
- Provide technical input to scoping and costing of potential key focus areas.
- Facilitate delivery of agreed regional projects in partnership with member Councils and key stakeholders.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Establishing the need and feasibility of developing a Regional Youth and Education Strategy for the Region will contribute to achievement of the EMRC Strategic Plan for the Future 2010/11 to 2013/14, specifically:

Key Result Area 3 – Economic Development

3.2 To support the development of regional education and training opportunities.

3.2.1 Investigate the need for a Regional Youth Employment and Education Strategy.

The proposed regional coordination approach would complement the direction, projects and initiatives already outlined in the Regional Economic Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy and Regional Advocacy Strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of a Regional Youth Coordinator will be funded within the 2011/2012 EMRC budget (72762/00 JH).

Any financial implications for member Councils arising from the proposed Regional Youth and Education projects will be developed and integrated into future budget proposals under the existing Regional Economic Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy and Regional Advocacy Strategy for member Council consideration.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The development and subsequent implementation of regional youth projects will enhance youth engagement in vocational education and training activities leading to increased employment participation and greater employment self sufficiency for youth in Perth's Eastern region.



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MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details	
Town of Bassendean	Activities within the Regional Youth and Education projects will align and complement with member Council youth development priorities.	
City of Bayswater		
City of Belmont		
Shire of Kalamunda		Any financial implications for member Councils arising from the Regional Youth and Education projects will be developed and integrated into future budget proposals for member Council consideration.
Shire of Mundaring		
City of Swan		

ATTACHMENT(S)

Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper (Ref: Committees-13609)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That:

1. Council notes the content in the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper.
2. Council approves the release of the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper to member Councils for a six week consultation period.

The Chief Executive Officer of the EMRC provided a brief overview of the report.

CEOAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR THROSSELL SECONDED MR JARVIS

That:

1. Council notes the content in the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper.
2. Council approves the release of the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper to member Councils for a six week consultation period.

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REGIONAL YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Discussion Paper

A Project Based Approach for Perth's Eastern Region

LODGEMENT OF SUBMISSIONS CAN BE MADE TO:

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Or by email to Samantha.robson@emrc.org.au

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR LODGMENT WILL BE FRIDAY 30th MARCH 2012.



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1 INTRODUCTION

Perth's Eastern Region stretches from the edge of the Perth CBD, along the Swan River through urban residential, commercial and industrial areas to the scenic Swan Valley and into the forests and prime agricultural land of the Darling Ranges. Covering approximately one third of the Perth metropolitan area, the Region is home to a number of diverse cultural backgrounds.

With population growth consistently above the WA average and forecasts suggesting continued growth to reach almost 360,000 by 2021¹ (an increase of around 13% based on the current population estimate of approximately 319,000 in 2011²), Perth's Eastern Region is set to remain one of the fastest growing regions in Western Australia.

The Region comprises of six local government areas: Town of Bassendean, City of Bayswater, City of Belmont, Shire of Kalamunda, Shire of Mundaring and the City of Swan, and is represented by the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC), which provides services in waste management, environmental management and regional development.

The EMRC became involved in youth activities in 1999 when the Eastern Metropolitan Local Authorities Group (EMLAG) was folded into the EMRC and became the Regional Development Business Unit. One of the first projects undertaken by the EMRC was the development of the first Regional Youth Strategy (RYS) which was adopted in 1999. The RYS (1999) outlined a range of recommendations as follows:-

1. The EMRC and member Councils adopt in principle the broad policy areas identified and that the Youth Strategy be adopted for implementation.
2. That the EMRC adopts the role suggested by the Regional Youth Strategy which is:
 - a. Sense of belonging
 - b. Regional Coordination
 - c. Regional Planning and Policy
 - d. Service Development
3. That EMRC employs an appropriately qualified individual in the position of Regional Youth Officer. This position will work in conjunction with member council designated youth officers to ensure a coordinated regional approach to youth services as suggested by the Youth Strategy. In order to ensure the employment of someone with the necessary skills required for this position, it is recommended that the position of Regional Youth Officer should be designated Level 6.

¹ Western Australian Planning Commission 2005, *Western Australia Tomorrow: Population Report No. 6*, report, Western Australian Planning Commission, Perth, Western Australia, p.31-87

² profile.id 2010, *.id consulting pty ltd*, Collingwood, Victoria, viewed 21 April 2011, <<http://www.id.com.au/profile/emrc>>

4. The EMRC considers supporting local service initiatives, such as Swan Hills Division of General Practitioners proposed Mobile Youth Service, to access funding; and where appropriate to provide funding in the form of seeding grants to ensure necessary services are provided.
5. That EMRC accepts as priorities the initiatives associated with mental health and health, transport and preventative recreation.
6. That in addition to the recommended Regional Youth Officer, provision is also made for a Regional Youth Employment Officer. The aim of this role is to work to develop corporate partnerships in the different council areas; to also ensure that young employed people move through different projects, funded through corporate sponsorship, to gain experience and eventually acquire employment.
7. That EMRC actively works towards the improved understanding by elected members, managers and appropriate member Council staff as to how young people can positively be included as members of the community.
8. That at least one of the following pilot projects be accepted for development and immediate implementation:
 - a. Inter-generational program developed in conjunction with Youth Advisory Council, or other young people coopted for this purpose.
 - b. Elected member and manager workshops run in conjunction with the Youth Advisory Councils to assist in the development of a 'sense of belonging' on the part of the young people.
 - c. Holiday program providing adventure activities to young people. The program to be based in a recreation or youth centre and to be staffed by suitably experienced and skilled youth work staff to ensure any issues raised may be appropriately addressed.
 - d. A 'Youth Festival' or other 'one-off' event developed in conjunction with young people, possibly a combined Youth Advisory Council project.
9. That a Regional Youth Advisory Council be established, with representation from all member Councils and existing Youth Advisory Councils, to provide an ongoing avenue for input into regional youth issues.
10. That the EMRC ensures feedback to study participants (possibly through the media or local government newsletters) in order to advise them of the outcomes of the study and to thank them for their involvement.

Since 1999 the EMRC has only engaged in youth focused activities in response to external funding opportunities that align with its business or existing strategic project directions. An annual allocation of \$25,000 has enabled the EMRC to leverage partners and funding to undertake projects. Recent examples of youth projects include:

- From 2000 to 2005 the EMRC provided the RAPID youth service. RAPID was formed in response to the Cities of Belmont and Swan recognising the need to meet Disability Services Standards in relation to recreation services for people with disability. Both councils identified that an effective method of meeting these standards was through the provision of a specialised recreation service, RAPID; to link people with disability with community based recreation activities of their choice. The EMRC supported the venture and employed a Recreation Officer. The RAPID service utilised the resources of two local government bodies, a regional council and the non-profit sector. RAPID employed a full time manager and had a pool of volunteers who facilitated the inclusion of people with disability into recreation activities of their choice. The service ran on an annual budget of around \$65,000;
- In 2005 to 2008 the EMRC supported the creation of the Swan Alliance Inc. which was funded through a Federal Government program and charged with developing and maintaining a charter for the Swan region that would contribute to:-
 - A shared commitment to improving education and training opportunities.
 - Creating new labour market opportunities in the Swan region.
 - Provide a responsible corporate framework and practical support to programs and objectives.
 - Develop and maintain communication strategies for effective youth-school-industry-community participation.
 - Develop and support programs that;
 - Assist with increasing school retention rates
 - Provide youth with pathways to employment
 - Encourage participation
 - Assist marginalised youth
- From 2007 to 2009 the EMRC funded the delivery of training in Natural Resource Management to unemployed youth;
- From 2008 to 2009 the EMRC supported a funding submission by the Engineering and Manufacturing Industry Cooperative Limited (EMICoL) to develop a pre-employment skills program for 16 to 17 year old students;
- From 2008 the EMRC funded research conducted by Matrix Consulting Group into education retention of 10 to 14 year olds at risk of anti-social and offending behaviour; and
- From 2010 to 2011 the EMRC has established a Green Jobs Corp - a partnership with Bridging the Gap to provide bush care skills to indigenous youth.

The EMRC is again looking to formalise its role in youth activities by investigating the development of a further Regional Youth and Education Strategy (RYES) that clearly identifies an agreed role for the EMRC that can add value across the Region and not duplicate efforts being made by the member Councils.

1.1 DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR THE REGION

In 2010 a report was prepared to seek Council approval to develop a Regional Youth and Education Strategy to guide EMRC youth-related activities for the period 2010 to 2015. Instead it was determined that further research should be undertaken to determine what the current issues are for the Region, what existing programs and services are available and what potential role the EMRC could play within this sector that involves Federal, State and Local Governments as well as not for profit and community organisations.

The development of this Discussion Paper is the first stage in establishing the feasibility of developing a Regional Youth and Education Strategy for the Region. It provides a description of current youth-related programs and services within the Region and identifies a potential role for the EMRC and potential projects. As this is largely a new area of program delivery for the EMRC, it is important that it establishes a number of key founding projects that can then be built upon as momentum, funding and expertise increases. This Discussion Paper will form the basis of consultation with member Councils.

1.2 BENEFITS

The development of RYES will provide a number of benefits to the EMRC and the Region including:

- An overarching framework for the EMRC to establish and deliver projects and services that will benefit the Region's youth;
- A centralised regional support mechanism to bring member Councils together in their youth activities including a forum to work together, collaborate and identify broader opportunities;
- Contributing to the vitality and viability of the Region by attracting and retaining young people in the Region as residents, workers and/or visitors;
- Contributing to social cohesion in the Region by valuing, respecting and supporting the Region's youth; and
- Supporting and facilitating the Region's youth to become active and constructive members of the community.

1.3 THE REGION'S YOUTH

The Region's youth is defined for the purpose of this Strategy as those between the ages of 15 and 24 years. (inclusive). The Region's youth makes up 12% of the Region's total population of 312,596.³

³ ABS 2006

Regional Youth Population	Number of People	% of Total Perth's Eastern Region Population
15 - 19 Years	20,245	6.48%
20 - 24 Years	18,191	5.82%
Total	38,436	12.30%

Important characteristics of the Region's youth include:

- 1.14% of the Region's youth are indigenous;
- 63.14% are employed in either full-time, part-time or casual work (see table below); and
- 13.73% are studying.

Youth Employment	15-19 Years		20-24 Years	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Employed, worked:				
Full-time(a)	3,992	19.72%	8,984	49.39%
Part-time	5,820	28.75%	3,655	20.09%
Employed, away from work(b)	302	1.49%	412	2.26%
Hours worked not stated	569	2.81%	536	2.95%
TOTAL	10,683	52.77%	13,587	74.69%

Youth Unemployment	EMRC		Perth	
Total Population	277,502		1,445,077	
15-19 years	19,923	7.18%	106,460	7.37%
20-24 years	18,191	6.56%	107,901	7.47%
	38,114	13.73%	214,361	14.83%
Unemployed, looking for:				
Full-time work	923	2.42%	4,653	2.17%
Part-time work	765	2.01%	5,141	2.40%
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>1,688</i>	<i>4.43%</i>	<i>9,794</i>	<i>4.57%</i>
Unemployed, looking for:				
Full-time work: 15-19	422	1.11%	2,111	0.98%
Full-time work: 20-24	501	1.31%	2,542	1.19%
Part-time work: 15-19	495	1.30%	3,159	1.47%
Part-time work: 20-24	271	0.71%	1,982	0.92%
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>1,418</i>	<i>3.72%</i>	<i>7,812</i>	<i>3.64%</i>

Youth Studying	EMRC region		Perth metro region	
Total Population	277,502		1,445,077	
<i>Primary and secondary schools</i>				
15-19 years	19,923	7.18%	106,460	7.37%
20-24 years	18,191	6.56%	107,901	7.47%
Total Youth Studying	38,114	13.73%	214,361	14.83%
<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>				
Full-time student:	1,509	3.96%	8,116	3.79%
Part-time student:	1,708	4.48%	8,192	3.82%
<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>				
Full-time student:	3,987	10.46%	37,011	17.27%
Part-time student:	536	1.41%	3,885	1.81%
Total Youth Studying	7,740	20.31%	57,204	26.69%

Source ABS 2006

2 YOUTH AND EDUCATION CONTEXT

Federal, State and Local Government as well as not-for-profit and community organisations all have different and overlapping roles to play in the delivery of programs and services to the youth sector. It is through understanding these different roles and responsibilities that the EMRC will be able to tailor its delivery of programs and services so that it can most benefit the youth of the Region.

2.1 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Since 2007, the Federal Government has placed a strong emphasis on improving policy and services for young Australians, particularly in the areas of employment and education. This is demonstrated by the establishment of an Office for Youth in 2008 and the release of a National Strategy for Young Australians in 2010.

2.1.1 DEPARTMENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is the central Federal government department providing services and programs for Australia's youth. The Department includes the Office for Youth, established in 2008 which focuses on young people as an important and distinct population group. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Department of Health and Ageing and Department of Human Services also have a range of programs aimed at improving the well-being of Australia's youth. Many other departments also have youth programs that focus on the responsibility of their Department i.e. environment, communications or defence.

Department <i>(As at 9 December 2011)</i>	Role	Number of Youth Programs
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	Aims to develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector. In relation to the youth sector it provides a number of programs targeting cyber safety including law enforcement, filtering and education. Work on cyber safety for young people is informed by the Consultative Working Group and Youth Advisory Group on Cyber-safety.	8
Department of Defence	Various activities and initiatives have been established to help familiarise young people with the work of Defence and recruit young adults with the necessary skills to contribute to Defence's overall capability. A wide range of graduate and industry placement programs help foster this growth.	22
Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations	Provides a range of services which support young people to grow up safe, healthy, happy and resilient and ensure they have the opportunities, skills and capabilities to learn, work and engage in community life and influence decisions that affect them.	47
Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts	Has developed programs and resources for young people, including young Indigenous people and young people in regional and rural Australia, that aim to educate and encourage them to take an active interest in the future protection of Australia's resources, environment and heritage.	28
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	A number of programs aimed specifically at young people. These programs seek to support young people, particularly those who experience disadvantage or exclusion, through engagement, mentoring, leadership development and strengthening parenting and family relationships.	16
Department of Health and Ageing	Focuses on a number of key areas to enable better health outcomes for young people. Youth health initiatives predominantly take early intervention and preventive approaches with a strong health promotion component. Has a number of interventions that focus on substance abuse, including alcohol, tobacco and methamphetamines, among young people and there has been significant investment in the mental health area.	14
Department of Human Services	Payments and services delivered by Human Services portfolio agencies to assist young people include Youth Allowance, job seeker referrals, Medicare benefits, child support payments, disability services and rehabilitation services. Agencies such as Centrelink also run locally based initiatives focused on the needs of young people, which seek to link them to other services in their local community.	6
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	A range of measures have been adopted to engage young people in science, innovation and research and support the critical early stages of their careers in these areas. Including the development of resources for schools and training for teachers through to work experience and graduate programs.	17

Key programs delivered or funded by the Federal Government are summarised in the table below under six key program areas. For a full list and summary of the youth related programs delivered by the Federal Government see Appendix 2.

Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Active After-School Communities (AASC) program - provides primary school children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs after school. ▪ The Australian Youth Forum (AYF) - engages young people and the youth sector in on going public debate and gains their input on important issues and practical solutions that affect young people's lives. ▪ The Australian Youth Led Convention - is designed to enhance skills of the senior leaders of youth led organisations and allow for networking opportunities between these young leaders and the Australian Government. ▪ The Cybersafety Help Button - provides internet users with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance. ▪ National Youth Week - the largest celebration of young people in Australia. It recognises and celebrates the positive contributions young people make to our community.
Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indigenous Portal – contains links to Government websites and information specifically for all Indigenous Australians. ▪ Koori Kids – provides health programs and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in primary schools. ▪ Nexus – aims to improve community awareness to better identify and help young refugees at risk and to increase the number and quality of interactions of young people from refugee backgrounds. ▪ PeerSupport - provides peer led programs which are integrated into curricula and implemented in primary and secondary schools. ▪ Reach Out! - assists young people to cope with, manage and find ongoing support in the community for mental health difficulties. ▪ Yirriman project - works in the Fitzroy Valley and targets cultural activities and trips that build strong relationships, self identity and confidence in young people, increase community awareness & connectedness, networks, mental health/drug & alcohol focus.
Education and Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Australian Apprenticeships Program. ▪ Budd:e - is a cyber security education package comprising two modules for students in primary and secondary schools. ▪ Deadly Days - part of the Community Festivals for Education Engagement initiative to increase education, employment and training opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and also promote positive and healthy lifestyles. ▪ Going to Uni – website that provides information about higher education, as well as sections on fees, loans and scholarships, courses and providers, resources and overseas study. ▪ Indigenous Cadetship Support - links full-time Indigenous students undertaking a diploma, an advanced diploma or their first undergraduate degree with employers who can give them work placements and ongoing employment once they finish their studies. ▪ Indigenous Youth Leadership Program - supports a number of Indigenous students to attend high performing secondary schools (government and non government, day and boarding) and/or universities to complete Year 12 and/or an undergraduate degree. ▪ Indigenous Youth Mobility Program - Indigenous people aged 16 to 24 from remote areas can relocate to an IYMP host location to gain the skills they need to get a job in their community or elsewhere. ▪ Know your rights – educating young people about their rights and responsibilities. ▪ My Future - myfuture.edu.au is an interactive, online career exploration service aimed at all Australians wishing to explore their career options. ▪ National Green Jobs Corps - provides eligible 17 to 24 year olds the opportunity to gain environmental work experience and training.

Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative (AuSSI) - supports schools and their communities to become sustainable through the management of a school's resources and facilities, and integrates these activities into the curriculum. ▪ National Green Jobs Corps - provides eligible 17 to 24 year olds the opportunity to gain environmental work experience and training. ▪ National Solar Schools - offers eligible primary and secondary schools grants to install solar and other renewable power systems, solar hot water systems, rainwater tanks and a range of energy efficiency measures.
Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FIDO youth web page – provides information on about financial tips and safety checks, credit and debit cards, loans, dealing with debt, investing, superannuation and insurance. ▪ Youth Allowance – provides financial assistance if you are a young person who is studying, undertaking training or an Australian Apprenticeship or looking for work.
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Body Image – including development of an information paper on body image and a Voluntary Industrial Code of Conduct on Body Image. ▪ Immunise Australia program – free vaccinations for young people. ▪ MindMatters - a mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative for Australian secondary schools. ▪ Headspace – the Government established the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, providing mental and health wellbeing support, information and services to young people. ▪ National Drugs Campaign - to contribute to a reduction in the uptake of ecstasy and other illicit drugs among young Australians. ▪ Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden National Program. ▪ The Line campaign - aimed at helping teenagers and young adults to understand relationships and create respectful relationships.

2.1.2 KEY POLICY AND RESEARCH

The Federal Government's central policy in relation to youth is the National Strategy for Young Australians, which was developed in consultation with Australia's youth through the Australian Youth Forum.

The National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions developed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) is an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the States and Territories that aims to better align programs that help young people transition from schooling into further education, training or employment.

Aim	Summary
National Strategy for Youth Australians (2010)	
For all young people to grow up safe, healthy, happy and resilient and to have the opportunities and skills they need to learn, work, engage in community life and influence decisions that affect them.	<p>The National Strategy for Young Australians (April 2010) is a guide for future Government action to encourage and help young people take charge of their own lives. The Strategy describes what it's like to be young in Australia today and highlights eight priority areas for Government action now and into the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving the health and wellbeing of all young people. ▪ Equipping young Australians to shape their own futures through education. ▪ Supporting young Australians within their families.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empowering young Australians to take part and be active in their communities. ▪ Equipping young Australians with the skills and personal networks they need to gain, and be successful in, employment. ▪ Enabling young Australians to participate confidently and safely online. ▪ Strengthening early intervention with young Australians to help prevent any problems getting worse and to help young people get their lives back on track. ▪ Establishing clear cut legal consequences for behaviours that endanger the safety of others.
National Partnership Agreement on Youth Attainment and Transitions (2009)	
To achieve a national Year 12 or equivalent attainment rate of 90 per cent by 2015.	<p>The National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions will pursue long-term reform of schooling through collaborative efforts with the states and territories, to improve educational outcomes.</p> <p>Under the National Partnership, the Australian Government will fund \$623 million to consolidate its youth and transition programs with new and better targeted programs. The Youth Career and Transition arrangements are being consolidated and streamlined to remove duplication and overlap and make services easier to access for young people.</p>
Compact with Young Australians (2009) (is part of above)	
To achieve a national Year 12 or equivalent attainment rate of 90 per cent by 2015.	The Compact with Young Australians entitles all 15 to 24 year olds to an education or training place and contains the National Youth Participation Requirement, which requires young people to participate in schooling until they complete Year 10 and participate in full-time education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities, until the age of 17.

The Federal Government has also invested in two pieces of key research to assist them in developing their programs and policy. In addition, the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS) is a co-operative funding program between the Australian, State and Territory Governments. It facilitates nationally based research into factors affecting young people.

Aim	Summary
Investing in Australia's Youth (2009)	
To provide a central resource to identify and access the wide range of activities available for young people.	This report is a listing of Australian Government activities (programs, services, payments and policies) for young people. These activities include those specifically for young people, and also those which support the general population, but which have a significant impact on young people.
State Of Australia's Young People (2009)	
To describe how young people aged 12 – 24 years in Australia are faring and identifies those who may need additional support to do well.	This report presents a comprehensive picture of how young Australians are faring based on national data sources, existing literature, stakeholder interviews and focus groups with young people.

2.2 STATE GOVERNMENT ROLE

The State Government has extensive responsibilities in regards to the youth of Western Australia. In particular they have key responsibilities in the essential delivery of health, education, child protection and justice services.

2.2.1 DEPARTMENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

There are a number of State Government departments responsible for the delivery of youth services. The Office for Youth within the Department for Communities has a central role in program delivery while the Department of Health, the Department of Education and the Department of Child Protection have key responsibilities in service delivery along with a number of other departments. The Commissioner for Children and Young People has been independently appointed by an Act of Parliament and reports directly to Parliament. The Commissioner has raised concerns that 'services seem to be provided on an ad-hoc basis by a plethora of government and non-government agencies' (Commissioner for Children and Youth, March 2010).

Department	Role
Commissioner for Children and Young People	The Commissioner is the independent person who works closely with children and young people, their families, community and government to make WA a better place for kids. In particular it conducts research and consultation on youth issues.
Department for Child Protection	The Department's mission is to protect and care for children and young people who are in need, and support families and individuals who are at risk or in crisis. The Department has three service areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting children and young people in the CEO's care; 2. Protecting children and young people from abuse and harm; and 3. Supporting families and individuals at risk or harm.
Department of Commerce	Works with the community (including youth) to ensure high standards of safety and protection for workers and consumers, and promotes and fosters innovative industries, science and enterprise.
Department for Communities (DfC) – Office for Youth (OfY)	The OfY is responsible for developing programs and policies that meet the needs of people aged 12 to 25 in Western Australia, and sits within the DfC. The DfC is responsible for developing policies and influencing the policy work of other parts of government. It also delivers a range of programs including training, grants, funding for services and awards, and provides resources and other information for young people, their families and youth service providers.
Department of Corrective Services	The Department is responsible for youth justice - the range of services and programs offered by the Department to young people and their families fall into four main areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing and diverting young people from entering detention centres. • Helping young people complete community-based sentences after they have been convicted of a crime. • Intervening with young people and their families to help them get back on track when a young person develops a criminal record. • Working with young people in detention or coming out of detention.
Department of Education	The Department is committed to ensuring that Western Australia has a high quality public school system, dedicated to improving learning outcomes. Its purpose is to ensure that all public school students leave school well prepared for their future; and have opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to achieve their individual potential and play an active part in civic and economic life.

Department of Education Services	Provides important services to the education and training sectors of Western Australia. These services cover approximately 900 education and training providers based in the State, spanning the following sectors: school education; vocational education and training; higher education; and international education.
Department of Environment and Conservation	Runs a variety of education programs and provides professional learning opportunities for teachers and educators. Programs cover all aspects of the department's work, from air and water quality monitoring, to waste, wildlife and conservation education. Resources are developed to help fulfill student outcomes under the WA curriculum framework and programs include opportunities for both in-class and outdoor experiences.
Department of Health	WA Health is Western Australia's public health system with the vision for healthier, longer and better quality lives for all Western Australians. It provides the following services: public hospitals and community health services; health protection through public health services and disaster preparedness management; mental health services including in-patient services, crisis management and community treatment and support services; drug and alcohol information, prevention and treatment services; dental health services including school dental health and public community dental services; Aboriginal health services. It also has specific programs across these services targeting youth.
Department of Sport and Recreation	The Department has a youth unit which facilitates opportunities for young people state-wide to participate in leadership programs. It also provides advice on youth issues for sporting clubs, state sporting associations, schools and other key community and government organisations involved in the delivery of sport and recreation.

Key programs delivered by the State Office for Youth are summarised below. In addition there are many programs and services run by State Government departments on an ongoing basis as part of their everyday business however these are too numerous to summarize here.

Program	Role
One Sky, Many Paths	One Sky Many Paths is a culturally appropriate leadership program for Indigenous young people. At the end of the program successful participants receive a Certificate II in Leadership Development.
The Hive	The Hive is an online guide to over 700 youth organisations across the State. It provides the ability to search via keyword, services and location and enable WA's youth and youth workers to search the State's youth services and organisations.
The Panel	Enables the Office for Youth, other government departments and partner organisations to get members of The Panel involved in online discussions, email surveys and targeted focus groups regarding a number of different youth related issues.
WA Youth Awards	Recognises outstanding young Western Australians aged 12 to 25 years and honours the hard work and dedication of young people, youth workers and youth-led groups throughout WA.

2.2.2 KEY POLICY AND RESEARCH

The Western Australian Government does not have a central piece of youth policy rather each agency develops its own operational planning and policy for its area of responsibility, the main ones are outlined below.

Aim	Summary
Office for Youth Work Plan 2009 – 2011	
Strong, vibrant communities where all young people feel they belong and matter.	<p>The Work Plan involves planning programs, developing partnerships and allocating funding to help address young people's issues.</p> <p>It identified the following six priority areas for 2009-11:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving mental and emotional wellbeing 2. Increasing drug and alcohol awareness 3. Changing community perceptions of young people 4. Enhancing the lives of young people with disabilities 5. Providing support for young carers. 6. Addressing youth homelessness
Our Children our Future: A Framework for Child and Youth Health Services in Western Australia 2008 – 2012	
To guide stakeholder efforts to achieve improvements in the health and wellbeing of children and youth in Western Australia across the continuum of care.	The Framework highlights issues affecting children and youth and proposes strategies to improve the physical and mental health, development, and wellbeing of all Western Australian children and young people.
Plan for Public Schools 2008 – 2011	
To provide world-class education and training to meet the needs of individuals, the community and the economy of Western Australia.	Sets out objectives, outcomes and strategies to ensure that all public school students leave school well prepared for their future; and have opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to achieve their individual potential and play an active part in civic and economic life.

Recent research conducted by the Commission for Children and Young People is summarized below.

Aim	Summary
Inquiry into Mental Health and Wellbeing (In Development)	
To report on the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people and make recommendations that provide clear direction for action on how to strengthen mental health and wellbeing from birth to adolescence.	<p>The Commissioner for Children and Young People WA conducted an independent inquiry into the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Western Australia. The Inquiry considered the whole spectrum of children and young people's mental health needs, including promotion, prevention and intervention services from the very early years of a child's life.</p> <p>A report will be tabled in Western Australian Parliament in 2011.</p>

Wellbeing Research Report (2010)	
To find out what children and young people considered was important to their wellbeing and helped them “live life to the full”.	In 2009 research was commissioned by the Commissioner to find out what children and young people considered was important to their wellbeing and helped them “live life to the full”. This research has resulted in the report <i>Children and Young People’s Views on Wellbeing</i> . Nearly 1000 children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years from across Western Australia participated in the research.
Polls (Ongoing)	
Online polls are conducted to obtain the opinions of children and young people on different topics.	<p>Recent polls have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you like to relax and de-stress - Children and young people were asked what activities helped them to relax and manage stress. • What is special about WA? - Children and young people were asked what they thought was special about WA. • Lower the voting age? - Children and young people were asked whether they thought the voting age should be lowered to 16 years. • My spare time - Children and young people were asked what they liked to do when they’re not at school. • myWASpace - Children and young people were asked what they thought about their neighbourhood. • Bullying poll - Children and young people were asked if they have been bullied and where they get help and support if they were bullied.

2.3 COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Non-government, not-for-profit and community organisations play an important role in supporting and providing services to the youth of Australia. These organisations range from small local community groups to large organisations that run national programs and campaigns. The majority are funded through government and non-government grants as well as donations. The main national and state-wide organisations are summarised in the table below.

Name	Summary
Australian Drug Foundation	The Australian Drug Foundation is Australia’s leading body committed to preventing alcohol and other drug problems in communities around the nation. It includes specific programs for youth and Somazone is a website developed by young people for young people. Somazone provides fast, free, anonymous access to quality-assured health information.
Fairbridge	Fairbridge is a major youth charity in Western Australia. It runs programs and services for young people and has partnership agreements with dozens of other youth organisations. Fairbridge works with children with a disability, young people at risk, young people with drug problems, unemployed, young people in our justice system, young people who are struggling with life, indigenous young people and refugees, through to gifted young people.
Headroom	Headroom is a project within The Centre for Health Promotion of Children, Youth and Women’s Health Service (CYWHS). Headroom provides access to mental health information and local services links to inform and support young people, professionals, families, and those who are concerned about the wellbeing of children and young people.
Inspire Foundation	The Inspire Foundation combines technology with the direct involvement of young people to deliver innovative and practical online programs that prevent youth suicide and improve young people’s mental health and wellbeing.

Meerilinga	Meerilinga is a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity that promotes the <i>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> ; working with children, their families, early childhood professionals, planners and the community to raise the status of children in Western Australia. It promotes and supports the education, care and wellbeing of children, and provides a diverse range of professional resources and support to children, the health sector, the education sector, child protection, parents, the community and volunteers.
Propel Youth Arts WA	Propel Youth Arts WA is the peak body for youth arts in Western Australia dedicated to creating opportunities for young people to engage in the Arts. Their work is focused on arts advocacy, skills development and access to opportunities, for those already engaged in the Arts and those who would like to be.
Samaritans Crisis Line	Samaritans Crisis Line is a Western Australian based not for profit organisation working towards a society in which fewer individuals die by suicide. It includes a specific 24/7 youth crisis line.
Young Business Network	The Young Business Network (YBN) is the central portal in Western Australia providing business information and support for young entrepreneurs 18-25 years and encourages youth to join the rising tide of young people in business today.
Youth Focus	Youth Focus is a unique independent not-for-profit organisation that supports vulnerable young people in Western Australia by offering a range of mental health services. They operate with a team of highly trained and skilled psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists to provide a range of early intervention and prevention services free of charge, aimed at supporting young people and their families to overcome the issues associated with suicide, depression and self harm.
Youth Legal Service	Youth Legal Service is a Community Legal Centre that provides free and confidential legal services to young people in Western Australia.
YouthLink	Youthlink is a state-wide mental health program managed through the North Metropolitan Area Mental Health Service. YouthLink provides specialist mental health counselling, consultation, training and community development. They focus on enhancing the mental health and well being of young people that are marginalised and disadvantaged, particularly those who are experiencing insecure accommodation.
POWA Institute	POWA Institute is a Western Australian based not for profit Institute for new thinking. POWA has a focus to grow the thinking power of Western Australians organisations, educators, youth and young people in order to grow the thinking power of our future thought leaders. POWA is the only organisation in Western Australia to direct teaching and learning of thinking for sustainable innovation. One of the POWA initiatives is <i>youthink</i> WA.

Local community organisations that operate within the Region are summarised below.

Name	Summary
Hills Community Support Group	HCSG provides support and recreational services for young people living in the north east metropolitan region of Perth. Youth Services is staffed by a range of qualified professionals including youth and social workers. Its services include centre based services, intensive support services, crisis accommodation and education transition programs.
Parkerville Children and Youth Care	Parkerville Children and Youth Care protects and cares for vulnerable children and youth in the community through the provision of a therapeutic environment that utilises a range of professional services. Out of Home Care for children and youth is its core business, however, it also offers valuable outreach services and programs to the wider community for children, youth and families in need.
Seen and Heard	The Seen and Heard Program is a youth community development program funded by the Shire of Mundaring and delivered by Parkerville Children and Youth Care. Seen and Heard staff work with young people to create local events and recreational activities whilst developing confidence and skills. Seen and Heard staff provide support with relationships, school, work and health and are able to make referrals when appropriate.

Swan City Youth Services	Swan City Youth Service is a non-government, not for profit, organisation with charitable status that works with young people aged 12 – 25 yrs. They run a variety of life skills, educational and recreational programs as well as a “Drop In” area where young people can come and hangout or talk to the youth workers.
The Federation of WA Police and Community Youth Centres (PCYC)	A non-profit organisation established in Western Australia in 1941. In partnership with the Western Australia Police, they operate 10 centres within the Perth metropolitan area, as well as 35 Blue Light Centres in WA. PCYC creates opportunities for young people in the community through the delivery of recreational and educational activities and programs. These programs are aimed at providing a safe environment for young people, including those at risk, to develop new skills, be engaged in meaningful activities and to reduce crime in the community.
Outcare	Western Australia's only specialist non government provider of crime prevention services and programs. Their broad range of education, intervention and reform programs reduce the re-offending rate of people in conflict with the justice system and support their successful rehabilitation and re-integration into society.
Stand By Me Youth Service	Stand By Me Youth Service is located in Altone Park Beechboro. Drop-in is open for young people aged 11 to 25 who are able to come in and play Pool, Xbox, Table Tennis, listen to music, grab a feed, talk to a youth worker or just hang out. Informal counselling and advocacy to young people in need is available as well as referrals of young people to services that can provide them with additional help and information about a wide variety of issues facing young people. There is also an oval, skate park and BMX track located near the centre.
Ballajura Youth Centre “The Dungeon”	The Dungeon Youth Centre is situated in Ballajura and is a Drop-In youth centre open to young people aged 12 - 17 years. There is no charge for entry and free food and drink is provided. The Dungeon is staffed by qualified youth workers paid from government grants and community donations. Volunteers from the community provide essential staffing numbers to keeping the Dungeon open. The BYCV (Ballajura Youth and Community Venture) Inc provides the management committee that oversees the Dungeon and its staff.
Bassendean Youth Services	Bassendean Youth Services provides structured and unstructured programs to young people aged 12 – 25 who are considered ‘at risk’. BYS partners Community Youth Training Services to deliver Cert II Certificate of General Education for Adults for young people marginalised from the mainstream education system.
Bullsbrook Neighbourhood Centre	The Bullsbrook Neighbourhood Centre provides a friendly environment where people of all ages, cultures and walks of life can socialise make friends, find information or even learn a new skill.
Belmont Youth and Community Services	The City of Belmont provides programs specific to the needs of the young people in the community and to ensure many opportunities are made available for young people to enhance their skills, socialise and most importantly enjoy their City.
Youth Focus	Youth Focus is an independent not for profit organisation that supports vulnerable young people in WA by offering a range of mental health services. A team of highly trained and skilled psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists operates to provide a range of early intervention and prevention services free of charge, aimed at supporting young people and their families to overcome the issues associated with suicide, depression and self harm.
Midland JobLink	Midland Job Link administers the Employment Directions Network (EDN) in the East Metropolitan region.
Corridors College	Corridors College teaches and trains young people who generally come from outside the recognised and accepted secondary school system. Most attendees at Corridors College have, for one reason or another, rejected or been rejected by mainstream education.

2.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Each of the EMRC's six member Councils have undertaken either directly or indirectly their own strategic planning for youth and a list of these plans is provided in the table below.

Town of Bassendean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bassendean Youth Services - Policy and Procedure Manual (1999, reviewed 2009) • Town of Bassendean Youth Policy and Strategy (1998) • Vision 2030 Community Plan (2005)
City of Bayswater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Policy (in development) • Plan for the Future 2008 – 2012 (2009)
City of Belmont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Belmont Community Wellbeing Plan: A Plan for Opportunity (2006) • City of Belmont Youth Services Strategic Plan: A Plan for the City of Belmont's Work with Young People 2009 to 2014 (2009) • Community Services and Event Guide 2011 (2011)
Shire of Kalamunda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Services Action Plan (2003 – Reviewed 2008) • Youth Consultation Plan adopted by Council November 2011
Shire of Mundaring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Youth in the Shire of Mundaring 2008 – 2011 - Youth Action and Implementation Plan (2008)
City of Swan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Community Plan (in development) • Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012 • Youth Charter (in development) • Social Inclusion Strategy • Hyper Plan • Community Development Framework

Member Councils actively support youth development through community capacity building, direct service provision and/or financial and in-kind support to community based providers. Member Councils actively seek and source funding from State and Federal governments to achieve youth-related strategic objectives. The types of programs that member Councils deliver and/or support range from informal engagement such as providing recreational activities and events to formal engagement through youth advisory committees, to providing counselling, housing, and education and training programs. The way in which member Councils deliver these programs differs from Council to Council, some run programs in-house, others provide funding to independent organisations, and others engage contractors to deliver programs on their behalf.

A full list and description of member Council programs is shown as Appendix 1 and a summary of the types of youth programs delivered by member Councils is shown in the table below.

	PROGRAM TYPE					
	Informal Engagement	Formal Engagement	Counselling	Living Support	Education and Training	Health
Bayswater	✓	✓	✓			
Bassendean	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Belmont	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Kalamunda	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Mundaring	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Swan	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

Each member Council has different levels of capacity for delivering youth projects and will have different requirements for regional support.

Council	Staff	Budget (Ex GST, Excl Salaries)	Ages	Annual Number	Facilities
Bayswater	1 FTE	\$28,000 Sound Overload Event \$50,000 Youth service provision \$35,000 School Chaplains \$20,000 Outcare	12 – 25 years	Currently unknown Previously approx 800 contacts	Maylands Multi-Purpose Centre - youth wing Two skate parks - Embleton and Morley
Bassendean	2 FTE	\$42,000	12 – 25 years	Approx 6,700 contacts Approx 700 in programs	Skate Park Drop-In Centre Band room with music equipment Office space for Year 10 Equivalency program PCs with internet access
Belmont	1 FTE	\$700,000	11 - 18 years	2575 contacts 215 youth in programs	Drop-In Centre Belmont Skate Park
Kalamunda	1 FTE	\$35,000 \$20,500 Hill counselling, Chaplaincy \$5,000 Foothills counselling, Chaplaincy	12 – 25 years	Approx 200 contacts Approx 75 in programs	Drop-in centre High Wycombe Four skate parks – High Wycombe, Kalamunda, Maida Vale, Forrestfield
Mundaring	1 FTE (Shire) 2.6 FTE (Seen and Heard)	\$174,207 Seen and Heard \$615,00 contributed to construction of new Youth Centre	12 – 24 years 12 – 20 years	Approx 4,000 contacts	Swan View Youth Centre

Swan	13 FTE* 2 x 0.5 FTE Casual staff	\$636,880 \$2 million capital Ballajura Midland Headspace	12 – 25 years	More than 5,000 attend events	7 youth centres 7 skate parks 4 BMX tracks
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*Includes Youth, CaLD and Family Workers

During 2010-2011, EMRC officers conducted interviews with Youth officers within the member Councils. Questions sought ideas about potential projects, programs or services and where there were gaps in provision and what could potentially be better delivered through regional approach. Information from these interviews has been reviewed and updated in December 2011. The following is a list of the ideas and the level of aggregated support from the Councils. These ideas have been used to formulate the proposal for projects that could be considered within a Regional Youth and Education Strategy.

Suggestions from member Councils for possible regional projects, activities and areas of support include:

Regional project ideas	Contributor
Opportunities for networking about issues of regional importance	City of Swan
Mechanism for regional approaches to major initiatives and issues – through advocacy and seeking funding opportunities	City of Swan, Town of Bassendean
Project information sharing with member Councils	Supported by all Councils
A Headspace Centre (funded by the Federal Government) - submission lodged by Youth Focus for a City of Swan consortium has been successful and Midland has been identified by State Government as primary location for a Metro Headspace to target mental health.	City of Swan - will provide land and construct building. City of Belmont
Health service for youth (one stop shop) – Headspace	Shire of Kalamunda City of Swan
Extension of HyperFest across the Region	City of Swan
Extension of the Youth Educating Peers (YEP) Program across the Region	City of Swan
Webpage forum for youth sector in Region to share information	Town of Bassendean
Development of a Regional Youth Services Policy and Procedure Manual;	Town of Bassendean
Coordinate a regional urban art program;	Town of Bassendean
Target graffiti reduction	Shire of Mundaring Town of Bassendean
Regional Youth Advisory Committee;	Shire of Kalamunda
Regional Youth volunteering program - Swan Volunteer Centre and Hyper	Shire of Kalamunda
Purchase of Qwizdom survey tool	Shire of Kalamunda
Targeting CALD and indigenous populations	Cities of Belmont and Bayswater
Training for YAC members	City of Bayswater

Youth civic participation	City of Swan
Research – youth survey	City of Bayswater
Extension of Settlement Grant Program	City of Belmont
Funding for additional facilities and equipment – skate parks, transport, computers etc	Shires of Mundaring and Kalamunda
Mobile youth service	Shire of Mundaring
Holiday programs	City of Bayswater

3 ROLE FOR THE EMRC

With a number of government and non-government organisations offering an array of youth services and programs, it is important for the EMRC to identify how it can best contribute to the youth sector and support its member Councils in their youth activities in an efficient and effective manner.

This Strategy would not seek to replace individual youth strategies of member Councils, but rather to complement them by outlining a regional framework for the delivery of youth outcomes across the whole of Perth's Eastern Region.

Activities within the proposed Regional Youth and Education Strategy will align with member Council youth development priorities and add value to the youth programs provided and supported by member Councils and regional partners, and direct future regional activities to support youth and increase education and employment opportunities.

Any financial implications for member Councils arising from the proposed Regional Youth and Education Strategy will be developed and integrated into future budget proposals for member Council consideration.

3.1 PROPOSED AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

The EMRC's aspiration for the proposed Regional Youth and Education Strategy (RYES) for Perth's Eastern Region builds upon its strategic vision and is defined as:

A Region that provides a safe and supportive environment filled with opportunities for the Region's young people to work, live and play.

In reaching this vision the Strategy will aim to ensure a comprehensive approach to improving the health and wellbeing of the Region's youth.

The EMRC will seek to do this by following the guiding principles below:

- The safety, security, health and wellbeing of young people is a priority;
- Facilitate the cooperative, regional implementation of youth initiatives;

- Enhance and promote cost effective, best practice youth programs and practices, through regional cooperation in research, capacity building and information exchange between the EMRC and its member Councils; and
- Attract funding and resources to Perth's Eastern Region to research, design and deliver innovative best practice in youth policies and programs.

3.2 POSSIBLE PROJECT AREAS

Based on the review of Federal, State and Local Government and community organisations policy, programs and services, it is suggested that the EMRC focus on five project areas:

- Youth Capacity Building and Leadership;
- Regional Collaboration;
- Youth in Environmental Management;
- Creative and Engaged Youth; and
- Supporting Youth.

For each of these project areas, this discussion paper identifies strengths and opportunities, proposed objectives and proposed projects as a starting point for discussion.

3.2.1 YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP

Preparing the Region's youth to the challenges of the future will require the development of strong mental modals and cognitive learning. A "thought leader" is a futurist oriented person who is recognised for innovative ideas and demonstrates the confidence to promote or share their ideas as actionable and distilled insights. *Thought leadership* is an emergent concept that is being explored at many levels and is an area that has yet to be applied in a formal youth context. By providing mechanisms through which the regions youth can equip themselves with better cognitive learning skills in areas such a creative thinking, lateral thinking and strategic thinking, fills a gap that is evident in the existing educational provider's curriculums. Programs are now being developed and can be accessed to give young people who want to be community leaders in the future, the skills they need to be strategic thinkers.

3.2.1.1 Strengths and Opportunities

The EMRC has a reputation of being a progressive and innovative regional local government that has shown leadership within the community across a range of strategic and complex areas.

The EMRC is experienced in coordinating the delivery of programs that can improve skills in people. Creating and developing regional programs that can identify and develop youth into future leaders, fully equipped with problem solving skills, creative thinking skills and strategic planning skills, will give the region a competitive and innovative edge.

Key strengths of the EMRC for providing regional capacity building in youth include:

- The ability to develop regional networks that can identify and bring the trainers and trainees together;
- Centralized facilities that are accessible for all sections of the regional community;
- Existing relationships with the local governments and local community groups who can provide leadership experience to youth;
- Extensive existing networks that can be accessed for sponsorship funding or partnering in various leadership development programs;
- A highly skilled professional workforce that operates at the strategic planning level and understand the requirements needed for leadership.

3.2.1.2 Proposed Objectives

- Objective 1.1 To facilitate skills development opportunities to develop leadership skills in the Regions youth demographic.
- Objective 1.2 To build a network of “thought leaders” across the Region who can provide opportunities for the Region’s youth to become role model and mentors for their peer groups.

3.2.1.3 Proposed Projects

Project	Summary
Youth Educating Peers	Investigate how the Youth Educating Peers program can be extended across the Region.
Looking For Leaders	Investigate how youth can be more engaged and supported in existing community leadership structures such as participating in local council meetings, becoming members on local boards of community groups etc.
youthThink WA	To support the POWA Institute to promote the youthThink WA initiative to businesses across Perth’s Eastern Region. The youthThink WA program offers scholarships to young people aged 18-25 years to learn new thinking tools and to be mentored as “thought leaders” of the future for the benefit of themselves, their social networks and their community.

3.2.2 REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Regional collaboration can significantly value-add to member Councils individual activities and create significant benefits for the Region. As many of the issues that youth face are common across the Region, working together can:

- Allow the integration and sharing of resources and therefore create more cost-effective delivery of programs and services;
- Facilitate the sharing of information and knowledge;

- Enable a greater range of programs to be undertaken and on a greater scale;
- Ensure individual Councils do not have to reinvent programs;
- Create a stronger voice for advocacy on youth issues; and
- Leverage additional funding to the Region.

It is not intended that regional collaboration will replace member Councils existing programs and services but rather to value-add, address gaps and support member Councils.

3.2.2.1 Strengths and Opportunities

The EMRC has a proven record in facilitating and increasing regional collaboration and has the expertise and processes in place to do this for youth issues as well.

Key strengths of the EMRC for improving regional collaboration on youth issues include:

- Good relationships between EMRC staff and member Council staff;
- Skills and experience in applying for funding and managing externally funded projects;
- Greater ability to leverage funding and investment on a regional basis than individually;
- A Regional Advocacy Strategy and existing processes in place to prioritise and conduct advocacy activities; and
- The ability to develop regional networks which will support member Council officers through sharing of information and experiences.

3.2.2.2 Proposed Objectives

- Objective 1.1 To facilitate opportunities for regional networking and collaboration on youth issues.
- Objective 1.2 To attract funding and investment in youth activities and programs to the Region.

3.2.2.3 Proposed Projects

Project	Summary
Youth Funding Alerts	Establish an email list to advise member Council officers and regional stakeholders when external funding opportunities become available.
Regional Youth Advocacy Forum	Undertake a forum with member Councils to establish an agreed program of advocacy on youth issues including establishing priorities and goals in line with the EMRC's Regional Advocacy Strategy. <i>(Could also be expanded to be a forum with the Regions youth)</i>
Regional Youth and Education Advisory Group	Establish a Regional Youth and Education Advisory group (similar to the Regional Integrated Transport Strategy Implementation Advisory Group) comprising of representatives from EMRC's six member Councils, relevant State government departments and other regional youth organisations. The purpose of this group would be to share knowledge and information, discuss regional youth issues and potential solutions, consider and review youth policy and to guide the EMRC's decision-making and implementation of the Regional Youth and Education Strategy. <i>(Could also include representatives with the Regions youth)</i>

Communicating with our Youth	Investigate social marketing approaches such as WebPages, face book page where the region's youth is encouraged to share information and the member Councils have effective communication channels open to the region's youth.
Regional Youth Funding submissions	Provide a central coordinating role for regional grant or sponsorship submissions to be developed that are aimed at providing youth related program and services.

3.2.3 YOUTH IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The EMRC has a strong and successful program of environmental management. The Environmental Services Team undertake a number of projects in partnership with local governments and the community which aim to enhance and protect the bushland, biodiversity, wetlands, rivers and streams within Perth's Eastern Region. It also undertakes a range of sustainability projects aimed at reducing the environmental impact its member Councils, householders, businesses and communities.

The Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP) has been the EMRC's keystone project for natural resource management and has been recognised for its success and innovation with a number of state and national awards. A challenge for the EHCMP is the recruitment of new volunteers and community members, particularly those from the younger generation to support the current ageing group of volunteers. There are also local areas of bushland on the Swan Coastal Plain in Perth's Eastern Region that are suffering from neglect and vandalism and would benefit from increased awareness and involvement from local youth.

Getting young people involved in environmental management provides an opportunity for young people to gain new interests, learn new skills and contribute to the community. In addition instilling an appreciation of the environment in the younger generation will have significant and ongoing environmental benefits.

3.2.3.1 Strengths and Opportunities

The EMRC has the opportunity to bring together its established environmental management program and the purposed new youth and education program to create benefits for the Region.

Key strengths of the EMRC for engaging youth in environmental management include:

- Perth Solar City local solar demonstration projects, which encourage the uptake of solar energy in the community;
- Living Smart community based behaviour change program focused on sustainable living in the home;
- EHCMP including Bush Skills for the Hills workshops, and Greenpage newsletter, produced for the volunteer bushland conservation community networks in the Eastern Hills natural resource management sub-region;
- Delivery of training in Natural Resource Management to unemployed youth; and

- Waste Education through the waste education website, recycling guides, Red Hill Environmental Education Centre, Earth Carers training program, providing tours and programs to schools and the employment of waste education officers.

3.2.3.2 Proposed Objectives

- Objective 1.1 To create positive attitudes within the Region's youth towards the environment.
- Objective 1.2 To provide the Region's youth with the skills, knowledge and opportunity to become involved in environmental management and bushland conservation.

3.2.3.3 Proposed Projects

Bush Skills for our Kids	Bush Skills for Kids runs a skills-based, hands-on science and technology education program for upper primary school students in low socio-economic areas to foster an interest in and responsibility for local bushland conservation. It focuses on educating students to improve the natural bushland in an area which is often much neglected and encourages civic pride and environmental concern in its future citizens.
Living Smart for Schools/HotRock	Adapt sustainable schools programs such as HotRock or the Living Smart behaviour change program so that it can be run in schools.
Waste Education	Continue the EMRC's existing waste education activities for school and consider adapting the Earth Carers program so that it can be run within schools.
Youth Bush Skills Workshops	Expand the existing Bush Skills workshops to include workshops specifically for the Region's youth. (Bushskills for our Kids)

3.2.4 CREATIVE AND ENGAGED YOUTH

The arts, music and recreation are commonly used as methods of engaging young people by all levels of government, particularly local government. Providing youth with activities to engage in can prevent anti-social behaviour, provide a sense of place, and improve well-being.

There is also a strong focus within the youth sector on consulting with youth on the issues that will affect them. The Federal Government has the Australian Youth Forum; State Government has the Shout Out program and a Youth Advisory Council. Some local governments also have Youth Advisory Councils as a way of engaging young people.

The Commissioner for Children and Young People consulted with youth about the built environment. The 'myWAspace' poll conducted by the Commissioner in 2010 found that half of the children and young people who responded do not have enough things to do or places to go in their neighbourhoods. The built

environment has the potential to enhance the health and wellbeing of children, young people and the wider community. And yet, children and young people are often not consulted by town planners, developers and other decision makers.

3.2.4.1 Strength and Opportunities

Key strengths of the EMRC for engaging youth include:

- Project and Program Management - experienced in facilitating/delivering regional events and programs, e.g. Establishment of the Swan Alliance Inc ;
- Research, Measure and Review - proficient in reviewing strategies, case studies, benchmarks and statistical reports relevant to the Region;
- Advocate, Educate and Align – proficient in maximising established networks and resources;
- Attraction and Promotion – working with member Councils to promote opportunities;
- Governance – ensuring objectives are achieved through good governance and positive key stakeholders engagement;
- EMRC Profile is established and well placed to lead efforts collaboratively through the community;
- Funding Support – the EMRC profile enables it to maximise funding opportunities; and
- Community recognition and credibility.

3.2.4.2 Proposed Objectives

Objective 2.1 To provide the Region's youth with the opportunity to experience creativity and the arts for their personal growth, social development and community involvement.

Objective 2.2 To engage the Region's youth in the Region's planning and development.

3.2.4.3 Proposed Projects

Regional Graffiti Program	Facilitate a regional approach to the Graffiti Reduction and Diversion (GRAD) project developed by the WA Police and the East Metro Crime Prevention Unit and which is being trialled in the City of Swan.
Regional Youth Advisory Council	Establish a Regional YAC to inform the EMRC of ongoing regional youth issues and to provide input from youth on EMRC projects and planning.
Regional Youth Forum	Conduct a Regional Youth Forum to develop a youth vision for the Region and to inform the development of advocacy priorities and program development.
Youth Marketing and Communication Guidelines	Develop marketing and communication guidelines to ensure that the EMRC can promote and communicate its activities and programs to the Regions youth and for these guidelines to be used on existing programs and activities as well as youth specific ones.
Regional Youth Week	Conduct Regional Youth Week activities in addition to those being run at a State and Federal level.
Creative Youth	Partner with FORM to provide opportunities for youth to engage with the Atelier and the future

Skills Pathways program	proposed Digital Media Hub
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3.2.5 SUPPORTING YOUTH

There are a number of key areas where Federal and State governments (and to a lesser degree local government and community organisations) are providing support services to youth. These include:

- Employment and training;
- Education;
- Families and Relationships;
- Mental Health; and
- General Health including body image and drug and alcohol misuse.

Within these areas there are specific programs and services that target youth who are considered to be at risk. These include youth:

- in the care of the State government;
- with disabilities;
- that are carers;
- are of indigenous heritage; or
- have mental health issues.

While the responsibility for most of these services largely rest with Federal and State Governments, some member Councils are providing support services such as counselling and crisis care. It is not feasible for the EMRC itself to become a service provider, but it may be able to facilitate and attract the rollout of programs and services from other organisations.

3.2.5.1 Strengths and Opportunities

Key strengths for the EMRC to encourage and increase the number of support services provided in the Region include:

- Ability to network and liaise with other governments and organisations;
- Potential to provide seed funding for the rollout of programs and services;
- Support to the Engineering and Manufacturing Industry Cooperative Limited and other major regional industry sectors to develop a pre-employment skills program for 16 to 17 year old students; and
- Funding of research conducted by Matrix Consulting Group into education retention of 10 to 14 year olds at risk of anti-social and offending behaviour.

3.2.5.2 Proposed Objectives

- Objective 3.1 Support the implementation of youth support services in the Region by community organisations and all forms of government.
- Objective 3.2 Provide a regional advocacy role to attract increase public transport infrastructure to assist in youth mobility.
- Objective 3.3 Investigate regional youth infrastructure requirements to assist in facilitating service delivery across the region.
- Objective 3.4 Support the Region's youth to make local employment career decisions.

3.2.5.3 Proposed Projects

Mobile Youth Service	Investigate the feasibility of a mobile youth service for the region to service in particular peri-urban and rural areas such as Bullsbrook, Mundaring and Kalamunda.
Regional Youth Asset Plan for the Future	Undertake a regional infrastructure audit that identifies gaps in youth infrastructure for service delivery and provides a regional youth asset plan that member Councils can utilise when developing local future community plans and strategy relating to youth development.
Youth Transportation	Investigate travel patterns required by the region's youth to provide a blueprint for advocacy for increasing public transport and or alternative modes of transport that can assist with youth mobility within the region.
Local Employment Pathways for Youth	Explore skill gaps in local existing and emerging industry sectors and develop targeted "careers expos" that attract and assist the Region's youth to pursue local employment career paths such as air traffic controlling, transport and logistics operations, health and trade careers.

4 NEXT STEPS

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide a draft framework from which member Councils can provide early comment into the feasibility, support for and development of a proposed Regional Youth and Education Strategy.

Further consultation with member Councils and key regional stakeholders will be conducted by issuing the Discussion Paper for a six week comment period. The purpose of the comment period is to focus member Council officers and regional stakeholders on the findings in the Discussion Paper and to seek confirmation of project themes and support for the further development of proposed project ideas that have been generated for consideration as regional projects.

Feedback will be incorporated into a stakeholder workshop where confirmation of project themes and priority of proposed project ideas will be determined.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR LODGMENT WILL BE FRIDAY 30th March 2012

5 APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1- INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBER COUNCIL YOUTH OFFICERS

1. Town of Bassendean

Interview with: Greg Neri and Ayden Mackenzie

Date: 11/03/2011

Reviewed by Greg Neri, 24 November 2011

Bassendean Youth Services provides structured and unstructured programs to young people aged 12 – 25 who are considered 'at risk'. BYS partners Community Youth Training Services to deliver Cert II Certificate of General Education for Adults for young people marginalized from the mainstream education system.

- **Number of staff**
 - 2 x Full-time staff - based at Bassendean Youth Service (BYS)
 - Greg Neri (Manager Bassendean Youth Services)
 - Ayden Mackenzie (Youth Development Officer)

- **Budget (excl salaries)**
 - \$42,000 (includes events, YAC, activities, equipment maintenance)
 - Note: Service is jointly funded by Town of Bassendean and Department for Child Protection

- **Focus Areas**
 - At risk young people as directed by Department for Child Protection funding (can be from anywhere, not just Town of Bassendean)
 - Note: not designed for mainstream youth

- **KPIs**
 - BYS reports to Council on large projects/events
 - BYS reports every six months to DCP on performance areas

- **Which ages are catered for**
 - 12 – 25 years (note: DCP states youth as 12 – 18 years)

- **How many youth are serviced annually in programs / number of youth contacts annually?**
 - Around 700 individuals in programs, with around 6,700 contacts annually (repeated)
 - Note: Nearly all males, mainly younger, over half Indigenous
 - Note: Around 70% from the Town of Bassendean

- **How monitor numbers/results?**
 - Running sheet, staff note down approx age etc

- **Events**
 - Has funding for 2 – 3 major events per year
 - All held at/around skate park
 - Gravit8

- Approx \$8,000
 - Round of the YMCA Summer Skate Series competition (11 rounds held throughout metropolitan and regional areas in WA)
 - December event
 - Scooter Jam
 - Youth requested more scooter events
 - April event, first held in 2010
 - Midnight Murals
 - Approx \$1,000 - \$1,500
 - Urban art program
 - Ongoing
- **Services**
 - Informal counselling / one on one assistance at Drop-in centre
 - Located next to skate park
 - Open Monday to Friday all day for assistance / mentoring / a chat
 - Secure Housing for Individuals Exploring Lifeskills Development (SHIELD)
 - Youth housing program for 1 – 2 years
 - Four units
 - Youth are transitionally housed for 6 months through the Swan Emergency Accommodation (SEA), and then referred to BYS
 - BYS previously provided on-ground support, but now SEA has received funding for staff, so BYS co-ordinates placements
 - Foundation Housing facilitate the property management
 - Youth Services Directory (poster / electronic)
 - Covers EMRC LGAs and further areas
 - Updated approx every 2 years
 - Previously collated funding from member Councils to produce, but became too difficult
 - BYS now solely funds and distributes
 - Includes phone contacts for: Accommodation; Legal Services; Employment, Education and Training; Emergency Relief and Income Support; Health and Counselling; Drug and Alcohol Services; 24 Hour Emergency Services; Young People Zones (Drop in centres); Information Services; Support Services.
- **Facilities**
 - Skate park
 - Drop-in centre - Open access 4 ½ afternoons per week from 3pm – 6pm
 - Office space for Year 10 Equivalency program
 - Band room with music equipment
 - PCs with internet access
- **Programs**
 - Youth Advisory Council
 - Open to those that live, work, study or recreate in the Town
 - 6 members (maximum), plus additional participants (no Councillors)
 - Monthly meetings at BYS
 - Discusses topics for youth input/feedback, which is reported on to Council
 - Also provide information on topics/issues at meetings to grow youth awareness
 - School Holiday Programs
 - Karting
 - Camping
 - Services / projects arise as funding opportunities arise

- **How do you market/promote your services?**
 - SMS – youth contact & some parents, very effective
 - Website – page on Town website and BYS website
 - FaceBook page
 - BYS Newsletter (Idiom)
 - Bassendean briefings e-newsletter

- **Will you only service Council residents? If yes, do the participants have to show proof?**
 - Open to anyone, residency not recorded
 - Approx 70% live in the Town (estimated)

- **Education and Training? Linking into traineeships and apprenticeships?**
 - Certificate II / Year 10 Equivalent / General Certificate of Education
 - Department of Education (DET) funds
 - Free to participants
 - BYS provides room at BYS and support
 - Rolling in-take, self-paced
 - Runs three days per week, from 9am – 2:30pm
 - Other as needed, BYS will explore options as required

- **Council Policy?**
 - Town of Bassendean Youth Policy and Strategy (1998)
 - No hard copy or electronic copy available
 - Bassendean Youth Services – Policy and Procedure Manual (1999, reviewed 2009)
 - Major review 2007, updated annually
 - Electronic copy saved into Document Manager

- **Any projects/services that the Council does not currently undertake that you/your Council would like to implement**
 - Webpage forum for youth sector in region to share information
 - Currently applying to the Department for Communities Strategic Projects Grants
 - Creation of a mechanism for all youth agencies (Government and non-government) to share information and increase awareness
 - Provide resources and funding information, and also assist each other with cases and queries
 - Regional Youth Services Policy and Procedure Manual
 - More advanced than existing Bassendean manual
 - Six LG youth officers (including Swan and Bassendean) met in 2010 to draft a policy and procedure manual
 - YAC WA (Youth Affairs Council of WA) sought funding (approx \$120,000) from Lotterywest for a project officer to develop in mid 2010, but was not a priority area for Lotterywest
 - Originally developed for LG, but could be used by non-government agencies

- **Other youth agencies in region that BYS is in contact with:**
 - Stand by Me Youth Service
 - Youth Centre located in Altone Park, Beechboro.
 - Drop-in is open for young people aged 9 to 25
 - Play Pool, Xbox, Table Tennis, listen to music, grab a feed, talk to a youth worker or just hang out
 - Aimed at youth who reside, recreate or educate with the Lockridge/Beechboro and surrounding areas
 - Not-for-profit organisation with daily operating funding from the City of Swan and Office for Child Protection
 - Provides informal counselling, support, information, advocacy and referrals
 - Swan City Youth Service

- Not-for-profit organisation for young people aged 12 to 25 years based in Midland
 - Drop-in centre, informal counselling, support services
 - Weekly GP visit
 - Hills Community Support Group
 - PCYC (Midland)
- **Thoughts on any existing and new projects that could be implemented on a regional scale across several or all member Councils**
 - Co-ordinated regional urban art program / graffiti prevention
 - Uses the urban art program as the mechanism to achieve graffiti prevention
 - East Metro Crime Prevention Unit has brought together the four LGs in their area together and the Office of Crime Prevention to develop the graffiti art program
 - The Office of Crime Prevention is looking at large scale funding, and also teeing up relationships with businesses for materials and legal walls
 - The Office of Crime Prevention facilitates the group and attempts to develop coordination of activities and programs
 - Requires approx \$300,000 funding
 - East Metro District includes: ToB, SoK, SoM and CoS
- **Interest in project information sharing with other member Councils**
 - Yes, concerns regarding implementation
 - Currently dysfunctional networking system
 - Youth Coordination Committee North East
 - Fell Apart
 - Previously had 40 agencies involved
 - Was funded by the Office for Youth
 - Swan and Surrounding Suburbs Youth Network (SASSYNet)
 - Poorly subscribed, open to any agency

2. City of Bayswater

Interview with: Emily Anderson, Community Development Officer, City of Bayswater

Date: 02/03/2011

Updated by Emily Anderson, 2 December 2011

- Number of staff:
 - 1 (0.5 FTE) , half youth, half volunteer coordination position currently being advertised
 - Note: reports to Beverley Bridgland, Manager
- Budget (excl salaries):
 - \$50,000 youth service provision
 - 28,000 SoundOverload - Youth event
 - \$35,000 towards school chaplains (other partners also contribute)
 - \$20,000 to Outcare
- How monitor numbers/results?
 - PCYC (Kensington) previously reported statistic quarterly, with random checks by the City
 - Attendance applications at events (will introduce)
- KPIs:
 - An Action Plan for Community Development will be developed, no current KPIs for youth

- Focus Areas:
 - No specific areas
- Which ages are catered for?
 - 12 – 25 years
- How many youth are serviced annually in programs / number of youth contacts annually?
 - Previously reported by PCYC as 800 / year
 - As new events are being introduced and the previous program being evaluated, there are no current statistics
- Events
 - Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)
 - Battle of the Bands
 - National Youth Week event
 - CEO Sleepout
 - Mayor for a Day
 - Library
 - Previously ran the bi-monthly Young Adults Program (YAP NOW), which included hosting of information sessions and workshops relevant to young adults (eg: manga anime, RAC presentations, and forensics.) These events rotated across all three libraries in the City.
 - Currently runs a mix of children's and adults events at the library.
 - Recreation
 - Morley Sport and Recreation runs introductory open days
 - Boomshanka! Skate Park events run by the City's Recreation Department
 - Bayswater Waves runs swim-in movie nights
 - The RISE has "fundamentals program" aimed at 11-15 year olds for after school sports and recreation. And provides social sport weeknights for +16
- Services
 - Free reserve hire for junior sporting clubs
- Facilities
 - Currently no drop-in centre in the City
 - The facility will also house a child health clinic, parents and children facility
 - The City has two skate parks in Embleton and Morley
- Programs
 - Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)
 - 6 community representatives + 2 Councillors (as per Terms of Reference)
 - Meets quarterly (officially), and monthly (unofficially)
 - Mostly planning events
 - YAC completed a youth survey in 2008 (saved in Doc Manager)
 - PCYC Kensington (previously ran three programs as below on a three-year contract)
 - The contract expired late 2010 and the City is currently reviewing the structure of youth programs.
 - Previous PCYC programs:
 - Zone Out – Drop-in space next to the Galleria open three afternoons a week. Activities included: soccer, basketball, cooking, dancing, TV and internet access.
 - Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Services
 - Indigenous Jobseeker Program

- Outcare
 - Previously ran the 'Keeping Kids Out of Crime', with a speaker visiting local schools.
 - Funding has now been redirected to a tree planting exercise with the youth and speaking to them while planting
 - Outcare has also partnered with ECU to develop the ECU Community Kitchen Program: An Indian restaurant in Morley is assisting young unemployed locals to obtain some of their units in certification for food handling and cooking skills.
- How do you market/promote your services?
 - Stall at Autumn River Festival, YAC pages on FaceBook, and City's website and YAC election advertisements in local papers, Eastern Suburbs Reporter, target schools and their newsletters.
- Will you only service Council residents? If yes, do the participants have to show proof?
 - YAC – live/work/school in City of Bayswater
 - PCYC – Was previously open to anyone
 - No proof required
- Education and Training? Linking into traineeships and apprenticeships?
 - Only previous PCYC programs
- Council Policy?
 - Developing a Community Development policy
 - City's Plan for the Future 2008 - 2012

Big Wish?

- Any projects/services that the Council does not currently undertake that you/your Council would like to implement
 - More holiday programs
 - Partnering with Galleria and other shopping centres seen as 'unsafe' (already meeting with Galleria)
 - Large CaLD and Indigenous population – be good to target
 - Training for YAC members to provide a benefit (ie: report writing, event organisation training)
 - More funding, but would require more staff to implement
 - Research – more detailed youth survey than 2008
 - More staff to allow time spent in the community, with the community
 - Network more with service providers
- Thoughts on any existing and new projects that could be implemented on a regional scale across several or all member Councils.
- Interest in project information sharing with other member Councils?
 - Yes

3. City of Belmont

Interview: Noushin Arefadib, Coordinator Youth and Family Services, City of Belmont

Date: 28/02/2011

Information updated by Michelle Wallbank, Coordinator Youth & Family Services, City of Belmont

Date: 1/12/2011

- Number of staff:

Funded by City of Belmont:

- City of Belmont Staff
 - 1 x Coordinator (with capacity to undertake Family Work Case Management as required)
- PCYC Staff
 - 1 x full time Team Leader
 - 8 x casual youth workers
 - 1 x part time events manager

Funded by Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)

- 1 x full-time Belmont City College teacher for CaLD program
- Budget?
 - \$700,000 (excl salaries) (This figure confirmed by Mr Stuart Cole)
- How monitor numbers/results?
 - Sign-in sheets
 - Parental consent forms – events and programs (for U/18)
 - Client satisfaction surveys
 - Informal feedback at drop-in centre
 - Two youth workers visit two schools to talk to the students
- Which ages are catered for
 - 11 to 18 years old
- How many youth are serviced annually in programs?
 - 215
- Number of youth contacts annually
 - 2575
- Events
 - National Youth Week Festival
 - NAIDOC Event
 - Harmony Week event
 - Various Dance/Arts/Music concerts and events
- Facilities
 - Drop-In Centre
 - Games Room open after school 2 – 3 times / week
 - Xbox 360, Playstation, Pool, Air Hockey, Table Tennis, Soccer Table
 - Always staffed by a minimum of two youth workers
 - Belmont Skate Park
 - The Skate Park has a half pipe linked by an 8 foot spine to a quarter pipe, grind rails and roll-ins and is suitable for bikes, scooters, rollerblades and skateboards.
 - The skate park has turfed area, gazebos and trees for shade.
- Programs
 - School Term / School Holidays:
 - The Youth and Family Service provide a variety of free programs each school term and during the school holidays for young people and/or their parents/caregivers.
 - These programs are designed to offer educational, recreational and life skills components. These programs may include music, recreational activities, cooking, cultural activities and art. All programs are free.

- Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) SGP
 - Funded by Federal Department of Immigration and Citizenship
 - Delivered in partnership with the Belmont City College
 - Case manages 32+ students and families (minimum)
 - \$78,000 funding in 10/11
 - Will reapply for funding from 11/12
 - Works with culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) young people and their families to assist with settling into the community.
 - Service Type 1: Orientation to Australia
 - Parent workshops
 - Workshops/forums for parents/teachers to understand education system/working with CaLD youth
 - Forums for teachers
 - Service Type 2: Developing Communities
 - Develop capacity of selected young people as community advocates
 - Service Type 3: Integration – Inclusion and Participation
 - Workshops on topics such as cultural history, food & customs
- Services

1. Individual and Family Counselling

The Family Worker is available to provide counselling to young people and their family members, on an individual basis or as a family unit. Counselling can be provided for a range of issues including parent/teen conflict, homelessness, self-harm, domestic violence, abuse and other such difficult life issues. Counselling sessions are free and confidential.

2. Drop In

Providing a safe environment for young people to socialise. Youth Workers supervise the Drop in hours and are available to offer youth one on one support when required.

- How do you market/promote your services?
 - Belmont City College and Primary schools
 - Flyers
 - City of Belmont website
 - Local Paper
 - During Drop In
- Will you only service Council residents? If yes, do the participants have to show proof?
 - Aimed at youth and their families living or schooling in the City of Belmont
 - Proof provided by membership to Drop-In and consent documentation
- Education and Training? Linking into traineeships and apprenticeships?
 - Alternative Learning Centre
 - 1 x Full-time family worker partially funded by Lotterywest until December 2011
 - 1 x youth worker
 - 1- teacher
 - Vocational, life skills training
 - Runs Monday – Friday, 10am – 2pm
 - Commenced in 2009
 - Removes barriers to educational opportunity
 - A full-time educational program for local young people who have been alienated from available schooling options and face challenging life circumstances through a mix of work experience, family support, practical community projects and classroom learning.
 - Partnership between the City of Belmont and Belmont City College
 - 11 students in 2009, 14 in 2011.

Big Wish?

- Any projects/services that the Council does not currently undertake that you/your Council would like to implement
 - Increased funding for and better utilisation of the Settlement Grant Program
 - Implementation of project/s to work with young Indigenous families
 - Consider mentally healthy projects
 - More funding for ALC
- Thoughts on any existing and new projects that could be implemented on a regional scale across several or all member Councils.
 - Other LGAs to consider the Settlement Grant Program
 - Recreational sports day across Local Government;
 - Research projects to look at service gaps in WA or what makes citizens in WA unique to other states;
 - Opportunity to influence policy by having local government work collectively on issues or themes.
- This may include project information sharing with other member Councils
 - Michelle Wallbank is happy to meet with the other youth contacts to information share
 - Building networks to support target groups, raise awareness, make a political difference;
 - Look at joint venture to enhance service delivery and access

4. Shire of Kalamunda

Interview with: Bonnie Dixon, Community Development Officer (Youth), Shire of Kalamunda

Date: 02/03/2011

Reviewed by Bonnie Dixon, 7 December 2011

- Number of staff:
 - 1 – Bonnie Dixon
- Budget (excl salaries):
 - \$35,000
 - \$20,500 Hills, \$5,000 Foothills – to Counselling / chaplaincy
- How monitor numbers/results:
 - Counting numbers at the door for events
 - Feedback forms for workshops
 - Youth consultation project
 - Completed late 2010 with final analysis due in June 2011
 - Interviewed with 500 Year 6 – Year 10 students (Year 11 and 12 had exams) using the Qwizdom interactive technology borrowed from the City of Melville (using confidential pods)
 - Likely to form informal focus groups on topics from survey
- KPIs:
 - No KPIs
 - Interplan actions to report against
- Focus Areas:
 - Entertainment
 - Recreation
- Which ages are catered for:
 - 12 years – 25 years

- How many youth are serviced annually in programs / number of youth contacts annually?
 - Approx 15/program x 4 - 5 programs each year
 - The Shire doesn't have the resources to facilitate programs for more than 20 – 30 people at a time
 - Seen and Heard report on drop-in centre numbers quarterly to Bonnie
 - Average numbers 50 per quarter

- Events
 - Free Major Youth Week events:
 - Ramp It Up – skate park event with demonstrations and competitions (in partnership with several local churches)
 - Movie marathon at the Kalamunda Performing Art Centre

- Services
 - Counselling:
 - Funded by the Shire of Kalamunda
 - YouthCARE provide free and confidential school-based chaplaincy services at high schools and primary schools within the Shire (all high schools and most primary schools).

- Facilities
 - The Shire sub-contracts PCC to man the centre.
 - Currently under utilised by youth
 - 4 skate parks – High Wycombe, Kalamunda, Maida Vale and Forrestfield
 - New skate park in High Wycombe particularly popular

- Programs
 - Hills Experimental Youth Arts
 - First run in 10/11
 - Three week program leading up to a performance exhibition
 - Creative learning program fusing dance and visual art
 - Funded by Community Arts Network of WA (CANWA) - \$12,000
 - Nominal fee applies
 - KalaKrank's
 - Workshops for youth aged 14 to 25 with an interest in the music industry
 - Nominal fee applies
 - Leads up to a final concert (not a competition)
 - Very popular
 - Office of Crime Prevention funded \$8.5K to youth arts
 - Tim from YouthTree assisted with youth consultation project

- How do you market/promote your services?
 - WebSMS to youth database (from consultation project), stall at Shire Corymbia Festival, local papers, media releases, flyers, flyers to schools, Shire e-newsletter, Kala Comments in local paper.
 - FaceBook page for youth is under consideration

- Will you only service Council residents? If yes, do the participants have to show proof?
 - Open to anyone

- Education and Training? Linking into traineeships and apprenticeships?
 - See programs above (arts – related)

- Council Policy?
 - Youth Consultation Plan adopted by Council November 2011

Big Wish:

- Any projects/services that the Council does not currently undertake that you/your Council would like to implement
 - Form a Youth Advisory Committee (using consultation database)
 - Transport – privatised shuttle bus throughout the Shire
 - Lack of public transport & increased cost once youth turn 18
 - Computers with internet access at the drop-in centre
 - Assistance for youth with obtaining their learner's permit, driver's licence
 - Previous investigated a program PCYC (Kensington) called Teaching Youth Road Education – 'TYRE'
 - Youth volunteering (similar to YouthTree and the Big Help Mob)
 - Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre is underutilised – potential as a youth arts hub?
 - Purchase the Qwizdom survey tool for future consultation (as a general Shire asset, not just youth)
 - Health service for youth (one stop shop)
 - Headspace is funded by the Federal Department for Health and Ageing, and offers mental and health well-being support
 - Existing locations in WA are: Fremantle, Broome and Albany
 - The Swan Kalamunda Health Service have made a submission for a 'Headspace' in Midland
 - The outcome will be known in several months time
- Thoughts on any existing and new projects that could be implemented on a regional scale across several or all member Councils.
 - YAC to information share / meet with other LGA YACs
- Interest in project information sharing with other member Councils?
 - Yes

5. Shire of Mundaring

Interview with: Lyndsey Stoney, Community Development Adviser, Shire of Mundaring

Interview Date: 21/02/2011

Reviewed by Kaye Abel and Megan Griffiths, 28 November 2011.

- **Number of staff**
 - 1 FTE - (Lyndsey – role includes youth, not solely youth projects). Lyndsey reports to Kaye Abel, Community Development Manager.
- **Budget**
 - Project Budget for Seen and Heard budget \$174 207 p/a- covers activities undertaken by the youth service including youth development; events; volunteer recruitment; community consultation; salaries for employees; workshops and training
 - New Swan View Youth Centre - \$1.7 million construction total cost, to which the Shire contributed around \$615,000 (more information below). Youth Centre (non construction) budget is not for public knowledge at this stage
 - Tender currently out for Seen and Heard programme from 1/7/11
- **Focus Areas**
 - Health and Well-being
 - Transport
 - Education, Training and Employment
 - Public Space / Recreation
 - Culture and the Arts

- **Key Performance Indicators**
 - Set in Youth Strategic Plan

- **Monitoring numbers / results**
 - Largely provided by Seen and Heard
 - Seen and Heard provides quarterly and six monthly reports to the Shire (to Kaye Abel)
 - Will have a sign in sheet at the new youth centre to monitor numbers
 - Looking to set up a membership at the new youth centre to record more details

- **Ages Catered for:**
 - Seen and Heard: 12 years to 20 years
 - Youth Centre: 12 years to 24 years
 - Counselling service: Families with at least one child between 12 and 18 years

- **Marketing / Promotion:**
 - FaceBook page (separate to Seen and Heard and the Shire)
 - Advertising in local newspapers
 - Editorials
 - Schools newsletters from later this year
 - Focus newsletter page in the Hills Gazette and The Echo newspapers

- **Service only Council residents?**
 - Youth centre: No, all welcome
 - Counselling: The service area includes the Shire of Mundaring; Shire of Kalamunda; City of Swan and Town of Bassendean

- **Events**
 - Managed by Seen and Heard (see separate interview)

- **Education / Training**
 - Seen and Heard programs link to
 - May have service providers located at the Youth Centre

- **Services**
 - Parent and Adolescent Counselling Services (PACS):
 - Supports families with at least one child between the ages of 12 to 18 years who are experiencing parent/adolescent conflict, to the point where family life is dysfunctional. The primary focus of the counselling service is to assist parents and adolescents to resolve problems by providing an easily accessible, professional counselling service.
 - Provides a short term counselling/mediation service for young people at risk between the ages of 12 to 18 years and their families. The services work with young people and their families to resolve parent/adolescent conflict, providing early intervention strategies to prevent risk escalating and divert young people away from high risk situations that may impact on their safety. The services also assist young people to improve relationships and remain connected with family, peers, school and their community.
 - Counsellor: Des Benness
 - Funded by the Department for Child Protection
 - Will move to the new youth centre once operational

- **Facilities**
 - Swan View Youth Centre
 - Will cater for 12 – 24 years
 - Will provide access to services, workshops, training, activities and events
 - To be completed in April 2011
 - Activities will be gradually rolled out
 - May be launched in July 2011
 - Parent and Adolescent Counselling Services (as above) to be based here

- **Council Policy**
 - Planning for Youth 2008 – 2011 (saved in Document Manager)
 - New policy will be developed by the end of 2011

- **Any projects/services that the Council does not currently undertake that you/your Council would like to implement**
 - Additional skate parks – Helena Valley/Boya and Swan View

- **Info sharing/ opportunities for working with member Councils**
 - Lyndsey is keen to meet with / information sharing with member Councils, including Shire of Kalamunda survey results / process
 - Potential areas include graffiti reduction (with the East Metro Crime Prevention Branch (Robyn & Ian)) who is currently trialling a graffiti reduction program with the City of Swan
 - Contacts: Robyn.COTTMAN@police.wa.gov.au and ian.westmore@police.wa.gov.au

a. Seen and Heard

Interview With: Ariana Vidos, Project Manager, Seen and Heard

Interview Date: 09/02/2011

Reviewed by Kaye Abel and Megan Griffiths, 28 November 2011.

The Seen and Heard programme encourages local youth aged 12-20 who reside in the Shire of Mundaring to be active and participate in community life. The Seen and Heard CREW is a group of 113 youth volunteers who are actively involved in volunteering in their community. All CREW Members receive a CREW Member T-Shirt when they join. The CREW plan activities and events for other local youth including Battle of the Bands, Seen and Heard Dance Parties, Pool Parties, School Holiday Activities, National Youth Week and other awesome social networking opportunities.

Through their involvement in CREW activities, CREW Members have the opportunity to meet others, attend exclusive CREW Member reward evenings that include movie nights, bowling, rock climbing and various other adventures. CREW Members develop their leadership, teamwork and communication skills which will be of benefit when seeking employment in the future. The Seen and Heard CREW are always interested in hearing from people who would like to join in the fun and meet other local young people.

- **Number of staff**
 - 3.6 (3 x full-time, 1 x 0.6)
 - Staffed by Parkerville Children and Youth Care (Inc)
 - 'The Crew' staffed by 113 youth volunteers
 - No staff directly funded by the Shire of Mundaring

- **Budget**
 - Unknown – SoM to advise
 - Seen and Heard funded by SoM, no staff member directly funded by SoM
- **Ages catered for**
 - Primary age: 12 – 17 years
 - Also caters for: 18 – 20 years with 18+ events
- **Numbers of Youth**
 - 113 members in 'The Crew' aged 12 – 20 years, meet weekly (optional)
 - Around 4,000 youth contacts annually (some repeated)
- **Services Guided By**
 - KPIs set by the Shire of Mundaring in contracts
 - Community consultation impacts
- **Collect information**
 - Conducts surveys and questionnaires at events
 - Seen and Heard provides statistics to the Shire quarterly
- **Events**
 - Skate park jams, pool parties, dance parties, movie nights, Skate Park BBQs
 - Has 'youth spaces' at Shire events, eg: Trek the Trail, Darlington Arts Festival, Mundaring Truffle Festival and other community events
 - Both U/18 and Over 18 events (separate)
 - All U/18 events are strictly drug and alcohol free
 - The Crew directs event choices
- **Markets/promotes events**
 - Advertise in local papers, FaceBook page (over 600 members), advertorials in local papers, high school newsletters, posters in shops, flyers to shopping centres/schools, text messages and emails to The Crew, roadside banners in the lead-up to events, 'youth spaces' at Shire events.
- **Limited to Council residents?**
 - Anyone can attend events
 - Membership to The Crew is limited to residents in the Shire
- **Links to Education and Training**
 - Training with The Crew – event planning, leadership skills, bullying
 - PASH – adolescent and sexual health - with high schools and some primary schools
 - Bizlink – employment support service agency
 - Education, Employment and Training Programme (EET)- prepares 14 – 16 year olds for entering the workforce (based at Parkerville campus)
 - Staff can assist with CVs/job applications
- **Big Wish**
 - Transport issues – public transport and/or shuttles around the Shire for youth events
 - Mobile youth service – equipped vehicle (like a Gymbus for young people)
 - Generator – power at events
 - Want information from other Councils – graffiti reduction forums
 - How to run a series of graffiti workshops sustainably - ie: \$8K - \$10K for a series of workshops for 15 people
 - \$5K to graffiti art a skate park with a professional
 - Interest for Mt Helena skate park

- Focus on updating Swan View skate park as an opportunity to engage with young people who visit the park.

6. City of Swan

Interview with: Chris Byrne, Coordinator Community and Youth Development, City of Swan

Interview Date: 11/03/2011

Reviewed by Chris Byrne 10 January 2012.

- **Number of staff**

- Total = 13 FTE + 2 x 0.5 FTE + Casual staff
 - Coordinator Community and Youth Development
 - 1 FTE (Chris)
 - Youth Outreach Service (mobile team)
 - 4 FTE
 - Youth and Community Development Officers
 - 3 FTE
 - 1 officer at each 'hub' in Midland, Ballajura, Ellenbrook
 - Indigenous Youth Project Specialist
 - 1 FTE
 - Youth Centre Workers (Ellenbrook)
 - 2 x 0.5 FTE
 - Youth and CaLD Engagement
 - 1 FTE
 - Based in Ellenbrook
 - Youth Arts & Culture
 - 1 FTE – Hyper Festival Coordinator
 - Casual staff
 - Also staff within in recreation centres and libraries that run youth activities and events
 - Skate Park Officer - 1 FTE for 18 months (grant funded)

- **Budget (excl salaries)?**

- \$636,880
- City funds seven youth centres
 - Six youth centres – City purchases the services via contract
 - Ellenbrook youth centre – City staffed and operated

- **Focus Areas:**

- Draft objectives:
 - *Participation* – 'Young people are fully involved in the life of our community'
 - *Celebration* – 'The unique talents of young people, and the vibrancy and diversity of young cultures is recognised and valued'
 - *Support* – 'young people are supported in times of difficulty'
 - *Relationships* – 'A strong community is reflected by healthy relationships between young people and others, where there is mutual understanding and respect'
 - *Leadership and Speaking Out* – 'Young people are actively involved or leaders in navigating through the issues which affect them'
 - *Youth Sector* – 'There is a sustainable 'sector' of groups and organisations which support young people in Swan'
 - *A Youth Friendly Organisation* – 'the City welcomes and encourages young people to be involved'

- **KPIs:**
 - The City's Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2012 sets out Priority Areas, Outcomes, Objectives and High Level Strategies
 - The Youth Charter currently under development will set out measureable targets

- **Which ages are catered for?**
 - 12 – 25 years
 - Acknowledges young people aged 9 – 13 years are under serviced
 - Some test programs and youth services cater for 9 – 13 years

- **How many youth are serviced annually in programs / number of youth contacts annually?**
 - Youth centres – because of the number of youth service and range of providers this cannot be easily estimated. Services gather information in different ways and collation may not give an accurate picture.
 - Outreach programs – the City of Swan provides a youth outreach service across the City
 - Events or other programs - more than 5,000 young people attend Hyper (youth festival) and associated events on an annual basis

- **How monitor numbers/results?**
 - Depends on program:
 - Eg: Outreach
 - Engagement stats
 - Case management data
 - referrals
 - eg Youth centre:
 - Sign in sheets at youth centres
 - Attendance sheets
 - Activity / events attendance – ticketed or other
 - Quarterly reports
 - Eg Hyper (Culture and Arts)
 - Through volunteers and team leaders
 - Through various engagement (as below)
 - Social media - especially Facebook
 - Eg Youth sector development
 - Through networks
 - SASSY Net
 - Youth centre officers forum
 - General Feedback from young people
 - Informal survey
 - Formal feedback
 - Through leadership groups
 - Online (FaceBook, MySpace, online forum)
 - Through competitions that include feedback questions

- **Events**
 - Local events – usually in partnership with schools and youth centres
 - Dance parties, sausage sizzles etc
 - Hyper (youth art / festival project series)
 - Hyper is a platform for a variety of arts and music based projects which aim to promote young people's talents, develop young people's skills and allows young people to claim ownership of the program due to the overwhelming work young people achieve involved in the program
 - Led by young people (Hyper Team) and volunteer crews - 100+ per year
 - Major Art Exhibitions (HYPER VISION)
 - Music and art event (Hyper Fest) – attended by 4,000 – 5,000 young people
 - CaLD involvement and inclusion
 - Digital art workshops

- Mentoring program for youth involvement
 - Recreation centres and libraries also hold events
- **Services**
 - Youth Outreach Service for Swan (YOSS)
 - Mobile service for young people considered at risk in the City to hotspot areas
 - Key services:
 - Outreach in hotspots
 - Case management for 'at risk' young people who are not accessing support
 - Support for local youth centres/services to be more inclusive and effective - eg program and event development
 - Education - have developed a 'Working With Young People' package for Libraries and other public facilities.
 - Youth centre services include:
 - Assistance services – accommodation, court support, Centrelink support
 - Informal and formal counselling
 - Alcohol and Drugs Program
 - Mobile GPs
 - Recreation facilities
 - Lessons / activities / workshops
 - Urban art projects
 - Funding from Department of Health and Ageing; Department of Training and Workforce Development; Office of Crime Prevention; Office of Child Protection
- **Facilities**
 - Seven youth centres:
 - Midland (Swan City Youth Service)
 - Altone / Beechboro (Stand by Me Youth Service)
 - Ballajura (The Dungeon)
 - Stratton (Stratton Youth Centre)
 - Bullsbrook (The Shack Youth Service)
 - Mobile Centre (Midland PCYC - visits Koongamia, Beechboro and other areas of need)
 - Ellenbrook (The Cool Room Youth Centre)
 - Seven skate parks:
 - The Vines
 - Midland
 - Ellenbrook
 - Ballajura
 - Altone (Beechboro)
 - Gidgegannup
 - Bullsbrook
 - Stratton
 - Four BMX tracks:
 - Bullsbrook
 - Ballajura
 - South Guildford
 - West Bullsbrook
- **Programs**
 - Midnight Basketball

- The Recreation, Education, Arts and Lifeskills (REAL) Program
 - REAL program gives young City of Swan residents a chance to take part in activities they would not normally access
 - The program is for at risk young people, predominantly indigenous
 - For ages 9 – 13 years living in the Midland area
 - NB - currently in hiatus while strategic planning occurs
- Youth Leadership programs
 - Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)
 - Only small numbers, winding down in resource allocation
 - Runs a successful 'Youth Out Loud' public speaking event each year
 - What Say Youth
 - Quick response support and assistance for local youth led activities in partnership with local Youth centres and services
 - Examples include the Swan Youth Leadership Council (Indigenous men's group) and young women's groups
 - Partners with Rotary and local youth centres
- Urban art program
 - Partnership between Eastern metropolitan Crime Prevention Unit, Office of Crime Prevention, Midland Joblink, and City of Swan
 - Developing a 12 month program
 - Aims to
 - value add to existing activities
 - Provide coordination and continuity for activities
 - Provide a uniform evaluation framework to measure results over 12 months
- CaLD Youth and Community Projects
 - We Built This City – Linked to Hyper workshops across the City
 - Note - The Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre completed a research project which looks at issues and services for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) residents across the City and this information is available from the City of Swan and can be used to inform the development of future programs and services.
- Youth Educating Peers (YEP) Program
 - Peer Education Program
 - Run by the Youth Affairs Council of WA
 - Funded by the Department of Health
 - Six of eight pilot programs running in the City of Swan
 - Trials peer education on sexual health and drugs
 - 'Train the trainer' – trains young people to educate their peers
 - City of Swan has contracted 1 FTE for the pilot to co-ordinate and support
 - May be extended
 - More information at: <http://www.yacwa.org.au/content.php?CID=57>
- Access All Areas
 - Supports disadvantaged young people to access sport and recreational programs
- **How do you market/promote your services?**
 - Social Media – FaceBook, MySpace
 - Developing Youth Portal ('YSwan')
 - SMS to some youth
 - SASSYNet (*SWAN AND* Surrounding Suburbs Youth Network)
 - Youth centre officers forum
 - Often through word of mouth and through other agencies
 - Online forums (Bang the Table etc)
 - Hyper - uses street press, JJJ, other radio

- **Will you only service Council residents? If yes, do the participants have to show proof?**
 - Not limited to City residents, no proof required

- **Education and Training? Linking into traineeships and apprenticeships?**
 - Supports network of agencies to provide
 - Outreach Polytechnic West Program
 - General Education Certification (Year 10 / 11 equivalency)
 - Certification in Gaining Access to Training and Employment Program
 - Based at Midland youth centre (Swan City Youth Service)
 - Vocational services and providers
 - Hills and Community Support Group – Youth Connections
 - Midland Job Link - Transitions
 - High schools for at risk young people - Access
 - Other Indigenous programs
 - Reconciliation Action Plan
 - Indigenous Youth Officer
 - REAL is mainly Aboriginal focus
 - Midnight Basketball
 - Young Men's Leadership Project
 - Indigenous Traineeship Project – trainees
 - Federal funding for implementation
 - 22 in total to date

- **Council Policy:**
 - City of Swan Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012
 - 'Connected Communities' as a Priority Area
 - Includes Outcomes, Objectives and High Level Strategies

 - Currently developing a Strategic Community Plan for working with the community
 - Included a big online survey
 - Local consultations at youth centres and schools
 - Will be completed by the end of 2011

 - Also developing a Youth Charter
 - To be completed early 2012.

- **Any projects/services that the Council does not currently undertake that you/your Council would like to implement:**
 - Nil

- Thoughts on any existing and new projects that could be implemented on a regional scale across several or all member Councils.

