

5. OUTCOMES, ACTIVITIES AND KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS, June 2016-17

Outcome 1: Regional Plan - A current three to five-year plan that focusses on economic development of the RDA region taking into account Commonwealth, state, territory and local government plans.			
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Maintain and develop a regional consultation network.	Presented to Eyre Peninsula local government CEOs and Mayors, and the RDAWEP Board an update on energy issues across Australia and the corresponding impacts on Eyre Peninsula. Updates were also provided on four energy projects across EP.		
	A Local Government tourism advisory group was established to identify common priorities and maximise opportunity.	One-on-one sessions were conducted with 7 of the 11 member Council's representatives to determine the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for July 11, 2017. Appointments for the remaining 4 have been made for early July.	Smart City and Events Management are strategic priorities that were identified. Work commenced to secure the network with access to case studies and contractors to advise on these priorities.
	Ongoing communications with DSD and other State government agencies with regard to identification of key issues and projects to help address Whyalla's depressed economy and current and future challenges.	Provision of information regarding RDAWEP current and future RDAWEP plans, projects and resource requirements.	Communication is ongoing in regard to State government support for multiple projects and initiatives including continuation of implementation of Whyalla's Masterplan for disability and aging and Heavy Industry Cluster, in particular industry diversification and engagement with the defence Industry re opportunities for supply to defence build programs.
	Multiple meetings and communication with DSD and TAFE in regard to the Multi-Trade training program. The program experienced an almost 50% drop out rate in the first six weeks. The program had not been monitored or properly administered since commencement in late April.	RDAWEP established a steering group for the project consisting of representatives from Industry, TAFE, DSD and RDAWEP. The purpose of the steering group is to monitor progress of the project, identify problems and implement corrective actions when required. An initial meeting was convened and actions developed and are being implemented to address the high drop-out rate.	
	Communication with DSD in regard to post June 30 arrangements for management/brokerage of DSD funded training projects in the region.		
			Ongoing communication with government agencies in regard to co-funding two projects 1) Industry Supply Chain Coordinator and 2) Disability and Ageing Implementation officer. No support for either project has been forthcoming.

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Maintain and develop a regional consultation network (Cont'd).	A regional network has been established that includes the following Aboriginal organisations: Yalata, Scotdesco, Koonibba, Ceduna, Aboriginal Lands Trust, and Port Lincoln. The network also includes the Transitional Accommodation Centre, Housing SA, DPMC – Ceduna, Regional Health Ceduna, Save the Children, Red Cross, Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service, the homeland groups (Munda & Wanna Mar, Bullinda, Munda Munda Wadutjinna, Tia Tuckia, Akenta and Ikkata. Business ventures that include Walga Mining in Whyalla, and the Playford Avenue Arcade are also in the network along with both of the regions natural resource management groups (EPNRM and AWRNM).	Many attempts were made to contact the CEO of Yalata (communication is a weakness here). DPMC have arranged to visit with RDAWEP on 18/07/2017. Maralinga/Oak Valley contact has been most positive and assistance is being provided to Bob Ramsay to develop "Maralinga Village" business plans and feasibility. Visited Koonibba, the community is managing exceptionally well. More infrastructure has been improved e.g. commercial kitchen in the hall, and change rooms at the oval. Currently developing Terms of Reference for engaging a Koonibba Store Project Manager.	Draft Business Plan has been developed for the caravan park. The ACAP (army) program has adopted a number of the recommendations required to upgrade the caravan park. Funding has been obtained for building of the store.
	Met with the Scotdesco Manager to arrange a time to engage their board to ascertain future direction for Scotdesco.	A Meeting with Scotdesco's Board has been scheduled for late September following their AGM and election of a new Board.	
	Advised DPMC that the invoice for the 2017-2018 program fees has been received. Suggested that the Liquor Licensing Commission make the ID Techt machine a part of the bottle shop licenses and have them pay the fees.	DPMC has advised that the Liquor Licensing Commission is working on the need for the ID machines.	
	Weekly Monday morning RDA Whyalla team meeting to update on the week's activities.		
	Delivered 2 workshops to students who are in the process of completing study modules of Certificate III in Disability.		
	Participated in the steering committee for the Multi trades project.		
	Participated in the steering committee for the Cert III in disability training.		
	Attended a brokers meeting in Adelaide including a training session around the new JFEP projects, and units of competencies in training packages. This is to gain a greater understanding of the training units that we can put together to meet the employer's needs.		
	Attended a training session for Career Practitioners in Adelaide. The training was around the understanding, and providing a service for clients with diverse needs.		

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Document regional intelligence about key issues supported by research and data.	Conducted an analysis of Dr Alan Finkel's final report <i>Blueprint for the Future: The Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Energy Market</i> and recommendations were made for the RDAWEP Board.	RDAWEP Chair provided positive feedback on the presentation.	
	Analysis of ElectraNet's Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) as part of Eyre Peninsula Electricity Supply Options was undertaken and recommendations presented to the RDAWEP and EPLGA Boards.		The EPLGA Board adopted recommendations from the presentation.
	Regular regional tourism statistics are collated, interpreted and distributed.	Ongoing	Ongoing
	The Visitor Information Outlet at Tumby Bay has ceased operating.	A new service provider has been identified and work has commenced to provide advice and resources to establish them.	The new Visitor Information Outlet in Tumby Bay should be fully operational by the end of July.
	A capability mapping exercise is ongoing for a range of heavy industry businesses with operations in and around the Whyalla area.	A process was developed to capture detailed information about capabilities of heavy industry businesses and their supply chains.	This project has been on hold so that work on other identified priorities could be progressed. This project has been given a higher priority and will be progressed during 2017.
Distribute and promote Regional Plans.	The draft <i>Regional Strategic Plan</i> prepared by RDAWEP, EPLGA and EPNRM was modified and improved to prepare it for stakeholder distribution.	The changes included: a modified Executive Summary, the addition of a conclusion, along with new strategies and actions in some sections. Space was allocated for the addition of a preface by the three Chairs when the Plan has been endorsed.	The draft Plan was distributed via the RDAWEP website in June, in preparation for the first Joint Planning Board meeting on 30 June. A feedback mechanism was arranged on the website to monitor member comments. A feedback process with a broader range of stakeholders will be activated in early July with comments and suggestion required by 31 July.
	A <i>Regional Strategic Plan</i> background paper was prepared to advise stakeholders about how the strategies and planning framework were determined.	The paper was distributed via the RDAWEP website. A PowerPoint presentation was prepared for the Joint Planning Board meeting on 30 June.	
Maintain a database of regional stakeholders.	73 changes were made to the database in June.	At 30 June, the database listed 5,059 contacts.	The RDAWEP Regional Newsletter for June was distributed on 2 nd June, 2017.

Outcome 2: Critical issues - Advice to the Government on critical issues affecting the RDA region.			
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Pursue an integrated, cross-agency approach to regional development.	Represent and advocate for regional South Australia and Eyre Peninsula as a board member of the South Australian Tourism Industry Council.	Ensure the priorities of regional South Australia are reflected in SATIC's plans and operations and that SATIC provides an effective platform for its regional tourism members.	Ongoing

	Represent and advocate for Eyre Peninsula as a member of the South Australian Regional Tourism Network.	Attend bi-monthly meetings representing the Eyre Peninsula tourism industry, RDAWEP and EPLGA.	Ongoing
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Pursue an integrated, cross-agency approach to regional development (Cont'd).	Represent and advocate for Eyre Peninsula tourism in the development of the DEWNR/SATC Nature Based Tourism Strategy (NBTS).	Opportunities have been identified in Eyre Peninsula National Parks and crown lands.	Ongoing
	Represent and advocate for Eyre Peninsula tourism with EPNRM.	Ongoing	Ongoing
	Supported and participated in the SATC Eyre Peninsula Response Plan meeting on Tuesday May 30 2017.	RDAWEP, EPNRM and EPLGA along with SATC contributed to the development of a priority list of actions relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall strategic focus • Driving demand • Working better together • Supporting what we have • Increasing recognition of the value of tourism • Using events to grow visitation • Total cost of doing business • Investing in infrastructure. 	Priorities will be incorporated into a South Australian regional visitor strategy.
	RDAWEP is working with local employers to identify potential training opportunities for new employees through the Jobs First Employment Project.		
Pursue opportunities for collaborative projects.	The arrangements for the Trans Australian Railway line centenary at Ooldea on 17 October were progressed.	This included the preparation of an article for the <i>Regional Newsletter</i> and providing comment on a draft article for the <i>R M Williams Outback Magazine</i> .	
	An opportunity was presented to SATC to support, through their Domestic Marketing program, a proposal by a television show to film a 1 hour long show and 3 supporting segments in August around the Lower Eyre Peninsula.	SATC are favourably considering the proposal with a determination to be advised in early July.	RDAWEP successfully secured support from DEWNR to waive filming permit costs in exchange for promotion of marine park locality.
	Regular communication and monthly meeting with Whyalla Chamber of Commerce.	Meeting as scheduled to discuss a range of issues including; Cultana expansion and linking local business into the project; defence asset recycling in Whyalla and how this project could be progressed.	Knowledge and understanding of WCC/RDAWEP activities and projects remains strong with positive collaboration on projects and initiatives.
	RDAWEP are connecting the three tiers of government plus the relative NGO's to develop the "Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy".	Met with DPMC on 16/06/2017 and agreed to a fresh review of the document with the recommendations being advised by 23/06/2017.	DPMC requested some minor changes, particularly a reduction in program information that relates to their programs as there have been some internal changes.
Engage with Local Government on regional planning and economic development.	For discussion at the EPLGA CEO's Committee meeting was the region wide funding model to be applied to Local Government in order to underwrite the	Full requested underwritten Local Government investment was not obtained, work is now underway to scale down and resource a selection of strategic priorities.	Ongoing