Regional Opportunities:

- **Headspace Centre Opportunity**
 - The Federal Government is funding a Headspace Centre in Midland (one of 10 additional centres nationally)
 - The City of Swan and consortium (15 members) submitted EOI for running a Headspace from adjacent to Midland Gate Shopping Centre
 - Headspace will see the collocation of:
 - Mental health services
 - Health/allied health services
 - Drug and alcohol services
 - Vocational services
 - Swan City Youth Service (drop in and support programs)
 - City of Swan Youth Development team
 - Youth Focus and Perth primary Care Network have commenced working form SCYS as an interim strategy

- **Hyper Fest**
 - Currently includes art exhibition, workshops and music and art festival
 - Could easily incorporate other Councils
 - Existing partnerships with MRA, Midland Gate, Heatseeker, Propel Arts, WAM, DADDA, and local businesses

- **Youth Educating Peers (YEP) Program**
 - Peer Education Program
 - Run by the Youth Affairs Council of WA
 - Funded by the Department of Health
 - Six of eight pilot programs running in the City of Swan
 - Trails peer education on sexual health and drugs
 - City of Swan has contracted 1 FTE for the pilot to co-ordinate and support
 - May be extended

- **Interest in project information sharing with other member Councils?**
 - Yes

APPENDIX 2 - REGIONAL YOUTH STUDYING STATISTICS

Table 1 – Youth Studying (ABS 2006)

Bassendean			Bayswater		
Total Population	13,463		Total Population	55,801	
15-19 years	840	6.24%	15-19 years	3,392	6.08%
20-24 years	817	6.07%	20-24 years	4,190	7.51%
	1,657	12.31%		7,582	13.59%
<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>			<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>		
Full-time student:	63	3.80%	Full-time student:	315	4.15%
Part-time student:	91	5.49%	Part-time student:	293	3.86%
<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>			<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>		
Full-time student:	172	10.38%	Full-time student:	1,171	15.44%
Part-time student:	19	1.15%	Part-time student:	164	2.16%
	345	20.82%		1,943	25.63%
Belmont			Kalamunda		
Total Population	30,332		Total Population	49,534	
15-19 years	1,755	5.79%	15-19 years	3,998	8.07%
20-24 years	2,265	7.47%	20-24 years	3,080	6.22%
	4,020	13.25%		7,078	14.29%
<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>			<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>		
Full-time student:	153	3.81%	Full-time student:	264	3.73%
Part-time student:	178	4.43%	Part-time student:	339	4.79%
<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>			<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>		
Full-time student:	451	11.22%	Full-time student:	717	10.13%
Part-time student:	52	1.29%	Part-time student:	82	1.16%
	834	20.75%		1,402	19.81%
Mundaring			Swan		
Total Population	35,094		Total Population	93,278	
15-19 years	2,825	8.05%	15-19 years	7,113	7.63%
20-24 years	1,817	5.18%	20-24 years	6,022	6.46%
	4,642	13.23%		13,135	14.08%
<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>			<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>		
Full-time student:	176	3.79%	Full-time student:	538	4.10%
Part-time student:	242	5.21%	Part-time student:	565	4.30%
<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>			<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>		

Full-time student:	445	9.59%	Full-time student:	1,031	7.85%
Part-time student:	48	1.03%	Part-time student:	171	1.30%
	911	19.63%		2,305	17.55%
EMRC			Perth		
Total Population	277,502		Total Population	1,445,077	
15-19 years	19,923	7.18%	15-19 years	106,460	7.37%
20-24 years	18,191	6.56%	20-24 years	107,901	7.47%
	38,114	13.73%		214,361	14.83%
<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>			<i>Technical or Further Educational Institution(a):</i>		
Full-time student:	1,509	3.96%	Full-time student:	8,116	3.79%
Part-time student:	1,708	4.48%	Part-time student:	8,192	3.82%
<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>			<i>University or other Tertiary Institutions:</i>		
Full-time student:	3,987	10.46%	Full-time student:	37,011	17.27%
Part-time student:	536	1.41%	Part-time student:	3,885	1.81%
	7,740	20.31%		57,204	26.69%

Table 2 – Youth Unemployed

Bassendean			Bayswater		
Total Population	13,463		Total Population	55,801	
15-19 years	840	6.24%	15-19 years	3,392	6.08%
20-24 years	817	6.07%	20-24 years	4,190	7.51%
	1,657	12.31%		7,582	13.59%
Unemployed, looking for:			Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work	50	3.02%	Full-time work	162	2.14%
Part-time work	33	1.99%	Part-time work	175	2.31%
<i>Totals:</i>	83	5.01%	<i>Totals:</i>	337	4.44%
	15-19				
Unemployed, looking for:			Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work: 15-19	19	1.15%	Full-time work: 15-19	74	0.98%
Full-time work: 20-24	31	1.87%	Full-time work: 20-24	88	1.16%
Part-time work: 15-19	25	1.51%	Part-time work: 15-19	87	1.15%
Part-time work: 20-24	9	0.54%	Part-time work: 20-24	88	1.16%
<i>Totals:</i>	75	4.53%	<i>Totals:</i>	249	3.28%

Belmont			Kalamunda		
Total Population	30,332		Total Population	49,534	
15-19 years	1,755	5.79%	15-19 years	3,998	8.07%
20-24 years	2,265	7.47%	20-24 years	3,080	6.22%
	4,020	13.25%		7,078	14.29%
Unemployed, looking for:			Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work	117	2.91%	Full-time work	117	1.65%

Part-time work	66	1.64%		Part-time work	141	1.99%
<i>Totals:</i>	183	4.55%		<i>Totals:</i>	258	3.65%
Unemployed, looking for:				Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work: 15-19	48	1.19%		Full-time work: 15-19	62	0.88%
Full-time work: 20-24	69	1.72%		Full-time work: 20-24	55	0.78%
Part-time work: 15-19	29	0.72%		Part-time work: 15-19	110	1.55%
Part-time work: 20-24	37	0.92%		Part-time work: 20-24	31	0.44%
<i>Totals:</i>	146	3.63%		<i>Totals:</i>	227	3.21%

Mundaring			Swan		
Total Population	35,094		Total Population	93,278	
15-19 years	2,825	8.05%	15-19 years	7,113	7.63%
20-24 years	1,817	5.18%	20-24 years	6,022	6.46%
	4,642	13.23%		13,135	14.08%
Unemployed, looking for:			Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work	118	2.54%	Full-time work	359	2.73%
Part-time work	107	2.31%	Part-time work	243	1.85%
<i>Totals:</i>	225	4.85%	<i>Totals:</i>	602	4.58%
Unemployed, looking for:			Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work: 15-19	56	1.21%	Full-time work: 15-19	163	1.24%
Full-time work: 20-24	62	1.34%	Full-time work: 20-24	196	1.49%
Part-time work: 15-19	78	1.68%	Part-time work: 15-19	166	1.26%
Part-time work: 20-24	29	0.62%	Part-time work: 20-24	77	0.59%
<i>Totals:</i>	196	4.22%	<i>Totals:</i>	525	4.00%

EMRC			Perth		
Total Population	277,502		Total Population	1,445,077	
15-19 years	19,923	7.18%	15-19 years	106,460	7.37%
20-24 years	18,191	6.56%	20-24 years	107,901	7.47%
	38,114	13.73%		214,361	14.83%
Unemployed, looking for:			Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work	923	2.42%	Full-time work	4,653	2.17%
Part-time work	765	2.01%	Part-time work	5,141	2.40%
<i>Totals:</i>	1,688	4.43%	<i>Totals:</i>	9,794	4.57%
Unemployed, looking for:			Unemployed, looking for:		
Full-time work: 15-19	422	1.11%	Full-time work: 15-19	2,111	0.98%
Full-time work: 20-24	501	1.31%	Full-time work: 20-24	2,542	1.19%
Part-time work: 15-19	495	1.30%	Part-time work: 15-19	3,159	1.47%
Part-time work: 20-24	271	0.71%	Part-time work: 20-24	1,982	0.92%
<i>Totals:</i>	1,418	3.72%	<i>Totals:</i>	7,812	3.64%

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Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations	<p>Young people are viewed as central to Australia's social success, workplace productivity and national prosperity.</p> <p>The Department provides a range of services which support young people to grow up safe, healthy, happy and resilient and ensure they have the opportunities, skills and capabilities to learn, work and engage in community life and influence decisions that affect them.</p> <p>The Department includes the Office for Youth, established in 2008 and founded on the understanding that the Government: recognises the importance young people have to Australian life, understands the diversity of young people's life circumstances, acknowledges the challenges and opportunities that are unique to this generation.</p>	The Australian Youth Forum	Initiative/Scheme	The Australian Youth Forum is run by the Australian Government as a communication channel between the Government, young people and the organisations that work with, for, and on behalf of young people (also known as the youth sector). The forum's role is to engage young people and the youth sector in ongoing public debate, and secure their input on important issues and practical solutions that affect young people's lives now and in the future.
		Effective Communications with Young People	Project	The Office for Youth commissioned the development of the Effective Communications project to support Government agencies in their communications with young people.
		Youth Development and Support Program	Program	The Youth Development and Support Program funds a range of community-based projects to encourage productive participation, inclusion and positive development for young people aged 12 to 25. The program supports initiatives that inspire and encourage young people to develop skills and connections within their communities.
		National Youth Mentoring Partnership	Initiative/Scheme	The National Youth Partnership is between the Dusseldorp Skills Forum, Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia, The Smith Family, Job Futures and the Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations, representing the Australian Government. The partnership started in 2005. An initiative of the National Youth Mentoring Partnership is the Youth Mentoring Network, which aims to support and develop a functioning network of youth mentoring practitioners to enhance the quality of mentoring programs being offered in Australia, and to foster the growth of these programs.

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		Ladder Mentoring Model	Project	The Ladder Mentoring Model is a joint project of the AFL Players Association and the Australian Football League. It aims to provide young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness the opportunity to develop supportive and positive relationships with their communities, and to learn new life skills.
		National Youth Affairs Research Scheme	Research	The National Youth Affairs Research Scheme is a cooperative funding program between the Australian and state and territory governments which facilitates national research on subjects affecting young people. These governments fund reports to provide the government and youth sectors with evidence on youth issues.
		Social Inclusion of Disengaged Youth	Policy Responsibility	The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has broad policy responsibility for issues related to social inclusion and disengaged youth. It provides input to policy development in a number of key sectors including those that deal with labour market trends, the global financial crisis, education and training, and youth homelessness.
		National Drug Education Strategy	Program	The goal of the National School Drug Education Strategy is to improve educational outcomes through developing effective, evidence-based prevention and early intervention school drug education programs and by supporting schools to respond to, and effectively manage, drug issues.

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		Reducing Substance Abuse Initiative	Program	The Reducing Substance Abuse initiative forms part of the whole-of-government strategy aimed at fighting the debilitating effects of substance abuse in remote communities. The program aims to implement diversionary education projects to engage young people affected by substance abuse. It also aims to facilitate behavioural change, deliver alternative activities and accredited training, facilitate further pathways and re-engagement opportunities, and promote sustainable pathways for ongoing success.
		School Nutrition Program	Program	The School Nutrition Program is a breakfast and lunch service for school aged children attending school in prescribed communities of the Northern Territory. It aims to support better school attendance and to help with learning and engagement in education. The program also provides job opportunities and training for local communities.
		State of Australia's Young People Report	Research	The State of Australia's Young People Report is a comprehensive research project which provides a reliable and clear picture of the life circumstances of young people aged between 15 and 24.

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		National Safe Schools Framework	Program	The Australian Government is reviewing the National Safe Schools Framework which was endorsed by all federal, state and territory Ministers for Education in 2003. The framework emphasised the need for teachers to have appropriate training in positive student management, and the need for schools to respond proactively to all incidents of victimisation or abuse. Through the review, links will be made with other wellbeing and child protection issues, including the emergence of technologies that enable new forms of bullying, to develop; social and emotional learning, the explicit teaching of values, and changes in legislation and government policy.
		Pilot Against Cyber Bullying	Program	The Australian Government has provided funding to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to conduct a national pilot project aimed at addressing cyber-bullying in Australian schools. The pilot involves at least 150 schools across Australia and will help confront safety issues in e-communications, including cyber-bullying, and aim to identify content, website and back office support improvements which should be made to the in-schools change framework.
		National Schools Chaplaincy Program	Program	The National Schools Chaplaincy Program assists schools and their communities by supporting school chaplaincy services to provide greater pastoral care, advice and comfort to all students and staff so as to support their spiritual wellbeing.

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		Youth in Focus Project	Research	The Australian Government is working with the Australian National University and other partners on the Youth in Focus Project. The project aims to get a more accurate picture of how young people are coping in society and how they achieve economic and social independence. The project looks at young people from a wide range of backgrounds and with different childhood experiences. The study is based on information provided by young people and their parents in a survey, as well as information from Centrelink's administrative records.
		Transition to Independent Living Allowance	Program	The Transition to Independent Living Allowance is a practical support initiative from the Australian Government. The allowance assists young people making the transition from formal and informal care to independent living by providing a one-off payment of up to \$1,500. The allowance can be accessed by young people exiting a range of formal and informal care situations, including the juvenile justice system, out-of-home care and Indigenous kinship care arrangements.
		Community Festivals for Education Engagement Program	Program	The Community Festivals for Education Engagement Program provides a range of activities over a two to nine-day period promoting improved school attendance and retention, Year 12 completion and living a healthy drug-free lifestyle. Community Festivals for Education Engagement has a strong Indigenous focus. Activities which form part of the festival include music, song writing and story telling based on Aboriginal cultures and Aboriginal languages, as well as workshops, concerts and cultural activities that promote education.

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		Deadly Vibe magazine	Resource	<i>Deadly Vibe</i> is a sports and entertainment magazine which advocates healthy lifestyles, Indigenous pride and a responsible and positive outlook on life. <i>Deadly Vibe</i> features positive stories about Indigenous Australians focusing on optimistic and encouraging attitudes, strong role models and relevant and constructive information.sic events.
		National Youth Week	Event	National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people on the Australian calendar and has run annually since 2000 as a jointly funded initiative of the Australian, state, territory and local governments.
		Youth Allowance	Program	Youth Allowance provides assistance for young people who are studying full-time, undertaking a fulltime Australian Apprenticeship or training and/or looking for work. It may also provide assistance for young people who are ill or temporarily incapacitated. Youth Allowance allows young people to stay on the one payment as they move between looking for work, studying, training or undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship as long as obligations are met.
		The National Green Jobs Corps	Program	The National Green Jobs Corps is part of 50 000 New Green Jobs and Training Places to build a stronger and greener economy initiative. The program will help to equip young Australians with the skills to fill employment opportunities in emerging green and climate change related industries.

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		Career Development	Program	The Australian Government has a range of programs and policies that provide young people with a diverse range of learning opportunities to keep them engaged and focused on planning their future pathways.
		Young Workers Toolkit	Initiative	The Young Workers' Toolkit was announced in <i>Forward with Fairness for Australia's Young Workers</i> . The Toolkit will provide key information for young people about employment and workplace relations issues. It will deal with common questions and issues that young people confront at work every day. The Toolkit will be distributed through organisations such as TAFE, Centrelink and Fair Work Australia offices and online through the Fair Work Australia website.
		National Code of Practice for Young Workers	Initiative	The National Code of Practice for Young Workers was announced in <i>Forward with Fairness for Australia's Young Workers</i> . The Government has committed to working with the states and territories and other stakeholders to develop the Code. The Code will be voluntary and will deal with matters such as rostering arrangements for children during school hours, training and mentoring in the workplace, and safety for young people at work.
		Youth-Related research projects	Research	The Melbourne Institute is contracted to conduct social policy research for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Recent youth-related projects include research into employment outcomes of youth entering the labour market and wage transitions of apprentices.

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		Don't Get Ripped Off	Campaign	The Fair Work Ombudsman produces fact sheets and other information products targeted at youth. The <i>Don't Get Ripped Off</i> campaign was targeted at young people and helped young people understand their workplace rights including: • correct rates of pay • accurate time and wages record-keeping and issue of timely pay slips • avoidance of unfair workplace practices such as delayed starts and unpaid training • steps to resolving workplace disputes and issues.
		Fair Work Week	Event	Fair Work Week will be a week-long education and compliance campaign which aims to make a difference to the working conditions of young workers aged 15 to 21 by enhancing their awareness of their workplace rights and protections.
		Fair Work Ombudsman Website and Infoline	Resource	The Fair Work Ombudsman's website contains information designed to specifically assist young workers, with links to information for apprentices, trainees, employees under 21, and casual workers, as well as to the Ombudsman's new Best Practice Guides. The website provides information on pay rates and conditions and allows people to lodge complaints online which will be investigated by a Fair Work Inspector. The website also displays the infoline number through which people can seek information or lodge complaints.
		Best Practice Guides	Resource	The Fair Work Ombudsman produces a series of Best Practice Guides for the public. These include <i>A guide for young workers</i> and <i>An employer's guide to employing young workers</i> .

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		National Partnership on Youth attainment and Transitions	Initiative	<p>The National Partnership comprises a Compact with Young Australians which includes a National Youth Participation Requirement, an entitlement to education or training places for 15 to 24-year-olds, and changes to Youth Allowance and Family Tax Benefit making education and training a precondition for these payments. It also includes \$100 million in reward funding for progress towards an accelerated attainment target of 90% Year 12 or equivalent attainment for 20 to 24-year-olds by 2015 in recognition of just how critical educational achievement is to young Australians' futures. The Australian Government will also provide continued funding of \$623 million over four years for improved youth career and transition arrangements. Under the National Partnership current programs will be consolidated and streamlined into four new elements to remove duplication and overlap and make services easier to access for young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximising Engagement, Attainment and Successful Transitions—\$106 million in funding to the states and territories to support the implementation of reforms in the areas of multiple learning pathways and mentoring; <li>• National Career Development—\$47 million in funding administered by the Commonwealth for the development of resources that can be undertaken at a national level for the benefit of all jurisdictions (e.g. The Job Guide);

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Business Community Partnership Brokers—\$183 million in funding to improve community and business engagement with schools to extend learning beyond the classroom, increase student engagement, deepen learning experiences, lift attainment and improve educational outcomes. • Youth Connections—\$287 million in funding to provide an improved safety net for youth at risk through the provision of tailored case management and support to help young people re-connect with education or training and build resilience, skills and attributes that promote positive choices and wellbeing.
		Compact with Young Australians	Initiatives	<p>In 2009, the Council of Australian Governments agreed to a Compact with Young Australians to communicate the importance of education and training for young people, particularly those who leave school early. The Compact with Young Australians comprises a National Participation Requirement which requires young people aged up to 17 to be earning or learning. There is also an entitlement to education or training places for 15 to 24 year olds. The Compact has made changes to Youth Allowance (Other) and Family Tax Benefit Part A, making education and training a precondition for these payments. The other significant target under the Compact is to bring forward the attainment target so that by 2015, 90 per cent of 20 to 24 year olds will have attained Year 12 or equivalent or a Certificate II or above.</p>

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		Digital Education Revolution	Initiative/Scheme	The Digital Education Revolution is aimed at creating sustainable and meaningful change to teaching and learning in Australian schools that will prepare students for further education, training and to live and work in a digital world. Through the Digital Education Revolution, the Australian Government is providing \$2.2 billion over six years to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide new information and communication technology (ICT equipment) for all secondary schools with students in years 9 to 12 through the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund • support the establishment of high speed broadband connections in Australian schools • collaborate with states and territories and Deans of Education to ensure new and continuing teachers have access to training in the use of information and communication technology that enables them to enrich student learning • provide online curriculum tools and resources that support the national curriculum and specialist subjects such as languages • enable parents to participate in their child's education through online learning and access • support mechanisms to provide vital assistance for schools in the deployment of information and communications technology.
		Refugee Action Support Program	Research	The Refugee Action Support Program aims to increase awareness within selected schools and families of ways to achieve success in selected schools. It also aims to support the development of English literacy among children, parents and community members. The program has a particular focus on supporting adolescent refugees with English language, literacy and learning skills to ease the transition between the Intensive English Centre and mainstream high school.

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		Sporting Chance Program	Project	The Sporting Chance Program uses sport as a vehicle to increase the level of engagement of Indigenous students in their schooling to improve their education, training and employment outcomes. The program has two elements, incorporating school-based sports academies for secondary students and education engagement strategies for primary and secondary school students.
		Indigenous Youth Leadership Program	Program	The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program provides Indigenous young people, generally from remote and regional areas, with the opportunity to attend high performing secondary schools (government and non-government, day and boarding) and universities. Through educational achievement the program supports future employment outcomes and is contributing to the pool of future Indigenous leaders.
		Civics and Citizenship Education	Program	The Civics and Citizenship Education program promotes students' participation in Australia's democracy by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and values which lead to an active and informed citizenship. The program provides support for civics and citizenship education in schools, for example through national activities such as the National Schools Constitutional Convention, the Simpson Prize, and the National History Challenge competition.

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		National Asian languages and Studies in Schools Program	Program	The National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program aims to significantly increase the number of Australian students who undertake studies of the languages and cultures of Australia's Asian neighbours, namely China, Indonesia, Japan and Korea. This initiative recognises the importance of Asian languages and studies of Asia in ensuring that young Australians are equipped with the skills to allow them to compete in the globalised economy of the future.
		Australian Vocational Student Prize and Prime Ministers Awards for Skills Excellence	Awards	The Australian Vocational Student Prize recognises and rewards outstanding senior secondary students undertaking vocational education and training (VET) in school programs or Australian Schoolbased Apprenticeships. It is the vocational equivalent of the Australian Student Prize for academic achievement.
		WorldSkills Australia	Project	WorldSkills Australia aims to benchmark skills achievement in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector. WorldSkills Australia provides Australians aged 23 and under with the opportunity to gain new skills, compete against their peers in their chosen trade and fast track their skills and career development. All Australian apprentices, trainees and VET students have the opportunity to compete in regional and national competitions, and if eligible, medallists can compete on the international stage in the Skill Olympics.

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		Teaching and Learning Capital fund for Vocational Education and Training	Program	The \$500 million Teaching and Learning Capital Fund for Vocational Education and Training was part of the \$4.7 billion nation-building infrastructure package. Under the program, funding is available in 2009–10 to support projects aimed at modernising and improving the quality of teaching and learning across the vocational education and training sector.
		Indigenous Youth mobility Program	Program	The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program provides accommodation, mentoring and other practical support for young people aged 16 to 24, generally from remote areas, who wish to access Australian Apprenticeships, vocational education and training and higher education. The focus is on qualifications that lead to sustainable employment in remote communities, including in nursing, teaching, business administration and accounting.
		Trade Training Centre in Schools Program	Program	The Trade Training Centres in Schools Program is an important element of the Australian Government's Education Revolution. Trade Training Centres are being established in schools to help increase the proportion of students achieving Year 12 or an equivalent qualification, and to address skill shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries.

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		Job Ready Certificate	Project	A Job Ready Certificate has been proposed to assess and report on the employability skills of students who have completed secondary school, have undertaken vocational education and training in schools and had on-the-job experience. As part of the development of this, consultations were held throughout Australia in early 2009 with participants invited from state training authorities, employers, school principals and unions.
		Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth	Research	The Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) track young people as they move from school into further study, work and other destinations. It uses large, nationally representative samples of young people to collect information about education and training, work, and social development. LSAY provides a source of information to help better understand young people and their transitions from school to post-school destinations, as well as exploring social outcomes, such as wellbeing. Information collected as part of LSAY covers a wide range of school and post-school topics, including student achievement, student aspirations, school retention, social background, attitudes to school, work experiences and what students are doing when they leave school. This includes vocational and higher education, employment, job seeking activity, and satisfaction with various aspects of their lives.

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		On-the-job Training	Initiative/Scheme	The On-the-Job Training initiative is an Australian Government election commitment that aims to increase the availability and quality of on-the-job training for students engaged in vocational education and training in schools. The proposal complements existing activities and other initiatives such as Trade Training Centres in Schools, Mentors for our Students and the Job Ready Certificate.
		Equity Support program	Project	The Equity Support Program (ESP) aims to increase the access and participation in higher education of domestic students from the following equity groups; low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds, students from regional and remote areas, students with a disability and students from non-English speaking backgrounds. ESP funds can also be used to assist students in overcoming educational disadvantage associated with gender.
		Indigenous Support Program	Program	The Indigenous Support Program provides funding for activities which improve the access, participation, success and retention of Indigenous students in higher education. The types of activities supported under the program include the establishment of Indigenous Education Units, assistance with study skills, personal counselling and cultural awareness activities.

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has a particular interest in the issues relating to young people aged between 15 and 30 years who are entering or involved in primary industries and living and working in rural, regional and remote Australia. Agencies in the portfolio work across government to reflect whole-of-government policy relating to young people.	Heywire	Program	Heywire provides a platform for young people from rural and regional Australia to express their stories, ideas and opinions with the broader Australian community. The best stories selected are broadcast across ABC Radio, as well as being available online.
		Primary Industries Education Foundation	Program	The Primary Industries Education Foundation promotes knowledge of primary industries and the career choices by coordinating national activities in schools and providing quality resources for educators. Its membership includes the Australian Government, the National Farmers' Federation, Meat and Livestock Australia, the National Association of Agricultural Educators, the Australian Council of Deans (Agriculture) and Tocal College.
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy aims to develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector that	Youth Advisory Group on Cyber-Safety	Initiative/Scheme	The group consists of some 300 young people aged between 11 and 17 years, who provide advice to the Government on cyber-safety issues from a young person's perspective. The Youth Advisory Group is considering and providing advice on the cyber-safety risks faced by Australian children, how best to address these and how to communicate cyber-safety messages to other young Australians.

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	<p>promotes the digital economy for the benefit of all Australians. The internet is an essential tool for all Australians, including children and young people. It is an integral part of our economic and social activities and a vast resource of information, education and entertainment. The ability to use online tools effectively provides both a skill for life and the means to acquire new skills.</p> <p>While online services and associated technologies have been of enormous benefit to Australians, including children and young people, they have also raised new issues of concern</p>	Cybersmart Schools Gateway	Resource	This is a web portal on the Cybersmart website which gives all Australian primary and secondary schools easy access to the full range of cybersafety education resources published by ACMA. The gateway hosts current resources and links to existing national and international resources, and also includes strategic tools for cybersafety education planning.
		CyberNetrix	Program	Designed for early teens, CyberNetrix is an engaging multimedia resource which includes interactive activities designed to simulate popular online activities such as instant messaging. CyberNetrix aims to highlight age-specific risks online and offer advice on how to avoid them. This resource includes a Teacher Guide with activity guidelines and student handouts.
		Wise up to IT	Program	Wise up to IT is a video-based program aimed at secondary school students. The program covers cyberbullying, online stalking, internet security and grooming in four videos which depict young people's experiences online. The program is supported by teacher and student resources and is available both as a DVD and online.

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	including cyber-safety risks such as cyber-bullying, grooming, privacy, exposure to illegal and prohibited content and internet addiction. Parents expect the Australian Government to play its part in helping protect children online. In 2008 the Government committed \$125.8 million over four years to a comprehensive range of cybersafety measures, including law enforcement, filtering and education. Work on cyber safety for young people is informed by the Consultative Working Group and Youth Advisory Group on Cyber-safety.	Cyberbullying video: Let's Fight it Together	Program	Let's Fight it Together is a comprehensive teaching resource that aims to help young people, teachers and parents understand cyberbullying and its impact on other people. The resource provides practical advice in a package made up of a short film, supporting teacher materials and links to online activities. Let's Fight it Together highlights how technology can be misused and lead to cyberbullying, as well as providing guidance on how to promote confident technology users.
		Cybersmart Kids Brochures	Resource	Social networking, mobile phone use and general internet safety tips are covered in this suite of brochures from the Australian Communications and Media Authority. The brochures provide tips for children and parents about keeping safe online.
		CyberQuoll	Program	The internet-related antics of the Quoll cousins are the focus of this internet safety resource for upper primary school students. CyberQuoll provides users with a fun, cartoon-style multimedia experience with episodes covering the basics of internet use and how to keep safe online. CyberQuoll includes a range of teacher materials such as a Teacher Guide, student worksheets, certificates and contracts. CyberQuoll also includes materials that parents can use with their children at home.
		Youth mobile phone avant card	Campaign	The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission produced an Avant Card to inform young people about purchasing and using a mobile phone. The project is currently being evaluated to determine the benefit of a national campaign.

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Department of Defence	<p>Australian young people are crucial to Defence's future success and international standing. Various activities and initiatives have been established to help familiarise young people with the work of Defence and recruit young adults with the necessary skills to contribute to Defence's overall capability. Specific skilling, scholarship and recognition programs have also been established to encourage the evolution of a strong knowledge base for future needs in Defence and its support industries.</p> <p>A wide range of graduate and industry placement programs help foster this growth, and combine resources with state and federal educational institutions, Defence support industries, professional associations, agencies such as the CSIRO and other</p>	Youth Endeavour Scheme (in partnership with DFHCSIA)	Initiative/Scheme	The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is a youth development program delivered in the context of tall ship sail training and run by the Royal Australia Navy. The scheme offers young Australians the opportunity to participate in an 11-day sea voyage in Australian waters. The aim is to provide young Australians with a unique, challenging and inspirational experience that increases their self-awareness, develops their teamwork and leadership skills and creates a strong sense of community responsibility.
		Australian Defence Force Cadets	Youth Organisation	The Australian Defence Force Cadets (ADFC) is a collective term used to describe the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC), Australian Army Cadets (AAC) and Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC). These voluntary, uniformed youth development organisations comprise cadets, community and school-based staff and volunteers. The prime focus is youth development. It also seeks to encourage interested young people to pursue careers in the ADF, the ADO or Defence Industry and bring about a positive attitude towards the ADF and active community involvement Australian Defence Force.
		Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards	Program	The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values such as doing one's best, respect for others and mateship, that are integral to Australian society. Recipients of a Long Tan Award will receive a certificate and a financial reward—\$100 for a Year 10 student, \$250 for a Year 11 student and \$500

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	departments such as the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.			awarded to a Year 12 student.
		Defence School Transition Mentor Services	Program	The Defence Transition Aide program provides support to the children and families of Australian Defence Force members, particularly when moving in and out of a school on posting or when a parent is absent from home. Defence School Transition Mentors are located in secondary schools across Australia where there are significant numbers of Australian Defence Force families. Their role is to support and assist young people from Australian Defence Force families to integrate into the school community and to manage the challenge of transition.
		Indigenous Youth Connections Program	Program	As part of the Australian Defence Force Indigenous Employment Strategy, the Department of Defence is developing a program to engage and positively influence school-aged Indigenous young people to consider careers in Defence Force as a career option. The aim is to address the barriers to recruitment caused in the main by cultural and geographical issues.

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		Regional Education Liaison Officers	Service	The Defence Community Organisation provides a broad range of individual and program-related services to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) community. These services aim to support ADF families to balance the demands of military service with personal and family commitments. Regional Education Liaison Officers are part of the service offered by the Defence Community Organisation. Officers are professionally trained teachers with an understanding of both the different state and territory education systems and the Defence lifestyle. They can advise Defence families and children on education issues, particularly related to relocating.
		Defence 2020	Program	Defence 2020 is an educational program to help students investigate the relevance of defence issues to their own lives. It has been designed to increase students' awareness of the many and varied roles and responsibilities of the Australian Defence Force, as a significant national institution. Defence 2020 has been designed as a multi-media resource package and includes youth challenges, curriculum resources, magazine articles and a website.
		Young Achievement Australia	Program	Young Achievement Australia is a not-for-profit charitable institution which seeks to prepare young people to meet emerging social and economic challenges. It provides challenging and inspiring educational programs that promote lifelong learning and aim to foster leadership, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit in participants. The Defence Materiel Organisation is a sponsor of the Young Achievement Australia Business Skills Program and also provides mentoring to participants.

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		Defence Work Experience Program	Program	The national Defence Work Experience Program offers work experience placements to secondary and tertiary students at Defence sites around Australia. The key objective of the program is to foster community awareness and interest in the wide variety of career opportunities available within the Australian Defence Force and the Department of Defence. The program also contributes to developing skills in young people and easing the transition of students into the workplace.
		School Pathways Program - SA, WA and the Hunter region	Program	The School Pathways Program will be implemented in South Australia, Western Australia and the Hunter Region of New South Wales and will focus on advanced technology, marine and manufacturing skills. The program will increase the pool of young people ready to move from school into further education, apprenticeships, and part-time work and study combinations in the defence industry. The program aims to ensure that when students leave school they have appropriate
		Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School	Program	The Defence Materiel Organisation is a sponsor of the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School program. The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School is an annual five day live-in Summer School, featuring a combination of activities that will give 20 Indigenous students, male and female, entering into Years 10, 11 and 12, a taste of engineering as a university course and career. The Summer School was established 12 years ago and it aims to encourage young Indigenous people to consider a career in an engineering profession.

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		Defence Technical scholarships	Program	The Department of Defence provides Year 11 and 12 students with a demonstrated interest in pursuing an Australian Defence Force technical trade career, an opportunity to receive a Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS). The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects. Year 11 recipients will receive \$2000, paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive \$3000, both paid over two semesters.
		Materiel vocational employment Scheme	Program	The Materiel Vocational Employment Scheme offers funded part-time study, employment and on the job development for TAFE students (who have already completed one year at TAFE), in relevant technical disciplines in which the Defence Materiel Organisation has an existing or pending skills shortage. Following their graduation from TAFE, participants gain a full-time position within the Defence Materiel Organisation
		Materiel Graduate Scheme	Program	The Defence Materiel Organisation's graduate program offers applicants with a relevant bachelor's degree the opportunity to use the skills acquired at university to work on leading edge projects within the organisation. The program consists of three work rotations incorporating both on and off the job learning and development and assistance to achieve industry-based professional recognition. Applicants work with expert teams and mentors to implement major projects administered by the Australian Defence Force.

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		Materiel Cadetship Scheme	Program	The Materiel Cadetship Scheme is a program in the Defence Materiel Organisation that supports undergraduates in relevant disciplines through the final years of their degree and prepares them for a professional career in the Defence Materiel Organisation. On successful completion of the Materiel Cadetship Scheme and attainment of an accredited degree in a relevant discipline, undergraduates will transition to the Materiel Graduate Scheme to continue their career in the Defence Materiel Organisation.
		University partnering	Initiative/Scheme	The Defence Materiel Organisation works with universities and industry groups to increase the supply of qualified workers in critical disciplines. This involves working to encourage greater numbers of students into relevant tertiary courses and influencing course content to ensure graduates are suitably qualified.
		Graduate Recruitment program	Initiative/Scheme	The Defence Science and Technology Organisation undertakes a marketing strategy to attract high achieving graduates to fill specific ongoing positions within the organisation. Marketing strategies are implemented, initial screening of applicants is conducted and then a merit selection process occurs for specific positions identified by divisions.

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		Summer Vacation Scholarship Programs	Initiative/Scheme	Each year, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation offers a limited number of scholarships over the university summer vacation period, allowing successful applicants to undertake a 12-week research project at one of the organisation's establishments. The primary objective of the scholarship is to provide promising tertiary students experience in research during the summer vacation period. The scholarship provides an opportunity for the students to further develop their skills and knowledge for educational purposes in a research environment important to their tertiary studies.
		Industry Experience Placements	Initiative/Scheme	The Defence Science and Technology Organisation offers Industry Experience Placements for university and TAFE students who are required to undertake work experience as a formal requirement of their degree or course. The Industry Experience Placements involve undertaking a fixed term placement on location at one of the organisation's main sites. Participants will be allocated a discrete project, which they will be expected to report on at the end of the placement.
		Graduate Industry Placements	Initiative/Scheme	The Graduate Industry Placements program is a University of Adelaide initiative that places recent graduates into a company-sponsored scholarship for 12 months. This scholarship allows graduates to carry out project activity while studying for a Graduate Diploma in Business Enterprise or other relevant postgraduate award.

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		Australian Defence Force Gap Year	Program	The Australian Defence Force offers a Gap Year Program to Year 12 school leavers as an alternative to other options such as travelling, full-time employment and tertiary or vocational training. It offers a 'try before you buy' experience of military training and lifestyle for young people for up to 12 months, without any obligation to serve beyond the program. The program offers worthwhile training and employment within various career streams that are the same as those undertaken by full-time members of the Australian Defence Force. Participants also have the option of voluntarily transferring to full-time or part-time Australian Defence Force careers during their gap year should they choose. Those who complete their gap year and go on to complete a recognised tertiary or vocational qualification at a civilian institution may also receive a \$10,000 bonus if they re-join Australian Defence Force in a fulltime capacity within five years of completing the original gap year.
		Re-Engineering Australia Foundation	Program	The Defence Materiel Organisation is a national sponsor of the Re-Engineering Australia Foundation (REA). REA provides challenging educational programs in the areas of engineering and design with a focus on science, maths and technology. The Defence Materiel Organisation is involved in specific REA activities that promote engineering and project management as career paths among Australian high school students.

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Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts	The Department has developed programs and resources for young people, including Indigenous and young people in regional and rural Australia, that aim to educate and encourage them to take an active interest in the future protection of Australia's resources, environment and heritage. Many of these resources are available online, which increases audience reach and allows cultural institutions nationwide to work more effectively together.	Youth Arts Theatre	Program	Youth Arts grants provide three-year funding to youth theatre companies which develop and present the voices and stories of young people. The program also offers professional development pathways with the potential to help young people become artists or arts workers.
		New Work Young Artists Initiative Theatre	Program	The New Work Young Artists Initiative grants support either the creative development or production of new contemporary theatre work. Funding is provided for one-off projects and can include a new production of an existing text.
		Opportunities for Young and Emerging Artists	Initiative	Opportunities for Young and Emerging Artists is a government initiative that provides \$6.6 million over four years from 2008–09 to build skills and experience for young and emerging artists. The initiative includes grants programs, mentorships, artist-run initiatives, residential, awards and the development of an online community for young artists.
		Skill and Arts Development grants - Music	Program	Skills and arts development grants support skills development and projects for professional artists and arts workers or other participants. The music board supports music education projects that link practising artists with school-aged students through grants. The two types of skills and arts development grants are grants for individuals and groups (established and emerging), and grants for organisations.

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		ArtStart	Program	ArtStart is a government initiative that provides \$9.6 million over four years from 2009–10 to help artists establish their professional practice or gain employment as an artist. ArtStart will provide grants of \$10,000 to recent arts training graduates as a contribution towards the costs of establishing a practice as a professional artist.
		New Visions/ New Voices	Program	The New Visions/New Voices Festival is an intensive week-long development of new plays and musicals for children and young audiences at the John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts in Washington DC, USA. A biennial event, New Visions/New Voices culminates in a weekend festival of staged readings and discussions with theatre professionals from across the USA. The Australia Council and the Kennedy Centre jointly support an Australian writer/director team and an independent Australian dramaturg to participate.
		International Strategy for Theatre for Young people	Initiative	The strategy assists Australian theatre companies and artists with exportable work to develop international markets and reach young audiences.
		Key Organisations Theatre	Program	There are established key organisations of the Theatre Board that create work for young audiences, and others that create work with young people. Young People and the Arts Australia is the national advocacy body for all youth activities and is also a Key Organisation of the Theatre Board. and reach young audiences.

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		Kirk Robson Awards - Community partnerships	Program	The Kirk Robson Awards acknowledge the leadership of artists and arts workers aged 30 and under in community cultural development, including in the areas of inclusiveness, consensus, self-determination, reconciliation and social justice.
		Bundanon Trust	Program	The Australian Government established Bundanon Trust as a wholly owned Australian Government company limited by guarantee, with the company holding the gift as a charitable trust. The Trust provides a variety of programs for young artists including day and residential programs for primary and secondary schools, Artist in Residence programs, a public arts program, strategic initiatives and special projects, environmental and architectural educational programs, architectural tours, visits from TAFE students, children's art workshops and outreach programs for young people at risk.
		Young Members Events	Event	The National Gallery of Australia holds a series of regular events aimed at its Young Members groups, including gallery tours, wine tastings and music events.
		jtv docs	Program	Triple J's jtv docs is a joint initiative of ABC TV and Screen Australia that seeks fresh approaches to half-hour and one-hour documentaries that extend the boundaries of visual program making. These are fresh works with new perspectives on the world around us, be they historical, political, social or personal. The program is now in its fourth year.

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		National History Challenge	Project	The National Museum of Australia and the National Archives of Australia both sponsor categories in the National History Challenge which has different themes each year. Part of the challenge is an exhibition which encourages school children to research relevant topics and present their findings in the format of an exhibition or display.
		Mapping History	Program	The Mapping History program is aimed at students aged 13 to 18, and helps to explore the role of the map in our society—as a source of information, beauty and sometimes deception. Through the program, students discover maps not only as geographic documents, but as historic objects offering evidence of social and political ideology.
		Online and Underground	Program	Online and Underground is a program for school groups aged 13 to 18 involving both an online presentation and onsite tour. The program introduces students to services including union catalogues of image, music and text. Participants learn about digitised collections and significant material held at the National Library of Australia, including items held as part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation Memory of the World Program.

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		Thirst for Knowledge	Program	The Thirst for Knowledge program is aimed at students aged 16 to 24, and offers them the chance to become library readers and learn how to improve research and information literacy skills with assistance from a Reference Librarian or education staff. This includes an ability to search and request material by accessing catalogues and eResources available either at the library or through its website.
		Secondary students study sessions	Program	Extended study sessions are conducted by educators from the National Gallery of Australia to create links between a gallery visit and classroom studies. Study sessions may include discussion tours, practical workshops, audiovisual presentations and films. In addition to those scheduled other study days can be tailored to suit specific needs. Costs are nominal and bookings are essential.
		Registered Unit - Artbites	Program	Artbites provides senior students with the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive study of works of art in the national collection and gain a greater understanding of the National Gallery of Australia's functions and services. It is offered in the format of Registered Units which can be reported on a student's Year 12 Certificate and Secondary College Record.
		School-based educational programs	Initiative	Parks Australia staff undertake educational activities with school groups across a number of Australian Government National Parks. The program aims to strengthen the relationship between schools and national parks.

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		Summer art scholarship	Program	The National Gallery of Australia's Summer Art Scholarship is held in January of every year and offers an exciting, challenging and unforgettable experience for students entering year twelve. The scholarship offers students the opportunity to join the National Gallery of Australia team for a week to discover the collection, find out why works of art are acquired, how exhibitions take place, and what happens in a gallery behind the scenes.
		School-based apprenticeship	Initiative	The school-based apprenticeship program for local indigenous youth offers apprentices the opportunity to study towards a conservation and land management certificate at TAFE and work one day a week in a participating National Park.
		Junior Rangers	Initiative	The Junior Rangers initiative lets local school groups participate in conservation programs with Parks Australia staff and local Indigenous community members. The Australian Government parks involved in this program are Booderee National Park, Kakadu National Park and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.
		School Screen	Program	School Screen is a national screen initiative aimed at schoolchildren aged 5 to 18 and provides free shows to regional schools in local cinemas and offers school students the opportunity to view and discuss contemporary and classic features, short films and documentaries.

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		Foundation Diploma Award Course	Education and Training	The Foundation Diploma award course is targeted at highly creative young people with an interest in working in the film industry, new media, or television broadcasting. A unique and intensely practical course, the one-year full time program is structured around a series of nine workshops led by experienced industry practitioners. The Foundation Diploma has been designed for creative students to explore their individual strengths and interests. Participants work in small collaborative groups and learn through practical applications. The course provides an opportunity to understand and learn about the specialisations that make up production activities across all media platforms.
		Traineeships	Initiative	Parks Australia provides a structured employment opportunity within the Australian Public Service where local indigenous trainees are supported to complete formal qualifications whilst working within the APS and learning applicable skills for park management.
		Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative	Initiative	The Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative provides a framework for education for sustainability activities in schools and complements existing programs. It engages students, staff and members of the community in improving the management of their schools' resources and facilities—including energy, water, waste, biodiversity, landscape design, products and materials, and associated social and economic issues—and seeks to integrate these activities across the curriculum.

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		Reef HQ Aquarium education programs	Program	Reef HQ Aquarium is the world's largest living coral reef aquarium and the national education centre for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Through the provision of educational and informational services relating to the marine park, Reef HQ Aquarium ensures the community and stakeholders have a clear understanding of the value of the Great Barrier Reef, the threats to its sustainable future and their role in protecting it. Reef HQ Aquarium achieves this by providing world class living exhibits complemented by thematic and interactive educational experiences, which help to influence perceptions and promote environmentally appropriate behaviours. Age-specific Reef Education programs are targeted at youth.
		Reef Guardian Schools Program	Program	The Reef Guardian Schools Program is an action based education program designed to engage young people in active environmental projects and initiatives. The program aims to foster awareness of best environmental practices within current and future reef users from an early age. The program develops partnerships with other government agencies, industry and community groups to deliver positive environmental outcomes and fosters stewardship among communities to help promote sustainable actions for the future of the Great Barrier Reef.
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Families are central in the care and development of children and youth, shaping the attitudes and values of the next generation. It is important that families and youth	Reconnect	Program	Provides early intervention support for young people 12–18 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Services include counselling, group work, mediation and practical support to both the young person and their family.

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	have appropriate support to allow them to participate actively in community and economic life. As such, the Department aims to support them through a range of programs and services. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has a number of programs aimed specifically at young people. These programs seek to support young people, particularly those who experience disadvantage or exclusion, through engagement, mentoring, leadership development and strengthening parenting and family relationships.	Adolescent and Family Mediation Therapy Program	Program	Is an early intervention service established under the Family Relationship Services Program. The objective of the program is to assist young people aged 10 to 21 and their families or caregivers who want to improve their relationships and resolve conflict.
		Social Policy Research Services Agreement funded research	Research	The Social Policy Research Services (SPRS) Agreement funded research program includes an annual research agenda including some projects related to youth and others using the Youth in Focus data. Youth related projects for this year include: 1) <i>The capacity of families to support young Australians: financial transfers from parents, co-residence, and youth outcomes</i> 2) <i>The relationship between income support history and the characteristics and outcomes of Australian youth—part 2.</i>
		In-house Research based on Youth Project	Research	The Australian Government is working with the Australian National University and other partners on the Youth in Focus Project (YFP). The aim of the project is to get a more accurate picture of how young people are doing and how they achieve economic and social independence; specifically focusing on the intergenerational transmission of disadvantage.
		Outside school Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program	Program	The Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program assists children and teenagers with disability and their families by funding services to deliver flexible outside school hours and vacation care. A particular focus of this program is to increase access for children and teenagers with disability aged 12 through to 18 years.

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		United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	Event	The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is an advisory body to the organisation's Economic and Social Council. Its mandate is to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs provides funding to send two participants to this forum.
		Petrol Sniffing Strategy Integrated Youth Services Project	Project	The Petrol Sniffing Strategy Integrated Youth Services Project provides youth diversion services in a number of communities in the Northern Territory. The project aims to divert at-risk youth, primarily aged 10 to 25, away from destructive behaviour such as substance abuse and toward education or employment opportunities.
		Mental Health Community Based Program	Program	The Mental Health Community Based Program aims to support families, carers, children and young people (aged between 16 and 24 years) affected by mental illness through a diverse range of community programs. Funded projects target prevention and early intervention of mental illness and promote resilient families and communities.
		Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory: Youth in Communities	Program	The funding component aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide an effective diversion for young Indigenous people from at-risk behaviours • improve life choices and outcomes for Indigenous youth by engaging them in positive activities that promote pathways to better health and wellbeing, community capacity building and participation in school, work and social networks • strengthen and improve the youth services infrastructure of the NT, both in the number of youth workers employed and facilities available for providing services and activities.

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		Youth Carers Respite and Information Services	Program	The program provides support to young carers who are at risk of not completing their secondary education or vocational equivalent due to the demands of their caring responsibilities. It enables young carers to access age appropriate support and respite services to undertake activities such as studying for exams or carrying out training and recreational activities. The program provides a range of information, advice and referral services, including referral to counselling, to support young carers in managing the challenges they face as part of their caring role.
		Australian Football League - Indigenous Sport and Youth Development	Project	The Australian Government and the Australian Football League have a partnership to deliver three AFL related projects for young Indigenous people including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL All Stars Ambassadors for Life Mentoring Program which provides Indigenous youths from around Australia with positive AFL role models as mentors to help them develop life skills and lead active healthy lifestyles. • AFL Club Fostership Program which provides diversionary activities for at-risk youth, promotes healthy active lifestyle messages and encourages increased school attendance. • Wadeye/Daly River Region AFL Program which helps expand Australian football training and development opportunities for Indigenous youth in the Northern Territory community of Wadeye.

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		Alternative activities to combat petrol sniffing and substance misuse on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands	Project	Through a Regional Partnership Agreement, the Australian Government is funding activities to combat substance abuse and petrol sniffing in the APY Lands. Activities include structured intercommunity sports competitions across APY communities, including training and development for local people to coach, umpire and run sporting activities and structured competitions locally, regular multisports activities for young people throughout the year, and recreational activities such as horse riding, BMX riding and motocross activities.
		Expansion of Australian Football League activities in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.	Project	This project helps expand Australian football training and development opportunities for Indigenous youth in the Kimberley region of WA. The project aims to encourage healthy active lifestyles, build community capacity and leadership skills and provide diversionary activities to combat substance abuse. This will be achieved by increasing the opportunities for Indigenous people across the Kimberley region to be involved in AFL activities, and assisting people from diverse backgrounds to connect at local football clubs.
		Indigenous Boarding Hostels Partnership	Program	The Indigenous Boarding Hostels Partnership provides accommodation for Indigenous students from remote communities so that they can attend secondary school in regional centres. The Indigenous Boarding Hostels Partnership offers Indigenous Australians living in remote areas the opportunity to relocate to major regional centres for education and training opportunities not otherwise available to them. The initiative also provides capital funding to boarding schools with strong track records of providing secondary schooling for Indigenous young people, Many of these schools are recording growing waiting lists for access to places for Indigenous

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				people. The partnership also provides grants to create new places or carry out urgent upgrades of accommodation facilities to prevent a loss of existing boarding places.
		Hostels for secondary students in regional Australia	Project	The Indigenous Land Corporation engages in strategic partnerships to develop a number of educational boarding facilities for Indigenous secondary students across northern Australia. The Indigenous Land Corporation is collaborating with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and potentially Aboriginal Hostels Limited to acquire the land and construct the hostels. Three hostels are to be built in the Northern Territory, one in Weipa, Queensland and Western Australia by 2012.
		National Centre of Indigenous Excellence	Service	The Indigenous Land Corporation is constructing the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney. The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence will provide accommodation facilities for Indigenous youth from remote and regional Australia, and access to a range of Indigenous educational, cultural and social services.
Department of Health and Ageing	The health attitudes and behaviours of young people are essential to the health of the future of Australia. In recognition of this, the Australian Government has invested in a number of key	Illicit Drugs Use - Targeting Young Methamphetamine Users	Campaign	The aim of the campaign is to contribute to a reduction in the uptake of methamphetamines, ecstasy and cannabis among young Australians, by raising awareness of the harms associated with drug use and encouraging and supporting decisions not to use. It also encourages young people using methamphetamines to reconsider their use and directs them to relevant support, counselling and treatment services.

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<p>areas to enable better health outcomes for young people while ensuring that their health promoting behaviours are continued into adulthood.</p> <p>Youth health initiatives predominantly take early intervention and preventive approaches with a strong health promotion component and interdisciplinary coordination across government agencies and institutions at the national, state and territory, and local level. For example, the Australian Government is currently investing in a number of interventions that focus on substance abuse, including alcohol, tobacco and methamphetamines, among young people.</p> <p>There has been significant investment in the mental health area, with these initiatives</p>		A Better Future for Indigenous Australians - Indigenous Communities Initiative	Project	The aim of these projects is to implement a broad promotion, prevention and early intervention strategy for youth wellbeing in communities in the Northern Territory and Queensland. Community projects will be developed to increase the health and wellbeing of all young people in communities affected by alcohol misuse, petrol sniffing and inhalant misuse.
		Reinvigorating the National Tobacco Strategy	Campaign	Part of the funding for the reinvigoration of the National Tobacco Strategy is targeted at reducing the uptake and prevalence of smoking rates, particularly among young people.
		Redevelopment of the Oxygen Website	Project	The existing Oxygen website is being updated to become more user-friendly and to increase website interactivity. The redeveloped website will inform young people about the harmful effects and impacts of tobacco smoking, empower young people with knowledge about the tobacco industry and their marketing strategies, and promote and encourage young people to adopt and sustain a smoke-free lifestyle. The website will also provide educators with access to a large range of tobacco education resources and smoking prevention materials.
		Early Intervention Pilot Program	Program	The Early Intervention Pilot Program requires health services and the police to work in partnership to help young people at risk of abusing alcohol. The program aims to shift young people currently engaged with the police force into the health system where services encourage attitude and behaviour change. The program also supports innovative early intervention and diversion programs for young people to prevent the onset of serious alcohol problems.