	Draft proposal Destination Eyre Peninsula Program <i>Foundations for Success - A Strategic Plan</i> .		
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Engage with Local Government on regional planning and economic development (Cont'd).	Provide regular information to Local Government including active promotion of RDAWEP plans.	Relevant statistics distributed.	Ongoing
	Regular communication including monthly meetings with Whyalla Council senior management. 1 x meeting.	Meetings as scheduled to discuss a range of issues including activity plans.	Meeting to discussion arrangements and resource requirements to continue the implementation of Whyalla's Masterplan for Disability and Ageing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation Project Officer has recently resigned and activity had to be scaled back. • A formal co-funding funding proposal and request to continue the project was lodged with Whyalla Council in 2016. • A series of meetings has been held with Whyalla Council about this project and how it can continue. • Whyalla Council are supportive and keen to continue the work with funding allocated in the 2017-18 budget pending approval. • Waiting on funding confirmation then the position will be advertised and recruited.
	Had discussions with Mayor Suter of Ceduna about the future operational structure and ownership of the property designated for the wildlife sanctuary. Plans were made to meet with Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation and Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation. It was agreed to come up with a legal structure that would be suitable to the three groups.	Advice has been received that governance issues will prevent Council from being a partner in the joint venture style set up. A further meeting is planned for July.	
	Met with the District Council of Ceduna to support improvements to the Aboriginal Sporting Complex.	Visited site with the contractor and provided advice re location of the old dump which seems to be a matter of concern for the EPA and irrigation system.	Soil samples were obtained for testing and awaiting response from EPA.
	Met with Whyalla City Council's Group Manager for City Development and Delivery to discuss potential tourist and other commercial related activities.	The Development Manager continues to assist with the tourist activity, and the hospitality venture being established.	Whyalla City Council councillors approved the establishment of the café at the Wetlands. The next process is to obtain planning approval and community acceptance.

Outcome 3: Priority activities - Advice on priority activities that will drive regional economic development, on future economic opportunities and on the RDA region's comparative advantages, based on consultation and engagement with community leaders. *(Priority activities are those with an economic focus where the RDA takes a lead or supporting role. RDAs should identify if they are taking a lead or supporting role.*

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Human Capital - REGIONAL PRIORITY: <i>Develop and retain a skilled workforce.</i>			
Develop sustainable employment networks.	Attended the Youth Jobs PaTH workshop in Port Lincoln conducted by the Australian Government's Department of Employment.	Obtained information to disseminate to the region on the new Jobs PaTH program.	Information was included in RDAWEP's July newsletter.
	RDAWEP's Career Development Centre is working with students from Mission Australia who are attending the New Opportunities training that is ACE funded.	Students have now completed the training with Mission Australia and are looking for employment. Ongoing support from the CDC has been offered to all students.	
	RDAWEP is working with Sue (Youth Worker) from Plaza Youth to assist their students with careers advice, resumes and cover letters.		
	RDAWEP Career Practitioner gave a talk about resumes and work ready skills to TAFE students studying Engineering and Certificate III in Disability.	The students are now moving into the work placement component of their training.	
Provide career development services.	In the 2016/2017 program for the Port Lincoln/Eyre program, 40 participants have commenced and of these, 39 have been exited.	Sixteen participants exited have gained additional employment.	Not yet
	RDAWEP has applied to DSD to deliver enhanced career services for the whole of Eyre Peninsula for disability sector careers originally between February and June 2017 to job seekers and existing workers who have identified they wish to work or upskill for work in the disability sector. DSD have extended this program to the end of October 2017. A National Disability Services (NDS) Employment Coordinator has been connecting with employers to identify emerging employment opportunities. Career Service providers play a part in assisting local employers to access workers with appropriate attitudes and skills for work in the disability sector.	The application has been successful and RDAWEP has since subcontracted this work to SkillsSmart who has reported that there is considerable interest in participation in the disability sector. To date 79 participants have commenced.	Not yet
	RDAWEP has applied to DSD to provide CDS services in the 2017/2018 year.	The application has been successful and work will commence July 1 st .	
	RDAWEP offers a shop front service to the community of Whyalla. They can provide services to assist people into work, to increase their hours of work, or advice with a career change.	RDAWEP has seen 130 participants through the CDC to date. Some participants need just 1 appointment whilst others come back for support with other job applications. RDAWEP offers support through empowering the job seeker to understand about self-marketing and meeting the needs of the employer.	34 employment outcomes have been captured to date.

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Deliver targeted projects to support workforce development and participation.	Multiple meetings and communication with DSD and TAFE during June in regard to the Accelerated Vocational Training project (as outlined in previous reports). The program experienced an almost 50% drop-out rate in the first six weeks. The program had not been monitored or properly administered since commencement in late April. RDAWEP commenced and convened meetings of a steering group to identify and implement actions required to correct problems. Additional resources for 1) project management and 2) participant case management identified through successful similar previous programs was not supported by DSD	Effectively this project is being run solely by TAFE who have been contracted by DSD. The drop-out rate is considered to be due to lack of case management and core support for students. Positive aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students remaining in the course appear to be progressing well. • Some students have been taking up the extra support for literacy and numeracy made available through TAFE. • Work placements are being arranged with heavy industry companies. • Some students may come back in at the changeover. 	Actions are being put in place to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact students that have dropped out to document reasons and see if they may be able to return in the second part of the course, and to return PPE and welding equipment. • Address administrative problems so that invoices from suppliers to the project can be paid. • Arrange drug and alcohol testing which is a pre-requisite for work placements. • Provide better support to students experiencing literacy and numeracy problems. • Hold regular meetings and address problems as they occur. • Organise an additional recruitment round. • Develop a revised application for funding to secure resources required to manage the project, to case manage students, and to deliver non-accredited training for jobs to improve job readiness.
	Currently preparing submissions for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Retail sector in Port Lincoln. It is hoped that this may be replicated in Ceduna. 2. The Jobs First Employment Project (JFEP) to train people for work at the Iluka mine is about to enter its final stage of recruitment. 3. The JFEP for the Primary Industries sector is well underway. Here, participants are being recruited to add to their skills in the areas of small engine diagnostics and repairs, manual arc welding, chemical handling, truck driving (HC and MC), front end loader and shearing. 	To date 9 people have been recruited with a target of 18. To date 20 people have been recruited with a target of 40. Two people have been trained in Heavy Combination truck driving to date and have successfully passed their driving test.	
	JFEP application for Walga Mining for 5 components of Certificate II in Construction. Through the training, Walga mining have committed to take on all 12 participants as employees.	The project is complete and 2 of the participants have gained employment and 2 increased their hours. Walga did not win one of the local contracts and are not taking on any of the participants from this project.	
	Contact is being made with Whyalla employers to see how RDAWEP, through DSD can assist with training requirements for new workers.	Working JFEP projects are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways to Construction, which should be finished by the end of June • Certificate III in Disabilities, which runs until September • Multi-Trades project. 	

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Sustainable Communities and Population Growth: Economic - REGIONAL PRIORITY: <i>Build the capacity of the community to grow the regional economy.</i>			
Increase Aboriginal participation in the labour force.	Support the development of an Aboriginal Tourism Strategy for the Far West Coast of Eyre Peninsula aimed at increasing the economic benefit of tourism to Aboriginal Communities.	Provide ongoing support and advice to the Indigenous Economic Development Manager in relation to the development of the strategy and actions.	RDAWEP continues to amend and edit the DRAFT Aboriginal Tourism Strategy document.
	Supported RDAWEP's Indigenous Economic Development Officer in preparing the DRAFT Yalata Park Business Plan.	Provided tourism data relating to caravan park ventures on the Far West, formatting assistance.	Majority of the Business Plan has been accepted for implementation by the Australian Government.
	Ceduna Town Accommodation - This is a Jobs First Employment Project (JFEP) aimed at employing local aboriginal people who will soon exit a labour hire company. Participants will be offered training in five units total from skill clusters in kitchen operations, cleaning operations and parks and gardens. Graduates will then be employed by Housing SA to provide catering for residents and cleaning and maintenance of the "Town Camp" property. The Manager Housing SA, Ceduna/Port Lincoln Far West and Remote has since requested that a component of waste management/handling and journal/reporting be added to the scope of training.	The units of training have been agreed and training will commence in August.	Not yet
Pursue solutions to improve small businesses innovation, skills development and viability.	Provide leadership, advice and support to the tourism industry to grow tourism.	General business development assistance provided including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyre Trails Project • Whyalla Tourism Focus Group. 	Research and negotiations into public liability insurance requirements for trail development is ongoing. Preparation of communications materials to support initiatives. Sharing and utilisation of stakeholder network databases.
	A collaborative project proposal is being developed with RESA to establish a regional defence industry innovation and training hub.	The project would target local and regional SME businesses aiming to enter the defence industry supply chain. Potential activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a local and interactive business portal including an electronic database of local companies and capabilities. • Development of mechanisms for companies with projects in the region to buy local. • Link to projects and shutdown schedules. • Link to workforce skills. • Appointment of a defence industry expert to undertake an audit of defence capability, analyse gaps, and develop and deliver a tailored program to bridge gaps. New resources for the project would be based in Whyalla to work with businesses across the USG region and develop linkages with TAFE SA and UniSA.	Communication and project development is ongoing. The project requires funding, with potential sources being investigated. The project will require commitment and buy in from local industry, with some cost to industry. It also requires a State Government sponsor/advocate, which may be Ministers Maher and/or Brock.