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	attempting to address the current and specific mental health needs of young Australians.	National Skin awareness Campaign	Campaign	The National Skin Cancer Awareness Campaign aims to educate young Australians about the seriousness of, and their susceptibility to, skin cancer through sun exposure, with a particular focus on the risks associated with cumulative exposure and deliberate tanning.
		National STI Prevention Campaign	Campaign	The National STI Prevention Sexual Health Campaign aims to raise awareness of sexually transmitted infections, reduce sexual risk taking behaviour, and promote preventative behaviour among target populations via an integrated national social marketing campaign. The campaign combines advertising, public relations, online and other communication activities aimed at a range of target audiences, primarily heterosexual young people, men who have sex with men, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
		Juvenile Arthritis Camps	Program	Provides funding to support camps for those with juvenile arthritis. Funding includes provisions for the development of nationally accepted best practice guidelines, running of juvenile arthritis camps and promotion and support for access to camps for priority groups. Priority groups for participation in the camps include children residing in regional and remote areas, those from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, and Indigenous Australians.
		Youth Cancer Networks	Program	The Australian Government will provide funding to CanTeen to assist in the establishment of Youth Cancer Networks. These networks will deliver better models of care for adolescents and young adults with cancer through projects that improve services and their coordination, and which improve the level of support and care available.

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		A Picture of Australia's Children and Young Australians: their health and wellbeing	Research	The Department of Health and Ageing provides funding to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to produce reports on the health, development and wellbeing of children and young people in Australia. Information is provided on children and young people's health status and outcomes, factors influencing their health and wellbeing, and the performance of the health system in improving their health.
		Research into prevention of hearing loss (adolescents)	Research	This research will investigate the prevalence of hearing loss and its relationship to leisure sound exposure in adolescents.
		Physical Activity Recommendations for Children and Youth	Policy	The Physical Activity Recommendations for Children and Youth are a set of national physical activity recommendations specific to children and young people. They provide direction for stakeholders in various sectors to progress consistent policy and program work around physical activity in young people and to accurately determine whether children and youth undertake sufficient levels of physical activity. They also help to establish and measure the effectiveness of intervention and prevention programs.

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		Youth Mental Health Initiative	Program	<p>The Youth Mental Health Initiative aims to help young people aged 12 to 25 with mental health and associated drug and alcohol problems. Part of this initiative is the establishment of headspace, Australia's National Youth Mental Health Foundation. headspace provides access to 30 youth-friendly shopfronts across the country for young people aged 12 to 25. The shopfronts provide referral to primary health care, alcohol and other drug services, primary health care and a range of social support services such as accommodation and vocational services. The headspace Foundation also provides research on best practice treatment and early intervention for young people, and specialised training for health and other professionals involved in service provision.</p> <p>The second program within this initiative is the Allied Health Workers Program which provides funds to 30 local Communities of Youth Service platforms to employ allied health professionals to assist young people using the services.</p>
		MindMatters	Initiative/ Scheme	<p>MindMatters is the Australian Government's framework for improving the mental health outcomes of students. MindMatters includes the use of a range of resources to increase the capacity of Australian secondary schools to promote better mental health and increase intervention and prevention of illnesses related to mental health. It also includes the delivery of professional development to teachers and key school personnel, the provision of materials to support a whole-of-school approach, and an information website.</p>

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Department of Human Services	Payments and services delivered by Human Services portfolio agencies to assist young people include Youth Allowance, job seeker referrals, Medicare benefits, child support payments, disability services and rehabilitation services. Agencies such as Centrelink also run locally based initiatives focused on the needs of young people, which seek to link them to other services in their local community.	Family Separation: A Guide for Teens	Resource	The booklet <i>Family separation: a guide for teens</i> , and a complementary website were developed in consultation with youth and community organisations. Both resources contain practical advice on a range of issues identified by these groups as being important after parental separation, including how to cope with emotions, dealing with change, adjusting to step-families, being concerned about what the future might hold, and maintaining studies.
		Partnership with Boystown and Kids Helpline	Policy Responsibility	BoysTown helps disadvantaged children and young people up to 25 to connect with the community, and operates Kids HelpLine. The Department's involvement with BoysTown includes joint media activity focused on the needs of children after family breakdown, providing input into new Child Support Program products and services, participating in stakeholder meetings and providing proactive customer referrals from the Child Support Program to Kids Helpline.
		Development of Pre-Teen Resources	Information resource/products	The Child Support Agency is developing two complementary products to support children aged under 12 who are affected by separation or divorce. These resources include an interactive CD-ROM targeted aimed at children aged 8 to 12, or with advanced literacy or cognitive abilities
		My Family is Separating - What Now	Information resource/products	The Department of Human Services' new online tool entitled 'My family is separating—what now?' provides information and links to a range of support products and services that can help with the emotional, financial and legal issues families face during separation.

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		Student Communication Strategy	Strategy	The Student Communication Strategy outlines the key priorities and recommended strategies for communicating with the student audience. It includes the print and distribution of resources to support the youth audience as well as participation in outreach activities such as university orientation weeks.
		Medicare Teen Dental Plan	Program	The Medicare Teen Dental Plan helps families with the cost of an annual preventative dental check for eligible teenagers aged 12 to 17. The Medicare Teen Dental Plan provides dental benefits of up to \$153.45 for each eligible teenager in each calendar year, to help with the cost of a 'preventative dental check'.
Department of Immigration and Citizenship	The purpose of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's (DIAC) role is to build Australia's future through the well managed entry and settlement of people. DIAC also promotes a society which values Australian citizenship, appreciates cultural diversity and enables migrants to participate equitably. Young people are a considerable component of both the Migration and Humanitarian Programs; in 2008-09 over 30,000 young	Diverse Australia Program	Program	The program is a community based engagement initiative for all Australians and aims to address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness, inclusion and a sense of belonging for everyone. The program provides funding, education and information to help organisations create a spirit of inclusiveness, and to help ensure all Australians are treated fairly regardless of their cultural background or circumstance. Grants vary in size from \$5,000 to \$200,000 under three different elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale community grants • Major community grants • Emerging issues grants.
		Australian Citizenship Primary and Secondary Schools Resource	Resource	The Department of Immigration and Citizenship produces an Australian citizenship teaching resource for primary and secondary schools each year. The resource links to the National Statements of Learning for Civics and Citizenship, and contains information for teachers, activities for students and an online interactive component.

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	people between the ages of 12 and 25 arrived in Australia.	Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors	Program	The Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors Program provides care and welfare supervision to minors who arrive in Australia through the humanitarian program and who do not have a parent or relative to care for them. The program is delivered by state and territory government child welfare agencies through long-standing cost-sharing agreements with the Commonwealth.
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.	A suite of measures has been adopted to engage young people in science, innovation and research and support the critical early stages of their careers in these areas. Programs and activities delivered by the Portfolio of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research range from the development of resources for schools and training for teachers through to work experience and graduate programs, to support for individuals to achieve higher degree by research qualifications and gain commercialisation skills. These programs and activities	Scientific Research into the effects of cannabinoids on the adolescent brain	Research	Schizophrenia is a major medical concern to society today, and onset often occurs in the late teenage years or early adulthood. The origins and causal effects of schizophrenia are still not completely understood. Current research in this area has indicated that the use of cannabis by adolescents who may be genetically predisposed to this disease can trigger the onset of psychosis during adolescence.
		Science awareness policy development	Policy Responsibility	The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Questacon) liaises with CSIRO and other portfolio science agencies in developing policy which will promote science and science-based careers to young people in the 14 to 19 age group. Policy is also informed through consultation with other portfolios and agencies.
		Science Connections Program	Program	The Science Connections Program supports a range of initiatives to encourage young people's interest and engagement in science, engineering, and technology. Young people are encouraged to consider continuing studies in science, mathematics and engineering beyond the compulsory years of schooling and to enter into science-based careers.

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	complement work across government to raise educational participation and attainment levels and build Australia's science, research and innovation capacity.	Connected Classrooms	Program	The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation works with the New South Wales Department of Education and Training to deliver the Connected Classrooms program. The program provides a series of video conferencing presentations linked to a science-related theme, where scientists from the organisation deliver a presentation about their work and respond to students' questions.
		National Youth science Forum	Event	The National Youth Science Forum is a twelve-day program run by the Australian National University for students moving into Year 12 who are thinking about a career in science, engineering or technology. The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation provides financial sponsorship and support, and also sends at least one representative to the forum to interact with the students on Sponsors' Days.
		BHP Billiton Science Awards	Program	The BHP Billiton Science Awards have been Australia's premier national science research competition for the last 27 years. The competition rewards students for creating innovative research projects and teachers for their contribution to science education. The competition draws on entries from around Australia.
		CSIRO's Double Helix Science Club	Program	The Double Helix Science Club is a national science club for young people, offering a choice of two magazines, events at locations around Australia, a website and the opportunity to be involved in national projects supporting scientific research.

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		CSIRO Discovery School Programs	Program	The CSIRO Discovery Centre, located in Canberra, offers an interactive journey through the CSIRO as well as information on Australian science history. The Programs are designed specifically for schools visiting Canberra. The 90 minute programs focus on current CSIRO research and showcase modern science laboratories, interactive exhibits, hands-on science activities and education programs that encourage students to question, value ideas and seek explanations.
		CSIRO Science Education Centres	Program	CSIRO's Science Education Centres are the base for organisation's education outreach programs around Australia. Each centre provides interactive science education programs and science shows to schools throughout its region. CSIRO Science Education Centres are also the site of teacher professional development courses and many other science activities.
		Educational Tours	Service	The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation offers free guided tours of its facility for schools and universities. These are designed to meet syllabus outcomes and enhance students' understanding of nuclear science. The organisation's education officers tailor each tour to meet teacher and student needs, and a range of free teacher and student resources are also available.
		Careers at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	Resource	Staff from the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation deliver presentations to secondary students to promote the range of careers available within the organisation.

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		Work experience program	Program	The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation offers a variety of work experience placements to secondary school students interested in science chemistry, physics, laboratory or field work),engineering, information technology or human resources.
		Australian Young Generation in Nuclear association	Program	The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation provides support to the Australian Young Generation in Nuclear association, which is an independent association open to young Australians working in the nuclear industry or with a professional interest in nuclear science and technology. By engaging and supporting young Australians today, Australian Young Generation in Nuclear is committed to ensuring all Australians continue to gain the maximum benefit from nuclear science and technology in the future.
		Cadetship Program	Program	Geoscience Australia offers cadetships to students who have done well in Year 12 maths and are at the beginning or part way through a Bachelor of Ocean and Geographic Sciences degree at the Australian National University. The program provides on-the-job training, supports academic development and provides experience in a diverse range of scientific disciplines. Work placements are undertaken in current key priority areas at Geoscience Australia. The cadetship program has been temporarily suspended for 2009.
		Carbon Kids	Program	CarbonKids is a school curriculum program currently in pilot phase, which aims to increase knowledge of climate change and promote individual actions by young people, teachers and the community. CarbonKids also includes the planting of trees and shrubs to demonstrate the value of biosequestration.

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		CSIRO Discovery - Students Participating in Community Enterprises	Service	CSIRO Discovery participates in the SPICE program which places students who are having difficulty connecting with their schools within a work experience placement of their choice. The combined support of a work placement, a business mentor and a volunteer home tutor reinforces the need for students to complete Year 10. This enables students to access individual career pathways and to make positive choices for their future.
		Creativity in Science and Technology Awards program	Program	CSIRO's CreREativity in Science and Technology (CREST) Awards program encourages and supports students to choose, organise and undertake their own open-ended science or technology projects. The awards are not a competition, but a program which focuses on the individual and encourages success and the development of skills as students pursue a topic of interest to them. It is for all students and can be offered to whole classes as part of the curriculum. The program provides a range of support material which encourages teachers to introduce and support open-ended work in their classrooms.
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet works with the Office for Youth and other Commonwealth agencies to provide informed and coordinated advice on youth policy matters including identifying, across portfolios, where changes in policy may impact on the interests of young people.	Privacy Youth Portal	Project	The Privacy Youth Portal has been designed as an easily accessible reference point for young Australians to find resources relating to privacy issues which affect them. Resources available in the Privacy Youth Portal include <i>private i-your ultimate privacy survival guide</i> , the <i>Think before you upload</i> educational video, and educational articles.
		Australian Temperament Project	Research	The Australian Temperament Project is a longitudinal study of over 2000 infants and families that has collected 14 waves of data over the first 24 years of life. The project focuses on the developing child, investigating the contribution of personal, family and broader environmental factors to adjustment and wellbeing.

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	Areas where the Department has provided policy direction on youth matters include health, education and training, migration, income support, family support, social inclusion, employment and Indigenous issues. In addition, the Department has a key role in delivering national cooperation and action on issues that affect young people through the Council of Australian Governments.	Growing Up in Australia	Research	Growing Up in Australia is a large longitudinal study that examines the impact of Australia's unique social and cultural environment on the next generation. The study involves a nationally representative sample of 10,000 children. It explores family and social issues relevant to children's development and addresses a range of research questions about family functioning, health, non-parental child care, and education.
		Vrroom - Virtual Reading Room website	Project	Vrroom is a selected collection of records from the National Archives of Australia that offer students a window into key events and significant themes of 20th century Australian history, while at the same time introducing them to primary source research. Records in Vrroom fall into nine broad topics, encompassing arts and recreation, health and welfare, international relations, labour and economics, our democracy, people and society, place and space, science and technology, and war and peace.
		Facilitated Schools Tours	Program	Facilitated School Tours provide educator-led programs for schools that visit the National Archives in Canberra to connect the National Archives' collection with key moments in Australian history. Students are encouraged to reflect on Australian society and attitudes since Federation in 1901. Topics of the programs include Federation, democracy, individual rights and responsibilities, gender, conscription, Australian identity, immigration and Indigenous issues. Programs use inquiry and experiential learning strategies and include hands-on objects, role-play scenarios and document interrogation. The programs encourage participants to investigate, discover and research.

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The Treasury	<p>The Treasury's mission is to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people by providing sound and timely advice to the government, based on objective and thorough analysis of options, and by assisting Treasury ministers in the administration of their responsibilities and the implementation of government decisions.</p> <p>Within Treasury's portfolio the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission have programs and products that directly target youth.</p>	FIDO website	Resource	<p>The Australian Securities and Investments Commission provides a number of resources for young people including the FIDO website which features a youth portal. The youth portal is aimed at young Australians and covers information on budgeting, debt, super, investing, insurance and scams.</p> <p>The Australian Securities and Investment Commission also provides a number of publications for young people on purchasing a car, credit cards, insurance and superannuation. The Australian Securities and Investment Commission has also developed a wide range of curriculum resources.</p>
		CensusAtSchool	Project	<p>CensusAtSchool provides a fun and stimulating learning environment for Australian students to interpret and critically evaluate data and information. The project aims to improve statistical literacy by helping students understand the world around them and assist them in making sensible, informed decisions. CensusAtSchool is delivered through an online data collection and analysis project, and is an innovative student-centred learning experience that provides students with access to real, raw data about themselves.</p>
		Education Services web pages	Service	<p>The Australian Bureau of Statistics' Education Services web pages include statistical games and puzzles, real data, resources about collecting data, statistical analysis and Census information for students. The web pages also include resources for teachers, in the form of prepared classroom activities and professional development videos to improve the teaching of statistics across all subjects.</p>

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Attorney Generals Office	The Australian Government Attorney-General's portfolio serves the people of Australia by providing essential expert support to the Government in the maintenance and improvement of Australia's system of law and justice and its national security and emergency management systems.	Supporting Children after Separation Program	Program	Assists children from separating families to deal with issues arising from the breakdown in their parents' relationship and to be able to participate in decisions that impact on them.
		Information for Students - Web section update	Project	Information for Students is an online education resource for secondary school students which promotes greater awareness and understanding of human rights, their origin and history, the development of international human rights conventions and contemporary human rights issues in Australia. The website targets students by providing information on a range of human rights issues and is designed to engage with students on a practical level.
		Young Peoples Human Rights Medal	Awards	The Young People's Human Rights Medal has been introduced as part of the annual Human Rights Medal and Awards and is awarded to recognise an individual who is under the age of 18 years and has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of human rights in Australia.
		Australian Human Rights Commissions online media	Project	The Australian Human Rights Commission makes use of a range of online social networking media platforms to communicate with young people about human rights. These include Facebook, MySpace and YouTube.
		Cyber-safety and security presentations	Program	The Australian Federal Police deliver presentations to primary and secondary students at schools across the ACT and some parts of NSW, which address issues such as safe social networking, protecting online reputation, grooming, child pornography, sexting, filming fights, under-age access to adult pornography, cyber-bullying and scams.

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		National Youth Week Sponsorship	Campaign	The National Missing Persons Coordination Centre is a sponsor of National Youth Week, Australia's largest celebration of young people. The aim is to directly engage with young people as they represent a primary group at risk of going missing. The centre actively raises awareness of the issues and impacts of missing persons through campaigns and media which educate and inform the Australian community.
		Internship Program	Education and Training	The Australian Law Reform Commission's internship program provides an opportunity for students to increase their awareness of law reform issues by working within the commission's inquiry teams on a short-term basis. Interns work on a voluntary basis, for one day a week for one semester, or for four weeks full-time during semester or over the summer break. Working closely with commissioners and legal staff gives students hands-on experience of the processes of law reform.
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade aims to advance the interests of Australia and Australians internationally. This involves working to strengthen Australia's security, enhancing Australia's prosperity and helping	United Nations Youth Association Youth Representative Program	Leadership	The United Nations Youth Association (UNYA) Youth Representative Program aims to increase youth and community awareness of the United Nations. The program is delivered through a grant which covers the accommodation costs for a youth representative to attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York as a member of the Australian Delegation.

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	<p>Australian travellers and Australians overseas. Young Australians play a vital role in the promotion of Australia's foreign and trade policy goals, notably in expanding our people-to-people links in support of those goals, in enhancing understanding of Australia abroad and in increasing Australia's understanding of the rest of the world.</p> <p>The Department provides services to young people wishing to travel abroad providing secure and reliable passports and services, as well as access to up-to-date travel advice. Young Australians abroad may also have need of consular assistance which is provided by the Department.</p>	<p>Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program</p>	<p>Program</p>	<p>The Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program is part of Australia's international development assistance program and provides 400 skilled young Australians each year with an opportunity to gain personal and professional experience overseas. Volunteers work with local counterparts in host organisations to achieve sustainable outcomes through capacity building, skills transfer and institutional strengthening.</p>
		<p>Australia Malaysia Institute Malaysia: Sister School Project</p>	<p>Project</p>	<p>This is a new project offered by the Australia Malaysia Institute which is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The project is part of a broader strategy to develop institutional and people-to-people links between Australia and Malaysia. It will be a collaborative project between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Malaysian Ministry of Education, and will be available to students from participating schools.</p>
		<p>Australia-Indonesia Institute: Schools Exchange Small Grants Program</p>	<p>Program</p>	<p>The Australia-Indonesia Institute: Schools Exchange Small Grants Program assists Australian schools to bring Indonesian artists, musicians, and primary and secondary teachers to visit their school and community. The program aims to develop teaching skills and resources to improve Australian students' Asian language ability.</p>

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		Australia-Indonesia Institute: Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Program	Program	The Australia-Indonesia Institute operates the Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program. Participants in the program visit towns and rural areas in each country and engage in a wide range of activities including cultural programs and work placements. The program aims to provide wider opportunities for young people from Indonesia and Australia to appreciate the culture, development and way of life of each other's country, establish strong ongoing links and improve their language skills.
		BRIDGE	Program	As a part of the work of the Australia-Indonesia Institute funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australia-Indonesia Building Relationships through Intercultural Dialogue and Growing Engagement (BRIDGE) program aims to increase knowledge and understanding between Australia and Indonesia through school-to-school partnerships that link students in both countries.
		Austrade Education Programs - Exporting for the future	Program	The Austrade Education Programs aim to increase community awareness of global business opportunities and issues through leadership in communities of teaching and learning practice. Austrade also provides a wide range of teaching and learning resources for university lecturers, school teachers, students and potential exporters. A variety of resources is available for use at home or in the classroom, including streamed video and audio clips, books, case studies, posters and activity sheets, web quests, market research information and overseas country fact sheets. These resources are available for download from the website and selected hardcopies are also available free of charge to teachers and university

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		The Young Professionals Program - Council on Australian-Arab Relations	Program	The Young Professionals Program, run by the Council on Australian-Arab Relations, provides opportunities for young Arab and Australian business people and/or university students to learn more about each other's contemporary society and business environment.
Department of Resources Energy and Tourism	The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism provides advice and policy support to the Australian Government regarding Australia's resources, energy and	Vocational Development	Project	The project aims to attract Indigenous students from the Tropical North Queensland region to work in the tourism industry. In conjunction with planned employment activities in the region, activities will be designed and delivered to engage Indigenous youth in the region with employment and education opportunities in tourism.

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	tourism sectors. The Department develops and delivers policies to increase Australia's international competitiveness, consistent with the principles of environmental responsibility and sustainable development. The work of the Department has significant impact on the environmental and economic wellbeing of Australia, and therefore has clear implications for young people.	Work Experience	Program	Geoscience Australia provides work experience placements to secondary school, university and college students. Applicants can organise these placements through their school work experience coordinator, parents or by self nomination.
Department of Climate Change	The creation of the Department of Climate Change, and its placement in the Prime Minister's portfolio, reflects the Australian Government's conviction that climate change is one of the defining challenges of the current and future generations. The decisions made by the Government today to address carbon pollution will have a significant impact on young people and all future generations.	Think Climate, think Change Schools Competition	Competition	To help young people understand and combat climate change, and to share their ideas, the Australian Government Department of Climate Change hosted the Think Climate, Think Change Schools Competition. Students enrolled in Australian schools and home-schools in grades 3 to 9 were asked to use their creative talents to answer the question, 'What does climate change mean to me?' Entries could be submitted in the form of short stories, rap lyrics or artwork. A national winner, two runners-up and three highly commended entries were chosen from each category and announced by the Minister for Climate Change and Water and the Deputy Prime Minister at an awards ceremony in Canberra on Wednesday 12 August 2009.

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Title	Department	Status	Target Group	Aim	Summary
National Strategy For Youth	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations & Office For Youth	In development - Discussion paper released, consultation period completed 19 Nov 09	Youth aged 12 - 24	The Government's vision is for all young people to grow up safe, healthy, happy and resilient and to have the opportunities and skills they need to learn, work, engage in community life and influence decisions that affect them.	A National Strategy will set out the Australian Government's vision for young people and provide a framework to bring together all those interested in the wellbeing of young people; other levels of government, service providers, researchers and academics interested in young people, plus importantly young people themselves and their parents and families to work towards meeting this vision. Three key reasons have been identified for developing a Strategy: 1. one in five Australians are under 25, and make a strong contribution to Australia, our economy, our culture, our sport and our nation 2. this generation is facing new challenges (changing social and family structures, changing skill requirements etc) 3. there are specific areas of concern that require transparent national action (e.g. binge drinking, mental health and violence).
National Strategy for Body Image	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations & Office For Youth	Proposal received by National Body Image Advisory Board	Youth aged 12 - 24	The goal of the Strategy is: "to increase the positive thoughts and feelings that individuals have towards their own body as a means of improving their wellbeing."	The Strategy proposes to achieve this goal by focusing on three broad influencers of body image dissatisfaction: 1. Cultural messages—Changing the cultural background from which a person takes cues about how to think and feel about their body. Aim: That the messages within popular culture become increasingly more healthy and positive in regards to body image. 2. The immediate social environment—Increasing the positive support offered to individuals about their body image, within their immediate social environment. Aim: That people experience healthy and positive messages about their bodies from their family, friends, teachers

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY SETTINGS FOR YOUTH AND EDUCATION					
Title	Department	Status	Target Group	Aim	Summary
					colleagues and significant others. 3. Individual characteristics—Increasing people's resilience towards the impact of negative body image messages. Aim: That people recognise, understand and are equipped to respond to negative body image messages in a way that supports their emotional development and wellbeing.
National Partnership Agreement on Youth Attainment and Transitions	Council of Australian Governments		15 - 24yrs	To achieve a national Year 12 or equivalent attainment rate of 90 per cent by 2015	The National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions will pursue long-term reform of schooling through collaborative efforts with the states and territories, to improve educational outcomes. Under the National Partnership, the Australian Government will continue funding of \$623 million to consolidate its youth and transition programs with new and better targeted programs. The Youth Career and Transition arrangements are being consolidated and streamlined to remove duplication and overlap and make services easier to access for young people. This Agreement has been established to achieve a national Year 12 or equivalent attainment rate of 90 per cent by 2015, provide an education or training entitlement to young people aged 15-24; better engage young people in education and training; assist young people aged 15-24 to make a successful transition from schooling into further education, training or employment; and better align Commonwealth, State and Territory programs and services related to youth, careers and transitions.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS							
Title	Department	Total \$	Project \$	Status	Target Group	Aim	Summary
Youth Development and Support Program	Office of Youth	\$500,000	max \$75,000 per project	2009-10 successful applicants announced	12 - 25 year olds	<p>The Program aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * inspire young people in Australia to recognise and achieve their full potential; * support the development of young people and their transitions to independence and adulthood; * encourage young people to be active citizens and participate in initiatives such as the Australian Youth Forum; * develop the promotion of positive perceptions of young people and assist with their active participation in the community as respected young citizens. 	<p>The Program strengthens the capacity of eligible organisations to support initiatives that inspire and encourage young people aged between 12 and 25 years to develop skills and connections within their communities.</p> <p>The Program will provide funding to eligible non-government, not-for-profit organisations to deliver a range of community-based, small scale projects that will involve productive participation and encourage social inclusion of young people.</p>

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS

Title	Department	Total \$	Project \$	Status	Target Group	Aim	Summary
Trade Training Centres in Schools Program	Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations	Round 3 - \$103.4 million	\$500,000 - \$1.5 mill per project		Secondary schools	Trade Training Centres are being established to help increase the proportion of students achieving Year 12 or an equivalent qualification and help address skill shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries.	The <i>Trade Training Centres in Schools Program</i> commenced in 2008 and is an important element of the Australian Government's Education Revolution. It will provide \$2.5 billion over 10 years to enable all secondary schools across Australia to apply for funding of between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million for Trade Training Centres. Funding will be provided through an annual national competitive application process to build or upgrade metal, woodwork, building and construction, automotive, commercial cookery, hairdressing, electrotechnology and other training facilities for secondary school students.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS

Title	Department	Total \$	Project \$	Status	Target Group	Aim	Summary
	Indigenous Youth Leadership Program	300 (240 secondary and 60 tertiary) scholarships of up to three years duration, each year over 2010-2012.	Secondary school scholarships worth up to \$16,250 per annum per student in 2010 are available, in addition to any ABSTUDY entitlements. Tertiary scholarships provide a contribution of \$6,000 per annum towards the costs of attending university and an additional up to \$1,250 supports each student's leadership development.	Ongoing	Indigenous Australians under 25 years of age	The IYLP has the objective to achieve and sustain at least 300 new scholarships (240 secondary and 60 tertiary) of up to three years duration, each year over 2010-2012.	The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) is helping to close the gaps in Indigenous educational disadvantage through creating greater access to additional education choice for Indigenous students, particularly those from remote and very remote areas of the country. The IYLP supports a number of Indigenous students to attend high performing secondary schools (government and non government, day and boarding) and/or universities to complete Year 12 and/or an undergraduate degree.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS

Title	Department	Total \$	Project \$	Status	Target Group	Aim	Summary
	Indigenous Youth Mobility Program				16 - 24	Aim is to build effective partnerships with Australia's Indigenous peoples and to close the gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in education and employment outcomes.	The IYMP supports Indigenous young people wishing to move away from home to gain the qualifications they need to have a greater chance of obtaining employment, whether they choose to return to their home community or seek work elsewhere. The Program supports young Indigenous people aged 16-24 from remote areas to relocate to an IYMP host location to undertake post secondary education and training options. There is a strong focus on Australian Apprenticeships, Vocational Education and Training (VET) and higher education that leads to qualifications in nursing, teaching, business admin and accounting.



9.2 CONSIDERATIONS FOR PERTH'S AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND AUTUMN RIVER FESTIVAL

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13508

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide information for consideration for EMRC involvement in the Autumn River Festival event.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The Perth's Autumn Festival has been successfully staged for more than ten years under the brand of "Perth's Autumn Festival" and the program is now part of a distinct umbrella brand of which participating events can leverage.
- The Perth's Autumn Festival project has been coordinated annually by the EMRC on behalf of member Councils since 1999. Participating events are identified each year by the EMRC's member Councils, and generally have included one community or tourism event, and one cycling event per Council.
- The Autumn River Festival activities for the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont have formed part of the annual events calendar for the Perth's Autumn Festival.
- The Autumn River Events Association (AREA) was established to receive Lotterywest funding for the Autumn River Festival activities.
- City of Belmont has advised that they have withdrawn from the Autumn River Event Association (AREA).
- At its meeting of 11 October 2011, the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee requested that the EMRC consider if their involvement in the Perth's Autumn Festival could be of assistance with marketing and funding of Autumn River Festival activities.

Recommendation(s)

That:

1. Council endorse the EMRC to coordinate the Autumn River Festival under the banner of the Perth's Autumn Festival including the Lotterywest funding application for 2013.
2. Council endorse the EMRC to facilitate a meeting with the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont and Lotterywest to review the current scope of the Perth's Autumn Festival to maximise funding opportunities through Lotterywest.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Regional Services
Manager Regional Development

BACKGROUND

The Perth's Autumn Festival (PAF) is an annual promotion of events and attractions over six weeks in the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council areas of:

- Bassendean
- Bayswater
- Belmont
- Kalamunda
- Mundaring
- Swan



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The PAF project has been coordinated by the EMRC on behalf of member Councils annually since 1999. Participating events are identified each year by the EMRC's member Councils, and include one community or tourism event, and one cycling event per Council.

The EMRC contract out support for 'Event Management and Marketing' of the PAF. Richard Campbell of CMS Events is the consultant, and this role incorporates the following aspects:

- Support member Councils' event managers in the development of event business plans;
- Co-ordinate the regional marketing and Public Relations campaign in liaison with the EMRC Project Officer;
- Source quotes and contract suppliers in liaison with the Project Officer;
- Coordinate the review and approval process for all marketing elements incorporating event managers, EMRC, sponsors and any other stakeholders;
- Manage the regional marketing campaign budget;
- Coordinate the delivery and implementation of a 'Clean and Green Strategy';
- Coordinate the delivery of a launch / stakeholder function event (if required) in liaison with the EMRC Project Officer; and
- Ensure all deadlines are met by the project team.

The EMRC Project Officer oversees the project and is the main point of contact for the Contractor. The Contractor provides regular updates on progress against key milestones to the EMRC Project Officer.

PAF is funded through member Council contributions (under the banner of the Regional Tourism Strategy), EMRC officer time, and corporate sponsorships (e.g. Perth Solar City).

It is staged in the Autumn period to coincide with the better weather conditions and away from other conflicting events in the greater metropolitan area. The series of events are managed and coordinated by different organising structures and involve critical support from key stakeholders including local government, industry associations and community groups. The focus of the event is not specific to any one type of event, with all organisers encouraged to use the events to create a profile that can benefit the local community and Perth's Eastern Region by attracting visitation through tourism and activities.

The types of promotions that may be included in the festival's program:

- Community
- Recreation
- Heritage
- Cultural
- Food
- Wine
- Natural, Flora, Fauna
- Arts
- Sporting
- Family Activity
- Cycling



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The inclusion from 2010 of cycling events is part of active cycling and participation for the region. The linking of the events is achieved through regional branding and awareness programs aimed at creating a bigger and better impact of what is on offer in Perth's Eastern Region.

The EMRC's promotion of Perth's Eastern Region reflects the diversity of the community, organisations and the region itself, providing immediate and long term economic impact and benefits. The festival's program has been successfully staged for more than ten years under the brand of "Perth's Autumn Festival". The festival's program is now part of a distinct umbrella brand of which participating events can leverage. The events are required to be seen as part of an overall regional brand known as "Perth's Autumn Festival".

All events are required to adopt and be recognised as Clean and Green by 2013, an approach endorsed by EMRC's member Councils.

All events are required to promote the single brand. This regional brand can support individual event brands in the same way that Perth's Eastern Region's Regional Identity sits alongside member Council brands. All festival events are staged within a marketable five to six week period.

The culture of the festival's program is to become recognisable by the people in Western Australia as a significant local attraction. The support provided through the EMRC allows and facilitates a structured approach to planning and development and ensures ongoing events attractions are sustained.

The Autumn River Festival activities for the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont form part of the events calendar for the Perth's Autumn Festival.

AUTUMN RIVER FESTIVAL

Background

This background information has been provided by Jon Vines, Recreation Officer at the City of Bayswater, and Richard Campbell, Director of CMS Events.

Richard Campbell, Director of CMS Events, conceived the Autumn River Festival event in 1999. CMS Events approached the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont along with the Swan River Trust for funding and/or sponsorship for the festival. The festival has since run successfully for the last 11 years and grown significantly (City of Bayswater consider it one of their main events on their calendar).

2005 (Estimate)

- EMRC submitted funding application to Lotterywest. Declined for future years (unable to determine why).

2006

- Lotterywest funding more significant, CMS Events was unable to qualify to apply for Lotterywest funding so the Autumn River Events Association (AREA) was established - Jon Vines, City of Bayswater;
- AREA was established to ensure sustainability of the event (if CMS Events was not local) – Richard Campbell, CMS Events;
- AREA heavily supported by Richard Campbell (meeting minutes, financial management);
- CMS Events administration - the grant submitted "through" the ARF committee but all work done by CMS Events; and
- There were no City of Belmont representatives on AREA - (used only for Lotterywest funding application).



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2007/2008

- CMS Events handed over trading name of “Autumn River Festival” to AREA. Technically Richard Campbell, CMS Events, has no claim on the event and AREA was procuring Richard and sending out sponsorship arrangements.
- AREA still heavily relied on CMS Events – AREA had no real independence/capacity.

2009

- City of Bayswater viewed the event as their own (may not be clear that it was owned/is run by CMS Events etc);
- Given increased size of event, and amount of sponsorship (i.e. \$20,000 from Toyota), a City of Bayswater councillor in AREA questioned the liability of the group and individuals. The Mayor/CEO investigated and found that a lack of insurance meant the City would be liable; and
- Application for sponsorship came through CMS Events – meaning the City of Bayswater was formally sponsoring a private company.

2010

- Jon Vines, City of Bayswater, believed that issues had resolved themselves noting:
 - AREA voted to remain as formal identity, to look at governance and structure, and to look at public liability and professional indemnity in the name of AREA;
 - Insurance/Liability: City of Bayswater agreed at a Council meeting to fund 50% of insurance costs. A Council item went through City of Belmont for the remaining 50%;
 - City of Belmont invited/encouraged to have representatives on AREA; and
 - Sponsorship documents formally coming from AREA (not CMS Events), even though they were prepared by Richard.
- City of Bayswater questioned the level of benefits reported to come from sponsorship of ARF (as a lot comes from PAF).

At the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee (CEOAC) meeting on 11 October 2011, the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Belmont advised the CEOAC that they had withdrawn from the Autumn River Festival Event Association (AREA).

The CEO of the City of Bayswater advised that the Council had made a decision that the Bayswater Autumn River Festival event should be a free event for the Bayswater local community and that as a local event, it was not necessary to promote on a regional basis.

Discussion followed regarding the implications for the marketing and funding of the Belmont and Bayswater events. A request was made that EMRC consider if their involvement could be of assistance through the activities of the Perth’s Autumn Festival.

REPORT

Lotterywest

The Manager Regional Development met with the Lotterywest’ Program Manager Grants and Community Development on 21 October 2011 to discuss the current funding for the Autumn River Festival (ARF) and possible options should the funding application be facilitated by the EMRC.

The Program Manager advised that there was potential for the funding amount to be increased if the ARF funding application was facilitated by EMRC in a similar manner to the Avon Descent Family Fun Days. I.e. the ARF become events under the PAF banner (as they currently are) but with evidence of regional collaboration. She stated that from a Lotterywest application guidelines perspective, it was time to invest and take the events to the next level.



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It was indicated that by taking a regional collaborative approach, it would demonstrate commitment to continuous improvement initiatives by providing benefit to the community which would increase the strength of a funding application for PAF.

From a marketing and communications perspective this would mean that any marketing an individual council may choose to pursue for their events would be at their expense and not necessarily through the funding achieved by the Lotterywest grant.

Fundamentally Lotterywest support a broader dimension to the festival with Lotterywest grant funding used to undertake activities as identified by the 2013 PAF Project Team. The Perth's Autumn Festival Project Team comprises of events, marketing and recreation officers of member Councils and participating organisations.

City of Bayswater

The Manager Regional Development met with the City of Bayswater's Director Administration and Community Services on 24 October 2011 to discuss the City of Bayswater's position, in view of the fact that the City of Belmont had withdrawn from AREA. Funding was also discussed, as well as the outcomes of EMRC's meeting with Lotterywest. It was agreed that a regional funding application would benefit all parties and that marketing and communications of the PAF could be undertaken in a similar manner to the Avon Descent Family Fun Day marketing facilitated by the EMRC.

Further discussion with the Director Administration and Community Services advised that the AREA committee had voted to disband and that a proposal would be put to City of Bayswater Council seeking the establishment of an internal Council committee. At the City of Bayswater Ordinary Meeting of Council of 13 December 2011, it was resolved:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNAL CITY OF BAYSWATER AUTUMN RIVER EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (REFERENCE: CITY OF BAYSWATER AGENDA ITEM 11.2.5)"

EMRC's conversation with the City of Belmont was also shared with the City of Bayswater and the Director indicated support for the direction of PAF in 2013.

City of Belmont

The Manager Regional Development met with the City of Belmont's Director Corporate and Governance and Manager Marketing and Communications on 25 October 2011 to discuss the City of Belmont's position and provide an overview of the discussion with the City of Bayswater.

The City of Belmont advised they had recently met with the Lotterywest Senior Manager, Grant Management and Development, to discuss funding options and they were encouraged to consider a regional approach to the funding. The Manager Regional Development provided the City of Belmont with an overview of the City of Bayswater position.

The City of Belmont supports the EMRC coordinating the ARF events into the PAF and developing an application for funding through Lotterywest on a regional collaborative basis.

Discussion was held around the timing of the funding application for the 2012 event. It was agreed that given that the PAF 2012 Project Team Planning Meeting had already taken place, that the EMRC have developed the 2012 project plan, and that individual Council project plans are currently being developed, that the EMRC should integrate this coordinated approach for the 2013 festival.

It was also discussed that there was a need for the EMRC to facilitate a meeting between Lotterywest and both Directors of the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont to determine the intricacies of the change (i.e. naming of events and budgeting for 2013) for the purposes of planning for the PAF in 2013.



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Summary

Meetings with the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont have supported the proposal for the EMRC to facilitate a regional funding application to Lotterywest to coordinate the ARF events into the PAF. A collaborative approach to a regional funding application would benefit all member Council events and allow a broader dimension for PAF. It is proposed that the marketing and communications of the PAF would be similar to the Avon Descent Family Fun Day marketing facilitated by the EMRC. A collaborate regional approach to the marketing of PAF would not preclude any marketing that an individual Council may choose to pursue at their own expense for their local events.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Key Result Area 2 – Social Opportunities

2.1 To facilitate regional tourism development

Key Result Area 3 – Economic Development

3.1 To facilitate Responsible Leadership

Key Result Area 4 – Good Governance

4.4 To manage partnerships and relationships with stakeholders

4.5 To Improve marketing and communications

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details
Town of Bassendean	} Nil
City of Bayswater	
City of Belmont	
Shire of Kalamunda	
Shire of Mundaring	
City of Swan	

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil



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VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That:

1. Council endorse the EMRC to coordinate the Autumn River Festival under the banner of the Perth's Autumn Festival including the Lotterywest funding application.
2. Council endorse the EMRC to facilitate a meeting with the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont and Lotterywest to review the current scope of the Perth's Autumn Festival to maximise funding opportunities through Lotterywest.

CEOAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR JARVIS

SECONDED MS HARDY

That:

1. Council endorse the EMRC to coordinate the Autumn River Festival under the banner of the Perth's Autumn Festival including the Lotterywest funding application.
2. Council endorse the EMRC to facilitate a meeting with the Cities of Bayswater and Belmont and Lotterywest to review the current scope of the Perth's Autumn Festival to maximise funding opportunities through Lotterywest.

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9.3 SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL FROM EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY FOR ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13563

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council approval of a sponsorship request of \$10,000 from the Small Medium Enterprise Research Centre (SMERC) at Edith Cowan University (ECU) to assist small businesses in Perth's Eastern Region with energy and water efficiency.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The EMRC has administered an Occasional Grants/Sponsorship Policy since 2001. Subject to approval through the annual budget process, an amount of \$30,000 is allocated for this purpose.
- ECU's sponsorship application has been assessed against the criteria within the EMRC's Occasional Grants/Sponsorship Policy, receiving 42 points out of a maximum of 45 points. Under the policy, a benchmark of 27 points is required before sponsorship applications are supported.
- The benefits of supporting the ECU Sponsorship application include:
 - The EMRC will assist small business in Perth's Eastern Region to reduce their energy and water use, saving them money and enabling them to be more sustainable; and
 - The EMRC's sponsorship of the project will position the EMRC and member Councils as leaders in sustainability initiatives.

Recommendation(s)

1. That Council approves sponsorship of \$10,000 from the Occasional Grants and Sponsorship Program to the Small Medium Enterprise Research Centre at Edith Cowan University to assist small businesses in Perth's Eastern Region with energy and water efficiency initiatives.
2. That Council notes an allocation of \$10,000 for completion of this project in the EMRC's 2012/2013 budget.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Regional Services
Manager Environmental Services

BACKGROUND

The EMRC has administered an Occasional Grants/Sponsorship Policy since 2001. This policy makes provision to provide grant funding or sponsorship to support significant initiatives conducted in Perth's Eastern Region. Subject to approval through the annual budget process, an amount of \$30,000 is allocated to this purpose.

Major events supported through the EMRC Occasional Grants and Sponsorship Policy to date have included:

- Town of Bassendean Centennial Concert featuring Rolf Harris held in 2001 - \$25,000;
- Shire of Mundaring Centennial Concert featuring WA Symphony Orchestra held in 2003 - \$25,000;
- Canoe World Championships held in Bayswater in 2005 - \$25,000;
- Visitor Servicing Conference held in Swan in 2006 - \$20,000;
- Tour de Perth national road cycling race held in Kalamunda and Mundaring in 2007- \$7,350;



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- National Transplant Games hosted by Belmont in 2008 - \$20,000;
- Public Transport Forums held in partnership with Curtin University in 2010 - \$15,000;
- Maylands Sustainable Forum in 2011 - \$8,000; and
- Cities as Water Supply Catchments Program to establish a Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive in 2011 - \$10,000.

REPORT

Small business contributes up to 70% of global pollution (Redmond & Walker, 2009). With rising energy costs, an increased drive to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions, the introduction of carbon price and the impacts of carbon pollution, there is a need for small business to consider ways to better manage and reduce energy costs and consumption. Additionally with water shortages in Perth, water conservation and water use efficiency is a high profile issue. There is a need for small business to consider ways to better manage and reduce water consumption. Such measures can be demonstrated through an Energy and Water Efficiency Audit.

The Small Medium Enterprise Research Centre (SMERC) at Edith Cowan University (ECU) has approached the EMRC to discuss the possibility of a partnership to capitalise on the work already undertaken by the EMRC in water and energy efficiency for local government and households and that undertaken by SMERC in the area of energy efficiency in small businesses. This partnership will allow the work of SMERC to assist the proposed Energy and Water Efficiency Audits for small business projects outlined in both the EMRC's Regional Environment Strategy and the Regional Economic Development Strategy. The information collated would be used to inform other strategic plans and projects and to develop a 'business case' to Government for different types of programs to be undertaken using different methodologies and timeframes.

SMERC will apply for an ECU Faculty of Business and Law Strategic Research Grant. This scheme is for matched funding, that is if EMRC contribute \$20,000 cash the Faculty will match it with an equal amount of cash. This would provide enough funding for a part time research assistant, and for Professor Walker and Dr Redmond's time allocation to this research project.

ECU understands that EMRC funding is subject to EMRC Council approval under the Occasional Grants and Sponsorship Policy with \$10,000 to be allocated in 2011/2012 on commencement of the project and \$10,000 in 2012/2013 budget on completion of stage one of the project.

The project would have three stages:

Stage one would evaluate previous small business environmental and sustainability programs including:

- A desktop review of all available Australian reports on funded environmental/sustainability projects/programs for small businesses over the past 5 years. The evaluation will include projects/programs regarding the use and efficiency of water and energy.
- Interviewing as many past project managers as possible to ascertain their personal view as to the success of the project/program.
- Consolidating both sets of data and produce a report for the EMRC that can be used as the evidence base for future funding applications.

Stage two would be the submission of a joint Energy Efficiency Grant to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. SMERC would take the lead on this application as the EMRC is deemed ineligible, therefore if successful the funding would be administered through SMERC. The funding requested would be for SMERC to manage and evaluate the overall project and for EMRC staff to conduct the hands-on component.



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It is proposed that this project targets a specific industry group to be selected (after seeking input from the EMRC's Economic Development Officers Group) to undertake a series of activities such as workshops and information provision and then deliver targeted assistance to reduce energy consumption and increase small business productivity. It is proposed to incorporate the EMRC existing skills in water and energy auditing to undertake this project. EMRC would employ an officer to undertake the operational component of the project and the grant application would be seeking funds to cover these costs.

Stage three would be a longitudinal project (ideally 5 years) to determine how sustained and long term transfer of knowledge/action by small business owner-managers is best achieved. This would be fully developed up once stage one of the project was completed.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report relates to achievement of a number of objectives within the EMRC's Strategic Plan for the Future 2010/11 to 2013/14 and as well as direct link to a policy as outlined as follows:

Key Result Area 1 – Environmental Sustainability

- 1.5 To contribute towards improved regional air, water and land quality and regional biodiversity conservation;
- 1.6 To address climate change issues within the region; and

Policy 3.4 Occasional Grants / Sponsorship Policy.

Provision of sustainability audits to small business aligns with the objectives of the:

1. Regional Environment Strategy:

- Project 3.6.5 Energy and Climate Change Adaptation for Businesses.

2. Regional Economic Development Strategy:

- Objective 6.1 Support industry with taking action to be environmentally conscious in their day to day activities;
- Objective 6.2 Encourage innovation in environmental management, clean tech industries and sustainable business practices; and
- Objective 6.4 Leverage the Perth Solar City Program to assist in raising awareness of energy management in small to medium enterprises.



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Grant Application Assessment

Under the EMRC's Occasional Grants and Sponsorship Policy, a proposal must receive a minimum benchmark level of 27 points. The Edith Cowan University sponsorship application for \$10,000 has been assessed receiving a total score of 42 points out of a maximum of 45 points as outlined in the table below.