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Pursue solutions to improve small businesses innovation, skills development and viability (Cont'd).	Discussed the possibilities of small business support with Doug Adamson from Austrade. Businesses included oyster hatcheries and also an environmental related business to support future mining operations.	Businesses discussed did not meet the criteria of Austrade funding.	
Sustainable Communities and Population Growth: Environmental - REGIONAL PRIORITY: <i>Consider the environment when planning regional development.</i>			
Participate on the Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement (EPICCA) Committee.			
Liaise with relevant agencies about solutions to address environmental issues.			
Pursue solutions to provide sustainable and abundant supplies of energy and quality water.	Attended Electranet's (transmission network service provider in South Australia) public consultation meeting regarding Eyre Peninsula electricity supply options. Five options were presented with time for questions.		Options were analysed for economic return to Eyre Peninsula and recommendations made to the RDAWEP Board and EPLGA meetings.
	RDAWEP phone conference with DC of Kimba staff, EPLGA and an energy consultant to discuss a renewable energy strategy for Council assets in Kimba. Council are looking at reducing their energy costs at three sites using solar energy and battery storage.		Council agreed at a subsequent meeting to employ an energy auditor for a solar feasibility study.
	An on-site meeting was held with an Aquaculture business who are one of Port Lincoln's largest electricity users. Sharp increases to electricity costs is threatening viability and causing further investment to be put on hold. RDAWEP invited a private consultant to inspect the business and provide advice.	Time was spent listening to aquaculture management and inspecting the business, learning the history of the operation and the impact of electricity price rises. RDAWEP followed up and confirmed that State Government grants are available in energy efficiency.	The business agreed to a level 2 energy audit that will better inform investment.
	Met with the Energy Security South Australia Working Party (ESSWP) to provide an update on RDAWEP meetings with SA Power Networks, ElectraNet and energy projects across Eyre Peninsula.		
	Meeting with Geoharbour - an Engineering Procurement Construction contractor with headquarters in Shanghai and offices across Australia, China, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, the Middle East, Myanmar, Singapore, Latin America and Vietnam. RDAWEP's CEO and Economic Development Manager spent 1.5 days with GeoHarbour showcasing the region from Cape Hardy to Coffin Bay and Port Lincoln.	Extensive time was spent with Geoharbour employees learning about the company and economic opportunities across Eyre Peninsula. RDAWEP was thanked for the time and effort spent showcasing the region with them.	RDAWEP was invited by Dr Zengpei Xuan, Deputy Secretary General of the China Association of Inventions (CAI), to attend the 2nd World Invention and Innovation Forum (with Exhibition), which will be held in Foshan, Guangdong Province, China on 23-25 Nov 2017. This will be a good opportunity to meet experts in renewable energy and desalination - key components for economic development across Eyre Peninsula.

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Pursue solutions to provide sustainable and abundant supplies of energy and quality water (Cont'd).	Conducted research and provided advice to a start-up aquaculture business regarding water supply options including desalination.	Several options were provided including a snapshot of current solutions across Eyre Peninsula.	RDAWEP were thanked for the timely advice.
Support the development of waste management initiatives.			
Support improved environmental infrastructure.			
Sustainable Communities and Population Growth: Social - REGIONAL PRIORITY: <i>Support development of social and community infrastructure and services to enhance liveability.</i>			
Support improved social and community infrastructure.	Ongoing communication with Whyalla Council in regard to improvement of sporting facilities. This project includes a multi-sport precinct in the city, based on re-development of Bennett oval. RDAWEP participated in a planning workshop run by consultant Oneeighty Sport and Leisure Solutions, consultant Mark Band in early February.	Planning and engagement commenced with an information session and survey distributed to sporting clubs and the local community.	Communication is ongoing. An initial Draft report and concept plan was expected from the consultant during April, but is not yet forthcoming.
	Met with the Eyre Peninsula Football Zone management to discuss the process to undertake planning, and subsequent recommendations for the future of Football on EP.	A survey was developed to be completed by football clubs and leagues, to be used as a tool for future recommendations.	Survey forms starting to trickle in.
Support improved educational infrastructure.	A monthly meeting has been scheduled with UniSA regional manager and TAFE regional manager for the purpose of sharing intelligence and fostering collaboration. Multiple meetings with TAFE and UniSA. RDAWEP continues to work closely with TAFE to develop and support the Accelerated Trades Training program.		Opportunities to develop formal links with the Heavy Industry Cluster and other projects are ongoing. Reviewed and provided feedback on a UniSA funding proposal, provided information about grants and alternate funding sources. Reviewed UniSA Future Industries Accelerator program. Invited UniSA Regional Manager to present information to the Heavy Industry Cluster group next meeting. Jointly developed a promotional strategy to promote the program to businesses across the region.
Address health, aged and child care services and infrastructure in regional planning.	Facilitation and participation on the steering committee of the Health and Ageing in Our Community project coordinated by the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula. Currently reviewing DRAFT community survey content.	Emphasised the importance of seeking insight into how the health and ageing sector can best communicate to the community the services it has available and to provide focus on identifying integrated and innovative solutions that might address more than one social or economic factor.	Ongoing
	Participated in a health, ageing and disability inter-agency stakeholder meeting.	Ensured RDAWEP's role in the delivery of the NDIS was emphasised.	Ongoing.

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Address health, aged and child care services and infrastructure in regional planning (Cont'd).	Connected with RDA Wheatbelt in WA and was provided access to their work on mapping and needs analysis for aged care.	Access to this work was then shared with interested member Councils.	Research provided is forming part of ongoing work in defining health and ageing needs across Eyre Peninsula.
	Work on specific actions of Whyalla's Masterplan for Disability and Ageing has been limited. A formal proposal and request for co-funding support with 3 year budget was prepared and sent to Whyalla Council and DSD. A comprehensive report on the project including outcomes and future plans was prepared and submitted to Whyalla Council and DSD in October 2016. This was prepared to support formal requests for co-funding.	Work to progress and complete specific actions is ongoing with a focus on 12 priority actions which have been identified by the leadership group.	Implementation work is ongoing with constrained resources. Communication with Whyalla Council and DSD in regard to funding has been ongoing. A series of meetings has been held with Whyalla Council about this project and how it can continue. Response to funding requests have not yet been received. Informal advice from DSD is that State Government co-funding would not be forthcoming for the Implementation Project Officer position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A meeting was arranged with Whyalla Council to discuss this issue, future plans and how future implementation work could be coordinated and continued. ▪ Whyalla Council are supportive and keen to continue the work with funding allocated in the 2017-18 budget pending approval ▪ Currently waiting on funding confirmation so that the recruitment process can commence
Support coastal development planning initiatives.			
Access to International, National and Regional Markets - REGIONAL PRIORITY: <i>Promote investment to develop strategic infrastructure and foster globally competitive business.</i>			
Assist investment attraction.	Investigated public liability insurance opportunities and restrictions for Eyre Trails group and Tumby Bay Progress Association.	Connections were made with Bike SA which provides its members with insurance to be employed on privately owned and operated bike trails through the delivery of a permit/waiver system or one-off event insurance.	Tumby Bay Progress Association is nearing construction development of a down-hill, return trailer loop mountain bike trail.
	Provided economic development insight into a RV park development within Franklin Harbour and Cleve districts following a business start-up enquiry.	Client was able to make an informed decision.	Ongoing.
	Facilitated and hosted a visit to Whyalla by a Queensland based company looking to relocate and expand their operations. Whyalla is one of several potential sites being assessed. Relocation of the business to Whyalla would bring substantial economic benefits including jobs and investment.	Arranged and facilitated meetings with Whyalla council, TAFE, UniSA, schools, real estate agents and others, with visits to key sites in and around Whyalla.	The visit and feedback from the company was very positive. Internal assessment of alternate locations is being undertaken by the company. Follow up communications are ongoing.

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Support utility and transport infrastructure development.			
Pursue the development of competitive grain supply chain infrastructure.	RDAWEP's CEO and Manager met with the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) regarding the Inquiry into the South Australian bulk grain export supply chain costs.	RDAWEP was able to provide valuable insights into the grain supply chain, costs, and comparisons to costs from across Australia.	
Pursue the development of port infrastructure, including containerisation options.	Two dredging consortiums have asked for extensions of time to quote for Thevenard Port dredging due to end of year financial tasks. Both companies are also keen to obtain core samples taken to determine the strength and extent of rock.		Further drilling will be needed to confirm the strength and extent of hard rock.
Support export development initiatives.			
Comparative Advantage and Regional Competitiveness - REGIONAL PRIORITY: <i>Strengthen, foster and promote the region's business and product diversity.</i>			
Provide strategic direction for provincial brand marketing, product development and new markets by food industry stakeholders.	The EP Brand Marketing Plan was developed to provide strategic direction.	Plan was completed in 15/16. Annual budget allocated for implementation.	This activity is ongoing.
Provide strategic direction for destination, brand and infrastructure development by tourism stakeholders.	The review and updating of the Maralinga Village Tourism Business Plan was commenced. This work is required as a condition of grant funding from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy.	The background sections of the review were prepared. It is anticipated the Tourism Business Plan will be completed by the end of July.	
	Provided communication collateral and strategic support for the Whyalla Tourism Focus Group.	Over 100 stakeholders attended the launch of the Whyalla Tourism Focus Group.	Ongoing
	Create and distribute content for Social Media applications in order to grow social media reach.	Share the regular creation and distribution of content to meet target market needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyre Peninsula Instagram audience grew by 2.9% to 4,682 followers. Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier Facebook audience grew by 0.7% to 4,576 followers. RDAWEP Facebook audience grew by 1.2% to 424. Eyrepensula.com decreased page views by 5.7% to 6,662. Seafoodfrontier.com.au decreased page views by 1.2% to 3,333. Nullarbor (digital version) increased page views by 5% to 18,706. 	This is an ongoing activity because the use of social media needs to be carefully monitored on a regular basis.