Evaluation Criteria		High level	Moderate level	Medium level	Minimum level	Low level	Does not address
		5	4	3	2	1	0
1.	The proposal has the potential to benefit most of the Region or at least three member Councils.	X					
2.	The proposal will have a high positive impact or make a significant contribution to economic development and/or community development in the Region.	X					
3.	The proposal has clearly defined sustainable and measurable outcomes.	X					
4.	The proposal is accessible by all sections of the community that it is targeting.		X				
5.	The proposal represents a new initiative and does not duplicate or adversely impact on existing services/facilities in the Region.	X					
6.	The degree of support/contributions the proposal has received from groups/stakeholders in the Region.		X				
7.	The proposal represents good 'value for money'.	X					
8.	The proposal has the potential to seed a new initiative into the Region.	X					
9.	The proposal will build and strengthen relationships amongst stakeholders in the Region.		X				
TOTAL POINTS		42/45					

Explanatory Notes

Key considerations in making the assessment in the table above include:

1. The project will benefit all six EMRC's member Councils.



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2. The project was identified in the EMRC's Regional Economic Development Strategy and Regional Environment Strategy and will provide an opportunity for small businesses in Perth's Eastern Region to reduce their energy and water costs.
3. The project is focused on reducing energy and water use. The initiative also aligns with the outcomes the EMRC is seeking through the ACEr and Water Campaign projects.
4. The project will be accessible to selected small businesses in Perth's Eastern Region.
5. The project is a new initiative that fills a current gap.
6. The project aligns with the goals of the Economic Development Officer Group (EDOG).
7. EMRC's logo will be used on promotional materials. The intangible benefits include positioning the EMRC and its member Councils as leaders in sustainability initiatives.
8. Small business owners will be influenced to make sustainable changes to the way their businesses are operated, or get an idea for a new initiative focussed on sustainability.
9. There is the opportunity to develop a relationship with small business within the Region.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total contribution sought by Edith Cowan University for the project is \$20,000 over two financial years. The sponsorship contribution being sought by Edith Cowan University in 2011/12 is \$10,000, which will be provided through the Regional Services Occasional Grants and Sponsorship fund. EMRC would then be required to budget \$10,000 in the 2012/2013 budget for the completion of the project.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

With the impacts of a carbon price, climate change and drying conditions in WA this program will assist small business with management of water and energy in the Region. More efficient use of resources has the capacity to increase small business productivity and efficiency; thereby increasing the viability of small businesses in Perth's Eastern Region. A diverse and robust small business sector is critical to the economic growth of the region.

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details
Town of Bassendean City of Bayswater City of Belmont Shire of Kalamunda Shire of Mundaring City of Swan	Member Councils would benefit from small businesses in their local government areas reducing their energy and water use, saving money and reducing their ecological footprint.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil



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VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Council approves sponsorship of \$10,000 from the Occasional Grants and Sponsorship Program to the Small Medium Enterprise Research Centre at Edith Cowan University to assist small businesses in Perth's Eastern Region with energy and water efficiency initiatives.
2. That Council notes an allocation of \$10,000 for completion of this project in the EMRC's 2012/2013 budget.

Ms Hardy enquired if the proposed project targeted a specific industry group. The Director Regional Services advised that the Economic Development Officers Group had been provided with an overview of the project and been requested to provide relevant information to the Small Medium Enterprise Research Centre (SMERC) to assist with the identification of a specific industry group.

CEOAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR JARVIS

SECONDED MR THROSSELL

That:

1. That Council approves sponsorship of \$10,000 from the Occasional Grants and Sponsorship Program to the Small Medium Enterprise Research Centre at Edith Cowan University to assist small businesses in Perth's Eastern Region with energy and water efficiency initiatives.
2. That Council notes an allocation of \$10,000 for completion of this project in the EMRC's 2012/2013 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



9.4 REGIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13568

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with an update on the arrangements for the delivery of regional tourism projects for 2011/2012.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The EMRC is the only regional council in the Perth metropolitan area to have expanded its role to include regional tourism development.
- The Regional Tourism Strategy 2010-2015 was endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer Advisory Committee and Council in April 2010.
- Options for the future direction of regional tourism within Perth's Eastern Region were discussed at the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee (CEOAC) meeting on 14 June 2011.
- Member Councils have agreed that the EMRC will undertake coordination of Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent and the Perth Tourism Website projects for 2011/2012.
- From 2012/2013 arrangements for Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent and the Perth Tourism Website will be integrated under the umbrella of the Regional Economic Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy and the Regional Transport Strategy.

Recommendation(s)

That:

Council notes that member Councils have agreed that the EMRC will undertake Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent and the Perth Tourism Website projects for 2011/2012.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Regional Services
Manager Regional Development

BACKGROUND

The EMRC Council approved the development of a Regional Tourism Strategy at its 11 August 2009 meeting. (Ref: Committees-9564) The completed Regional Tourism Strategy 2010-2015 was endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer Advisory Committee and approved by Council at the meeting of 22 April 2010 (Ref: Committees-10699)

A report was presented at the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee (CEOAC) meeting on 14 June 2011 to advise that the City of Swan had given due notice in accordance with the Establishment Agreement of the EMRC of their withdrawal from the Regional Tourism Program effective from 1 July 2011. Five options for the future direction of regional tourism within Perth's Eastern Region were discussed during the meeting. (Ref: Committees-12366)

It was acknowledged that there was a desire to scale down EMRC's tourism support. Notwithstanding, the value being derived for regional tourism through the collaborative model developed by the EMRC member Councils is quite unique and had been in place for many years.



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The option deemed most suitable was to combine regional tourism with regional economic development (Option 5). It was agreed that the EMRC would continue coordinating with the Avon Descent Family Fun Days, Perth's Autumn Festival and the Perth Tourism website. It was requested that further information in relation to the revised level of funding required by member Councils be provided to enable them to make a decision on their commitment.

At the meeting of Council held on 23 June 2011 (Ref: Committees-12366), it was resolved:

"THAT OPTION 5 BE THE PREFERRED OPTION WITH THE INCLUSION OF PERTH'S AUTUMN FESTIVAL, THE AVON DESCENT, THE HILLS TRAILS PROMOTION AND THE PERTH TOURISM WEBSITE AND THESE SERVICES BE COSTED OUT AND PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER COUNCILS."

REPORT

Information in relation to the revised level of funding required from member Councils for the integration of Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent, the Hills Trails Promotion and the Perth Tourism Website under the umbrella of the existing economic development projects was scoped and forwarded to member Council Chief Executive Officers for their consideration and feedback to the EMRC via email on 29 June 2011.

Two options were supplied to the Chief Executive Officers in line with the Council's recommendation. Option One was for support of the EMRC undertaking Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent, and the Perth Tourism Website and Option Two was Option One plus Hills Trails Promotion.

In response to this email, the majority of member Councils supported Option One while Mundaring and Belmont supported Option Two. Member Council Chief Executive Officers were advised by email on 20 October 2011 that for 2011/2012 EMRC would undertake coordination of Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent, and the Perth Tourism Website. Further discussions were held with the CEOs from Shire of Mundaring and City of Belmont who advised that they would support this arrangement for 2011/2012.

From 2012/2013 arrangements for Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent, the Hills Trails Promotion (via non tourism related strategies) and the Perth Tourism Website will be integrated under the umbrella of the Regional Economic Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy and the Regional Transport Strategy.

The table below provides details of the level of funding required from member Councils for delivery of the agreed three tourism projects (Option 1) when incorporated into Economic Development Projects for 2011/2012. Invoices will be sent to member Councils by the end of February for the amounts agreed to and listed in the table.



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	BUDGET 2011/12
Project Costs	
Perth's Autumn Festival	\$60,000
Avon Descent	\$268,400
Tourism website	\$2,260
Staff Costs	\$110,607
Total project costs	\$441,267
Project Income	
Lotterywest	\$250,000
Sponsorship Income	\$20,000
Total Project Income	\$270,000
Net Project Cost	\$171,267
Member Council Contributions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Bassendean • City of Bayswater • City of Belmont • Shire of Kalamunda • Shire of Mundaring • City of Swan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4,250 \$8,600 \$7,300 \$7,300 \$6,700 \$15,850
Total member Council Contributions	\$50,000
EMRC Contribution	\$121,267

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Key Result Area 2 – Social Opportunities

2.1 To facilitate regional tourism development

Key Result Area 3 – Economic Development

3.1 To facilitate increased investment in regional infrastructure

Key Result Area 4 – Good Governance

4.4 To manage partnerships and relationships with stakeholders

4.5 To improve marketing and communications



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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

EMRC will issue invoices to member Councils as per the agreed table above for payment of funding for 2011/2012.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The revised regional tourism direction incorporated into the Economic Development portfolio will continue to enhance activities for Perth's Eastern Region.

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details
Town of Bassendean	} As per the funding table above
City of Bayswater	
City of Belmont	
Shire of Kalamunda	
Shire of Mundaring	
City of Swan	

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That:

Council notes that member Councils have agreed that the EMRC will undertake Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent and the Perth Tourism Website projects for 2011/2012.

CEOAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR THROSSELL SECONDED MR JARVIS

That:

Council notes that member Councils have agreed that the EMRC will undertake Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent and the Perth Tourism Website projects for 2011/2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED CR SECONDED CR



9.5 DRAFT REGIONAL ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION GUIDELINES

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13551

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with the draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines and seek approval to forward the document to appropriate stakeholders for comment.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines have been completed and the draft document has been distributed to the Regional Environmental Advisory Group (REAG) and the member Council CEOs for review and feedback.
- It is proposed that the draft guidelines be distributed to key external stakeholders, agencies and individuals as appropriate for feedback.

Recommendation(s)

That:

1. Council receive the Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines forming the Attachment to this report.
2. The Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines be forwarded to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), Swan River Trust (SRT), Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and other relevant stakeholders for comment.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Regional Services
Manager Environmental Services

BACKGROUND

Under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA)* and the Commonwealth *Native Title Act (1993)* member Councils have statutory responsibilities in relation to the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage and Aboriginal consultation.

In August 2004 EMRC hosted a regional workshop for member Councils to facilitate Aboriginal consultation processes in Perth's Eastern Region. The workshop was facilitated by Ron Parker of Australian Interaction Consultants and identified the need for more effective ways for undertaking consultation with Aboriginal communities in Perth's Eastern Region.

In November 2004 EMRC Council discussed policies and procedures for Aboriginal consultation in the region in order to facilitate a regional strategic approach to Aboriginal heritage matters. At the meeting it was resolved: that:

1. *"THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PRINCIPAL LEGAL OFFICER BE REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE A PRESENTATION TO A FUTURE MEETING OF THE CEOAC ON THE POTENTIAL FOR AN INDIGENOUS HERITAGE MANUAL AS A TOOL FOR ASSISTING MEMBER COUNCILS TO IMPROVE BOTH PROCESSES AND OUTCOMES IN MEETING THEIR STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS IN RELATION TO ABORIGINAL HERITAGE MATTERS.*
2. *THAT A PRESENTATION BE MADE TO COUNCIL ON REGISTERED SITES, NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS AND ANY OTHER INDIGENOUS HERITAGE MATTERS."*



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In December 2004 the Swan River Concept Plan and Management Strategy project initiative was presented to the EMRC Council after Council agreed to develop a strategic vision aimed at enhancing use of the Swan River through carefully planned land use activities that contribute to the region's economic, social, heritage and environmental values. The strategy was developed between 2005 – 2007 and resulted in the Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework (SHRMF).

On 21 September 2006 presentations were made to the EMRC Council by representatives of the National Native Title Tribunal and WA Department of Indigenous Affairs and the development of a heritage manual tool and of Aboriginal Heritage Inventories to assist member Councils was discussed. A regional services workshop was held at the EMRC offices on 19 October 2006 which explored Indigenous issues and possible approaches to Aboriginal heritage protection and management. The Draft Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework, which was out for public comment at this time, also highlighted the need for a regional and strategic level approach to Aboriginal consultation. This information was discussed at the 7 December 2006 EMRC Council meeting to seek clarification on the EMRC's role in Indigenous issues to facilitate the most efficient use of resources and effort to assist member Councils. At this meeting it was resolved:

1. *“THAT EMRC MAINTAIN A WATCHING BRIEF ON INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND INFORM MEMBER COUNCILS OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THEIR BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND SERVICE DELIVERY.*
2. *THAT A PRESENTATION TO THE CEOAC ON THE POTENTIAL FOR AN INDIGENOUS HERITAGE MANUAL NOT PROCEED AT THIS TIME, GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTY RELATED TO NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS AND THE POTENTIAL OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION STRATEGY PROPOSED IN THE SWAN AND HELENA RIVERS MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK DRAFT REPORT.”*

An information bulletin was provided at the EMRC Council meeting of 4 October 2007 to inform the Council of the intended approach to be taken in relation to Indigenous engagement as a result of correspondence received regarding developments at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and the Perth's Eastern Region Swan River Trails Project draft report. Legal advice recommended that the EMRC engage in some form of Aboriginal heritage consultation and that an anthropological consultant be engaged to determine who should be consulted.

The SHRMF was received by Council in June 2007 and provision made in subsequent budgets to progress development of high priority strategies and actions. High priority projects were identified through a number of SHRMF Steering and Officer Working Groups comprising of external stakeholders and member Councils' staff and to date the following high priority projects have been completed:

- Perth's Eastern Region Swan River Trails Project;
- Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance;
- Regional Recreational Path Development Plan;
- Best Management Practices for Foreshore Stabilisation – Swan River Trust and EMRC;
- Best Management Practices for Shore Stabilisation - Concept Designs for City of Bayswater – Swan River Trust and EMRC; and
- Swan and Helena Rivers Foreshore Trail Interpretation Plan – Stage One.

The Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance and the Regional Recreational Path Development Plan reports were received by the EMRC Council in September 2009. The reports identified the need to conduct further consultation with the Aboriginal community to ensure that any future infrastructure including interpretation, trails and foreshore restoration works were sensitive to Aboriginal heritage and cultural issues.



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Relevant recommendations in the Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance included:

- Consultation with representatives of the Noongar community should be ongoing to ensure that the large numbers of closed and open sites in the study area are respected and protected;
- Preparation of interpretation should reflect the contrasting long history of the Noongar occupation and the continuing history interlinked with recent settlers along the Rivers;
- Preparation for interpretation of historic heritage places should include consultation with relevant community groups and the local authority. Interpretive material should be prepared and checked by an interpretation professional to ensure that it is historically accurate and culturally appropriate;
- Trails involving any form of infrastructure (e.g. signage, pathways) must be environmentally friendly and sensitive to Indigenous cultural issues understood through consultation and research; and
- Any infrastructure or physical works for trails and other interpretation proposed should be subject of Section 18 applications under the Aboriginal Heritage Act (1972) in order to minimise risk of cultural conflict or legal action during or after construction.

Recommendations in the Regional Recreation Path Development Plan of relevance included:

- Refer this report to key indigenous groups and engage with key indigenous stakeholders in the ongoing implementation of the proposed riverside path network and ongoing development of the interpretation plan; and
- Consider the recommendations of the Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance when implementing this report in relation to Aboriginal consultation and the development of an interpretation plan.

At a workshop in 2009 the SHRMF Steering and Officer Working Group members prioritised the need for a regional Aboriginal consultation process to assist in improving the current planning and consultation processes through Section 18 applications under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 and to enable more consultative and respectful engagement with the Aboriginal community.

A project was initiated in 2010 to develop Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines under the guidance of the Regional Environmental Advisory Group (REAG) which was established in 2010 (replacing the suite of former SHRMF steering and working groups) to progress the implementation of the SHRMF and other EMRC environmental projects and activities.

At the Chief Executive Officer Advisory Committee (CEOAC) meeting of 11 October 2011 a report was presented introducing the Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines to be considered for Council approval to seek stakeholder comment. At the meeting it was resolved (CEOAC 11 October 2011 Report Item 9.4) inter alia:

“THAT THE DRAFT REGIONAL ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION GUIDELINES BE REFERRED TO MEMBER COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT BEFORE BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENDORSEMENT.”



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The draft guidelines were referred to the member Council CEOs in November 2011 for review and comment with the following being received:

Member Council	Comments
Shire of Mundaring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate a section linking the guidelines to statutory planning processes – for e.g. Local planning schemes or local planning strategies and referencing the guidelines. • Have the guidelines adopted by each member Council or a policy made that relates back to the scheme or similar to add weight to the document.
City of Swan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the guidelines emphasise the need to use local government Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural training and the guidelines as collective rather than individual tools. • That 'traditional owners' be the default term used throughout the document. • That a reference to, and explanation of, the <i>Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993</i> be included.

It should be noted that the City of Belmont and the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring provided initial feedback through their representative on the Regional Environmental Advisory Group which was incorporated into the draft document being presented. It is proposed that the above comments will be taken into consideration after the document has been distributed to other stakeholders for feedback.

The following report outlines how the draft guidelines were developed.

REPORT

The Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines document is a step-by-step process for member Council officers to better undertake Aboriginal consultation in order to meet legislative requirements and to identify who, how and what needs to be communicated within the local Aboriginal community in a manner that is inclusive and respectful of Aboriginal heritage and culture.

The guidelines are intended to be a resource for local government officers within the SHRMF project area to facilitate a process of engagement with the Aboriginal community which is inclusive and respectful of Aboriginal heritage and cultural issues.

The project was developed in a staged process involving:

- Formation of a project steering group;
- Desktop research on existing Aboriginal consultation strategies and plans;
- Contact with relevant agencies and providers identified as project stakeholders (DIA, Perth Region NRM, WALGA, Heritage Council, WAPC/DPI, SWALSC, SRT, Midland Redevelopment Authority);
- Stakeholder consultation to determine current practices and issues experienced with Aboriginal consultation;
- A workshop with member Councils and wider agencies to inform member Councils on current consultation requirements, best practice approaches and support available; and
- Development of Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines including consultation tools and resources.



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In 2010 a desktop assessment and interviews with member Councils' officers and relevant stakeholders were conducted to determine current local government Aboriginal consultation processes and models and to identify issues with these processes. Current information, research and resources were identified and reviewed through online search engines and searching of international, national and state government agency and stakeholder websites. This information was collated into a report to provide an overview of current Aboriginal engagement and consultation processes and an Issues Paper was developed from interview responses to highlight stakeholder concerns related to current Aboriginal engagement and consultation processes.

From the information collected it appeared that there are a number of plans and model documents available on how to undertake general Aboriginal engagement and consultation, however there is a lack of guidance for local government officers and the Aboriginal community on matters such as standard payment fees, knowledge of Aboriginal cultural protocols and local government protocols. This information was used to form the basis of a regional stakeholder workshop held on 10 March 2011 facilitated by Ken Hayward of Kallip Pty. Ltd.

The workshop was conducted in two sessions. In session one a hypothetical exercise was undertaken by table groups in order to determine current practices in Aboriginal consultation and engagement. Session two was a facilitated discussion on the outcomes of the exercise and then presentations were given by the City of Swan on the Swan Indigenous Reference Group and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council on Native Title functions and the current Native Title negotiations with the State government.

The workshop session identified a number of key issues that face local government officers including:

1. Lack of cultural awareness training.
2. The need to include the Noongar community throughout the whole process of programme and project development from the concept/ideas stage.
3. Knowing who to contact.
4. Timing – explanation to community; ongoing consultation; start the engagement as early as possible.

The information from the stakeholder workshop was used to inform the development of the draft guidelines which sought to address some of the issues and opportunities identified and discussed. The aim of the guidelines is to provide a practical set of tools to assist local government officers with Aboriginal engagement and consultation within the Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework project area.

The draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines have been completed and distributed to REAG members and member Council CEOs for feedback. Council approval is now sought to distribute the guidelines (Shown in the Attachment) to key stakeholders and agencies as appropriate for comment.

At the conclusion of this exercise, all comments will be taken into consideration and incorporated into the document where appropriate. This document will then be referred to Council for the 21 June 2012 meeting.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines align with Clause 4 of the 1998 Establishment Agreement of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council which includes the facilitation of regional Aboriginal reconciliation issues as a "regional purpose" of the EMRC and is defined as a continuing project and service under Schedule 1.

The Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines align with the following objectives in the EMRC Strategic Plan for the Future 2010/11 to 2013/14:

Key Result Area 1 – Environmental Sustainability

- 1.5 To contribute towards improved regional air, water & land quality and regional biodiversity conservation.



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Key Result Area 2 – Social Opportunities

- 2.1 To facilitate regional tourism development.
- 2.2 To facilitate regional cultural and recreational activities.

Key Result Area 3 – Economic Development

- 3.3 To facilitate regional economic development activities.

Key Result Area 4 – Good Governance

- 4.3 To manage partnerships and relationships with stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget to complete the Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines comes from the EMRC 2011/2012 SHRMF budget of \$114,497. The budget includes officer time and implementation of other SHRMF projects.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Social:

- Improved community engagement in Swan River foreshore management activities in the Cities of Bayswater, Belmont and Swan, and Town of Bassendean;
- Improved community engagement in the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring; and
- Inclusive and meaningful Noongar engagement and consultation.

Economic:

- Opportunities to value add to current individual local government river projects; and
- Provision of employment opportunities.

Environmental:

- Conservation and protection of biodiversity along the Swan and Helena Rivers; and
- Opportunity to incorporate Noongar Traditional Ecological Knowledge in environmental management of the Swan and Helena Rivers.



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MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details
Town of Bassendean	Member Councils can use the guidelines to inform decision-making in relation to Aboriginal engagement and consultation for the Swan Helena Rivers Management Framework projects.
City of Bayswater	
City of Belmont	
City of Swan	
Shire of Kalamunda	
Shire of Mundaring	

ATTACHMENT(S)

Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines (Ref: Committees-13610)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That:

1. Council receive the Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines forming the Attachment to this report.
2. The Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines be forwarded to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), Swan River Trust (SRT), WA Planning Commission (WAPC) and other relevant stakeholders for comment.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Bassendean felt that this may now be a moot point since the West Australian Government hopes to settle a long-running native title claim over Perth and the state's southwest this year with a package of cash injections and land transfers to the Noongar people. However the view of the Committee was to progress with this project but if the deal with the West Australian Government does go ahead, the project will be re-evaluated. Ms Lefante felt that the Guidelines should be referred to each member Council for adoption before being adopted by the EMRC.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Bassendean moved an amendment to recommendation 2 as follows:

2. The Draft Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines be forwarded to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), Swan River Trust (SRT), WA Planning Commission (WAPC) and stakeholders who were involved in the development of these guidelines for comment.



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MOVED MR JARVIS

SECONDED MR THROSSELL

That:

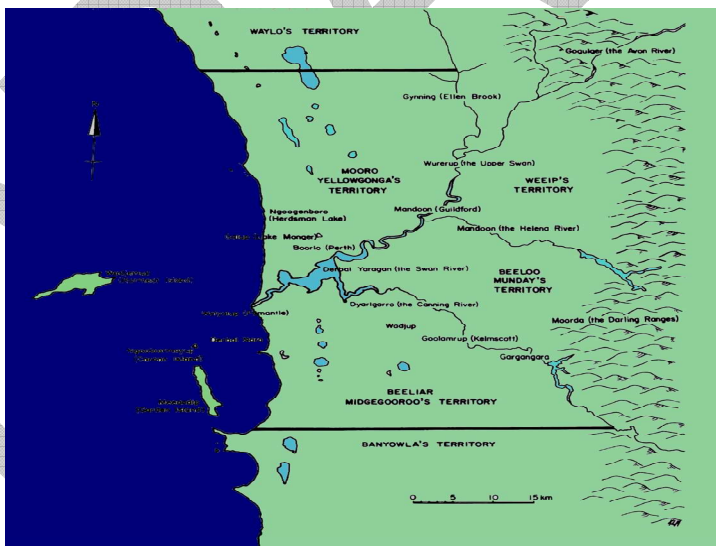
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



REGIONAL ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION GUIDELINES

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The term Noongar (alternative spellings include Nyungar, Nyoongar, Nyoongah, Nyungah, Nyugah, Yunga) is inclusive of all Aboriginal people in the South West region of Western Australia. Throughout this document the term Noongar has been used in accordance with the way in which the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council refer to the Aboriginal people of the south west region.

An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he [or she] lives.

(Department of Aboriginal Affairs, *Report on a Review of the Administration of the Working Definition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders* (1981), Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra, cited in J Gardiner-Garden, *The Definition of Aboriginality: Research Note 18, 2000–01* (2000) Parliament of Australia, 2) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/library/pubs/rn/2000-01/01rn18.htm>)

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INTRODUCTION

The health and management of the Swan and Helena Rivers and foreshore areas is of high importance to the EMRC and its member Councils. An important part of managing and maintaining the health and quality of these areas is ensuring appropriate and meaningful engagement with traditional owners and local Noongar communities.

Member Councils have identified difficulties in undertaking meaningful engagement and applying the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* to achieve the required outcomes in implementing works programmes along the river foreshore. Costs of consultation are high and breaches of the Act can result in severe penalties.

These Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines have been developed to assist EMRC member Councils in dealing respectfully, efficiently and effectively with river management, project planning, and approvals relating to Aboriginal heritage, whilst also ensuring compliance with legal requirements including the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

The EMRC and its member Councils wish to support Noongar people in their desire to care for their country. Partnerships between member Councils and Noongar people will provide a means for the passing on of Elders' knowledge and skills about country to younger Noongar people. It will build capacity for the next generation of Noongar people to continue managing country with traditional and western environmental management skills and facilitate stronger relationships between Noongars (in particular the Whadjuk people) and member Councils.

These Guidelines build on previous work undertaken by the EMRC and its member Councils and more recently the Swan and Canning Rivers Iconic Trails project with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), Perth Region Natural Resource Management and Swan River Trust.

SWAN AND HELENA RIVER MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Swan and Helena River Management Framework (SHRMF) was initiated by the EMRC on behalf of its member Councils with the support of the Swan River Trust and WA Planning Commission. The major output was a strategic framework that identified roles and responsibilities and allocated strategic actions to all stakeholders to guide the ongoing sustainable management and development of the eastern reaches of the Swan River and its major tributary, the Helena River.

To date five key documents have emerged from the framework:

- Perth's Eastern Region Swan River Trails Project
- Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance
- Regional Recreational Path Development Plan
- Best Management Practices for Foreshore Stabilisation – Swan River Trust and EMRC

- Best Management Practices for Shore Stabilisation - Concept Designs for City of Bayswater – Swan River Trust and EMRC

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Relevant recommendations in the Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance included:

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Recommendations in the Regional Recreation Path Development Plan of relevance included to:

- Refer this report to key Aboriginal groups and engage with key Aboriginal stakeholders in the ongoing implementation of the proposed riverside path network and ongoing development of the interpretation plan; and
- Consider the recommendations of the Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance when implementing this report in relation to Aboriginal consultation and the development of an interpretation plan.

The SHRMF Steering and Officer Working Group members prioritised the need for Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines to assist in improving the current planning and consultation processes through section 18 applications under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. This would enable more consultative and respectful engagement whilst also streamlining current processes.

DEVELOPING THE GUIDELINES

Information was collated from a desktop assessment and stakeholder consultations to identify the key issues in Indigenous consultation and processes.

Desktop assessment

Current information, research and resources were identified and reviewed through online search engines and searching of international, national and state government agency and stakeholder websites. Other local government approaches and experiences were also reviewed.

Stakeholder consultation

Interviews were conducted with member Council officers from the Regional Environmental Advisory Group (REAG) and other relevant member Council staff to outline the project and obtain information regarding current activities, guiding documents, consultation processes, and issues experienced. In addition, external stakeholder groups were interviewed to provide their points of view and to seek clarification on current Aboriginal consultation processes and practices. This included regulatory and administrative agencies involved with Aboriginal matters (the Department of Indigenous Affairs, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and Perth Region NRM) and other local government agencies (City of South Perth, City of Fremantle and City of Armadale).

A stakeholder workshop was held with representatives from local government authorities, regulatory and administrative agencies and private companies. The workshop provided information on current Aboriginal engagement and consultation practices, issues faced by local governments, the current regulatory framework and the role of the native title representative bodies. This information was then explored through a facilitated discussion and used in the development of the guidelines.

OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES

These guidelines have been developed to support member Council Officers to undertake appropriate and meaningful engagement with local Noongar people and communities. To ensure the guidelines are a useful and effective document, they have been structured under four headings:

- Why Engage?
- When to Engage?
- Who to Engage?
- How to Engage?

WHY ENGAGE?

There are two key reasons why local government should engage with Noongar people and communities:

1. To improve project outcomes; and
2. To ensure legal requirements for consultation are met.

IMPROVING PROJECT OUTCOMES

Engagement is a process that involves people and communities in problem solving and decision-making to build trust and relationships. The input of Noongar people in project planning can improve project outcomes and ensure that projects are developed that respect Noongar culture and heritage. Early engagement of Noongar people in the initial planning process will help identify relevant heritage protocols and any social, cultural or environmental needs. Early engagement can also assist with the identification of community needs and the development of relevant projects, programmes and policies.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1972 (WA)

The purpose of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (the AH Act) is the preservation of places and objects customarily used by or traditional to the original inhabitants of Australia on behalf of the community. This is achieved by making it an offence under Section 17 of the AH Act to excavate, damage or destroy Aboriginal sites. Where an owner of the land may want to use their land in a way that might damage or destroy an Aboriginal site/s, consent to use the land in a particular way may be applied for under Section 18 of the AH Act through the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA). Authorisation can also be obtained to use land under Regulation 10 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 1974* if the use is considered non-deleterious.

In Western Australia Aboriginal consultation is not a statutory requirement, however, it is required as part of applications made under section 18 of the AH Act and under regulation 10 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 1974*. Whilst there is a legal obligation upon owners of land to obtain authorisation to use land that may be significant, there is a lack of guidelines and standards to assist land owners make decisions about appropriate consultation levels, payments and the scale of works needed to be undertaken.

In cases where there is little or no recorded information relating to the site/s that may be impacted upon, a full heritage survey is highly likely to be requested to allow the application to be appropriately assessed. This process can become both costly and time consuming and as such needs to be considered early on in the planning stages of activities and projects. Early engagement with the Noongar community can assist with identifying and assessing the importance of sites to the community.

Section 18

Under Section 18 the proponent must lodge a completed Section 18 notice to the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) where it will undergo initial assessment by DIA Officers. When the application is complete and all requests for further information by the DIA have been satisfied, an assessment by the Aboriginal Cultural and Material Committee (ACMC) is conducted. If the works are deemed acceptable, then a recommendation is made to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs who provides approval in writing.

A process flow chart of the Section 18 approval process can be downloaded from the Department of Indigenous Affairs at: <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Section-18-Applications/Application-process/>

Key details regarding the Section 18 authorisation process¹ are as follows:

- Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee - meets the first Wednesday of every month except January². Deadlines for Section 18 application submissions to Registrar to be forwarded to committee for meeting;
- Have to provide a Heritage Consultant's details for:
 - Ethnographic survey
 - Archaeological survey
 - Aboriginal Consultation;
- Informant - a person who provides information about his or her culture to an anthropologist, archaeologist or other heritage consultant;
- Length of time valid - can be for the "proposed lifetime of a project" e.g. including future maintenance requirements if known such as that required for infrastructure upkeep;
- Section 18 remains open as long as there are no changes in landowner (otherwise new landowner must reapply) or changes in the type of works to be undertaken as part of a project; and
- Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance (2009) can be used as supplementary information for a Section 18 application.

The most common issue identified with the Section 18 notice application process was the amount of time they can take to be approved and the costs involved in order to meet the consultation requirements and undertake Aboriginal Heritage Surveys.

Regulation 10

A Regulation 10 authorisation is referred to the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites for approval of activities that may be considered non-deleterious rather than the Section 18 notice application process of going through the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC)

¹Information on Section 18 approval process and forms are available from the DIA website at: <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Section-18-Applications/Application-process/>
<http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Heritage-and-Culture/Resources/Forms-and-publications/>

² The ACMC meeting schedule is available on the DIA website at: <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Boards-And-Committees/ACMC/Meeting-Schedule/>

and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs for approval. Approval time for a Regulation 10 authorisation is usually shorter than applying for a Section 18 notice approval. It is not clear when a Regulation 10 authorisation may be obtained instead of a Section 18 approval being applied for without seeking advice from the DIA.

Key details regarding the Regulation 10 authorisation process are as follows:

- The Registrar has the discretion to issue approvals for work that is non-deleterious and aimed at enhancing the heritage values of the site. The Registrar will still need details of the site, the nature of the activity and a clear outline of Aboriginal community views. However the Regulation 10 application does not have to be considered by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee. If all the necessary information is provided and is clearly not detrimental to the site, approval will usually be issued within a few weeks of being submitted. It is still recommended that this, like any other approval, is sought well in advance of the planned commencement of works.
- Examples of non-deleterious activities may include:
 - Maintenance
 - Restoration
 - Interpretation
 - Removal of material (non-preferred option)
 - NRM work - revegetation, interpretation
- Form for a non-deleterious purpose³:
 - need to show consultation
 - send to Registrar of Heritage Places
 - officers process - can request more or less time
 - usually shorter turnaround time (few weeks or months).

Section 18 and Regulation 10 applications require:

- Communication between the party proposing the works and the Aboriginal people who have connection to the significant site(s);
- Investigating and recording the level of significance of the site, the impacts of the works and any agreement reached by both parties;
- Providing the records, along with a completed application form, to the Department of Indigenous Affairs.

³ A Regulation 10 form can be obtained by contacting the Department of Indigenous Affairs.

WHEN TO ENGAGE?

Engagement should occur as early as possible in any consultation process and any project planning activities to ensure relevant engagement and to increase opportunities for good outcomes to be achieved for everyone involved⁴.

Generally speaking there are a number of situations when consultation should occur including:

- pursuing general engagement of the Noongar community (Ask First Consultation Framework);
- for project specific activities that occur on or near Aboriginal cultural and heritage sites that may require legislative compliance (Section 18 or regulation 10 approval under the AH Act); and
- when undertaking cultural and heritage management activities.

LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT

The level of consultation required will depend on the type of activity to be undertaken and whether the location of the activity is listed or not listed as an Aboriginal heritage site on the DIA site register or if it is unknown whether it may be a heritage site or not. The consultation matrix provides a decision-making tool in regard to actions required; risk assessment and the initial level of consultation. Activities that may be undertaken by local governments have been summarised in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Consultation Matrix for assessing required level of engagement

Type of Activity	Level of Discussion (see below)					
	Non site specific	Not Listed as a Heritage Site (see Level of Risk below)		Heritage Site – Listed (see Heritage Site below)		
		Low Risk	High Risk	Information Assessed (IA) (Insufficient Information, Lodged Data)	Registered Site (R)	Stored Data
Planning and Development						

⁴ Refer to *Consulting Citizens: A Resource Guide*, Government of Western Australia, 2002, for detailed consultation information. The document can be downloaded from:

http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/icele/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=948

Type of Activity	Level of Discussion (see below)					
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		Low Risk	High Risk	Information Assessed (IA) (Insufficient Information, Lodged Data)	Registered Site (R)	Stored Data
New concepts and ideas	Engage	Engage	Engage	Support	Support	No action
Programme development and planning	Engage	Engage	Engage	Support	Support	No action
Project planning and development	Engage	Engage	Engage	Consult	Consult	No action
Building and Construction						No action
Excavation	No action	Feedback	Support	Consult	Consult	No action
Demolition	No action	Feedback	Support	Consult	Consult	No action
Hard engineering (eg: foreshore stabilisation techniques)	No action	Feedback	Consult	Consult	Consult	No action
Soft engineering (eg: survey and enhancement works))	No action	No action	Feedback	Support	Support	No action
Earthworks	No action	Feedback	Consult	Consult	Consult	No action
Enhancement and Maintenance						No action
Revegetation	No action	No action	Inform	Inform	Support	No action
Weed control	No action	No action	Inform	Inform	Support	No action
Ripping (mechanical)	No action	Feedback	Support	Support	Consult	No action
Interpretation	No action	Feedback	Support	Feedback	Support	No action
Removal of material (non-preferred)	No action	Feedback	Support	Support	Consult	No action
Monitoring (eg water monitoring or plant survey)	No action	No action	Feedback	Support	Support	No action

*Adapted from Department of Water - Aboriginal Heritage and Native Title Guidelines for On-Ground Works, Pilot Document, March 2008.

LEVEL OF DISCUSSION

The matrix should be used to determine the initial level of discussion that may be required. It may become necessary to progress through the different levels after the initial discussion depending on the situation and outcomes of the initial discussion.

Engage	Initiate and establish contact and communication channels with the Aboriginal community to determine if any Aboriginal cultural and heritage matters should be considered/included/developed. Ask first.
No Action	No discussion required as no Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sites identified and no implications for Aboriginal heritage matters.
Inform	A heritage site may exist, however, there will be no disturbance of the site from the activity. The activity may enhance the cultural, environmental and ecological values of the site. Advise the appropriate Aboriginal people in writing of the activity to be undertaken. No feedback is requested. Seek advice from DIA as to whether a regulation 10 approval will be required. If approval is required the level of discussion will progress.
Feedback	A heritage site may exist and there may be limited disturbance of the site from the activity. The activity may enhance the cultural, environmental and ecological values of the site. Advise the appropriate Aboriginal people of the activity to be undertaken in writing and through the Metro Claim Working Party Group and request feedback. Seek advice from DIA as to whether a regulation 10 approval will be required. If approval is required the level of discussion will progress.
Support	A heritage site is likely to/does exist and there will be limited disturbance of the site from the activity. The activity may enhance the cultural, environmental and ecological values of the site. Advise the appropriate Aboriginal people of the activity to be undertaken in writing and through the Metro Claim Working Party Group and obtain written support. Seek advice from DIA as to whether a section 18 or regulation 10 approval will be required. If approval is required the level of discussion will progress.
Consult	A heritage site is likely to/does exist and there will be disturbance of the site from the activity. The activity may enhance the cultural, environmental and ecological values of the site. Involve the appropriate Aboriginal people throughout the planning, development and implementation of the proposed activity, project or programme through the Metro Claim Working Party and/or by writing to the appropriate people. Invite the appropriate Aboriginal people to provide professional advice throughout the planning, development and implementation of the

proposed activity, project or programme which may include on and off site meetings. The aim is to allow opportunities for involvement, collaboration and empowerment to achieve consensus on the proposed activity, project or programme. Document involvement and obtain written support on what is agreed to. This level of discussion may necessitate a Section 18 application under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

Heritage Survey A heritage site exists, there is no previous heritage information or there is insufficient information in previous heritage surveys and the activity will disturb the site. The activity may enhance the cultural, environmental and ecological values of the site. A heritage consultant (anthropologist/archaeologist) should be contracted to undertake a full heritage survey⁵ (anthropological and ethnographic research and Aboriginal community consultation) to fulfil the requirements of a Section 18 application under the AH Act.

LEVEL OF RISK

Risk level should be assessed in terms of the type of activity to be undertaken in areas where there are no listed heritage sites or the heritage and cultural value is unknown or there is limited information available about the site.

Low risk Artificial drains, dams (off-stream), sumps, developed land.

High risk Natural waterways (river, creek, stream, brook), swamps, lakes, estuaries, springs, dams (in-stream), uncleared/undisturbed land, sites that have limited aboriginal cultural and heritage information available that may be considered significant by local Noongar community.

HERITAGE SITE

The DIA Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System (AHIS) can provide information on the status of a site and access to survey reports. The AHIS site definitions can be found on the Department of Indigenous Affairs website⁶:

⁵ Information on heritage surveys is available on the DIA website at: <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Section-18-Applications/Heritage-management/Aboriginal-heritage-surveys/>

⁶ Site definitions are available at: <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Heritage-and-Culture/Resources/Policies-and-procedures/Site-Assessment-Policy/>

WHO TO ENGAGE?

ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

It can be difficult to ensure that all the appropriate individuals and family groups are engaged in the consultation process. Local government officers are advised to check with SWALSC and the DIA as to having the correct people and that these people are representative of the correct family groups with heritage connections to the project area. Getting this right is very important as it maintains integrity. It is also important to demonstrate as wide as possible consultation with the Noongar community. There are existing databases of information held at SWALSC and the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA)⁷. Local government officers are advised to contact these organisations for the most current information.

Identify Who Speaks For Country

A respectful protocol is firmly entrenched in the lived experience of Aboriginal people throughout Australia. In establishing and maintaining good relations with traditional owner groups, it is imperative to speak to the correct people who have heritage connections to certain areas in Perth's Eastern Region.

Noongar are made up of fourteen different language groups which correspond to different geographical areas with ecological distinctions. Language groups within Perth's Eastern Region include the Yued, Whadjuk, Binjareb/Pinjarup and Wardandi associated with the Swan Coastal Plain and the Whadjuk, Binjareb/Pinjarup, Balardong, Wilman, Ganeang/Goreng associated with the Jarrah Forest (SWALSC, 2011).

The majority of Noongar people and in particular other Aboriginal people living in Noongar Country acknowledge when an area is not their country to talk about. Ask the following questions to help determine who speaks for country;

Are your people from Perth?

Is this your country?

Do you have heritage connections to this area?

Are you from this Country?

Are you Whadjuk?

Consultation Fees

There are no obligations under Western Australian legislation for payment to be made to Aboriginal people for consultation, however, it is standard practice that when Aboriginal consultation is undertaken payments will be made to the representatives at an agreed

⁷ City of Swan officers should also contact the Swan Indigenous Reference Group

rate and/or per representative. Payments may be made for services including but not limited to:

- Welcome to Country expenses
- Consultation fees
- Meeting expenses (on and off-site meetings)
- Site monitoring
- Administration support
- Catering
- Travel reimbursement costs
- Special events

It is recommended that local government authorities include Aboriginal engagement and consultation activities into their daily operations and as such should allow for any associated costs in their financial planning processes. This may include budgeting in capital works programmes, environmental management and community development areas.

Table 2 outlines a recommended payment fee for different types of consultation/services which may be provided*.

Table 2 Consultation Payment Schedule

Subject	Service Provided	Hourly	Daily	Flat Rate or one off payment
Metro Claim Working Group Party Meeting	Feedback and input into project/development proposals.	No payment required as a function of the Native Title Representative Body under the <i>Native Title Act 19 (Cmth)</i> .		
Elders and/or community members	Welcome To Country or Special Events			\$400.00-\$500.00
Dance Group	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) event			\$500-\$1,000

**Disclaimer – Whilst all care has been taken in the compilation of this information, these prices are a guide only and may vary between different organisations and Aboriginal people and groups. Payment is based on an Elder consulting. Where a senior or junior community member is consulted prices may be subject to negotiation. Prices may be subject to negotiation between parties dependent on financial resources and service/s to be provided.*

STAKEHOLDERS

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council – Metro Claim Working Party Group

The Metro Claim Working Party Group is representative of family groups who have traditional and custodial rights to the Perth metropolitan region.

Government, government agencies, developers, archaeologists, anthropologists, Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people have an opportunity to present information and seek input into project development, planning and preparation. Presentations should provide precise information on what they would like advice/input on and, where relevant, on project location including maps, land tenure, scope of works and include heritage site information.

In following protocol, all local governments should present all projects for approval to the Metro Claim Working Party Group.

The Metro Claim Working Party Group meet every eight weeks⁸ and require notification at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting for any agenda items. Meetings are co-ordinated by the SWALSC Regional Development Manager who should be contacted with any requests.

There are a number of traditional owner groups who do not attend these meetings. In preparation stage of consultation and planning contact should be made with SWALSC and DIA for a list of the relevant people who should be consulted.

The Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA)

The DIA can provide guidance and advice in the following areas:

- Register of significant sites;
- Access to site survey information;
- Informants list;
- Section 18 requirements;
- Regulation 10 requirements;
- Heritage consultants;
- Site visits;
- Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee.

The DIA Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System (AHIS) can provide information on the status of a site in relation to whether it is a significant site and access to survey reports. The AHIS can be accessed from: <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/AHIS/>.

⁸ The Metro Working Party meeting schedule can be downloaded from the SWALSC website at: <http://www.noongar.org.au/meetings.php>

Heritage Consultants

Consultants such as anthropologists, archaeologists and historians may be required to provide assistance where site survey reports are required and to liaise between different organisations and the community.

Local government officers should use internal processes such as tender and contract specifications to ensure that requested services can be delivered in a timely and appropriate manner that will benefit everyone and comply with regulatory requirements.

Contact the DIA for a consultant list or use the link below to access professional bodies:
<http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Section-18-Applications/Heritage-management/Aboriginal-heritage-surveys/Archaeological-surveys/>

Other Groups/Organisations

There may be other mechanisms in place to assist with the process of consultation through reference groups and advisory groups within your local government area.

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HOW TO ENGAGE?

Best practice in regard to engagement of the Noongar community is to ensure Noongar interests are being addressed through the active involvement of local Noongar people with heritage connections to the region where activities may be undertaken and early engagement. Where possible include a Noongar person in your project planning and implementation. This may require working with an Aboriginal staff member or a staff member from another organisation linked to the project via a partnership with your local government. Partnerships with Aboriginal organisations, reference groups and committees can facilitate achieving the desired outcomes.

Having Aboriginal people seeing the benefits of being involved in a programme or project is subject to believing and knowing they are helping drive the concept. Motivation of people is a prerequisite to any programme or project development.

PRINCIPLES FOR ENGAGEMENT

These guidelines are based on fundamental principles developed by the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) that ensure Noongar people's participation in decision making⁹ and support an acceptance and understanding that Noongar culture lives through the people who are descendants of the original inhabitants. Principles for engagement include:

1. Prior informed consent
2. Mutual Respect
3. Nation Building/Relationship Building
4. Equal partnerships between Noongar and non-Noongar communities
5. Acknowledgement of Noongar Country
6. Acknowledgement of Noongar Culture
7. Acknowledgement of Noongar Knowledge and Expertise
8. Understanding that Noongars live their culture
9. Women/Mens Business

⁹ See SWALSC "*Final Report Swan and Canning Rivers Iconic Trails Project*" available on the SWALSC website at: <http://www.noongar.org.au/news.php>

PROTOCOLS

Protocols can be classified as a set of rules, regulations, processes, procedures, strategies or guidelines. Protocols are the ways in which you work with people, and communicate and collaborate with them appropriately. Principles for developing protocols between parties include:

- Relationships built on respect and trust
- Information
- Education
- Legislation and regulations
- The need to negotiate decisions/agreements
- Acknowledging different cultural values

The SWALSC protocols document “Living Culture – Living Land and its people”¹⁰ has been developed by SWALSC under the direction of and in collaboration with Noongar Elders and the Traditional Owners of the Perth Metropolitan Region and encompass:

- Early Engagement
- Realistic Timeframes
- Cultural Protocols
- Resources
- Welcome to Country/Acknowledgement of Country
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Confidentiality
- Showing Results

These protocols should be used by local governments to engage with the Noongar community and in relation to activities involving Aboriginal culture and heritage matters.

PROCESS FOR CONSULTATION

Engagement and consultation is an ongoing process from the planning phase to implementation to monitoring and feedback. Consultation should involve all relevant parties/organisations and allow input to be sought, information to be provided and shared throughout the stages and the processes involved with a project including feedback from traditional owners and representatives members from family groups. A consultation process is outlined below.

1. Planning and development should consider all factors involved with the proposed idea, programme, activity or project including research, location, scope of any works, approvals required for works, benefits, potential issues or impacts and any other relevant information to assist with the consultation process. Be clear on why you are consulting; the aim of the consultation and what needs to be achieved by the consultation. Other factors to consider include:
 - Co-ordination and management of the consultation;

¹⁰ The document can be downloaded from the SWALSC website: <http://www.noongar.org.au/news.php>

- Identifying resources required to undertake the consultation such as timing, people and budget;
 - Choosing a method of consultation;
 - Analysis;
 - Feedback;
 - Response to Recommendations; and
 - Monitoring and Evaluation.
2. Identify the relevant stakeholders by contacting SWALSC and the DIA and any other relevant groups that may have an interest in the proposed activity. Once the relevant people have been identified, arrange an initial meeting to outline the scope of the proposed activity and/or works. Information should be clearly set out and include maps, data, technical information, benefits, issues, impacts and any other relevant facts related to the proposed activity.
 3. Ensure that Noongar groups are allowed enough time to consider the information. You may also need to allow for further consultation. Noongar governance and time processes may differ from local government processes and schedules so flexibility may be required.
 4. At the initial meeting establish an ongoing communication process/method for consultation and level of involvement of the Noongar community for the proposed activity/project. This may include establishing a specific working group or more broad consultation. Consider any employment opportunities for local Noongar people.
 5. Ensure ongoing involvement of interested Noongars in the project (establish a communication method/process). It is critical to actively illustrate that Noongar comments, concerns and suggestions have been taken into consideration.
 6. Where Section 18 approval is required for the proposed activity, this may require Noongar involvement in monitoring, management and rehabilitation activities. Ensure that appropriate processes are undertaken to identify appropriate people to carry out these activities, recognising that time may be needed to reach a consensus on both appropriate methods to be used and the individuals to carry them out (consider during step 2 and 3).
 7. Where a Regulation 10 approval is required for the proposed activity, this may require Noongar involvement in planning the activity and site visit/s. Ensure that appropriate processes are undertaken to identify appropriate people to carry out these activities, recognising that time may be needed to reach a consensus on both appropriate methods to be used and the individuals to carry them out (consider during step 2 and 3).
 8. Ensure ongoing feedback and review of the activity/project with relevant Noongars. This is particularly important if there is a significant impact on culturally sensitive/significant areas (establish as part of communication method/process).
 9. Undertake and document/record consultation process in line with cultural protocols (see Protocols section of guidelines).

Table 3 Consultation checklist for local government officers.