Outcome 3: Priority activities			
What will you do? Activities	What did we do? Outputs	How well did we do it? Quality of outputs	Did it have an impact? Value-add of outputs
Provide strategic direction for destination, brand and infrastructure development by tourism stakeholders (Cont'd).	The Eyre Peninsula Brand Program marketing plan was developed and implemented.		
Improve the collection and use of meaningful tourism data.			
Comparative Advantage and Regional Competitiveness - REGIONAL PRIORITY: <i>Strengthen, foster and promote the region's business and product diversity.</i>			
Support the development of the agricultural industry.	EP Agriculture Advisory Group draft agenda and terms of reference were developed. Meetings in Cleve and Wudinna have been booked for July 2017.		
	RDAWEP has submitted a JFEP application in conjunction with the agriculture sector to capitalise on employment opportunities in these seasonal industries. Providing unemployed and underemployed people with the skills sought after in this industry enhances cross skilling capacity in the seasonal workforce and provides job seekers with the skills to match employer requirements. Similar programs in recent years have yielded good results when participants possess the skills required to undertake seasonal work.	Whilst this project will provide participants with formal training and assistance to gain employment in a number of industries, this application is specific to requests from the agriculture industry as it faces an imminent shortage of workers for harvest and general carting. The application has been successful and 40 participants have signed up to 5 units each in the areas of HC and MC truck driving, welding, diagnostic procedures and servicing small engines, shearing and chemical certification.	Not yet
Support the development of the manufacturing industry.	A meeting of the Heavy Industry Cluster leadership group was organised and facilitated with supporting documentation prepared and circulated. Heavy Industry Cluster project actions are ongoing.	Key focus areas for the heavy industry cluster are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To pursue new opportunities, in particular defence projects, with access, accreditation and potential collective bidding. Training and workforce development including trade skill sets Connecting Whyalla to AARNet, Ultra-High speed internet. Arrium Steelworks GM, Theuns Victor is chairing the group to provide an independent industry focus. A schedule of regular strategy meetings with Theuns and RDAWEP has been established.	Agenda items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on Arrium and the sale process Engagement with the defence industry A collaborative proposal and presentation to naval ship builder to manufacture components in Whyalla Regional jobs and investment package grants METS Ignited and Pacific 2017 International Maritime Expo. External presentations included SSE Australia, Whyalla project and future plans and UniSA Future Industries Accelerator program. A list of actions with a rolling three month action plan is in place and regularly updated. Work continues on multiple fronts.

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Support the development of the manufacturing industry (Cont'd).	<p>A project to enable commercial access to Ultra-High Speed Broadband via UniSA's AARNet network is ongoing.</p> <p>The project will connect Whyalla businesses to the very high speed optic fibre cable network. Access and availability of this network will be critical for businesses in Whyalla to access future defence and other project supply chains.</p> <p>Communications with a commercial service provider, DSD and other stakeholders is ongoing to progress this project. The concept mirrors the State Government's "Gig City" project which joins multiple commercial precincts in northern Adelaide with access to very high speed broadband.</p> <p>Plans are being developed to provide commercial access in Whyalla with connections expected to commence in early 2017.</p>	<p>This project has been identified as a priority for the Heavy Industry Cluster as a means to increase access to manufacturing/heavy industry projects which increasingly rely on data rich IT systems. A regular meeting has been facilitated with representatives from industry, Whyalla Council, UniSA and Whyalla Chamber of Commerce to progress the concept of commercial access to AARNet in Whyalla. A survey of businesses was undertaken and reviewed.</p> <p>Vocus Communications manage the AARNet optic fibre network Australia wide. The company own infrastructure in Whyalla with access to the existing optic fibre network.</p>	<p>Multiple discussions and emails with Vocus Communications.</p> <p>During February 2017 Vocus met with 5 businesses in Whyalla to discuss connections. Vocus advised that the meetings were positive. However, the company had run into some unforeseen technical problems and have been working to resolve them.</p> <p>Recent communications outlined that they were close to a solution and aim to provide formal quotes to the companies that they met in Whyalla ASAP.</p> <p>Some indications are that the State Government is considering a Gig City concept for Whyalla (similar to Northern suburbs of Adelaide where businesses have access to fibre to fibre very high speed connections).</p>
	<p>A subgroup of the Heavy Industry Cluster has been established to investigate formal collaboration and collective bidding, to determine if/how this issue can be progressed, and the next steps.</p>	<p>Specific opportunities continue to be investigated. A meeting has been scheduled to consider the potential for a group of businesses to form a formal alliance to collaborate and develop specific bids for work for the SEA5000 naval build project.</p>	<p>A formal proposal was developed by the group for presentation to ship builders bidding for the project.</p>
Support the development of the mining industry.	<p>Ongoing communication with RESA. Reviewed a "Resources Ready Online" project proposal, prepared a letter to support the project and an application for funding to the "METS" Growth Centre grant program.</p> <p>RESA has developed a skills development program specifically for delivery to METS businesses in regional centres. The program targets businesses servicing the mining, oil and gas sectors that are looking to build capability and grow their business.</p>	<p>RESA submitted a funding application to the Mining Equipment Technology Services (METS) grant program.</p> <p>Notification has been received that the application has been supported. RDAWEP will collaborate with RESA to deliver this project in Whyalla.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The six month program has a blended delivery model, and local, experienced business mentors with subject matter expert presenters. The program includes topics relating to business assessment, marketing strategy, sales and new markets. • The program is delivered across Australia to six regional industrial centres over six months. • Whyalla will be the location for the Upper Spencer Gulf. • A series of workshops and online material will be delivered by subject matter experts. • An on-site mentor will provide hands on support for implementation. • Topics include business assessment, building market strategy and new markets.
Support the development of renewable energy projects.	<p>RDAWEP facilitated a meeting with Whyalla Council and a site visit to Whyalla for a representative of a large renewable energy generator.</p>	<p>The company has an interest in expanding to Whyalla due to solar resources and proximity to substations and transmission assets.</p>	<p>Investigations by the company are being progressed.</p>

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Increase Aboriginal participation in business enterprises.	Developed a lease agreement and rental agreement for the Wirangu Association.	The property lease will improve income by 20% and will also give secure tenure for the lessee, and security for the lessor. Developed a tenancy agreement for the same group to provide for better management of the station property.	

Outcome 4: Project proposals – Assistance to local community stakeholders in order for them to develop project proposals; and referral of stakeholders to appropriate public and/or private funding sources - including the \$1 billion National Stronger Regions Fund.			
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Support stakeholders to access government programs through assistance with business cases and grant applications.	Assistance was provided to Lincoln Estate Wines to finalise the wording for a Business and Project Plan for an infrastructure upgrade at Glen Forest Tourist Park. The upgrade includes the provision of a cellar door, shop, kiosk and an outdoor eating area to provide improved services to visitors.	RDAWEP provided value-adding text to strengthen some sections of the plan, and provided content, layout and editorial advice.	The Plan is supporting an application for funding assistance from Regions SA for the development. The application outcome may not be known until July.
	A support letter was prepared for the ongoing operation and development of the Axel Stenross Maritime Museum in Port Lincoln.	The letter was designed as a generic document to support grant funding applications for different purposes from multiple programs.	
	Discussion was held with the PIRSA Regions SA Eyre Peninsula Manager about options to support organisations with the preparation of grant applications and supporting mandatory documents.	Negotiations about this matter are continuing.	
	Completed a Panel Review for SATC concerning an application to their funding program for regional events from one of our tourism providers.	Deadline met.	Awaiting notification of success or otherwise.
	Developed content for the SATC WiFi Hotspot project in collaboration with District Council of Ceduna.	Submitted to SATC.	Ongoing.
	RDAWEP has recently become a member of the Defence Teaming Centre (DTC).	Defence industry information including grant programs and DTC communications are regularly circulated to approximately 60 Whyalla and regional businesses that have expressed interest in supply to defence and the defence industry.	

Outcome 5: Promote Australian Government Programs - Increased awareness of Australian Government programs in the RDA's region.			
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Provide information about government programs to stakeholders.	Facilitate the tourism component of the upcoming SEGRA conference.	Participated in the Local Planning Committee teleconference to provide direction on the study tour component and overall marketing contribution for SEGRA.	Study tour package completed.
	Information was circulated via RDAWEP's newsletter and email to create awareness of the SA Government's Future Jobs grant and loan program.		

Outcome 6: Continuous Improvement - improved operational practices to enhance RDA capacity.			
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Comply with legislative, contractual and reporting requirements.	Prepared financial reports for the auditors for 2015/2016 DSD employment and CDS projects.		
Review and refine policies, procedures, planning and reporting documents.			
Develop marketing, communications and media plans.	Commenced development of a regional approach to securing greater participation in the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse.	Initial approach to TAFE has been made to secure the assistance of students in developing and delivering a workshop/door knocking approach across Whyalla and the Eyre Peninsula.	Ongoing.
	Added some refinement to the EP Workforce Builder marketing plan.	This has been used in the Port Lincoln CDS application to DSD.	Not yet
	The Corporate Marketing Plan was developed to provide strategic direction.	Plan was completed in 15/16. Annual budget allocated for implementation.	This activity is ongoing
	Corporate website – rdawep.org.au	The website received 5,159 page visits in June. A decrease of 11.6% from May.	This is an ongoing activity because the use of the website needs to be monitored on a regular basis.

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Develop marketing, communications and media plans (Cont'd).	Create and distribute content for Social Media applications in order to grow social media reach	Share the regular creation and distribution of content to meet target market needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyre Peninsula Instagram audience grew by 2.9% to 4,682 followers. Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier Facebook audience grew by 0.7% to 4,576 followers. RDAWEP Facebook audience grew by 1.2% to 424. Eyrepensinsula.com decreased page views by 5.7% to 6,662. Seafoodfrontier.com.au decreased page views by 1.2% to 3,333. Nullarbor (digital version) increased page views by 5% to 18,706. 	This is an ongoing activity because the use of social media needs to be carefully monitored on a regular basis.
	Create and distribute content via email marketing system (MailChimp) in order to meet target market needs.	3 campaigns were emailed in June. Sent to 980 subscribers. 53.9% open rate 0.6% click rate.	This is an ongoing activity because the use of email marketing campaigns needs to be monitored on a regular basis.
	The EP Brand Plan was developed to provide strategic direction. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and develop EP Brand program's digital footage by effectively managing its social media and email marketing digital assets. Maintain and distribute existing Eyre Peninsula branded printed collateral - e.g. The Culinary Adventure Guide and Seafood User Guide. 	Plan was completed in 15/16. Annual budget allocated for implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New content was created and distributed to meet target market needs. New content was created to promote the brand program in the monthly RDAWEP newsletter. 	The RDAWEP Regional Newsletter for June was distributed on 4 th June 2017. Sent to 3193 recipients. As of 6.7.17 - 28.38% open rate. 6.17% click rate.
	Regional Economic Data Packs	Produced 15 packs comprising of economic data, in print and electronic form, for the region as a whole and for each of the 11 EPLGA council members.	Data Packs delivered to all 11 LGA's at June EPLGA meeting.
Improve financial and IT systems.			
Implement best practice HR initiatives.			