Have we...	
Undertaken research into Aboriginal heritage and cultural matters and/or the Aboriginal community to be engaged?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identified a need to engage/consult with the Aboriginal community? Have a clear purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Undertaken planning and development of proposed activity (considering all factors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allocated resources to undertake consultation?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allowed adequate time for consultation to be built into project timelines (including local government, statutory approvals processes, meeting schedules, Noongar governance processes)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identified who needs to be involved in the consultation (all stakeholders)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identified a method of consultation?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identified a communication process/method to allow input and feedback between participants?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identified potential risks in the consultation and appropriate strategies to minimise the risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provided the community with information about the level of involvement expected of them throughout the consultation process and any future actions that may be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developed mechanisms to monitor the consultation process that allow for flexibility to make changes if required?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developed an evaluation of the consultation process built into project timelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>

TIMEFRAMES

Local governments, State government agencies, regulatory processes, and peak organisations are procedurally governed by deadlines and meeting schedules. Local government officers should be aware of time differences as Aboriginal people are not as guided by deadlines. This situation is not easily managed however consideration and flexibility should be allowed for in preparation and planning to ensure that time considerations will be manageable.

Be open and clear that the proposed activity has got a beginning and end. Always revisit this important point during feedback sessions as part of your consultation.

Be aware that a 'no show' at appointments does not necessarily mean a lack of commitment to a project or programme. Aboriginal people may have unavoidable family commitments or harsh economic circumstances. These may include:

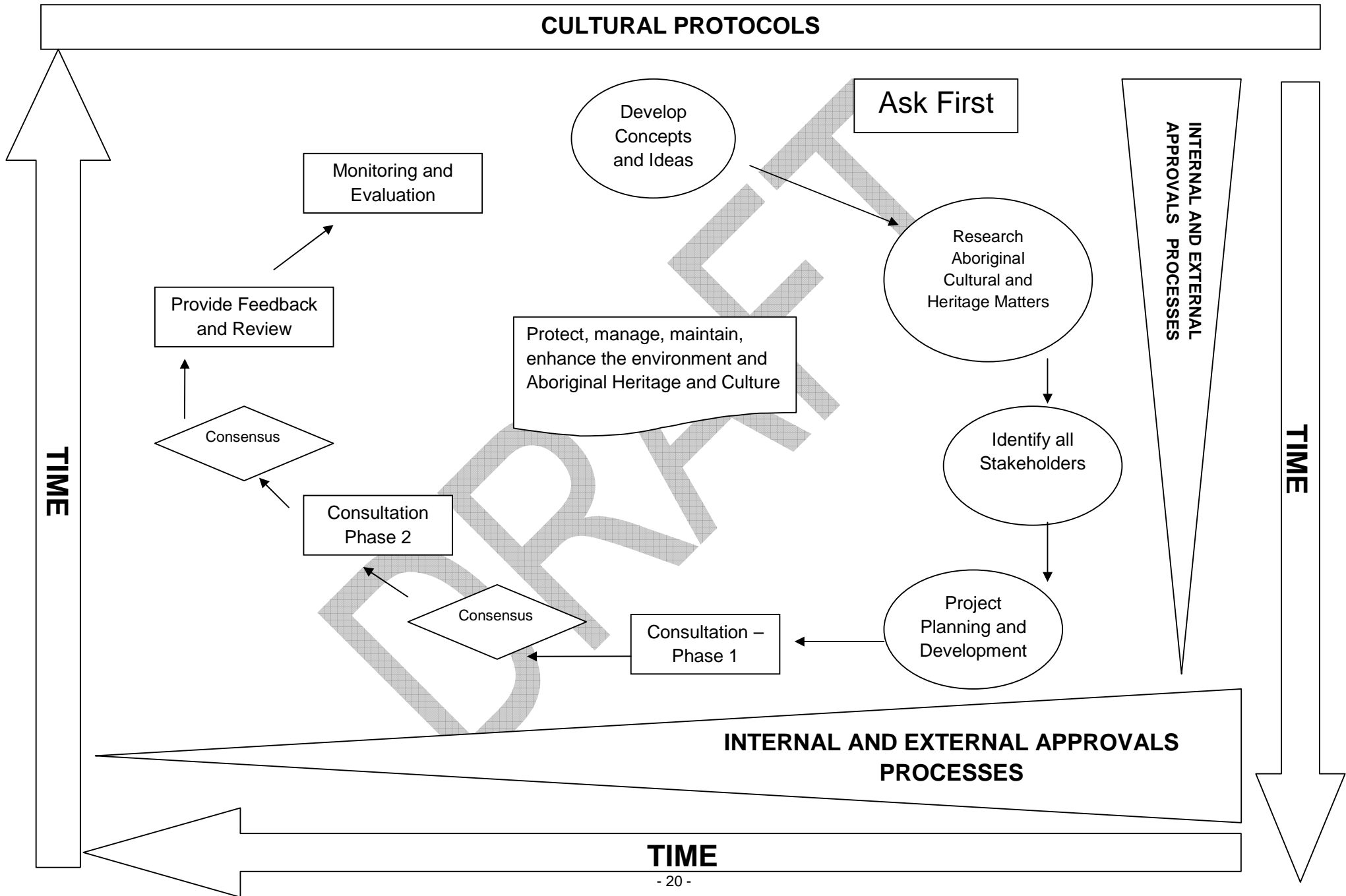
- Transport – not readily available or difficulty using public transport;
- Telephone – no access to a telephone to cancel and change appointments;
- Family responsibilities – these can take priority;
- Housing – homeless or highly mobile;
- Death – funerals take precedence over everything else in an Aboriginal community and relatives will travel a great distance to be with grieving family;
- Births – families and relatives gather together for births and care of the baby; and
- Finances – if finances are low, money will go towards food for the family rather than transport to an appointment.

Timeframes should allow for internal local government processes (budgeting, tender and contract requirements, works programme schedules); consultation activities that may need to be undertaken; liaison and feedback from the Metro Claim Working Party Group; liaison with the DIA; research, preparation and planning for Section 18 applications and the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee meeting schedule.

Figure 1 illustrates the components of engagement and consultation.



Figure 1 – Components of Engagement and Consultation



RESPECTING CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Aboriginal people live within a different world view to non-Aboriginal people and these differences may not be immediately apparent. Take your time to observe, listen and learn. Some important points include:

- When meeting someone and establishing a rapport, ask about who their family is – not are you Aboriginal or where they work;
- Be who you are. Maintain your integrity and remain firm in your intent to include Aboriginal people and foster good relations. This will be one of the first things Aboriginal people perceive; and
- Do not get involved in community politics.

Touching	Touching is used as an expression of acceptance, welcoming or direct communication
Discipline	Adult members of the family have rights to discipline the children
Eye Contact	Aboriginal people may avoid eye contact. It is not polite to gaze into another's eyes
Plain Talk	Plain talk is the best way to communicate. Too many explanations may confuse the issue
Yes	Yes, does not always mean 'yes' as a direct answer to a question
Quiet Time	A pause in the conversation does not reflect avoidance – just thinking time
Family Business	Family business means all the family including children and elders

Communicating with people from another culture is often difficult. While it is not necessary to be an expert on a culture or linguistics to communicate effectively with others, it is essential to be aware that these differences may exist.

A number of communication difficulties are commonly encountered when dealing with Aboriginal people. Several are outlined below. Keep in mind, however, that there is huge diversity in the Aboriginal community.

“Are we speaking the same language?”

- Aboriginal people seek information by hinting at an issue rather than discussing it directly. A common example is Aboriginal people make a statement then wait for you to either confirm or refute it.
- Time to think is essential for Aboriginal people, especially when important decisions are to be made. Don't always expect immediate answers, you may have to wait until another time.

- Nodding does not always mean 'yes'. Nodding is a cultural norm which encourages smooth social relationships. So an Aboriginal person may nod but may not agree with you or understand what you have said.
- 'I don't know' may have more to do with your inappropriate communication rather than the Aboriginal person's lack of knowledge. It may also be due to a lack of an appropriately developed relationship.

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GLOSSARY

Consensus	<p>A group decision (which some members may not feel is the best decision, but which they can all live with, support and commit themselves not to undermine), arrived at without voting, through a process whereby the issues are fully aired; all members feel they have been adequately heard, in which everyone has equal power and responsibility, and where different degrees of influence by virtue or individual stubbornness or charisma are avoided so that all are satisfied with the process.</p> <p>(M Scott Peck, <i>The Road Less Travelled</i>, 1978)</p>
Consultation	<p>A tool of engagement used to gather and provide information and obtain feedback from people and communities through clearly defined channels.</p>
Elder	<p>The person or persons designated as the keepers of cultural knowledge in family and community. They are usually elder people but the responsibilities may be given to a younger person by some families. Family groups determine who the elder/s will be within their family group (SWALSC 2011).</p>
Engagement	<p>A process that involves people and communities in problem solving and decision-making to build trust and relationships. The level of engagement can range from the provision of information, to involvement through consultation, collaboration, decision-making and implementation.</p>
Informant	<p>A person who provides information about his or her culture to an anthropologist, archaeologist or other heritage consultant.</p>
Non-deleterious	<p>Refers to types of activities which may be carried out on land that may require approval under Regulation 10 of the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 1974</i>.</p>
Noongar	<p>Refers to and is inclusive of all Aboriginal people in the South West region of Western Australia. Alternative spellings include Nyungar, Nyoongar, Nyoongah, Nyungah, Nyugah, Yunga (SWALSC, 2011).</p>
South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC, 2011).	<p>The native title representative body of the Noongar people who are the traditional owners of the South West of Australia (SWALSC, 2011).</p>

Traditional Owners Aboriginal representatives of the traditional language group that inhabited an area prior to European settlement and are recognised as traditional owners by local Aboriginal communities (SWALSC, 2011).

Whadjuk One of the fourteen Noongar language groups associated with the Swan Coastal Plain and Jarrah Forest geographic areas. Alternative spelling Wadjuk (SWALSC, 2010).

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Tools for Engagement

There are a number of different engagement strategies and activities that local government can undertake to strengthen relationships with the Noongar and Aboriginal community.

1. Cultural Awareness

Local government will benefit from providing staff with Cultural Awareness Training. Training in this field will allow local government officers to gain a greater understanding of interaction between non-aboriginal and aboriginal Australian individuals, families and groups. Staff will also learn about Australian society from Aboriginal perspectives within the history of Australia.

Benefits of cultural awareness training include being able to recognise cultural differences and to see where these differences may cause conflict or difficulty in communication; recognising the similarities that makes us all human and to help in identifying ways to communicate and be inclusive.

2. Significant Dates

Getting to know your community also includes attending, participating in and supporting Indigenous events. These events can be included in local government community event calendars.

DATE	EVENT	SIGNIFICANCE
26 January	Australia Day Day of Mourning Invasion Day Survival Day	A day to remember and celebrate. What made our nation what it is today – the landing of the first fleet at Sydney Cove and the loss of sovereign rights for Indigenous Australians.
21 March	Harmony Day	To create and promote harmony within communities that embraces cultural diversity and addresses racism. Opportunity to support and encourage Noongar and other Aboriginal people's participation.
25 April	ANZAC Day	Aboriginal men and women fought alongside other Australian heroes. Fighting for a free world.
26 May	National Sorry Day	<i>I am Sorry you were taken away from your family. I feel sorry that this happened.</i> Established a year after the "Bringing them Home Report" was tabled in Federal parliament (19997)

DATE	EVENT	SIGNIFICANCE
		<p>after the inquiry into the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.</p> <p>A National Sorry Day Committee maintains a web-site with an events calendar at: A National Committee maintains a web-site with an events calendar at: http://www.nsd.org.au/</p>
27 May to 3 June annually	National Reconciliation Week	<p>To acknowledge and celebrate the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and to discuss reconciliation and consider ways to address disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.</p> <p>The Reconciliation WA website http://www.reconciliationwa.org/</p>
27 May	1967 Australian Referendum anniversary	<p>90% of eligible voters supported changes to the constitution related to Section 51 giving the Commonwealth parliament the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Section 127 to ensure that Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders would be counted in the census.</p>
3 June	Mabo Day	<p>This day marks the anniversary of the 1992 High Court of Australia's decision in the Mabo case. The decision recognised the Native Title rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by legally dismissing the doctrine of "Terra Nullius".</p>
1 July	Coming of the Light Festival	<p>Let the light begin. Celebrates the day that the London Missionary Society first arrived in Torres Strait. The missionaries landed at Erub Island on 1 July 1871, introducing Christianity to the region.</p>
First Week of July Each Year	NAIDOC Week	<p>National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC week is a way of celebrating and promoting a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and our culture. Visit the following website for details: http://www.naidoc.org.au/</p>
4 August	National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day	<p>A day for the Kulungars (the children) observed since 1988. http://www.snaicc.asn.au/</p>
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	<p>Recognises the first United Nations (UN) Working Group on Indigenous Populations meeting in Geneva in 1982. A celebration of culture and diversity and to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous peoples.</p>
10 December	Human Rights Day	<p>Celebrates the anniversary of the adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. The declaration can be</p>

DATE	EVENT	SIGNIFICANCE
		viewed at: http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/index.shtml

3. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management

Aboriginal cultural heritage management can encompass the protection and enhancement of Aboriginal heritage; the assessment of threats to Aboriginal heritage and to help fulfil heritage survey requirements under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

Aboriginal cultural heritage management plans can be used to guide activities for the protection and enhancement of Aboriginal cultural heritage and to engage Aboriginal people and incorporate their traditional knowledge as part of the planning, implementation and operational processes when developing projects and management plans¹¹.

Heritage management is also used to assess the threats to a heritage site(s). Threats can include natural processes such as erosion, present-day practices such as road building or mining and the risk that people will pilfer artefacts if they find out about the site. The protection of a site can be supported by demonstrating how significant a site is through significance assessment. Significance assessment is carried out by heritage professionals who can carry out detailed field research, but it is often done because of the work of other people in the community.

A heritage assessment is a process by which Aboriginal heritage values within a local government area may be identified. These values may be tangible, that is associated with particular objects—or intangible, including places where no physical evidence remains but that have particular meaning for the Aboriginal community.

Heritage assessments are a strategic and proactive way for a local government to improve its planning and service delivery to include the Aboriginal community. They provide an opportunity to involve Aboriginal people early in the planning process to identify any cultural issues or important places which can reduce the chances of lengthy project delays due to discovering Aboriginal cultural heritage values late within the project planning process. Through heritage assessments, a better understanding can be gained of the important Aboriginal heritage places within a local government area that it may wish to protect and maintain culture. Heritage assessments can also assist with decision-making on development and location of services and infrastructure.

Cultural mapping is inclusive of family groups who have heritage connections to areas and regions. Importantly this process is inclusive of other Aboriginal people living in the municipality.

¹¹ An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan Template has been developed by Perth Region NRM for local government. The document can be downloaded at: <http://www.perthregionnrm.com/pr-nrm-programs/indigenous-cultural-heritage-program/resources.aspx>

4. Reconciliation Action Plan

A Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP trademark pending) is a tool developed by Reconciliation Australia that organisations can use to build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The purpose of a RAP is to develop actions for organisations to engage within their sphere of influence in the national effort to close the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians (Reconciliation Australia, 2006). Reconciliation Australia provides access to a toolkit and resources where organisations choose to sign up to develop a RAP.

Local governments are in an excellent position to champion racial harmony between all groups in their respective regional boundaries and in particular to celebrate Noongar and Aboriginal culture.

5. The Aboriginal Flag – A Symbol of Recognition

Flying the Aboriginal Flag on commemorative days is a strong symbol of recognition. The Australian Aboriginal Flag was designed by artist Harold Thomas, an Elder from the Northern Territory, in 1971 to be a recognisable symbol of unity and identity for Aboriginals.

The flag was first raised in Adelaide's Victoria Square on National Aborigines Day, 12 July 1971. It was recognised nationally by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities after it was flown above the "Tent Embassy" outside Parliament House in Canberra in 1972 when Aboriginal people were seeking national justice, including land rights, education, legal rights and health. On 14 July 1995 the flag gained official recognition 'as the flag of the Aboriginal peoples of Australia and a flag of significance to the Australian nation generally' under the *Flags Act 1953 (Cmth)*.

*The **black** is often said to represent the Aboriginal people of Australia*

*The **red** to depict the earth, ochre and the spiritual relationship to the land*

*The **yellow** to represent the sun, the constant giver of life*

The Aboriginal flag should be flown or displayed with the black at the top and the red at the bottom.

In 1997 the Federal Court recognised Harold Thomas as the author of the flag and as a result the Australian Aboriginal flag is protected under copyright and may be reproduced only in accordance with the provisions of the *Copyright Act 1968 (Cmth)* or with the permission of Harold Thomas. Mr Thomas has awarded a licence for the manufacture and marketing of the Australian Aboriginal Flag to Carroll and Richardson Flags where flags can be purchased.

Permission is not required to fly the Australian Aboriginal Flag.

More information on flag protocols can be found on the Australian Government website It's An Honour (See Resources List Section 9).

6. Noongar Languages/Dual Naming - Noongar Place names

Local government can play an important role in the promotion of Aboriginal languages. This role in creating broader community awareness of Aboriginal languages is recognised in other regions and States.

Local governments are encouraged to consider the appropriate use of Noongar names for newly proclaimed public places and roads or if upgrading. In new land developments it is important that the use of Noongar names is carefully negotiated with the Noongar community.

Local governments are also encouraged to consider dual-naming already European named geographical features such as rivers, creeks, waterfalls, islands, hills and caves. This is especially important for those cultural and environmental features of significance to the local Aboriginal community.

Local governments place-naming policies should include procedures for identifying and selecting the names of local places and features in the local Aboriginal language and consultative mechanisms to verify the appropriateness of suggested names.

7. Local Government Council Policy and Processes

Local governments can recognise and acknowledge the Aboriginal community through Council policy and processes which can be incorporated in operational activities. This may include :

- Conducting ceremonies such as Traditional Welcome to Country and Acknowledgment of Country¹²;
- Developing Statements of Commitment and Memoranda of Understanding;
- Setting Indigenous employment targets; and
- Providing cultural awareness training for staff.

Local government policy that acknowledges, respects and promotes Noongar and Aboriginal culture can create racial harmony in the community and provide guidelines and raise awareness for local government officers and elected members.

¹² Refer to SWALSC protocols document "Living Culture – Living Land and its people" available at: <http://www.noongar.org.au/news.php>

8. Resource List

Organisation	Resource Name	Source
Australian Heritage Commission	Ask First - A Guide to Respecting Indigenous Heritage Places and Values (2002)	http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/ahc/publications/commission/books/ask-first.html
Department of Indigenous Affairs (WA) ATSIS (Aust Govt)	Consulting Citizens - Engaging with Aboriginal Western Australians	http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/Documents/ReportsPublications/ConsultingCitizensSept2005.pdf
Department of Premier and Cabinet (WA)	Consulting Citizens: A Resource Guide	http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/icele/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=948
Perth Region NRM	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Template	http://www.perthregionnrm.com/pr-nrm-programs/indigenous-cultural-heritage-program/resources.aspx
Local Government Association of NSW	Engaging with local Aboriginal communities: A Resource Kit for Local Government in NSW document (2007) Examples of a Memorandum of Understanding and Statement of Commitment	http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_Documents/Ind ex.asp?documenttype=10&sectionid=1&actionid=1&next=y&irecx=4&mi=31
Reconciliation Australia	Promote and build reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians for the wellbeing of the nation. Administer Reconciliation Action Plans	www.reconciliation.org.au
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) - Local Government Consultation and Engagement	Consultation and engagement with Indigenous and Aboriginal People	http://www.vlga.org.au/Resources/Consultation_and_Engagement/Engaging_Hard_to_Reach_Groups/Indigenous_and_Aboriginal_People.aspx
South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council	Final Report, Executive Summary Report and Consultation Protocol Guidelines - Swan and Canning Rivers Iconic Trails Project – Living Culture – Living Land and its people.	http://www.noongar.org.au/news.php
Australian Government. Department of Families,	Engagement with Indigenous Australians (2010).	http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/engagement/engagement/Pages/default.aspx

Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs		
It's An Honour Website	Federal Government Recognition and Awards website Information on flags, Australian symbols, coat of arms, national anthem, protocols for using, flying symbols and flags etc.	http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/symbols/otherflag.cfm

9. Contact List

Organisation Name	Contact	Information/Services	Telephone/Fax	Email	Address	Web
South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council	Regional Development Manager (Metro Working Group Co-ordinator)	www.noongar.org.au	(08) 9358 7400 Fax: (08) 9358 7499	reception1@noongar.org.au	HomeTown Centre 1490 Albany Highway Cannington WA 6107	www.noongar.org.au
Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Land Approvals and Native Title Unit		Native title	(08) 9222 9613 Fax: (08) 9222 9877		Native Title Level 2, Governor Stirling Tower, 197 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000 Postal address Locked Bag 10 Cloisters Square PERTH WA 6850	http://www.native.title.wa.gov.au/Pages/Default.aspx http://www.native.title.wa.gov.au/Pages/Links.aspx

Organisation Name	Contact	Information/Services	Telephone/Fax	Email	Address	Web
Department of Indigenous Affairs	Heritage Officer (Southern) Heritage and Culture Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access, advice and information on Heritage sites in Southern region • DIA Informants List • <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> compliance 			<p>Street address:</p> <p>Level 1, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth, Western Australia</p> <p>Postal address:</p> <p>PO Box 7770, Cloister's Square Perth, Western Australia 6850</p>	www.dia.wa.gov.au
Department of Indigenous Affairs	Executive Officer: Camille Kirby	Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC)	(08) 9235 8059 Fax: (08) 9235 8088	acmc@dia.wa.gov.au	As above	As above
Department of Indigenous Affairs	Dr. Kathryn Przywolnik	Registrar of Aboriginal Sites	(08) 9235 8000	registrar@dia.wa.gov.au	As above	As above

Organisation Name	Contact	Information/Services	Telephone/Fax	Email	Address	Web
Department of Indigenous Affairs Regional Office Metro / Wheatbelt	Project Officer	Provide advice and information on Heritage sites in Southern region	(08) 9374 8900	n/a	Ground Floor, South Node, LANDGATE Building Old Gt Northern Hwy PO Box 1696 Midland 6936	As above
Landgate		Native title services (Native Title Project Management and Native Title Plan and Mapping)	(08) 9273 7373 Fax: (08) 9273 7666	customerservice@landgate.wa.gov.au	Head Office Old Gt Northern Hwy PO Box 1696 Midland 6936	www.landgate.wa.gov.au



9.6 REGIONAL SERVICES PROPOSED FUNDING PROGRAM 2012/2013 TO 2016/2017

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13587

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with a first draft of project proposals and preliminary requirements for funding Regional Services activities for the period 2012/2013 to 2016/2017.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The preliminary Draft Regional Services Projects Funding Summary 2012/2013 – 2016/2017 has been developed to achieve the objectives of the EMRC Strategic Plan for the Future 2010/11 to 2013/14, adopted by Council in August 2010.
- Initial draft project and budgets have been developed for Council and member Council consideration.
- It is proposed for the period 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 that the following projects be supported for ongoing funding and delivery:
- Regional Development projects include:
 1. Regional Transport Planning and Development;
 2. Regional Economic Development;
 3. Regional Youth and Education;
 4. Regional Tourism Program; and
 5. Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship Program.
- Environmental Services projects include:
 1. Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program;
 2. Future Proofing for Climate Change;
 3. Perth Solar City;
 4. Achieving Climate Emission Reductions (ACEr);
 5. Water Campaign;
 6. Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework.

Recommendation

That Council approves in principle support to the project proposals as outlined in the Regional Services Project Funding Summary 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 for use in initiating discussion with member Councils for consideration in the 2012/2013 draft budget.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Regional Services
Manager Environmental Services
Manager Regional Development



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BACKGROUND

Regional Services delivers regionally based projects to member Councils in the areas of environmental protection, economic development (including tourism related programs) and transport planning. Projects and programs have varied over time in response to the needs of member Councils and regional issues that emerge and are deemed to be better dealt with on a regional basis.

The EMRC Establishment Agreement 1998 allows for the EMRC to provide a wide range of services to member Councils. Delivery of services is driven through an annual process aligned to the business planning and budget processes of all member Councils. This annual process provides for the EMRC to develop a set of proposals and associated funding models in order to provide clarity to elected members and member Council officers about what the EMRC's direction should be in delivering regional services and to seek agreement by all parties involved.

The project proposals are based on the EMRC funding model for Regional Development projects that was adopted by Council in 1999. In April 2000, Council reviewed the member Council/EMRC funding mix for Regional Development projects. At a meeting of Council held on April 27 2000, it was resolved that where a member Council/EMRC funding mix was to be adopted, the following formula would be utilised to determine contributions: (Ref: Committees-1794).

“THAT THE ORIGINAL EMLAG MODEL (EMRC 50%, MEMBER COUNCILS 50%) BE REVISED WITH ONE THIRD SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE SIX MEMBER COUNCILS, THE SECOND THIRD BE SHARED PROPORTIONALITY ACCORDING TO RATE REVENUE AND THE FINAL THIRD SHARED PROPORTIONALLY ACCORDING TO POPULATION”.

The funding model requires that for projects greater than \$50,000, and involving all six member Councils, the member Council contributions be calculated as outlined in the above resolution. The Regional Services model and framework was discussed at the 15 November 2007 meeting of member Council Chief Executive Officers. The Chief Executive Officers supported the development of the model and framework, noting that the principles were still relevant and that it formed a structured and logical way to go forward.

The Regional Services Funding Model and Framework identified four broad categories of projects and services:

- Full cost recovery projects and services;
- Partial cost recovery projects and services;
- EMRC funded projects and services; and
- EMRC support and administration.



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For the current financial year (2011/2012) the following programs and projects are being delivered to member Councils:

Table 1

Regional Development	Member Council Funding Received	Grant Funding Received	Total Project Funding (including member Council, EMRC and Grant funding)
Regional Integrated Transport	Nil	Nil	\$139,552
Regional Economic Development	\$12,100	Nil	\$155,000
Regional Youth and Education	Nil	Nil	\$30,556
Regional Development – Tourism	\$50,000	\$250,000	\$330,660
Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship	Nil	Nil	\$140,000
Total	\$72,100	\$250,000	795,768

Table 2

Environmental Services	Member Council Funding Received	Grant Funding Received	Total Project Funding (including member Council, EMRC and Grant funding)
Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program	\$72,000	\$144,000	\$284,000
Future Proofing for Climate Change	\$75,000	0	\$140,000
Perth Solar City	\$90,000	\$915,559	\$1,005,559
Achieving Carbon Emissions Reduction (ACEr) program	\$42,300	0	\$90,000
Water Campaign	\$75,300	0	\$96,000
Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework	0	0	\$114,497
Total	\$354,600	1,059,559	\$1,730,056

To date, for the 2011 /2012 financial period the EMRC has received \$1,470,432 in grants for the region.

The total EMRC net contribution of \$1,387,644 for Regional Development and \$928,636¹ (a total of \$2,316,280) for Environmental Services projects and services is being derived from surplus revenue anticipated from the commercial operations of the Red Hill Waste Management. This financial benefit is distributed to all member Councils participating in Regional Service's projects.

REPORT

The Regional Development and Environmental Services projects are consistent with the EMRC Strategic Plan for the Future 2010/11 – 2013/14. The Regional Services Directorate coordinates, facilitates and jointly funds major regionally significant projects that improve social, economic and environmental outcomes for Perth's Eastern Region.

¹ EMRC Annual Budget- Synergy Soft Reports - August 2011



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The Regional Services Project Funding Summary 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 (Attached) outlines major project areas that will require a level of direct financial support and/or member Councils' officer time to provide input, advice, and the provision of data as required. Details of all such requirements will be managed operationally between EMRC and member Councils' officers, whereby specific actions will be developed and outlined in the project delivery plans for each project. These projects are outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of the Project Funding Summary.

Project delivery plans will be developed once the overarching strategic intent of the project proposals outlined in the Project Funding Summary have been agreed upon, in the first instance, by the EMRC Council via the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee and then through presentations to member Councils' Executive Officers and Executive staff in the first quarter of 2012.

Following the consultative process and final agreement of the projects, funding will be integrated into future annual and long-term budgets. It is anticipated that Member Councils will subsequently be invoiced for their agreed project contributions in third quarter of 2012.

1. Regional Development Projects

The Regional Services Project Funding Summary proposes that the following Regional Development projects are supported for ongoing funding and delivery in 2012/2013. Table 3 summarises the projects and compares the 2011/2012 budget with the proposals for 2012/2013.



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Table 3

Regional Development Projects	Budget 2011/2012	Proposed 2012/2013	Comment
1.Regional Transport Planning Projects			
Regional Integrated Transport Plan	\$77,758	\$80,000	To implement transport strategy actions, including lobbying.
Travel Smart Programs	\$40,000	\$60,000	To employ a regional TravelSmart Officer to implement Travel Smart projects.
Regional Walking Strategy	\$21,794	\$20,000	Budget for developing a Regional Walking Strategy
Total	\$139,552	\$160,000	
2. Regional Economic Development Projects			
Regional Economic Development Plan	\$65,000	\$80,000	To implement economic development strategy actions
Research Program	\$60,000	\$80,000	Undertake research to inform the implementation of REDS (Includes Economic profile tools)
Regional Investment Attraction	\$20,000	\$20,000	Promote the region to attract workforce and investment
Business Retention and Expansion	\$10,000	\$10,000	Retain and expand existing business and industry
Perth Autumn Festival	\$60,000	\$61,800	Develop and promote Perth Autumn Festival
Avon Descent Family Fun Days	\$268,400	\$276,040	Develop and promote Avon Descent Family Fun Days. Project requires grant funding
PerthTourism.com.au	\$2,260	\$2,328	Development and maintenance of website
Total	\$485,660	\$530,168	
3.Regional Youth and Education*			
Facilitate Regional Youth Projects	\$30,556	\$35,000	Budget for agreed youth initiatives approved by Council.
Total	\$30,556	\$35,000	
5.Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship Projects*			
Regional Advocacy Strategy	\$65,000	\$66,000	To implement regional advocacy strategy activities
Advocacy Materials	\$10,000	\$10,000	Develop advocacy material
Regional Advocacy Data Base	\$10,000	\$8,000	Investigate the need for regional advocacy data base
Advocacy Training and Development	\$10,000	\$10,000	Provide regional advocacy training and development for advocates
Canberra Delegation	\$10,000	\$12,000	Coordinate Canberra delegation
Regional Advocacy Meetings	\$5,000	\$5,000	Coordinate regional advocacy meetings
Sponsorship and Grants	\$30,000	\$30,000	Provide sponsorship /grants in line with Council recommendations.
Total	\$140,000	\$141,000	
Total Project Investment	\$795,768	\$866,168	

**** Regional Youth and Education and Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship Projects are fully funded by EMRC.**

In general the project funding proposals have remained in line with previous year funding levels, however as projects are identified and scoped as a result of ongoing interaction with member Councils' officer groups, funding proposals will be presented to Council when they have been fully developed.



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For 2012 /2013, increased funding contributions are sought to undertake research to inform the implementation of the Regional Economic Development Strategy and to support the employment of a Regional TravelSmart Officer (Subject to grant funding being received)

Arrangements for Perth's Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent, the Hills Trails Promotion and the Perth Tourism Website will be integrated under the umbrella of the Regional Economic Development Strategy as resolved by Council 23 June 2011 and detailed in CEOAC Agenda Item 9.2 (Ref: Committees–12366).

Table 4 below shows a summary of the proposed member Council contributions for the 2012/2013 financial year towards the proposed Regional Development projects of \$866,168 outlined above in Table 3.

Table 4

	Regional Development Projects
Town of Bassendean	19,053
City of Bayswater	38,283
City of Belmont	31,547
Shire of Kalamunda	33,310
Shire of Mundaring	29,087
City of Swan	67,003
Total	\$218,283

2. Environmental Services Projects

The program for Environmental Services Projects includes a number of ongoing programs that are undertaken using a combination of EMRC, member Council and grant funds. Environmental Services Projects include:

1. Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP);
2. Future Proofing for Climate Change;
3. Perth Solar City;
4. Achieving Climate Emissions Reductions (ACER);
5. Water Campaign; and
6. Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework.

Table 5 below summarises the projects and compares the 2011/2012 budget with the proposals for 2012/2013.



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Table 5

Environmental Services Projects	Budget 2011/12	Proposed 2012/13
Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program	284,000	283,000
Future Proofing for Climate Change	140,000	140,000
Perth Solar City	1,005,559	90,000
ACER	90,000	66,860
Water Campaign™	96,000	95,000
Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework	114,497	120,000
Total	\$1,730,056	\$794,860

It should also be noted that the Perth Solar City project will be completed as at 30th June 2013 and that there is no grant funding from the Australian government in 2012/2013.

Table 6 below shows a summary of the proposed member Council contributions for the 2012/2013 financial year towards the proposed Environment Services projects of \$794,860 outlined above in Table 5.

Table 6

	Environmental Services Projects
Town of Bassendean	50,147
City of Bayswater	53,566
City of Belmont	53,471
Shire of Kalamunda	58,145
Shire of Mundaring	78,683
City of Swan	56,453
Total	\$350,465

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Key Result Area 1 – Environmental Sustainability

- 1.5 To contribute towards improved regional air, water & land quality and regional biodiversity conservation

Key Result Area 2 – Social Opportunities

- 2.1 To facilitate regional tourism development

Key Result Area 3 – Economic Development

- 3.1 To facilitate increased investment in regional infrastructure



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Key Result Area 4 – Good Governance

- 4.4 To manage partnerships and relationships with stakeholders
- 4.5 To Improve marketing and communications

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Table 7 below shows the combined member Council contributions towards Regional Development and Environmental Services projects proposed for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Attachment 1 provides the preliminary draft proposed project funding and expenditure summaries for Regional Development and Environmental Services projects for the period 2012/2013 – 2016/2017.

Table 7: Summary of Proposed Member Council Project Combined Contributions for Regional Development and Environmental Services Projects – 2012/2013

	Environmental Services	Regional Development	Total
Town of Bassendean	50,147	19,053	69,200
City of Bayswater	53,566	38,283	91,849
City of Belmont	53471	31,547	85,018
Shire of Kalamunda	58,145	33,310	91,455
Shire of Mundaring	78,683	29,087	107,770
City of Swan	56,453	67,003	123,456
Total	\$350,465	\$218,283	\$568,748

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Regional Services Directorate provides services that are targeted directly at enhancing the region’s sustainability. Projects are diverse to ensure they address key regional issues which fall under each of the broad areas of social, economic and environmental development and meet the outcomes of the Regional Economy Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy, the Regional Advocacy Strategy and the Regional Integrated Transport Strategy.

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council

- Town of Bassendean
- City of Bayswater
- City of Belmont
- Shire of Kalamunda
- Shire of Mundaring
- City of Swan

Implication Details

Member Councils will be invited to support the projects being proposed in both a financial capacity in the case of some projects and with human resource support across all projects by way of providing advice, guidance and data as required during the implementation processes of all projects.



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ATTACHMENT(S)

Regional Services Project Funding Summary 2012/2013 to 2016/2017 (Ref: Committees-13633)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That:

Council approves in principle support to the project proposals as outlined in the Regional Services Project Funding Summary 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 for use in initiating discussion with member Councils for consideration in the 2012/2013 draft budget.

CEOAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MS LEFANTE

SECONDED MR THROSSELL

Council approves in principle support to the project proposals as outlined in the Regional Services Project Funding Summary 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 for use in initiating discussion with member Councils for consideration in the 2012/2013 draft budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Advancing Perth's Eastern Region 

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Section 1 - Regional Development Projects - Overview

The Regional Development team works with the EMRC's six member Councils, regional stakeholders and government partners to stimulate economic growth and associated employment opportunities for the region. Undertaking advocacy to address strategic regional priorities and securing investment in critical infrastructure required to facilitate growth, is also an important role for the Regional Development team.

The Regional Development team works collaboratively with member Councils and regional stakeholders to:

- Encourage sustainable economic development in the region.
- Facilitate two key regional tourism events and activities.
- Facilitate integrated transport planning initiatives to provide an efficient, safe and integrated regional transport network.
- Advocate for regional issues and opportunities to maximise the benefits for member Councils and communities.

The Regional Development projects being proposed relate to the following programs:

- Regional Transport Planning
- Regional Land Use Planning
- Regional Economic Development
- Regional Youth and Education
- Regional Tourism
- Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship

The Regional Development Business Unit comprises five full time employees and one part time employee.

- Manager, Regional Development
- Strategic Project Officer (Tourism & Community)
- Strategic Project Officer (Transport & Planning)
- Strategic Project Officer (Economic Development)
- Project Officer, Regional Development
- Administration Research Officer

The positions of Manager Regional Development and Administration Research Officer are established to support the overall service area. The four specialist positions are contract positions attached to the specific project delivery areas and their costs are incorporated into the proposed projects summaries.

Member Council officers advise the EMRC on the development and delivery of strategies and projects through participation on steering groups as follows:

Project	Regional Officer Advisory Groups
Regional Transport and Land Use Development	Regional Integrated Transport Strategy Implementation Advisory Group (RITS IAG) <i>Comprising Technical Directors from member Councils, Department of Transport, Department of Planning, Main Roads, Public Transport Authority, WA Transport Forum, Perth Airport Pty Ltd</i>
Regional Economic Development Program	Economic Development Officers Group (EDOG) <i>Comprising Economic Development Officers from member Councils</i>
Regional Tourism Program	Perth's Autumn Festival Project Team Avon Decent Family Fun Days Project Team <i>These project teams comprise of Events, Recreation and Marketing Officers from member Councils and participating Councils and/or organisations</i>
Regional Advocacy Program	Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee (CEOAC) Regional Advocacy Advisory Group (RAAG) <i>Comprising senior officers from member councils</i>

The Regional Development funding model requires that for member Council contributions that are greater than \$50,000, these contributions are as follows as agreed at the Ordinary meeting of Council 27 April 2000 (Ref: Committees – 1794).

- One third shared equally between the six member Councils;
- The second third be shared proportionately according to rate revenue; and
- The final third be shared proportionately according to population.

The Regional Development formula was last applied in 2004/2005 and an annual 5% increase was agreed. The formula applied in this report is based on an annual 3% increase from 2013/2014 to take into account actual inflation trends.

New Regional Development Areas being investigated during 2012-2013

Land Use Planning

In 2010 the EMRC Council requested that in light of the proposed changes to legislation in relation to Development Assessment Panels and the development and adoption of the *Directions 2031 and Beyond* planning strategy, the EMRC undertake investigation into how land use planning can be supported through a regional approach.

The legislation relating to Development Assessment Panels was finalised in early 2011 and the EMRC developed a submission and has maintained a watching brief of this legislation over the past 12 months.

The EMRC has monitored and responded to the development of the Directions 2031 Strategy and during 2011 reviewed the Strategy and prepared a regional submission to the draft Directions 2031 sub regional strategies.

In light of the changing direction and approach to land use planning and development, the EMRC will undertake discussions with member Council officers to identify areas of potential synergy where the EMRC may be able to provide assistance to member Councils. Upon completion of these discussions, a report will be developed that outlines the future potential support that can be provided by the EMRC.

1.1 Regional Transport Planning

PURPOSE

The provision of regional transport planning is to guide and manage the region's transport development to ensure a safe, accessible and efficient transport network for the future. The project aims address the under investment in transport infrastructure in Perth's Eastern Region through a co-ordinated and integrated approach, supported by all major stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The Regional Integrated Transport Strategy (RITS) for Perth's Eastern Region examines transport and access issues affecting economic growth, liveability of the region and the wellbeing of the community.

The RITS Action Plan identifies prioritised strategies and actions to address transport and access issues in Perth's Eastern Region. Securing investment in infrastructure is a challenge to the implementation of RITS and the EMRC's role is predominantly to advocate the region's business case to government. The RITS Implementation Advisory Group is an important source of information and advice to EMRC to ensure advocacy activities are well targeted.

Since endorsement of the RITS in 2007, the EMRC has assisted with the following activities:

- Advocacy for the prioritisation of urban roads around Perth Airport.
- Participation in the State Government's Gateway WA Perth Airport and Freight Access Project Steering Committee.
- Participation in the City East Alliance Great Eastern Highway Upgrade Network Operations Working Group.
- Growth in TravelSmart programs such as delivery of TravelSmart Household through the Living Smart project.
- Promotion of Cycle Tourism experiences and development of the Cycle Perth's Eastern Region brochure.
- Development of a Regional Cycle Network Masterplan to guide development and integration of local cycle paths across the region.
- Increased advocacy through Regional Network Cycle Public Forums in partnership with Curtin University.
- Increased advocacy efforts for the Perth to Darwin Highway.
- Development of a Walkability Audit Tool in partnership with the Department of Transport to increase take up of walking as an alternative mode of transport.

Regional Cycle Network Masterplan

The EMRC undertook investigations with state and regional stakeholders to identify opportunities to build Cycling Tourism and Events in Perth's Eastern Region in 2007 and 2008. Five priority regional projects offering greatest benefit to Perth's Eastern Region were identified and are being progressed. One of the two remaining priorities was to identify and address cycling infrastructure gaps and priorities.

The Perth Bike Network provides the Western Australian Government's framework within which local and regional cycle infrastructure planning and development occurs. Department of Transport, through the annual Perth Bicycle Network Local Government Grants program, supports Councils to develop local bike plans, construct paths and place directional signage along pathways. From this grant program, the EMRC received funds to develop a Cycling Infrastructure Masterplan for Perth's Eastern Region.

The EMRC consulted with Member Councils and the Department of Transport's Bikewest Branch and agreed that a regional approach could improve connectivity, consistency and efficiency in the planning and development of cycle infrastructure in Perth's Eastern Region.

The EMRC in conjunction with Curtin University's Department of Urban and Regional Planning facilitated two community forums in March 2011 to collect data for inclusion in the Masterplan. This data included: the quality of the existing cycle infrastructure and routes; the identification of new routes to provide linkages; and the identification of the types of infrastructure need in various situations relating to land use.

On 3 November 2011 the EMRC Council was informed of the completion of the Regional Cycle Network Masterplan by the ARRB Group in conjunction with the EMRC, member Councils and Curtin University.

Walkability Audit Tool

The vision of the Walk WA: A Walking Strategy for Western Australia (2007-2020) is that:

'By 2020, Western Australia will be a vibrant, safe, accessible place with a supportive walking environment where all Western Australians enjoy walking for health, recreation and transport'.

The Strategy defines four aspects that create a supportive walking environment and assist to contribute to the achievement of the walkability targets and goals set in the various strategies: Access, Aesthetics, Safety and Security and Comfort. Liveable Neighborhoods (Western Australian Planning Commission 2007) also emphasises the need for walkable environments.

The Walkability Audit Tool is based on work conducted by the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) for the Department of Transport in May 2011 and was revised by Department of Transport Walking and Access Unit staff following feedback from members of the project team who reviewed and trialed the audit tool.

The Walkability Audit Tool is a tool for use by officers of local government authorities, consultants and community groups to identify issues to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility and amenity, identify appropriate countermeasures, and document the findings of the situation in an audit report to develop an action plan for the Council.

Although a clear mandate for accessible communities has been identified in a number of high level cross-sectoral government strategies, such as Directions 2031 and Beyond: Metropolitan planning beyond the horizon (Department of Planning 2010), Liveable Neighbourhoods (Western Australian Planning Commission 2004) and Walk WA: A walking strategy for Western Australia 2007-2020 (Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce 2007); there is often insufficient emphasis and profile placed on accessible communities during the land development process, resulting in developments that do not address some important aspects of accessibility.

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council's Regional Integrated Transport Strategy Action Plan 2010-2013 also identified the need for a proactive and strategic approach to facilitating walking within the region.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012 - 2013?

The RITS Action Plan 2010 - 2013 provides direction for ongoing activities to be undertaken over the next three years. During 2009, the EMRC facilitated a review of the RITS Action Plan to ensure it was providing current and relevant direction. The revised RITS Action Plan clearly outlines the priorities over the next three years with priorities for 2012/2013 as follows:

Key Focus Area 1 – Integrated Transport and Land Use Planning.

Action	Timeframe	Priority
1.1 Advocate to the State Government for funding support and resources to build capacity of member Councils in the planning of activity centres.	Ongoing	High
1.5 Work with the Departments of Planning and Transport to develop private/public alliances to provide the land and infrastructure required at activity and employment centres to support alternative modes of transport.	Ongoing	Medium
1.7 Monitor and participate in the development of Perth Airports Pty Ltd proposed access plans to ensure that there is alignment with Local Government access planning and <i>Directions 2031</i> ⁶ and related policy and planning documents.	Short	High
1.8 Advocate, giving consideration to Local Government biodiversity strategies, to resolve delays in securing environmental approval for priority transport related infrastructure projects due to land clearing objections.	Short	Medium
1.9 Monitor and participate in development of the State Government Metropolitan Parking Strategy and its implementation in the region's activity and employment centres.	Ongoing	High

Key Focus Area 2 – Public Transport Service Provision

Action	Timeframe	Priority
2.1 Advocate for service funding and collaborative solutions to increase Public Transport in the region.	Ongoing	High
2.2 Advocate for increased public transport services to the Region's activity and employment centres.	Ongoing	Medium
2.3 Advocate for an increase in feeder services in peak times to provide a more viable option for outer suburb residents and to reduce impact on park and ride capacity at public transport stations.	Ongoing	Medium
2.5 Develop a public/private alliance to enable alternative transport modes to be offered to and at Perth Airport.	Short	Medium
2.7 Ensure the current level of bus service to the Perth Airport does not deteriorate any further.	Short	High

	Action	Timeframe	Priority
2.8	Encourage commuters travelling to key public transport stations to use alternative modes of transport to alleviate pressure on park and ride facilities.	Ongoing	High
2.9	Advocate for increased infrastructure to support alternate modes of transport at public transport stations and at key bus stops in activity and employment centres.	Ongoing	High
2.11	Assist the Public Transport Authority in identifying public transport usage and barriers.	Ongoing	High

Key Focus Area 3 – Connectivity and Accessibility for Walking and Cycling

	Action	Timeframe	Priority
3.5	From the master plans (refer Action 3.4), extract the infrastructure requirements, priority actions and develop a regional walk and cycle infrastructure program that shows potential for cooperation between Local Government areas and advocacy activities.	Medium	High
3.6	Conduct accessibility audits of major Public Transport stops within the region and use this information to advocate for funding to improve access points and alleviate pressure on park and ride by encouraging use of alternative modes of transport.	Medium	High
3.8	Advocate to Department of Transport for development of a set of standards for walking and cycling facilities and for adoption by Councils.	Short	Medium
3.9	Coordinate interested parties in the walking and cycling infrastructure field to develop collaborative approaches to securing funding for priority regional infrastructure projects.	Medium	Medium

Key Focus Area 4 – Road and Freight Rail Infrastructure

	Action	Timeframe	Priority
4.10	Revise the priority roads projects listed at Appendix A, giving consideration to the original priority list and prioritisation methodology; emergent road priorities and any revisions to Metropolitan Transport Planning for roads.	Short	High

Key Focus Area 5 – Community Engagement, Education and Behaviour Change

	Action	Timeframe	Priority
5.3	Advocate for increased funding of the State Government TravelSmart program including extension of Local Government TravelSmart Officer contracts beyond two years.	Short	High
5.4	Advocate for funding to employ a regional TravelSmart officer to target educational programmes and development of Travel Demand Management Plans at employment and activity centres, including Perth Airport ,Malaga, Kewdale/Welshpool, Forrestfield, Bassendean/Bayswater).	Short	High
5.5	Conduct Travel Demand Management educational forums to encourage businesses to develop programs such as Employee TravelSmart Plans.	Short	High

	Action	Timeframe	Priority
5.10	Seek partnerships with organisations also interested in sustainable transport planning and research i.e. Universities to deliver community engagement activities.	Medium	Medium

How will member Councils benefit?

The provision of adequate and sustainable transport infrastructure in Perth's Eastern Region will become a critical issue for both local and State Government in the medium to longer term with predicted population and transport growth for Perth. By pursuing strong advocacy and working together in a regional approach, with good planning being constantly developed and revised, member Councils will benefit immensely and avoid serious traffic congestion and safety issues going forward.

In addition effectively planned activity centres and implemented travel demand management activities and resources as well as excellent walking and cycle path infrastructure will encourage use of alternative modes of transport to the car with flow on social and environmental benefits.

By developing and promoting Perth's Eastern Region for its liveability, walkability and accessibility to all services will underpin growth and development of a vibrant region.

Five Year Financial Summary

Adopted Budget 2011/12	Regional Transport Planning and Development	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Operating Income						
(30,000)	TravelSmart Initiatives* - Member Councils contributions					
	Town of Bassendean	(1,343)	(3,286)	(5,299)	0	0
	City of Bayswater	(2,692)	(6,588)	(10,624)	0	0
	City of Belmont	(2,172)	(5,312)	(8,568)	0	0
	Shire of Kalamunda	(2,333)	(5,710)	(9,209)	0	0
	Shire of Mundaring	(2,029)	(4,966)	(8,010)	0	0
	City of Swan	(4,633)	(11,338)	(18,290)	0	0
	Total Council Contribution	(15,200)	(37,200)	(60,000)	0	0
	Grants – TravelSmart Initiatives*					
Nil	Department of Transport contribution Grants – TravelSmart	(44,800)	(22,800)	0	0	0
(50,000)	Grants - Cycling Initiatives*	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)
(14,380)	Grants - Walking Initiatives*	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
(94,380)	Total Income	(90,000)	(90,000)	(90,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
Operating Expenditure						
77,758	Implement Regional Integrated Transport Strategy	80,000	85,000	90,000	95,000	100,000
40,000	Implement TravelSmart programs	60,000	70,000	70,000	0	0
100,000	Implement Regional Cycle Master Plan	0	0	0	0	0
21,794	Implement Regional Walking Strategy	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
239,552	Total Expenditure	160,000	175,000	180,000	115,000	120,000
145,172	Net EMRC Contribution	70,000	85,000	90,000	85,000	90,000

* **Expenditure for TravelSmart, cycling and walking projects will only occur if grants can be secured.**

Note: Funding allocated in 2012/13 for a Regional TravelSmart Officer to implement Travel Smart programs is also dependant on Department of Transport grant funding.

1.2 Regional Economic Development

PURPOSE

The purpose in providing regional economic development activities is to achieve and maintain a prosperous future for the region and its residents. This is achieved through a range of activities that facilitate the alignment of workforce, skills, enabling infrastructure, investment, land and leadership to the needs of industry; thereby supporting economic growth. It is critical that the EMRC responds to the expected residential population growth in the region over the next 20 years through effective investment in economic development in order to ensure sufficient employment opportunities. This aligns to key State Government planning strategies such as the Department of Planning's Directions 2031 and Beyond strategy.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council has supported member Councils and industry stakeholders to achieve economic development outcomes since 1998. Since establishment of the Economic Development Officers Group (EDOG) in September 2007, regional economic development activities undertaken by the EMRC have continued to address barriers to business and industry growth and investment attraction.

In 2010 the EMRC, in association with EDOG and other stakeholders, developed the Regional Economic Development Strategy 2010-2015 (REDS) which sets in place a structured framework for the delivery of economic development activities over the next four years. The Strategy identifies the following seven Key Focus Areas:

- **Local Jobs for Local People** - To improve employment self-containment by working with partners to focus on initiatives that align the availability of local jobs to the local working resident population, and therefore reduce the social, environmental and infrastructure burdens that arise from commuting workers in Perth's Eastern Region.
- **Buy Local, Supply Local** - To maximise local supply and demand opportunities through initiatives that reduce leakage of economic activity to other areas. The aim of this being to encourage the growth of existing businesses and the attraction of new businesses to meet local industry needs and generate opportunities in Perth's Eastern Region.
- **Think Smart, Work Smart** - To increase the output value of Perth's Eastern Region by developing and attracting knowledge intensive and creative industries, encouraging innovation in existing businesses, and generally creating higher value employment opportunities in the region.
- **Joining the Dots** - To create world class enabling infrastructure that maximises economic productivity, creates competitive advantage for businesses in Perth's Eastern Region and resolves infrastructure bottlenecks that inhibit growth.
- **Work Hard, Play Hard** - To protect, improve and promote the liveability of Perth's Eastern Region through the supply and diversity of housing, education, health, culture and vibrancy to attract workers to live and enjoy the Region in which they work.
- **Natural Growth** - To ensure that economic growth complements rather than compromises the environmental future of Perth's Eastern Region by taking an environmentally responsible and sustainable approach.
- **Responsible Leadership** - To provide good governance that facilitates responsible economic growth, advocates for Perth's Eastern Region, and encourages all stakeholders to work collaboratively together, equipped with the best knowledge to exercise sound leadership.

The Strategy defines a series of objectives and actions within each Key Focus Area and these form the basis for future activities for the team for 2012/2013.

Projects and activities undertaken in 2011/2012 with the guidance of the EDOG include:

- Further leveraging of the Regional Broadband Business Case that was developed in 2009/2010 to continue to advocate for improvements to broadband communications under the Federal Government's National Broadband Network Initiative.
- Continued provision of the REMPLAN economic profiling tool to assist member Councils. An additional dataset was added for the Perth Metropolitan Area to allow for comparisons between Perth's Eastern Region, member Councils and the broader metropolitan area. This was negotiated at no additional cost to member Councils or EMRC.
- Continued provision of the regional *profile.id* demographic profiling tool to assist member Councils. An additional tool, *atlas.id* was added which includes key socio-demographic characteristics for the Region presented as interactive maps. This was purchased at no cost to member Councils.
- Continued the series of familiarisation tours of industrial areas in the region for EMRC and member Council officers to assist with cross promotion of industry attraction opportunities. During the development of the REDS, the opportunity to invite State Government representatives was identified and as a result, more recent tours have offered member Councils the opportunity to inform State Government representatives about significant developments in the region.
- Continued to develop regional advocacy submissions which included;
 - Public Transport Network Plan – Public Transport for Perth in 2031.
 - Draft Capital City Planning Framework – A Vision for Central Perth.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012-2013?

The Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) will guide activities of the EMRC over the next three years. Within each of the Key Focus Areas of REDS there are an associated set of objectives and actions which have been prioritised in association with member Councils. Many of the actions from the strategy will be progressed in parallel with the continuation of several activities from 2011/2012 as well as through the addition of some new activities.

Continuation of previous activities and projects

A number of activities and projects will be continued from 2011/2012 as follows:

1. Industrial Tours

The industrial tours have proved very successful and the Economic Development Officers have identified the need to expand this in another direction to incorporate Small to Medium Enterprises. A mini-showcase series is the next iteration of the industrial tours, which is intended to feature approximately 5 events for local businesses with each event having a particular focus. The first of the showcases will focus on 'Health' and will occur in the first quarter of 2012.

2. Economic Development Officers Group (EDOG) Meetings

The EDOG meetings will continue to be provided during 2012/2013. The meetings provide a forum for the discussion of regional economic development matters with Economic Development Officers from member Councils as well as for information and knowledge exchange. For the next 12 months these meetings will

also be linked to new projects as an appropriate forum for the presentation of REDS progress, presentation of research findings, discussion and feedback.

3. Provision of Regional Profiling Tools

The REMPLAN, *profile.id*, and *atlas.id* tools that provide economic and demographic profiling data for the Region will continue to be provided to allow member Councils and other stakeholders access to useful profiling data relating to Perth's Eastern Region. Regular training for member Councils and key stakeholders will also be provided.

4. Cycle Perth's Eastern Region Publication

The EMRC and Mundaring Tourism Association coordinated the development of an innovative, 64-page, DL size publication which showcases a range of cycle and tourism experiences in Perth's Eastern Region accessible by public transport from the Midland Railway Line.

The free 'Cycle Perth's Eastern Region' publication is aimed at recreational cyclists with predominately on-road riding in the Perth Hills (suited to beginner, family and serious recreation riders, and mountain biking rides) with rides to suit a range of different experience levels. Copies of the publication are available from the Swan Valley, Mundaring and Kalamunda Visitor Centres; local Council offices and facilities; and a range of tourism and hospitality businesses located along the ride routes. EMRC will continue to coordinate the distribution and promotion of the brochure.

5. Perth Hills Trails Master Plan

EMRC is an active member of the Perth Hills Trails Reference Group, which is working to develop the Perth Hills Trails Master Plan. EMRC, the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring, and the Department of Environment and Conservation each contributed \$10,000 to development of the Master Plan, which was successful in receiving matching funding from Lotterywest in 2011/2012. The Master Plan is due for completion in 2012/2013.

6. Mundaring Weir Water Supply Improvement Project

EMRC is a member of the Mundaring Weir Water Supply Improvement Project Community Representative Group, which maintains community and stakeholder involvement given the significance of Mundaring Weir as a tourist destination to the region. The project involves the construction of several new assets and upgrades at or near Mundaring Weir between 2010 and 2014 and includes improvements to the precinct and public facilities for residents and visitors. The group receives monthly email updates on the project, and seeks feedback regarding the Interpretation Precinct elements as required.

New Projects

The new projects for 2012/2013 are summarised in the following section.

1. External Program Review

As many REDS actions are likely to complement activities being undertaken, planned, or of interest to other stakeholders (e.g. State and Federal Government departments), an initial period of research will be undertaken to identify these activities. This process will aim to promote the establishment of on-going communication channels and to discuss opportunities to link support for delivery of REDS actions to the activities of other key stakeholders. Specific areas may include:

- Workforce and Skills: Department of Workforce Development, local education providers
- Cluster Development: Department of Commerce, Enterprise Connect
- Local Jobs Provision: Department of Planning

The research will involve meeting representatives from these and other related organisations and maintaining an on-going two-way relationship during the progression of REDS actions. It will be intended to blend the results of this review with input from the Economic Development Officers Group (EDOG) to ensure a complete picture of programs and activities of relevance in the region.

2. Independent Research Program

Several actions will require independent research to identify key insights that will influence delivery of REDS actions. This activity will package research into discrete projects that can be undertaken independently. The results of this research will be used to inform the next stages of stakeholder and industry engagement. Research projects include:

- Skills Gap Analysis: To undertake desktop analysis of skills requirements of industry using data from sources such as REMPLAN (Actions 1.1 - High Priority)
- Perception Research: To undertake a survey to assess how Perth's Eastern Region is perceived as a place to live work and play (Action 5.2 - Medium Priority)
- Public Private Partnerships: To undertake research to identify models and case studies for successful public private partnerships (Action 4.3 - Low Priority) – *optional as identified as low priority*

The scope for these research projects will be discussed with EDOG to ensure that the research provides the basis to support local outcomes.

3. Economic Development Officers Group (EDOG) Engagement

The EMRC will consult with the Economic Development Officers Group to discuss findings from the Independent Research Program and the External Program Review. It is intended that this consultation will be undertaken primarily through the existing regular EDOG meetings. The consultation will involve the two-way exchange of information to support the member Councils with their own local economic development priorities as well as to support the EMRC with the implementation of the REDS actions

4. Create Industry Engagement Framework

Part of the activity will be to work with EDOG to create a structured framework for engaging with local business and industry (the Engagement Framework and Business Insights Program) which form the next stages of work. Many of the actions from REDS require engagement with businesses and industry stakeholders to capture insights that will inform the development of tailored support strategies. Therefore a key element of the implementation of REDS will be consultation with local industry via member Councils. Similar approaches have been successfully implemented for the Regional Integrated Transport Strategy such as the Perth to Darwin Highway workshops. An Engagement Framework will be developed in close association with member Councils to create a 'toolkit', an agreed approach for capturing feedback from businesses in Perth's Eastern Region, and an outline of the *Business Insights* Program. The framework will be based upon the outcomes from the EDOG engagement activity and may include surveys, interviews and workshops. The framework is also expected to embed methods, tools and branding to support member Councils with their own priorities; linking in with member Council activities where appropriate.

Examples of tasks within this activity may include:

- The mini showcases.
- A review and alignment of existing information and activities from member Councils relating to key themes.
- A review of opportunities to leverage existing initiatives from member Councils and support with local member Council economic development priorities.
- Creating key insight areas and associated topics for discussion with local businesses.
- Structuring engagement methods and tools to capture feedback.
- Reviewing the framework and associated tools with member Councils.

5. Business Insights Program

The *Business Insights* Program will be the implementation and delivery of the Engagement Framework through a period of consultation with local business and industry to capture information and insights. The *Business Insights* Program will also lead to beneficial outcomes for member Councils through providing a channel for member Councils to promote their profile with their local businesses. The Program is also expected to achieve additional outcomes on behalf of member Councils by providing a two-way mechanism for information exchange and networking with local businesses. This two-way information exchange and networking will support a number of additional REDS actions relating to advocacy, education and promotion activities within the strategy (e.g. networking, business improvement etc.)

It is expected that the *Business Insights* Program will cover six themes for the first 12 months of the program. Provisional themes that will be confirmed in earlier activities and in consultation with EDOG will include:

- Theme 1: Workforce and Skills KFA 1
- Theme 2: Supply chains KFA 2
- Theme 3: Clustering KFA 3
- Theme 4: Infrastructure KFA 4
- Theme 5: Barriers to business development and growth KFA1-7
- Theme 6: Funding KFA1-7

The *Business Insights* Program is expected to support some additional engagement strategies to support networking and advocacy actions within REDS, including facilitating the development of relationships between existing business networks and associations (e.g. local chambers of commerce, small business support centres and business associations) and increasing knowledge sharing across existing business networks to encourage creativity and innovation.

6. Regional Digital Strategy

In 2009 the National Broadband Network Company Limited was established to build and operate a National Broadband Network. In June 2009, the CEOAC recommended to Council that broadband infrastructure be included as a priority for regional advocacy with the aim of maximising opportunities that arise with the rollout of the National Broadband Network for Perth's Eastern Region.

Through the Economic Development Officers Group, information from the Local Government conference held in Sydney, the Department of Regional Development and Local Government, Economic Development Australia Conference in October, the EMRC is aware that the many LGAs have information communications technology initiatives in their regional plans. This has highlighted the need for a Regional Digital Strategy for Perth's Eastern Region.

It is proposed that the EMRC facilitate the development of a Regional Digital Strategy (RDS) in consultation with member councils through the Economic Development Officer Group (EDOG), business and industry. The Strategy will guide the EMRC in the delivery of agreed regional broadband activities and to ensure these complements member Council's existing strategies.

The RDS will address high speed broadband infrastructure critical issues currently hindering the growth capacity in Perth's Eastern Region and prepare the region to make the most effective use of the technology associated with its use. The development of a RDS will assist to strengthen and diversify the economy of Perth's Eastern Region, contribute to business viability and sustainable employment for residents.

The establishment of a RDS will complement member Council priorities and provide the strategic direction for member Councils to develop and/or align local economic digital strategies to leverage regional directions.

How will member Councils benefit?

Member Councils have made a significant contribution to the development of the Regional Economic Development Strategy and in doing so have ensured the alignment of regional priorities with their local area economic development priorities. At a high level, the Regional Economic Development Strategy will deliver outcomes that support member Councils through increasing local employment, supporting industry investment, advocacy for regional priorities, and promoting the region as a whole.

The delivery of the Strategy will be focused upon activities that capture information and feedback to support the later stages of implementation of the Strategy. This aligns to EMRC's role of research, measure and review. To a lesser extent, the activities will also support with the Strategy's other roles in advocacy, education and alignment.

Throughout this period, close collaboration with member Councils is planned and member Councils are expected to benefit from the sharing of research and information as well as realising potential value from engagement with businesses.

The activities will support the delivery of REDS actions and in turn will directly help member Councils with their own economic development activities. The activities require seeking insights from businesses themselves through the assistance of member Councils. The engagement process and associated tools are expected to support member Councils with increasing their profile with businesses in their local area.

Therefore this plan aligns regional activities, facilitated by the EMRC, with local priorities of member Councils, to maximise leverage and effective use of collective resources.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

In-kind support will be required from member Councils in the form of officer time to participate on the Economic Development Officers Group which will be focused upon the activities listed above over the next 12 months. In addition, member Councils will be required to support the continued delivery of the mini showcases conducted in their Council area and to give input to regional submissions and project proposals that may occur during the period.

The *Business Insights* Program will require participation of member Councils to participate in engagement activities. Member Councils may be also required to make in-kind and financial contributions to leverage grant funding for additional opportunities that may arise during the year, although these will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Funding required from member Councils for 2012/2013 will be \$150,000 which will include the delivery of the Regional Economic Development Strategy Projects as outlined above and the ongoing licensing of REMPLAN as outlined in previous years plans.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Regional Economic Development and Employment					
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$	<i>Operating Income</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Member Councils contributions:					
(1,815)	Town of Bassendean	(13,247)	(13,644)	(14,053)	(14,474)	(14,908)
(1,815)	City of Bayswater	(26,561)	(27,357)	(28,177)	(29,023)	(29,893)
(1,815)	City of Belmont	(21,420)	(22,062)	(22,724)	(23,406)	(24,108)
(1,815)	Shire of Kalamunda	(23,022)	(23,712)	(24,424)	(25,156)	(25,911)
(1,815)	Shire of Mundaring	(20,023)	(20,623)	(21,242)	(21,879)	(22,536)
(1,815)	City of Swan	(45,727)	(47,098)	(48,511)	(49,967)	(51,466)
(10,890)	Total Income	(150,000)	(154,500)	(159,135)	(163,909)	(168,826)
	<i>Operating Expenditure</i>					
65,000	Implement Regional Economic Development Strategy (Salary and On costs)	80,000	85,000	90,000	95,000	100,000
60,000	Undertake Research to Inform Implementation of REDS - (included profile tools)	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
20,000	Promote the Region to Attract Residents, Workforce and Investment	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
10,000	Retain and Expand Existing Business and Industry (inc grants)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
155,000	Total Expenditure	190,000	195,000	200,000	205,000	210,000
144,110	<i>Net EMRC contribution</i>	40,000	40,500	40,865	41,091	41,174

* Note that contributions from each member Council together with an additional contribution of approximately \$16,100 from EMRC includes the previously agreed for the provision of the REMPLAN economic profiling tool at a cost of \$28,110 for 2012/13.

* Income figures have been rounded to reflect an equal 1/3 third split as per the Regional Funding Formula

1.3 Regional Youth and Education

PURPOSE

To investigate and scope activities that can be undertaken to improve regional youth and education activities.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

Historically the EMRC has engaged in youth focused activities in response to external funding opportunities that align to the organisation's business or project directions. An annual allocation of \$25,000 has enabled the EMRC to leverage partners and funding to undertake youth projects.

Examples of youth projects undertaken through existing strategies and plans include;

- Delivery of training in Natural Resource Management to unemployed youth through the Green Jobs Corp in partnership with Bridging the Gap;
- Support to the Engineering and Manufacturing Industry Cooperative Limited to develop a pre-employment skills program for 16 to 17 year old students;
- Funding of research conducted by Matrix Consulting Group into education retention of 10 to 14 year olds at risk of anti-social and offending behaviour; and
- Support for Swan Alliance Inc. which developed and supported youth school retention and pathway to employment programs. This was funded through the federal government Local Community Partnership program.

In 2010 Council discussed the development of a Regional Youth and Education Strategy to guide the delivery of agreed EMRC activities for the period 2010 to 2015. It was requested that a scoping document be produced as a first stage in establishing the need and feasibility of developing a Regional Youth and Education Strategy for the region. The Discussion Paper has been prepared in consultation with member Council community development officers, community service providers based in the region and relevant government agencies and includes an environmental scan of the services already provided by member Councils and other agencies. It is recognised that state government agencies and community organisations are the principal providers of education and employment services to youth, often with funding from the federal government.

The Discussion Paper identifies that in the area of youth and education, the region already has a wide range of agencies delivering services and that member Councils are actively involved in the delivery of a range of youth initiatives in their communities. Member Councils actively support youth development through community capacity building, direct service provision and/or financial and in-kind support to community based providers.

It is proposed that the EMRC uses the information provided in the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper to prioritise relevant youth projects for the region in partnership with member Councils and key stakeholders. These regional activities will support those underway or proposed by member Councils, the community sector and government.

It is proposed that EMRC will facilitate agreed youth projects that complement the direction, projects and initiatives already outlined in the Regional Economic Development Strategy, the Regional Environment Strategy and Regional Advocacy Strategy.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012-2013?

The findings from the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper and workshops will define the activities and project priorities to be delivered in 2012/2013. A notional budget of \$35,000 has been set aside to employ a Regional Youth Coordinator to facilitate activities and projects identified in the Regional Youth and Education Discussion Paper consultation and workshops.

Five Year Financial Summary

Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Operating Expenditure						
30,556	Facilitate Youth Development and Education initiatives	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
30,556	Net EMRC contribution	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000

1.4 Regional Tourism Program

PURPOSE

The Regional Tourism Program undertakes agreed regional activities facilitated by the EMRC in collaboration with member Councils.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The EMRC Council approved the development of a Regional Tourism Strategy at its 11 August 2009 meeting. (Ref: Committees-9564) The completed Regional Tourism Strategy 2010 - 2015 was endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer Advisory Committee and approved by Council at the meeting of 22 April 2010 (Ref: Committees-10699).

A report was presented at the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee (CEOAC) meeting on 14 June 2011 to advise that the City of Swan had given due notice in accordance with the Establishment Agreement of the EMRC of their withdrawal from the Regional Tourism Program effective from 1 July 2011. Five options for the future direction of regional tourism within Perth's Eastern Region were discussed during the meeting (Ref: Committees-12366).

It was acknowledged that there was a desire to scale down EMRC's tourism support. Notwithstanding, the value being derived for regional tourism through the collaborative model developed by the EMRC member Councils is quite unique and has been in place for many years.

The option which was deemed most suitable was to combine regional tourism with regional economic development. It was agreed that EMRC would continue with the Avon Descent Family Fun Days, Perth's Autumn Festival and the Perth Tourism website. It was requested that further information in relation to the revised level of funding required by member Councils be provided to enable them to make a decision on their commitment.

At the meeting of Council held on 23 June 2011 (Ref: Committees-12366), it was resolved:

“THAT OPTION 5 BE THE PREFERRED OPTION WITH THE INCLUSION OF PERTH’S AUTUMN FESTIVAL, THE AVON DESCENT, THE HILLS TRAILS PROMOTION AND THE PERTH TOURISM WEBSITE AND THESE SERVICES BE COSTED OUT AND PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER COUNCILS.”

In 2011 member Councils approved the EMRC continuation of facilitating the Perth’s Autumn Festival, the Avon Descent Family Fun Days and the website www.perthtourism.com.au. All other activities from the Regional Tourism Strategy 2010 - 2015 have either been completed or re-identified under the Regional Economic Development Strategy.

Significant achievements in 2011/2012 include:

- Increased collaboration on the Avon Descent Family Fun Days, for greater integration with the race event.
- Development of a ‘Clean and Green by 2013’ Strategy for the Perth’s Autumn Festival.
- Promotion and distribution of the regional cycle tourism publication.
- Continued development of and increased visitor statistics to the regional tourism website, PerthTourism.com.au.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012 - 2013?

The Regional Tourism Program will focus on the development and promotion of two key regional event programs and the PerthTourism online portal.

Regional Online Portal

PerthTourism.com.au is a regional tourism website maintained by the EMRC that provides information events, trails and experiences in Perth’s Eastern Region to residents and prospective visitors, and refers enquiries to the Visitor Centres located in the region for detailed product information and bookings. The website is also used as a central point of information for the annual Perth’s Autumn Festival and Avon Descent Family Fun Day events. EMRC will continue development and maintenance of the PerthTourism.com.au website.

Regional Event Programs

EMRC supports the development and promotion of two key regional festival programs; Perth’s Autumn Festival and the Avon Descent Family Fun Days. EMRC facilitates regional collaboration amongst member Councils and stakeholders with the aim of leveraging partner funding, increasing efficiency, expanding market reach and cross-promotion.

Since 2004 the EMRC has applied and acquitted funding from Lotterywest on behalf of the member Councils and the Shires of Toodyay and Northam for the Avon Descent Family Fun Days. Lotterywest funding supports participating member Councils to meet costs of staging the Family Fun Days. This includes event infrastructure, entertainment, community engagement activities and promotion. This funding also supports a significant collaborative regional marketing campaign coordinated by EMRC.

The annual Perth’s Autumn Festival and Avon Descent Family Fun Days will continue to be promoted and developed in collaboration with member Councils.

How will member Councils benefit?

The ongoing events, experiences and trails promotion assists in creating a vibrant, cultural, engaging place to live, carry out business and attract visitors and it also provides the added benefit of making a region that provides for liveability by its residents.

The flexibility of the Perth's Autumn Festival regional event program allows Councils to nominate any community or tourism event and cycling event held within their region during the time period. Event organizers are encouraged to use the events to create a profile that can benefit the local community and Perth's Eastern Region by attracting visitation through tourism and activities.

EMRC has applied and acquitted funding from Lotterywest on behalf of the member Councils and the Shires of Toodyay and Northam since 2004. This ongoing relationship with Lotterywest has resulted in a streamlined grant funding agreement for the Avon Descent Family Fun Days, which reduces the paperwork requirements from member Councils as part of the grant application and acquittal processes and increases the amount of funding available on a regional basis. Member Councils receive funding to stage events and the EMRC manages the regional marketing campaign.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

An ongoing financial contribution through the agreed funding formula is required from participating member Councils. This contribution enables the EMRC to facilitate the implementation of these projects.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Regional Tourism Program Implementation Budget					
Adjusted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/2017
\$	<i>Operating Income</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(4,250)	Member Councils contributions: Town of Bassendean	(4,463)	(4,686)	(4,920)	(5,166)	(5,424)
(8,600)	City of Bayswater	(9,030)	(9,482)	(9,956)	(10,454)	(10,976)
(7,300)	City of Belmont	(7,955)	(8,048)	(8,450)	(8,873)	(9,316)
(7,300)	Shire of Kalamunda	(7,955)	(8,048)	(8,450)	(8,873)	(9,316)
(6,700)	Shire of Mundaring	(7,035)	(7,387)	(7,756)	(8,144)	(8,551)
(15,850)	City of Swan	(16,643)	(17,475)	(18,349)	(19,266)	(19,843)
(250,000)	Grant Funding - Lotterywest	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)
(20,000)	Sponsorship Income	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)
(320,000)	Total Income	(323,081)	(325,126)	(327,881)	(330,776)	(333,426)
	<i>Operating Expenditure</i>					
60,000	Perth's Autumn Festival	61,800	63,654	65,564	67,531	69,556
268,400	Avon Descent	276,040	284,321	292,851	301,636	310,685
2,260	Tourism Website	2,328	2,398	2,470	2,544	2,620
330,660	Total Expenditure	340,168	350,373	360,885	371,711	382,861
10,660	<i>EMRC Net Contribution</i>	17,087	25,247	33,004	40,971	49,435

1.5 Regional Advocacy Program and Sponsorship

PURPOSE

The aim of the Regional Advocacy Program is to build capacity within the EMRC and its member Councils to attract an increased share of benefits and services to Perth's Eastern Region through a framework that delivers effective regional advocacy campaigns.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The EMRC has been actively involved in advocacy on behalf of the member Councils and the region for some time. Examples include advocating on waste management legislation and on issues that impact on the region such as the introduction of the landfill levy, Zero Waste Strategy, Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery legislation and the carbon pollution reduction scheme.

The EMRC has also advocated on Regional Development issues associated with transport infrastructure and investment, tourism research and development issues related to the Swan and Helena Rivers. From an environmental perspective, the EMRC has advocated on natural resource management issues, the Perth Solar City project and the management of the Swan River and its catchments as it relates to regional co-ordination, member Council activity and community participation.

The Regional Advocacy Strategy (RAS) was adopted in September 2009 to provide a strategic direction for future advocacy effort across the region. In developing the Strategy, the EMRC established principles, standard approaches and guidelines that can underpin and guide strategic advocacy activities and identify regional short and long term issues to be targeted.

The Strategy establishes nine key regional issues of priority impacting on member Councils as the focus for advocacy activity:

1. The health, protection and sustainable use of the Swan and Helena Rivers;
2. An effective and integrated transport system;
3. The establishment of high speed, reliable broadband in the region;
4. The continued and timely delivery of underground power;
5. The facilitation of appropriate and sustainable tourism development;
6. The facilitation of economic development and investment opportunities;
7. The continued improvement of regional waste management activities;
8. A natural environment that is protected, enhanced and maintained for future generations; and
9. Enhanced social inclusion and access to health, education and community services for all residents.

In April 2011, Council agreed that regional advocacy during 2011/2012 will centre on the following regional issues:

- Perth Airport Roads: Gateway WA;
- Great Eastern Highway – Kooyong to Tonkin Highway;
- Great Eastern Highway –Tonkin Highway to Great Eastern Highway Bypass;
- Great Eastern Highway – Greenmount Hill to Mundaring Town Site;

- Kalamunda Road/Berkshire Road/Roe Highway intersection;
- Abernethy Road/Grogan Road intersection - duplication of railway bridge on Abernethy Road;
- Reid Highway - link between Lord Street and West Swan Road;
- Public Transport Provision;
- Swan and Helena Rivers;
- High Speed Broadband;
- Underground power and Aerial Bundled Cabling; and
- Health in Perth's Eastern Region.

Key Advocacy Highlights for 2011/2012 include:

EMRC Delegation to Canberra September 2011

The Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and Director Regional Services undertook a delegation to Canberra in September 2011. Over the two day period in Parliament House, there were 14 scheduled appointments to discuss key regional issues with Members, Senators and Advisors from most political parties. Regional discussion points included rollout of the NBN, issues facing the Swan and Helena Rivers, a university presence for the eastern region, the implications of Carbon Pricing for Local governments, eligibility of regional councils for federal government funding and funding for major transport routes.

Perth Airport Roads - Gateway WA: Perth Airport and Freight Access Project

This has been established to provide strategic guidance and direction to the planning and development of the Gateway WA: Perth Airport and Freight Access Project. The committee provides input and decision making at a strategic level as well as ensures that the goals and priorities of key stakeholders are realised. The Ultimate Concept Plan sets out a plan for the ultimate development of the road network including Tonkin Highway (Great Eastern Highway- Roe Highway) and Leach Highway (Tonkin Highway to Orrong Road) was endorsed by the Committee at the December 2011 meeting. Subject to funding, Stage One of the Gateway WA Perth Airport and Freight Access Project will commence in 2013.

Great Eastern Highway – City East Alliance Project

The State Transport Minister approved the City East Alliance (comprised of Leighton Contractors, NRW and GHD) to undertake the design and construction of the Great Eastern Highway upgrade, between Kooyong Road and Tonkin Highway. A Great Eastern Highway - City East Alliance Network Operations Group has been established to provide guidance and direction to the planning and implementation of the Great Eastern Highway upgrade project.

Perth Darwin Highway - Stage One Advocacy Reference Group

A series of meetings of the Advocacy Reference Group for the Perth Darwin Highway – Stage One were held to progress actions from the Advocacy Action Plan. Main Roads WA has commenced developing Business Case to progress the development of this stretch of highway and a budget allocation from Treasury of \$10 million will be sort to be allocated in the 2012-2013 financial year for preliminary planning to commence. The State Government is aiming to lodge an Infrastructure Australia bid by 2013-2014 to secure the funding for construction to commence. EMRC no longer facilitates the Reference Group however has continued to advocate the importance of this strategic link.

Public Transport Provision

Curtin University – Advocacy by Research on Community Views to Public Transport. The Transport Planning Forums 2010 Findings - East Metropolitan Region Public Transport Aspirations Report was delivered by Curtin University in January 2011. This report has been provided to the Department of Transport, the Public Transport Authority and the Department of Planning and has formed the basis of a submission from EMRC to the Public Transport Network Plan – Public Transport for Perth in 2031.

Swan and Helena Rivers Management

Securing the investment necessary for implementation of the SHRMF is a key project within the EMRC's regional advocacy activities. This topic was a feature of advocacy meetings by the EMRC in Canberra in 2011 with the Hon Tony Burke, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and the Hon Greg Hunt, Shadow Minister for Climate Change Action, Environment and Heritage. Subsequent meetings have been held with Mr Ken Wyatt Member for Hasluck and Mr David Hatt Senior Advisor to The Hon Stephen Smith, member for Perth to discuss the need for funding to address issues facing the Swan and Helena River Systems.

Over the past year the EMRC has participated in the Swan Canning Policy Forum hosted by WALGA and has been involved in the WALGA Swan and Canning River Policy Forum which brings together all the 21 Councils with river management responsible to advocate for increase funding and support. The EMRC worked with the City of Belmont to develop a submission for the Regional Development Australia Fund for foreshore stabilisation activities.

High Speed Broadband

The EMRC has been advocating for the improvement of high speed broadband in the Region since 2007. In 2009, the EMRC developed a Regional Business Case for Broadband Infrastructure Upgrades across Perth's Eastern Region

Key actions completed include:

- In February 2011, the State Government established a Broadband Working Group (BWG) to maximise the benefits of the National Broadband Network to Western Australia. In order to define the structure, membership and terms of reference for the BWG, the Department of Commerce commenced an initial round of stakeholder consultation with major representative organisations including the EMRC.
- In March 2011 EMRC officers met with the Hon Senator Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy to discuss the viability of the ERMC Broadband Business Case submitted to the federal Government and NBNCo impacting on the broadband rollout into Perth's Eastern Region.
- In May 2011, EMRC officers participated in the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communication roundtable public hearing.
- Meetings were held in Canberra in September 2011 with the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Shadow Minister for Communication and Broadband and Mr Jonathan Chowns, Senior Advisor to the Hon Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy.
- In October 2011 EMRC Manager Regional Development attended the national Economic Development Australia conference The Digital Economy – Future Economic Development Practices for Government, Business and Regional Organisations. The key message for Local Government was to prepare for the economic benefits of the National Broadband Network through development of digital strategies.
- In November 2011 EMRC Economic Development Officer Group determined the need for and endorsed the development of a Regional Digital Strategy for Perth's Eastern Region.

- In November 2011 the EMRC sought advice on progress of the Regional Business Case submission lodged in July 2010 from the CEO of NBNC Co Pty Ltd. The EMRC will continue to liaise with the NBNC Co and government to advocate for increased broadband infrastructure in Perth's Eastern Region.

Underground Power

The EMRC has been advocating for a review of the funding model for the State Underground Power Program (SUPP) since 2009. In April 2010, the State Treasurer asked the Economic Regulation Authority to conduct an inquiry into the overall costs and benefits of the State Underground Power Program since the introduction of the program 15 years ago. The EMRC developed and lodged a regional submission to the Inquiry.

The Inquiry into State Underground Power Program Cost Benefit Study report was released in September 2011 and outlined the costs and benefits of the SUPP major residential projects and proposed changes to the share of funding between the Government, individual households and the wider community.

The State Government had a target of having 50 per cent of houses in the Perth metropolitan area connected to underground power by 2010 and this target was achieved in January 2010. On 20 October 2010, the Minister for Energy released the terms of reference for a review of the State Underground Power Program by the Office of Energy and these will include:

- Whether the State Underground Power Program should continue.
- If the program is to continue, the options as to what form it would take.
- The respective costs and benefits of the options.

The Office of Energy will provide its final report to the Minister for Energy by the end of March 2012. The EMRC will continue to monitor the release of the reports and subsequent policy decisions.

Regional Submissions

The following regional submissions were lodged in response to various strategic direction documents:

1. Public Transport Network Plan – Public Transport for Perth in 2031 August 2011
2. Draft Capital City Planning Framework – A Vision for Central Perth. August 2011
3. Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel December 2011
4. Draft Swan Canning Riverpark Iconic Trails Project Steering Group Terms of Reference
5. Swan Canning Local Government Policy Forum – Draft Priority Plan for Investment into the Future of the Swan-Canning River System
6. Draft Policy on Stormwater Management
7. RDA Perth – Draft Regional Plan

Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship Program

The EMRC has set aside a fund of \$30,000 annually to provide for once off grant or sponsorship opportunities for various projects or initiatives that provide regional benefit. This fund has enabled sponsorship of a number of high profile events and research initiatives which have provided benefits to the region. The program is administered through the EMRC Occasional Grants and Sponsorship Policy and Guidelines.

Past Sponsorships:

2011/12	Cities as Water Supply Catchments Maylands Sustainability Fair
2010/11	Curtin University Transport Forums
2009/10	No applications received
2008/09	City of Belmont - Transplant Games
2007/08	Shire of Mundaring - Truffle Festival

What is planned for 2012-13?

The EMRC will review its regional advocacy issues in relation to the nine key areas identified in the Regional Advocacy Strategy and the progress of existing projects. A report will be provided to Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee in April 2012 to provide an update and to establish advocacy priorities for 2012-2013.

How will member Councils benefit?

Advocacy and relationship building aims to increase awareness of the Perth's Eastern Region and the role of the EMRC as well as to identify future funding opportunities that can support regional scale projects and activities. Effective regional advocacy can ensure that the EMRC and its member Councils:

- Have an early awareness of proposed legislative or policy changes that will impact upon Perth's Eastern Region;
- Can more effectively attempt to influence policy and legislative changes;
- Has its voice is heard on matters that will affect Perth's Eastern Region;
- Develops and maintains valuable contacts and networks that can be utilised to support the EMRC's goals and objectives;
- Can rapidly mobilise an effective and targeted response to opportunities and issues as they arise;
- Can ensure relevant stakeholders and decision-makers have a clear understanding of the issues and outcomes that are a priority for Perth's Eastern Region; and
- Can assist Perth's Eastern Region to be considered favourably for investment, program and development opportunities.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

Member Councils will be invited to participate in regional advocacy campaigns. This may require providing information or making people available to attend meetings, events or other advocacy activities. Elected Members will also have a critical role to play in regional advocacy requiring them to be prepared to attend events and delegations and to gather community intelligence on key regional issues needing to be addressed.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship					
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$	<i>Operating Expenditure</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
65,000	Support and undertake regional advocacy activities –salaries, on costs	66,000	67,000	68,000	69,000	70,000
10,000	Develop regional advocacy collateral	10,000	11,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
10,000	Investigate development regional advocacy database and website	8,000	0	0	0	0
10,000	Provide regional training and development for advocates	10,000	12,000	12,000	14,000	14,000
10,000	Co-ordinate annual Canberra delegation	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
5,000	Co-ordinate regional advocacy meetings	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
30,000	Sponsorships and Grants	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
140,000	<i>Net EMRC contribution</i>	141,000	138,000	141,000	144,000	145,000

1.6 Summary Proposed Member Council Contributions

The table below shows a summary of the proposed member Council contributions for the 2012/2013 financial year towards the proposed Regional Development projects totaling \$866,168 and outlined in Sections 1.1 to 1.5.

1. Regional Transport Planning
2. Regional Economic Development
3. Regional Youth and Education
4. Regional Tourism
5. Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship

A summary of proposed Regional Development projects is shown as an Attachment 1.

Regional Development Proposed Projects Contribution	
Town of Bassendean	\$19,053
City of Bayswater	\$38,283
City of Belmont	\$31,547
Shire of Kalamunda	\$33,310
Shire of Mundaring	\$29,087
City of Swan	\$67,003
Total	\$218,283

Section 2 – Environmental Services Projects – Overview

The Environmental Services business unit works towards two main objectives of the EMRC's Strategic Plan for the Future 2010/2011-2013/2014

“to contribute towards improved regional air, water and land quality and regional biodiversity conservation” and “to address climate change issues within the region”.

All of the Environmental Services strategies emanate from the EMRC's Strategic Plan for the Future and all activities and projects are listed in the Regional Environment Strategy 2011 - 2016 and annual Business Unit Plan which becomes the source document for guiding the work of the business unit throughout the year.

Environmental Services comprises 12 FTE's:

- Manager Environmental Services
- Administration Officer
- Environment and Sustainability Coordinator
- Environmental Advisor
- NRM Coordinator
- NRM Officers x 2
- Environmental Consultants x 4
- Natural Diversity Officer (on secondment from Perth Region NRM)

The Environmental Services projects being proposed for continuation include:

1. Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP)
2. Future Proofing– Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan (RCCAAP)
3. Perth Solar City
4. Achieving Carbon Emission Reductions (ACE_R) Program
5. Water Campaign™
6. Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework

Two positions, the Manager Environmental Services and the Administration Officer, are established to support the overall service area and their associated costs are fully funded by the EMRC. The nine specialist positions are contract positions attached to the specific delivery areas and their costs are incorporated into the following project summaries outlined in this section. The Natural Diversity Officer is fully funded by Perth Region NRM.

The Environmental Services team provides regional coordination of projects to member Councils through the Regional Environmental Advisory Group (REAG) established to assist in setting the direction for the Regional Environment Strategy (RES).

New services and projects:

In 2012/2013, the EMRC will implement projects outlined in the EMRC's Regional Environment Strategy (RES) including:

- Environmental Education Officer – EMRC will seek funding to support an Environmental Education Officer for the Region.
- Energy and Water Efficiency Audits for small business – Small business face rising energy and water costs. EMRC will partner with the Edith Cowan University (ECU) Small Medium Enterprise Research Centre (SMERC) to seek funding to assist small business with energy and water advice and auditing as outlined in the Regional Environment Strategy and Regional Economic Development Strategy.
- Alternative Weed Management – EMRC will investigate viable alternative weed management techniques and seek funding and partnerships with universities to trial alternative techniques.
- Private Land Conservation Officer – EMRC will seek grant funding for a Private Land Conservation Officer for the Shire of Kalamunda, Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan.

2.1 Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP)

PURPOSE

The EHCMP supports a coordinated strategic approach to the restoration of land, bushland and creek lines in Perth's Eastern Region. This has been achieved through a range of natural resource management (NRM) activities responding to member Council, community and regional NRM groups' needs.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The EHCMP is a highly successful partnership between the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring, City of Swan, Swan River Trust and the EMRC that has operated over the past decade. The program aims to achieve a coordinated strategic approach to the restoration of land, bushland and creeklines through a range of natural resource management (NRM) activities and practices within the Councils, broader community and regional NRM groups.

The EHCMP is one of the five identified sub-regions within Perth Region NRM under the Perth Region Strategy for Natural Resource Management. EHCMP has strong working partnership with the Swan River Trust in delivering water quality and community capacity building outcomes in the Eastern Hills.

EHCMP receives funding from the Swan River Trust, Perth Region NRM, Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring and the City of Swan to support community participation in on-ground activities in the region. The Eastern Hills Volunteer Engagement Model provides a coordinated strategic approach to the restoration of land, bushland, waterways, wetlands, wildlife corridors and creeklines of the participating member Councils of Kalamunda, Mundaring and Swan in Perth's Eastern Region.

The EHCMP, in partnership with the participating member Councils, Swan River Trust and Perth Region NRM, adds significant value to the NRM activities undertaken by member Councils. The EHCMP supports an extensive range of community catchment groups and volunteers involved in on-ground works in reserves managed by the Councils and has secured significant external grant funds for local and regional scale projects. Funding received by EHCMP in 2011/2012 is \$304,873 as detailed in the table below.

Funding Body	Project	Amount Received
State NRM Office	Native Fish Project	\$34,458
Swan River Trust	Community Led Projects	\$95,000
Perth Region NRM/Caring for Our Country	Eastern Tributaries Project	\$75,000
Shire of Mundaring, Swan River Trust and City of Swan	Review of the Integrated Catchment Management Program /Eastern Catchment Management Program	\$23,000
Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)	Eastern Tributaries Restoration Project	\$30,000
State NRM Office	Strengthening Our Streams	\$47,415
Total Funding		\$304,873

Projects undertaken in 2011/2012:

State NRM Office – Native Fish Project

EHCMP secured a grant from the State NRM Office for \$34,458 (ex GST) to conduct fish monitoring along a 26km section of the Helena River between the Mundaring Dam and the confluence of the Swan River. The survey assessed the diversity and abundance of fish species in the river reaches and tributaries of the Helena River in Spring 2010, and representative samples of permanent pools in Autumn 2011.

The Helena River Freshwater Fish Survey was finalised in 2011. The results of the study found a total of five native fish species and although none are rare, the freshwater cobbler is locally threatened. There are a total of ten freshwater fish species in the south-west of Western Australia, eight of which are endemic. This special fauna is threatened by loss of habitat, land clearing, eutrophication and competition and predation from introduced fish. Another special consideration for the Helena Rivers freshwater fish populations was dissolved oxygen levels which were found to be at detrimentally low levels in many of the permanent pools due to the restricted flow by the dams.

The findings of this report will be used to make recommendations with regards to conservation of native freshwater fish species in the eastern hills, and to develop strategies to increase fish habitat through restoration and protection.

Swan River Trust

The Swan River Trust made a commitment in May 2011 to continue to fund the Community Led Projects – EHCMP in 2011/2012 providing \$95,000 (ex. GST) to coordinate the program. This funding supports the NRM Coordinator role.

Perth Region NRM

Through continued funding by the Australian Government’s Caring for Our Country Program Perth Region NRM funded the Eastern Hills Tributaries Project with \$75,000 (ex. GST) for 2011/2012, this funding will continue to 2012/2013 financial year.

This project focuses on priority 1, 2 and 3 sites as outlined in the “Swan Canning Tributary Foreshore Assessment Project 2008”. A minimum of 20 hectares has been identified for revegetation and weed management over the next two years.

Review of the Integrated Catchment Management Program (ICMP)/Eastern Catchment Management Program (ECMP)

The ICMP was created in 1997 and funded by the National Heritage Trust and partnered by the Woorloo Brook LCDC, the EMRC, City of Swan, Shire of Mundaring, and Department of Agriculture and Food WA. The project objective was to coordinate existing environmental initiatives in the region, to progress catchment planning in the major catchments and to establish and promote landcare and catchment management in areas not currently active.

The EMRC have recruited a fixed term casual Environmental Projects Officer to complete the review of the ICMP and prepare the Eastern Catchment Management Plan (ECMP) in consultation with relevant stakeholders and the community. In addition to developing individual action plans for Catchment Groups.

The review involves catchment groups and community within the process. The document is to be a living document that assists in driving the future direction of NRM in the eastern region. The review process will look at the existing ICMP recommendations and ascertain what was done well, not so well and to address gaps in the plan and future actions.

The recruitment of an Environmental Project Officer was possible through financial contributions from the Shire of Mundaring, Swan River Trust and the City of Swan (\$23,000 ex GST) and in kind support from EMRC and Shire of Kalamunda.

Strengthening Our Streams (SOS)

EHCMP, in partnership with three of its member Councils (Kalamunda, Mundaring and Swan), will restore riparian vegetation around priority areas of the Swan and Helena Rivers. The re-establishment of riparian vegetation will provide wildlife habitat, buffer nutrients and fertilisers, reduce incidence of algal blooms, reduce erosion and sedimentation issues and improve water quality.

The EHCMP were successful in obtaining grant funding from the State NRM Office for \$47,415 for the implementation of this project.

Eastern Tributaries Restoration Project

EHCMP, in partnership with three of its member Councils (Kalamunda, Mundaring and Swan), will undertake weed control and restore riparian vegetation around priority tributaries of the Swan and Canning Rivers. The project will revegetate priority waterways with local riparian species, the positive outcomes of which will include; increased ecological integrity, reduced erosion, improved water quality improved links between bushland and other foreshore sites, adding depth to corridors along both sides of the river amongst other environmental benefits.

Problems being addressed include; biodiversity conservation, weed invasion, algal blooms, climate change, nutrient loading, riverbank erosion, poor water quality, lack of wildlife corridors and refuges.

The EHCMP were successful in obtaining grant funding from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Community Grants fund for \$30,000 for the implementation of this project.

Natural Diversity Officer Seconded From Perth Region NRM to EHCMP

Environmental Services has extended the secondment of Luke McMillan for a further 12 months. Luke's role as the Natural Diversity Project Officer will focus on weeds of national significance in urban bushland remnants and the Priority Tributaries project. Perth Region NRM has funded Luke with \$15,000 to be expended on onground work in Perth's Eastern Region.

Bush Skills for the Hills

The EHCMP delivered a series Bush Skills for the Hills workshops in 2011. Courses conducted include Bushcare Basics, Building with the Batman, Rock Groups on Tour, Wrestle the Reaper (dieback treatment), The Frog Doctor, Chemical Free Weed Management Workshop, Rapid Bushland Assessment, Native Freshwater Fish Conservation Workshop, Native Seed Collection short course and three movie nights being the Flow for the Love of Water, Life After People and the Seed Hunter.

Greenpage Newsletter

Eleven editions of the Greenpage Newsletter were distributed in 2011/2012. Subscriptions have almost doubled from 700 subscribers in 2010 to 1,360 in 2011. The readership has grown due to the NRM team attending a number of community events to increase promotion and interest in landcare and catchment activities.

Awards and Recognition

The EHCMP has long been recognised for its successful and innovative service delivery. These include:

- WA Landcare Award- Winner of the "Local Government Landcare Partnership Award" 2011
- Perth Region NRM - Local Government Excellence Award 2010
- National Local Government Award for Excellence (Natural Resource Management) 2007
- National Local Government Award for Innovation (Regional and Rural Councils) 2007
- Finalist WA Landcare Awards 2005
- Finalist WA Environment Awards 2004
- WA Adult Learners Award 2003 (for Bush Skills for the Hills Program)
- WA Premier's Award 2001.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012-13?

The EHCMP team will continue to support participating member Councils and their community groups in protecting and managing the biodiversity, waterways and catchments of the relevant member Councils.

This includes:

- Providing officers to work in participating Council's offices at least one day per week to ensure maximum benefit and integration for member Councils. This includes providing advice to member Council planning and engineering staff on NRM issues.
- Assisting member Councils and community groups to source significant external funding for on-ground projects.
- Providing project development and implementation of on-ground projects.
- Providing executive and technical support to Catchment Groups, as well as supporting some of the 130 plus friends groups in the region.
- The continued production and distribution of the Greenpage newsletter.
- Running and delivering, in partnership with participating member Councils, the annual Bush Skills for the Hills series of free environmental training workshops. These include annual sessions on volunteer management and safety, practical bushland management and restoration skills. These are attended by up to 350 community members each year and were recognised by an Adult Learning Award in 2003.

- Implementing Water Quality Monitoring Sampling Analysis Plans.
- Delivery of the annual Eastern Hills Landcare Volunteer Recognition event attended by Eastern Hills volunteers.
- Provide private landholder support, including site visits, responding to phone enquiries, assistance with technical expertise, property planning training and, where appropriate, assisting with accessing external funding and support for protecting and managing creeklines and bushland.
- Representing participating member Councils in forums and networks.
- Continued partnership with Job Futures – Bridging the Gap for Green Jobs Corp to assist with NRM projects across the region.
- Recruitment of community volunteers through promotional events at suitable sites within the region.

What impact/support will EHCMP have on member Councils?

Ongoing funding contributions from the Swan River Trust, Perth Region NRM, City of Swan and the Shires of Mundaring and Kalamunda will be the key to maintaining the program.

Close liaison with member Council officers is a critical factor for success and will require member Council officers to build time into their work planning to ensure they have a high level of engagement with the project.

How will member Councils benefit?

EHCMP provides a planned, structured and coordinated program which has been developed specifically in collaboration with the participating member Councils, catchment groups and NRM Officers. It ensures that volunteer participation is effective, provides structured and ongoing environmental management and saves duplication of resources and work for similar projects within the region.

Through the close and effective working partnerships between EHCMP officers and member Council staff, the landcare and bushcare volunteer network in the region is one of the largest in Australia and has been sustained over time for significantly less cost than similarly sized networks.

The value for member Councils includes:

- Appropriate management of conservation reserves, well beyond the level of on-ground management possible by the member Council alone.
- Data collection on each member Council's environmental assets and values, as well as monitoring of environmental conditions and threatening processes.
- Generation of significant income from external grants for conservation projects within the member Council, particularly where volunteer hours provide leverage for large grants.
- Implementation of member Council environmental strategies.
- Friends Groups and associated Catchment Groups will be a major force in the implementation of regional and State Government NRM strategies.
- Volunteers keep watch on the bushland in their area. This translates into reduced vandalism repair costs and more rapid reporting of suspicious behaviour.
- Friends and Catchment Groups also provide a social avenue for residents to become actively engaged in their community, and to gain a sense of personal contribution and value.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program					
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Operating Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Member Council Contributions:					
(24,000)	Shire of Kalamunda	(28,145)	(28,989)	(29,859)	(30,755)	(31,677)
(24,000)	Shire of Mundaring	(28,145)	(28,989)	(29,859)	(30,755)	(31,677)
(24,000)	City of Swan	(28,145)	(28,989)	(29,859)	(30,755)	(31,677)
(50,000)	Grant Funding - Perth Region NRM	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)
(90,000)	Grant Funding -Swan River Trust	(95,000)	(95,000)	(95,000)	(95,000)	(95,000)
(4,000)	Other Income	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
(216,000)	Total Income	(259,435)	(261,967)	(264,577)	(267,265)	(270,031)
	Operating Expenditure					
28,000	Implement EHCMP	37,000	38,110	39,253	40,430	41,643
80,000	NRM Officer 1	77,000	79,000	82,000	85,000	88,000
96,000	NRM Co-ordination	92,000	95,000	98,000	102,000	105,000
80,000	NRM - Officer 2	77,000	79,000	82,000	85,000	88,000
284,000	Total Expenditure	283,000	291,110	301,253	312,430	322,463
68,000	Net EMRC contribution	23,565	29,143	36,676	45,165	52,432

* *Figures exclude GST*

* *Contribution figures have been calculated for member Councils based on real costs of NRM Officer time and overheads.*

2.2 Future Proofing for Climate Change – Regional and Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Planning

PURPOSE

The Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan (RCCAAP) 2009 - 2013 is a foundation document that outlines what needs to be done over four years at a regional level to assist Perth's Eastern Region to adapt to climate change.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

In May 2008 the EMRC received funding from the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change Local Adaptation Pathways Program to assist member Councils undertake climate change risk assessments, management and adaptation planning.

Key project elements completed in 2011/2012 include:

- Implementation of ongoing, immediate, short-term and medium-term adaptation actions, as identified in the RCCAAP.
- Further refining and development of Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plans (LCCAAP) for participating member Councils, based on feedback from member Council staff and local communities.
- Commencement in the implementation of ongoing, immediate and short-term adaptation actions, as identified in each member Council's LCCAAP, including the establishment of local project teams to assist in carrying out each action.
- Efforts to secure funding to assist member Councils to implement local and regional actions.
- Providing ongoing advice and monitoring research relating to climate change impacts to member Council officers.
- Representation on the WALGA Senior Officer Group on Climate Change.
- Ongoing marketing and promotion of climate change adaptation actions on a Local and Regional level
- Recognition of the EMRC as a leader in climate change adaptation, receiving a Climate Adaptation Champions Program finalist award from the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF).

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012-13?

Regional Climate Change Adaptation Actions

The Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan 2009 - 2013 identified actions for four years. In 2010/11 the project moved to an implementation phase where the immediate regional adaptation actions, identified by the member Councils at the risk assessment and adaptation workshops, were implemented. All actions identified for the short term (2010-2011), medium term (2011-2012) and long term (2012-2013) are being implemented in corresponding years.

Local Climate Change Adaptation Actions

Locally, climate change adaptation is being incorporated into member Council internal operations and expanded across their local communities, with each member Council taking a unique approach to local climate change adaptation. The implementation of the Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plans will assist member Councils in tackling raising climate change issues and prepare their local community.

How will member Councils benefit?

Member Councils benefit by being at the forefront of climate change adaptation. By taking proactive steps to adapt to climate change member Councils mitigate and prepare themselves for the risk climate change impacts may have upon infrastructure, land use planning, biodiversity, health, environmental health, fire and emergency services as well as parks and reserve management. Other broader key risks include the potential for changing economic viability of local industries and social dislocation.

Climate change can also present new opportunities whereby adaptation actions will generate significant social and environmental benefits. This may occur through the creation of the new carbon constrained economy and ongoing research and monitoring of this emergence will be critical in ensuring that Perth's Eastern Region can exploit any such opportunities. In the area of emergence of new green jobs and technologies the region can position itself to attract such industries and this will provide economic and social benefits to the community.

Another significant benefit will be the leadership that will be demonstrated to the community by local government. Climate change impacts will directly affect local communities and with good strategic planning in place residents will be reassured that their interests are being taken into account and they will be better prepared for whatever issues climate change presents.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

The environmental, social and economic costs of not adapting to climate change will be significant without adequate adaptation strategies in place. The Regional Climate Change Adaptation projects will:

- Promote resilience and support local communities in partnership with local government to improve the management of the local environment and community public assets;
- Secure future-focussed transport, planning and building systems that support low emissions and accommodate a changed climate;
- Identify and support vulnerable communities in Perth's Eastern Region to adjust to the cost of a low emissions economy so they are not further disadvantaged as a result of climate change; and
- Promote innovation and regional security in order to position the region for economic opportunities resulting from climate change such as new industry, markets and technologies.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Future Proofing - Climate Change Regional Adaptation Action Plan					
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Operating Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Member Councils					
	Member Council Contributions:					
(15,000)	City of Bayswater	(15,000)				
(15,000)	Town of Bassendean	(15,000)				
(15,000)	City of Belmont	(15,000)				
(15,000)	Shire of Kalamunda	(15,000)				
(15,000)	Shire of Mundaring	(15,000)				
0	City of Swan	0				
(75,000)	Total Income	(75,000)				
	Operating Expenditure					
	Implement climate change actions as per Regional Adaptation Action Plan					
	Develop Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans for member Councils					
125,000		125,000				
50,000	Net EMRC contribution	50,000				

* *Figures exclude GST*

* *City of Swan withdrew from Future Proofing in 2010/11 as they indicated that they possessed the internal resources to be able to implement the identified actions without further input from the EMRC.*

2.3 Perth Solar City

PURPOSE

The Perth Solar City project is a comprehensive program aimed at building long-lasting behaviour change in energy efficiency and conservation. The program aims to increase the uptake of new solar technologies and to break down barriers to participation in direct greenhouse action by residents, businesses and public institutions.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The EMRC and all member Councils have been active participants in the project design, development and implementation since 2005. The project is supported by \$13.9 million in Australian Government funding through the Solar Cities Program. State, Local Government and Industry funding has also been contributed on the basis of at least \$2 for every \$1 of Australian Government funding.

The project is being delivered through the Perth Solar City Consortium, of which the EMRC is a member on behalf of member Councils. Other consortium members include State Government agencies and industry partners. The project was launched by the Federal Minister for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts in November 2009. The project completion date is June 2013.

During 2009 a funding agreement between the State and Federal Governments was signed. This funding agreement was subsequently cascaded to all consortium members, including the EMRC. The funding agreement outlined the EMRC's responsibility in delivering the community engagement program – Living Smart and Sustainable Communities Competition.

The Perth Solar City project will be implemented between November 2009 and June 2013, with most components delivered in 2010 and 2011. The final year of the project 2012/13 will focus on evaluating the project.

During 2009 the EMRC developed 13 demonstration solar energy infrastructure proposals that were accepted into the Perth Solar City Program. There are now a total of 14 demonstration projects, 13 are complete with one still progressing that will be completed before the end of the 2011/12 financial year.

Most residential components will be delivered in 2010 and 2011.

In 2011/2012 implementation of a number of demonstration and business case projects has been completed including installation of:

- Shire of Kalamunda installation of a 2kW photovoltaic system and solar lighting within the library.
- EMRC – Hazelmere Demonstration project due for completion within the March 2012 quarter.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012-13?

- Continued reporting on the project to the program office and attendance at meetings.
- Evaluation of projects as per the consortium agreement requirements including data on energy production, financial savings and greenhouse abatement.
- Participation in the Eco-house on behalf of member Councils.
- Continued implementation of the Community Information Strategy, which includes:
 - Website updates
 - Media releases

- Promotion of projects to the community
- Attendance (when required) at community events
- Community and staff awareness

How will member Councils benefit?

Member Councils and their community will derive significant benefit from this project through:

- State and Australian Governments funding into the region to support residents in reducing energy consumption, thus reducing both greenhouse emissions and household energy bills;
- The region is the location for a major proof of concept trial of nationally compliant 'smart grid' technologies, including smart meters and supporting infrastructure and in-home display devices by a partnership between Western Power and Synergy;
- Australian Government funding into demonstration projects, valued at over \$1.1 million at member Council facilities. The demonstration projects include solar photovoltaic systems on libraries, recreation and administration centres, energy efficient LED lighting at a prominent local recreation reserve and an energy reduction and demand management system for a Council administration centre;
- Industry sponsorship to support a major competition promoting sustainable living in each member Council;
- Installation of a Perth Solar City icon project at the Foundry at the Midland Railway Heritage Workshops; and
- Significant exposure at State, National and International Solar Cities forums as part of the growing global network of Solar Cities.

The EMRC's role has been to seek to maximise the benefit across member Councils and across the region.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

Member Councils will be required to continue to provide funding that will employ an EMRC officer to provide co-ordination to the project until the end of June 2013. Member Councils will also be required to ensure budgets are set aside for infrastructure investment in solar energy technologies. Member Council officers will be required to set aside time to attend project team meetings to ensure delivery of programs are being achieved.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Perth Solar City	
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13
	Operating Income	
		\$
	Member Council Contributions :	
(15,000)	City of Bayswater	(15,000)
(15,000)	Town of Bassendean	(15,000)
(15,000)	City of Belmont	(15,000)
(15,000)	Shire of Kalamunda	(15,000)
(15,000)	Shire of Mundaring	(15,000)
(15,000)	City of Swan	(15,000)
(915,559)	Grant Funding	(0)
(1,005,559)	Total Operating Income	(90,000)
	Operating Expenditure	
90,000	Implement Perth Solar City	90,000
460,000	Implement Living Smart program	0
58,000	Demonstration project - Bassendean	0
72,240	Demonstration project - Bayswater	0
107,000	Demonstration project - Belmont	0
56,664	Demonstration project - Kalamunda	0
66,740	Demonstration project - Mundaring	0
94,915	Demonstration project - Swan	0
1,005,559	Total Expenditure	90,000
0	Net EMRC contribution	0

* **Figures exclude GST**

* **Project concludes 30 June 2013**

2.4 Achieving Carbon Emission Reductions (ACER)

PURPOSE

The ACER (Achieving Carbon Emission Reductions) Program is an initiative developed to encourage and support member Councils in Perth's Eastern Region to monitor, report on and reduce their corporate carbon emissions. The ACE_R Program also provides information and education to the community and local businesses within the region on reducing energy consumption and other climate change related issues.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The ACER Achieving Carbon Emissions Reduction Program was developed in 2009 by the EMRC in collaboration with its member Councils.

Perth's Eastern Region aspires to be a leader in strategically dealing with climate change within the local government sector and wishes to inspire others to also take up the challenge of mitigation both within their corporate operations and their community. A proactive approach at the local and regional level is needed to deal with the challenges posed by climate change.

The ACER Program continues and strengthens the work started under the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Program, which was funded until 2009 by the Federal Government through the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Oceania (ICLEI). Under the CCP Program, member Councils had made significant achievements in mitigating their carbon emissions. The ACER Program was initiated in response to the Australian Government's withdrawal of funding for the CCP Program in 2009. The EMRC and its member Councils determined that it was necessary to continue to monitor and to mitigate their emissions as well as to educate the community through leading by example.

One key priority identified by member Councils for 2010/2011 was the implementation of a cost effective inventory system to replace the inventory systems and software previously provided by ICLEI. Under the ACER Program, the EMRC and participating member Councils joined the WALGA Emissions Reporting Platform hosted by Greensense Consulting which was developed for local governments. This platform is an online software system used to collect and display carbon emissions data - mainly from electricity, gas and fuel use. Data will be used to target areas of operations which require energy efficiency measures to be implemented as well as ensure accurate monitoring and reporting of carbon emissions. The ACER Officer is a member of the Platform Steering Committee which meets regularly to review the progress of the platform and agree future development.

The main priority and focus for 2011/2012 was the completion of set up and implementation of the new reporting platform for each participating member Council. The first emissions profiles have given a sound basis for evaluation of achievements under CCP, and for setting of future targets and actions within a Carbon Reduction Strategy or as part of an existing Environment Plan. These guiding documents also link directly to strategic objectives and will assist in meeting actions in Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plans under the Future Proofing project.

A DIY "Home Energy Audit Kit" was developed to enable staff and residents to audit the efficiency of their homes and suggest efficiency changes. These Kits are now available for loan from local libraries in participating member Councils and allow the local community access to tools which they can use to undertake their own home energy audit and begin their journey to energy efficiency.

The ACER Program was a finalist in the WA Sustainable Energy Awards for Innovation and Excellence for 2010 within the category of Community and Regional Initiative.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012 - 2013?

The EMRC will continue to develop annual program implementation plans to meet member Council requirements. Program priorities identified by member Councils for EMRC support of their carbon reduction activities include:

- Identifying grants and funding in relation to energy efficiency and climate change mitigation on behalf of member Councils, particularly given the impending release of the Low Carbon Communities Funding in 2012;
- Continuing to develop and implement aspects of the ACER program on behalf of member Councils. In 2012/2013, these include:
 - Ongoing implementation of the WALGA Emissions Reporting Platform;
 - Implementation of the City of Bayswater's Carbon Reduction Strategy;
 - Implementation of the Town of Bassendean's Carbon Reduction Strategy;
 - Implementation of the Shire of Mundaring's Carbon Reduction Strategy;
 - Assisting the City of Belmont to implement actions under their Environment Plan;
 - Assistance to continue with carbon mitigation actions across the region;
 - Providing assistance to develop and implement energy efficiency trial projects across the region in areas of operations which require energy efficiency measures to reduce energy costs;
 - Developing new community awareness projects to be implemented within the region; and
 - Maintenance of Home Energy Audit Kits and collation of community feedback.

How will member Councils benefit from participating in ACER?

Member Councils will derive direct benefits from being involved in the ACER Project as follows:

- Assistance to achieve their strategic objectives related to climate change;
- Assistance to achieve carbon reduction priorities to meet targets;
- Cost effectiveness;
- Sharing of resources to achieve common or compatible projects;
- Support in seeking external funding (noting that the Perth Solar City involvement began as a component of member Councils' Community Greenhouse Action Plans through the CCP Program);
- Visibility of member Councils' climate change mitigation commitments at community events;
- Advice on emerging issues in climate change, emissions policy and reporting and related matters; and
- Frees up time for the Councils Environmental Officer/Coordinator to tackle other environmental matters.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

Participating member Councils will be required to provide funding based on their individual requirements formulated through a project planning process. Once each member Council has identified specific needs then the generic tasks such as managing their emissions reporting platform and implementing carbon reduction actions will be incorporated into the overall plan and costed on an hourly basis and changed accordingly.

Member Council officers will be required to provide ongoing input into the delivery of ACER related activities and to provide direction and feedback to the EMRC. The EMRC employs a dedicated officer to coordinate and to implement the requirements of the program.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Achieving Carbon Emissions Reduction					
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Operating Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Member Council Contributions:					
(9,700)	Town of Bassendean	(9,991)	(10,290)	(10,600)	(10,920)	(11,248)
(12,450)	City of Bayswater	(12,825)	(13,210)	(13,610)	(14,018)	(14,438)
(12,450)	City of Belmont	(12,825)	(13,210)	(13,610)	(14,018)	(14,438)
(0)	Shire of Kalamunda *	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
(7,700)	Shire of Mundaring	(7,931)	(8,170)	(8,415)	(8,667)	(8,927)
(0)	City of Swan *	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
(42,300)	Total Income	(43,572)	(44,880)	(46,235)	(47,623)	(49,051)
	Operating Expenditure					
90,000	Implement ACER program	66,860	69,367	71,973	74,636	76,730
47,700	Net EMRC contribution	23,288	24,487	25,738	27,013	27,679

* **Figures exclude GST**

* **City of Swan and Shire of Kalamunda withdrew from the ACER project in 2010 and 2011 respectively, citing sufficient internal resources to maintain their own, similar program.**

2.5 Water Campaign™

PURPOSE

The purpose for the Water Campaign™ is to provide local governments with a framework and structured approach to actively assess their consumption of water and to understand how their activities affect water quality within their area. The project delivers Water Action Plans to address the issues identified and will achieve water reduction goals that have been set by member Councils. This can result in significant water use reductions and cost savings for participating Councils and demonstrates Local Government leadership in the management of our precious water resources.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The Water Campaign™ is a sustainability initiative from the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the Australian Government. Progression through this program framework is marked by milestones which progress the water management initiative through a series of steps outlined below.

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| Milestone 1 | Conduct a water consumption inventory and analysis for Corporate and Community consumers. Produce a water quality checklist; |
| Milestone 2 | Develop water goals in four action areas; |
| Milestone 3 | Produce a Water Action Plan; |
| Milestone 4 | Undertake implementation of the Water Action Plan, assessment and reporting of the quantitative and qualitative benefits resulting from the implemented actions; and |
| Milestone 5 | Review and evaluate Council's progress in the Water Campaign™. |

There are 120 Councils participating in the Water Campaign™ program throughout Australia, which includes 40 Councils from Western Australia, six of which are the EMRC Member Councils.

A highlight of 2011/2012 was the EMRC winning the Conservation and Efficiency Award at the annual WA Water Awards held in November 2011. The Conservation and Efficiency Award recognises excellence of new products, programs or services to improve and encourage water conservation. EMRC was recognised for providing accredited water efficiency audits, resulting in savings of both water and money to local governments and other organisations. EMRC were also a finalist in the Waterwise Specialist Award - for water industry professionals who have demonstrated effective waterwise practices and displayed initiative in educating staff and the community.

The EMRC was also a finalist in the national Savewater! awards® Government category which "Acknowledged achievement and a strong ongoing commitment by a local authority, state or federal government agency/department, to reducing its own or the community's water use". The Savewater! awards® are Australia's leading awards for water sustainability. These prestigious awards recognise and reward excellence in water conservation and efficiency by business, government, schools, local communities, and individuals. This year the Awards attracted over 1,000 applications from 40 countries around the world.

Other highlights of 2011/2012 included EMRC joining the 'Cities as Water Supply Catchments' research program which is researching ways to better manage water in a water sensitive city to overcome water shortages, reduce urban temperatures, improve waterway health and improve urban landscapes.

EMRC also worked with member Councils and the Department of Water to prepare a regional funding bid under the Australian Government's Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Grants for stormwater harvesting projects specific to member Council needs.

Member Councils are actively engaged in the Water CampaignTM and to date have achieved the following:

City of Belmont

In August 2010 the City of Belmont completed Milestone 5 in corporate and community modules. During 2011/12 the City undertook water consumption re-inventory and reviewed their Water Action Goals and Actions.

Town of Bassendean

In 2011/2012 the Town of Bassendean achieved Corporate module of Milestone 4 of the Water CampaignTM, and achieved the Community module of Milestone 4. The Town of Bassendean is currently undertaking Stage One of the Milestone 5 of the Water CampaignTM.

City of Bayswater

In 2011/2012 the City of Bayswater achieved Milestone 1 and 2 and is currently progressing Milestone 3.

Shire of Kalamunda

The Shire of Kalamunda in 2011 decided not to continue with EMRC's services of progressing the Shire through the Water Campaign program due to the employment of their own Environmental Sustainability Project Officer.

Shire of Mundaring

In 2011/2012 the Shire of Mundaring completed Milestone 4 of the Water CampaignTM, and is currently progressing through Stage One of Milestone 5.

City of Swan

In 2011/2012 the City of Swan achieved Milestone 1 of the Water CampaignTM completing both corporate and community water consumption inventory. The City is concurrently progressing through Milestones 2 and 3.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012-13?

- Progress the Town of Bassendean through the Water CampaignTM milestone framework and complete the second stage of Milestone 5, as well as assisting the Town with the Waterwise Council Program if it chooses to participate.
- Continue to progress the City of Bayswater through the Water CampaignTM milestone framework ensuring the Water Action Plan is endorsed by Council, and implementing and reporting on actions as part of Milestone 4 of the Water CampaignTM.
- Progress City of Swan through the Water CampaignTM milestone framework, ensuring the Water Action Plan is endorsed by council, and implementing and reporting on actions as part of Milestone 4 of the Water CampaignTM.
- Progress the Shire of Mundaring through the Water CampaignTM milestone framework and completing the second stage of Milestone 5, as well as assisting the Shire with the Waterwise Council Program and the re-endorsement process.

- Offer the member Councils that have completed Milestone 5, such as the City of Belmont, a water consumption inventory support tool and maintain the inventory record and update on an annual basis, as well as assisting them with the Waterwise Council Program and the re-endorsement process.
- Offer services in community sustainability education with a focus on water (and energy) conservation. This could include offering household and small business sustainability assessments and ongoing sustainability initiatives that encourage water conservation in the community.
- Continue to offer the member Councils a water efficiency auditing service that will allow audits to be undertaken of identified high consuming accounts.
- Identify potential water management projects for participating councils and continue to seek funding opportunities available to the councils. Provide assistance with funding application development and submissions.
- Investigate opportunities with the Water Corporation to develop a partnership to deliver a regional water wise program to householders.
- Assist member Councils with best practice water sensitive urban design and irrigation practices.

How will participating Council benefit?

Participation in the Water Campaign TM will result in the member Councils generating significant water use reductions and cost savings, and will demonstrate their leadership in the management of precious water resources. The program also supports Councils in groundwater management which will enable Councils to comply with recent State legislation requiring all Councils to ensure their groundwater extraction is below 7,500 kilolitres per hectare.

Progressing through the Water Campaign TM milestone framework has a great potential to provide the following benefits to participating councils:

Economic

- Increase in financial savings associated with the implementation of water conservation measures;
- Reduction of scheme/groundwater consumption through an alternative water supply use such as stormwater, greywater and treated wastewater;
- Water savings through the implementation of best practice water management including sustainable use of groundwater and scheme water management;
- Establishment of environmental indicators through water consumption and water quality analysis to measure and compare the success of programs;
- Assisting community members to reduce their water use accruing financial savings; and
- Improvements in the local economy through the development of new markets in areas such as water efficient devices, irrigation and landscape services.

Social

- Improvement of community relations and fostering a greater sense of community through development of partnerships with the commercial residential and industrial sectors of the community; and
- Establishment of local leadership in the area of the water resource management.

Environmental

- Contribution to the sustainable management of our water resources;
- Improvements in water quality through the implementation of initiatives such as erosion and sediment control; reduced use of chemicals and the containment and appropriate disposal of gross litter etc.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

Financial and in-kind support is required from member Councils to:

- meet Federal/ State funding requirements and support potential projects;
- provide input into project application development;
- provide ongoing support to ensure Water Campaign™ progress; and
- ensure integration of other proposed projects supporting the Water Campaign™.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Water Campaign™					
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
3	Operating Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(10,428)	Member Council Contributions:					
	City of Bayswater	(10,741)	(11,063)	(11,395)	(11,737)	(12,089)
(9,860)	Town of Bassendean	(10,156)	(10,460)	(10,774)	(11,098)	(11,430)
(10,336)	City of Belmont	(10,646)	(10,965)	(11,294)	(11,633)	(11,982)
(0)	Shire of Kalamunda*	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
(12,240)	Shire of Mundaring	(12,607)	(12,985)	(13,375)	(13,776)	(14,190)
(12,920)	City of Swan	(13,308)	(13,707)	(14,118)	(14,542)	(14,978)
(19,516)	Other Client LGAs	(14,008)	(14,428)	(14,861)	(15,307)	(15,766)
(75,300)	Total Income	(71,466)	(73,609)	(75,818)	(78,092)	(80,435)
	Operating Expenditure					
96,000	Water Campaign™ Support Officer	95,000	98,125	101,887	105,798	108,048
20,700	Net EMRC Contribution	23,534	24,516	26,069	27,706	27,613

* **Figures exclude GST**

* **Shire of Kalamunda withdrew from the Water Campaign in 2011.**

2.6 Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework (SHRMF) is to activate and realise the rivers' potential as natural, cultural and economic assets for Perth's Eastern Region.

BACKGROUND

How and why this project came about and what has been achieved to date?

The SHRMF was initiated by the EMRC on behalf of member Councils with support of the Swan River Trust and the Western Australian Planning Commission. The strategic framework provides a vision for the future protection and development of the Swan River and its major tributary, the Helena River. The SHRMF identifies roles and responsibilities and allocates strategic actions to all stakeholders to guide the ongoing management and development of the rivers.

The SHRMF was endorsed by the EMRC and the Cities of Bayswater, Belmont, Swan and Town of Bassendean in 2007. The framework outlines objectives to:

- achieve social benefits;
- protect environmental values;
- enhance cultural and natural heritage;
- promote sensitive design and development; and
- promote integrated planning and management.

To achieve these objectives, the framework recommends preparation of regional level planning strategies and guidelines to ensure a co-ordinated effort to tackle the large scale issues that cross Council boundaries. The project has involved four of the EMRC member Councils, including the City of Bayswater, Town of Bassendean, City of Belmont and City of Swan.

Since development and endorsement of the SHRMF, a number of high priority regional projects have been completed. These include:

- Perth's Eastern Region Swan River Trails Project (2008);
- SHRMF Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance (2009);
- Swan and Helena Rivers Regional Recreational Path Development Plan (2009);
- Best Management Practices for Shore Stabilisation – Approaches and Decision Support Framework (2009) (Led by Swan River Trust);
- Best Management Practices for Shore Stabilisation – Concept Designs for Shore; a Stabilisation at selected sites in the City of Bayswater (2009) (Led by Swan River Trust);
- Swan and Helena Rivers Foreshore Trail Interpretation Plan – Stage 1 (2011); and
- Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines (Draft) (2011).

The reports are foundation documents guiding implementation of the Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework and, according to the Swan River Trust and National Trust, potentially, the whole Swan and Canning Rivers system.

On 7 September 2011 the EMRC received notification from the City of Belmont that the Regional Development Australia Fund submission made to the Federal Government Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government by the City on behalf of the Town of Bassendean, City of Bayswater and EMRC for foreshore stabilisation infrastructure at sites along the Swan River was unsuccessful. A second round of funding opened for Expressions of Interest in November 2011, and the subsequent application including the City of Belmont, City of Bayswater and EMRC was also unsuccessful.

DETAILS

What is planned for 2012-13?

Ongoing

- Continued implementation of priority actions outlined within the SHRMF on advice of member Councils through the Regional Environmental Advisory Group.
- Advocacy – representations will continue to be made at agency and political levels to increase funding to the Swan River. The EMRC will work with its member Councils to advocate and develop collaborative submissions, as funding programs become available.
- Swan and Helena Rivers Regional Recreational Path Development Plan – seek funding to implement trail construction and maintenance priorities.

Continuing

- Foreshore Funding Strategy – will inform ongoing advocacy and create an overview of funding sources, availability, partnerships, works and priorities. This will enable advance planning for collaborative submissions; highlight regional needs and link with work done by Swan Canning Policy Forum as well as supporting other major projects in the SHRMF, such as the Foreshore Trail Interpretation Plan and Regional Recreational Path Development Plan. Lead agencies have been identified as including EMRC, Swan River Trust, Western Australian Planning Commission and local government.
- Swan and Helena Rivers Foreshore Trail Interpretation Plan – Stage two of the project will seek to undertake further consultation with the Noongar and general community to refine the selection of sites, themes and stories for interpretation related to the European, Noongar and natural heritage meta-themes from the Swan and Helena Rivers Heritage Audit and Statement of Significance. Detailed designs and costings for each member Council to construct interpretation at selected sites will also be developed.
- Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines – Seek endorsement of the guidelines and deliver training on how to use the Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines resource tool kit.

New

- Develop and deliver a Noongar Cultural Awareness Training programme – Noongar cultural awareness entails an understanding of Noongar culture, values, beliefs and protocols. Understanding of Noongar culture and values may assist local governments when dealing with the Noongar community and the services it provides. As part of the development of the Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines project a lack of cultural awareness was identified as a key issue for local government officers. This project will seek to increase the awareness of local government officers in relation to Noongar culture, values, beliefs and protocols.

How will member Councils benefit?

Social

- Improved community engagement in Swan River foreshore restoration activities in the Cities of Bayswater, Belmont and Swan, and Town of Bassendean;
- Inclusive Noongar consultation;
- Increased public safety and amenity along the Swan River foreshore; and
- Increased tourism and recreational opportunities at key sites along the Swan River.

Environmental

- An integrated approach to foreshore management across four member Councils; and
- Improved foreshore stability.

Economic

- Opportunities to value add to current individual local government river projects;
- Opportunities to increase funding applications through collaborative submissions;
- Provision of employment opportunities; and
- Informed advocacy for funding and political support for priority actions from State and Federal Government.

What impact/support will this project have on member Councils?

Member Councils will be required to make in-kind and financial contributions to leverage grant funding for projects that arise from implementation of regional strategies including;

- Regional Recreation Path Development Plan path construction
- Swan and Helena Rivers Foreshore Trail Interpretation Plan
- Development and delivery of a Cultural Awareness Training Programme.

In-kind support will be required from member Councils in the form of officer time to participate on the Regional Environmental Advisory Group and to provide technical input into submissions and project briefs.

Five Year Financial Summary

Program Title	Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework					
Adopted Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$	<i>Operating Expenditure</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
52,101	Implement SHRMF Plan - Salary and on costs	60,000	62,000	64,000	66,000	68,000
62,396	Other expenses and projects Develop Swan and Helena Rivers Foreshore Trail Interpretation Plan – Stage 2 Implement Regional Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines Implement Foreshore Funding Strategy Implement Swan and Helena Rivers Regional Recreational Path Plan Develop and Implement Noongar Cultural Awareness Training Programme	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
114,497	Net EMRC Contribution	120,000	122,000	124,000	126,000	128,000

* *Figures exclude GST*

2.7 Summary

The table below shows a summary of the proposed member Council contributions totaling \$350,465 (44%) for the 2012/2013 financial year towards the proposed Environmental Services projects of \$794,850 outlined in Sections 2.1 to 2.6.

1. Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP)
2. Future Proofing– Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan (RCCAAP)
3. Perth Solar City
4. Achieving Carbon Emission Reductions (ACE_R) Program
5. Water Campaign™
6. Swan and Helena Rivers Management Framework

Environmental Services Proposed Projects Contribution	
Town of Bassendean	\$50,147
City of Bayswater	\$53,566
City of Belmont	\$53,471
Shire of Kalamunda	\$58,145
Shire of Mundaring	\$78,683
City of Swan	\$56,453
Total	\$350,465

Section 3 - Member Council Individual Financial Contributions Summary

3.1 Town of Bassendean

Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
0	Regional Transport Planning and Development	1,343	3,286	5,299	0	0
0	Regional Economic Development	13,247	13,644	14,053	14,474	14,908
1,815	Regional Economic Profile Tools - REMPLAN	0	0	0	0	0
4,250	Regional Tourism Program	4,463	4,686	4,920	5,166	5,425
15,000	Future Proofing for Climate Change	15,000	0	0	0	0
15,000	Perth Solar City	15,000	0	0	0	0
9,700	ACER	9,991	10,290	10,600	10,920	11,248
9,860	Water Campaign TM	10,156	10,460	10,774	11,098	11,430
55,625	Total Funding Being Sought	69,200	42,366	45,646	41,658	43,011

* *Figures exclude GST*

* *REMPAN Included in Economic Development from 2012/2013*

3.2 City of Bayswater

Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
0	Regional Transport Planning and Development	2,692	6,588	10,624	0	0
0	Regional Economic Development	26,561	27,357	28,177	29,023	29,893
1,815	Regional Economic Profile Tools - REMPLAN	0	0	0	0	0
8,600	Regional Tourism Program	9,030	9,482	9,956	10,454	10,976
15,000	Future Proofing for Climate Change	15,000	0	0	0	0
15,000	Perth Solar City	15,000	0	0	0	0
12,450	ACER	12,825	13,210	13,610	14,018	14,438
10,428	Water Campaign TM	10,741	11,063	11,395	11,737	12,089
63,293	Total Funding Being Sought	91,849	67,700	73,762	65,232	67,396

* Figures exclude GST

* REMPLAN Included in Economic Development from 2012/2013

3.3 City of Belmont

Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
0	Regional Transport Planning and Development	2,172	5,312	8,568	0	0
0	Regional Economic Development	21,420	22,062	22,724	23,406	24,108
1,815	Regional Economic Profile Tools - REMPLAN	0	0	0	0	0
7,300	Regional Tourism Program	7,955	8,048	8,450	8,873	9,316
15,000	Future Proofing for Climate Change	15,000	0	0	0	0
15,000	Perth Solar City	15,000	0	0	0	0
12,450	ACER	12,825	13,210	13,610	14,018	14,438
10,336	Water Campaign TM	10,646	10,965	11,294	11,633	11,982
61,901	Total Funding Being Sought	85,018	59,597	64,646	57,930	59,844

* Figures exclude GST

* REMPLAN Included in Economic Development from 2012/2013

3.4 Shire of Kalamunda

Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
0	Regional Transport Planning and Development	2,333	5,710	9,209	0	0
0	Regional Economic Development	23,022	23,712	24,424	25,156	25,911
1,815	Regional Economic Profile Tools - REMPLAN	0	0	0	0	0
7,300	Regional Tourism Program	7,955	8,048	8,450	8,873	9,316
24,000	Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program	28,145	28,989	29,589	30,755	31,677
15,000	Future Proofing for Climate Change	15,000	0	0	0	0
15,000	Perth Solar City	15,000	0	0	0	0
0	ACER	0	0	0	0	0
0	Water Campaign™	0	0	0	0	0
63,115	Total Funding Being Sought	91,455	66,459	71,672	64,784	66,904

* *Figures exclude GST*

* *REMPLAN Included in Economic Development from 2012/2013*

3.5 Shire of Mundaring

Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
0	Regional Transport Planning and Development	2,029	4,966	8,010	0	0
0	Regional Economic Development	20,023	20,623	21,242	21,879	22,536
1,815	Regional Economic Profile Tools - REMPLAN	0	0	0	0	0
6,700	Regional Tourism Program	7,035	7,387	7,756	8,144	8,551
24,000	Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program	28,145	28,989	29,589	30,755	31,677
15,000	Future Proofing for Climate Change	15,000	0	0	0	0
15,000	Perth Solar City	15,000	0	0	0	0
7,700	ACER	7,931	8,170	8,415	8,667	8,927
12,240	Water Campaign™	12,607	12,985	13,375	13,776	14,190
82,455	Total Funding Being Sought	107,770	83,120	88,387	83,221	85,881

* *Figures exclude GST*

* *REMPLAN Included in Economic Development from 2012/2013*

3.6 City of Swan

Budget 2011/12	Project Summary	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
0	Regional Transport Planning and Development	4,633	11,338	18,290	0	0
0	Regional Economic Development	45,727	47,098	48,511	49,967	51,466
1,815	Regional Economic Profile Tools - REMPLAN	0	0	0	0	0
15,850	Regional Tourism Program	16,643	17,475	18,349	19,266	19,843
24,000	Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program	28,145	28,989	29,589	30,755	31,677
15,000	Perth Solar City	15,000	0	0	0	0
12,920	Water Campaign™	13,308	13,707	14,118	14,542	14,978
69,585	Total Funding Being Sought	123,456	118,607	128,857	114,530	117,964

* *Figures exclude GST*

* *REMPAN Included in Economic Development from 2012/2013*

Section 4 - Summary of Proposed Member Council Combined Contributions 2012/2013

The table below shows the combined proposed member Council contributions towards the Regional Development and Environmental Services projects proposed for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Proposed member Council contributions for proposed Regional Development projects are 25.2% of the total project value of \$866,168.

Proposed member Council contributions for proposed Environmental Services projects are 44% of the total project value of \$794,850.

Proposed member Council contributions for all Regional Services proposed projects are 34% of the total project value of \$1,661,018.

	Environmental Services	Regional Development	Total
Town of Bassendean	50,147	19,053	69,200
City of Bayswater	53,566	38,283	91,849
City of Belmont	53,471	31,547	85,018
Shire of Kalamunda	58,145	33,310	91,455
Shire of Mundaring	78,683	29,087	107,770
City of Swan	56,453	67,003	123,456
Total	\$350,465	\$218,283	\$568,748

Attachment 1

Regional Development Projects 2012/2013	Budget 2011/2012	Proposed 2012/2013	Comment
1. Regional Transport Planning Projects			
Regional Integrated Transport Plan	\$77,758	\$80,000	To implement transport strategy actions, including lobbying.
Travel Smart Programs	\$40,000	\$60,000	To employ a regional TravelSmart Officer to implement Travel Smart projects.
Regional Walking Strategy	\$21,794	\$20,000	Budget for developing a Regional Walking Strategy
Total	\$139,552	\$160,000	
2. Regional Economic Development Projects			
Regional Economic Development Plan	\$65,000	\$80,000	To implement economic development strategy actions
Research Program	\$60,000	\$80,000	Undertake research to inform the implementation of REDS (Includes Economic profile tools)
Regional Investment Attraction	\$20,000	\$20,000	Promote the region to attract workforce and investment
Business Retention and Expansion	\$10,000	\$10,000	Retain and expand existing business and industry
Perth Autumn Festival	\$60,000	\$61,800	Develop and promote Perth Autumn Festival
Avon Descent Family Fun Days	\$268,400	\$276,040	Develop and promote Avon Descent Family Fun Days. Project requires grant funding
PerthTourism.com.au	\$2,260	\$2,328	Development and maintenance of website
Total	\$485,660	\$530,168	
3. Regional Youth and Education*			
Facilitate Regional Youth Projects	\$30,556	\$35,000	Budget for agreed youth initiatives approved by Council.
Total	\$30,556	\$35,000	
5. Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship Projects*			
Regional Advocacy Strategy	\$65,000	\$66,000	To implement regional advocacy strategy activities
Advocacy Materials	\$10,000	\$10,000	Develop advocacy material
Regional Advocacy Data Base	\$10,000	\$8,000	Investigate the need for regional advocacy data base
Advocacy Training and Development	\$10,000	\$10,000	Provide regional advocacy training and development for advocates
Canberra Delegation	\$10,000	\$12,000	Coordinate Canberra delegation
Regional Advocacy Meetings	\$5,000	\$5,000	Coordinate regional advocacy meetings
Sponsorship and Grants	\$30,000	\$30,000	Provide sponsorship /grants in line with Council recommendations.
Total	\$140,000	\$141,000	
Total Project Investment	\$795,768	\$866,168	

**** Regional Youth and Education and Regional Advocacy and Sponsorship Projects are fully funded by EMRC.**



9.7 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13611

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council approval for EMRC to become a signatory to the WALGA Local Government Climate Change Declaration.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The WA Local Government Association (WALGA) has recently released a Local Government Climate Change Declaration, endorsed at the August 2011 meeting of State Council and consistent with the intent of the WALGA-endorsed Climate Change Policy Statement.
- WALGA is asking for Councils to consider the declaration and communicate their 'in-principle' support.
- The declarations will be signed at a ceremony to be held in March 2012.
- EMRC endorsement of the declaration will further formalise the existing commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation, as outlined in the EMRC Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan.
- Benefits of endorsement include providing a demonstration of support for WALGA's continued role in this area, as well as support for future funding applications in the areas of climate change, emission reduction and/or energy conservation.

Recommendation(s)

That Council endorses and signs the WALGA Local Government Climate Change Declaration, which supports EMRC and its member Council's existing commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Regional Services
Manager Environmental Services

BACKGROUND

The EMRC and its six member Councils have collaborated, through the Future Proofing project, to undertake a comprehensive regional risk assessment to identify impacts and associated actions that will need to be undertaken in order to better prepare the region's community to adapt itself under the pressures climate change will bring.

Complementary to this and in recognition of the need to assist Councils to adapt to climate change, WALGA has recently released a Local Government Climate Change Declaration ("the Declaration"), endorsed at the August 2011 meeting of State Council and consistent with the intent of the WALGA-endorsed Climate Change Policy Statement. The document has been developed based on the Nottingham Declaration, to which 90% of UK Councils have signed <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/nottingham>. The WALGA Local Government Climate Change Declaration is shown as an Attachment.

The Declaration is a voluntary opportunity for Councils to demonstrate their political commitment to locally appropriate climate change management, and to participate in a sector wide leadership approach. Becoming a signatory to the Declaration will support WALGA's policy and advocacy work on this issue, including the development of a funded sector-wide program to assist Local Governments to respond to climate change risks and impacts.



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WALGA is asking for Councils to consider the Declaration and communicate their 'in-principle' support. The declarations will be signed at a ceremony to be held in late March 2012 and to be attended by Mayors/ Presidents of all Councils who have elected to become signatories to the Declaration. The Minister for Environment will also be invited.

REPORT

The Local Government Climate Change Declaration is a voluntary opportunity for Councils to demonstrate their political commitment to locally appropriate climate change management, and to participate in a sector wide leadership approach. It acknowledges that:

- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring;
- Climate change will continue to have significant effects on the Western Australian environment, society and economy, and the Local Government sector; and
- Human behaviours, pollution and consumption patterns have both immediate and future impacts on the climate and environment.

EMRC endorsement of the Declaration will further formalise the existing commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation, as outlined in the EMRC Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan.

Benefits of endorsement include providing a demonstration of support for WALGA's continued role in this area, as well as support for future funding applications in the areas of climate change, emission reduction and/or energy conservation. In particular, this may assist if the EMRC and Member Councils were to submit an application for the soon to be released 'Low Carbon Communities' funding programme.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report relates to achievement of a number of objectives within the EMRC's Strategic Plan for the Future 2010/11 to 2013/14:

Key Result Area 1 – Environmental Sustainability

- 1.5 To contribute towards improved regional air, water and land quality and regional biodiversity conservation;
- 1.6 To address climate change issues within the region.

Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan 2009-2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Endorsement of the Declaration supports the EMRC and its member Council's existing commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and associated financial implications (costs and benefits). There are no additional financial implications.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Endorsement of the Declaration supports the EMRC and its member Council's existing commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation through the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan 2009-2013, and associated environmental benefits. There are no additional environmental implications.



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MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details
Town of Bassendean	} Member Councils continued support of climate change mitigation and adaptation.
City of Bayswater	
City of Belmont	
Shire of Kalamunda	
Shire of Mundaring	
City of Swan	

ATTACHMENT(S)

WALGA – Local Government Climate Change Declaration (Ref: Committees-13626)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council endorses and signs the WALGA Local Government Climate Change Declaration, which supports EMRC and its member Council's existing commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Mr Throssell moved an amendment to the attachment, The Western Australian Local Government Declaration of Climate Change in the first paragraph second dot point to "Climate change will continue to have and *is already having* significant effects on the Western Australian environment, society and economy, and the Local Government sector". The Chief Executive Officer of the EMRC noted that this was WALGA's document however indicated that he felt the amendment would not cause any problem.

CEOAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR THROSSELL

SECONDED MR JARVIS

That Council endorses and signs the WALGA Local Government Climate Change Declaration subject to the amendment to the attachment, which supports EMRC and its member Council's existing commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



The Western Australian Local Government Declaration on Climate Change

Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) Declaration

The EMRC acknowledges that:

- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will continue to have significant effects on the Western Australian environment, society and economy, and the Local Government sector.
- Human behaviours, pollution and consumption patterns have both immediate and future impacts on the climate and environment.

The EMRC supports the:

- Environmental, social and economic benefits of addressing climate change immediately.
- Opportunity for Local Government to demonstrate leadership in climate change management at a community level.
- Development of equitable and implementable State and Commonwealth strategies for climate change management.

The EMRC commits from date of signing to:

- Set an appropriate emissions reduction target and work toward its achievement.
- Work with State and Federal Government to ensure achievement of greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets as set out in key National and International agreements.
- Work with State and Federal Government to implement key actions and activities for climate change management at a regional level.

- Assess the regionally specific risks associated with climate change and implications for Local Government services, and identify areas where appropriate mitigation and/or adaptation strategies should be applied.
- Develop a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan across all Local Government functions in Perth's Eastern region, with a focus on the one to five year future.
- Ensure that, at appropriate review intervals, the strategic plan and policies for the EMRC are reviewed and amended to reflect climate change management priorities and emissions reduction targets.
- Encourage and empower the local community and local businesses to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- Monitor the progress of climate change initiatives and ensure full communication of achievements for Council and Community.

Signed:

EMRC Chairman – Cr Alan Pilgrim

Date:

Signed:

President - Western Australian Local Government Association

Date:



9.8 ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION BULLETIN

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-13600

The following items are included in the Information Bulletin, which accompanies the Agenda.

1. REGIONAL SERVICES

- 1.1 REGIONAL SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2011
(Ref: Committees-13557)
- 1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2011
(Ref: Committees-13560)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Bulletin be noted.

CEOAC RESOLUTION

MOVED MR THROSSELL SECONDED MR JARVIS

THAT THE INFORMATION BULLETIN BE NOTED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 EVENTS IN THE REGION

25 February 2012	EMRC	Biennial Dinner
1 April 2012	City of Bayswater	Autumn River Festival
12 May 2012	City of Swan	Mayoral Dinner
7 August 2012	City of Bayswater	Avon Descent
6 October 2012	City of Belmont	Mayoral Dinner

11.2 OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee will be held on **13 March 2012 (informal)** at the City of Bayswater, 61 Broun Avenue, Morley WA 6062 commencing at 12.30pm with lunch at 12noon.



Chief Executive Officers' Advisory Committee (CEOAC) meetings commencing at 12:30pm:

Tuesday	13	March (informal)	at	City of Bayswater
Tuesday	10	April	at	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	15	May (informal)	at	Shire of Mundaring
Tuesday	12	June	at	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	10	July (informal)	at	Town of Bassendean
Tuesday	14	August	at	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	11	September (informal)	at	City of Belmont
Tuesday	9	October	at	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	27	November (informal)	at	City of Swan

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1:08pm.