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1.4.3 Liaise with TAFE SA about options to expand facilities and course provision at the Whyalla, Port Lincoln, Ceduna and Wudinna TAFE campuses.

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1.4.5 Liaise with tertiary institutions about options to expand remote access to courses online.

1.5 Health - Facilitate collaborative approaches for the development and delivery of health, aged care, child care and disability services.

1.5.1 Deliver targeted projects to support health, aged care, child care and disability services.

1.5.2 Support the implementation of Public Health Plans to address emerging health issues, facilitate preventative health programs, and promote community connectivity and well-being.

1.5.3 Support the implementation of the State and Local Government *Community Well-being Alliance* to promote the health and well-being of communities.

Economic and Business Development

2.1 Infrastructure - Promote investment to develop strategic infrastructure and foster sustainable business.

2.1.1 Facilitate infrastructure investment with government agencies and private sector companies.

2.1.2 Prepare a regional transport strategy to develop road, rail, port and airport infrastructure.

2.1.3 Facilitate the development of a multi-user Cape-class port facility.

2.1.4 Facilitate the development of container facilities in strategic locations.

2.1.5 Connect the Eyre Peninsula to the national standard gauge rail network.

2.1.6 Prepare a road infrastructure strategy to enhance road-train market access, and improve road safety for the community and tourists.

2.1.7 Progress the upgrade of Ceduna, Port Lincoln and Whyalla airports to provide direct interstate connection capability for passengers and exports.

2.1.8 Work with telecommunications providers and government to improve mobile and internet connectivity and enhance online business operations.

2.2 Business Diversity - Strengthen, foster and promote business diversity and productivity.

2.2.1 Pursue solutions to improve industry and business innovation, skills development and viability.

2.2.2 Work with Councils to introduce new businesses and product diversity and reduce economic dependence on traditional key industries.

2.2.3 Support business, community and environmental value-adding initiatives.

2.2.4 Pursue niche market trade opportunities with business and industry sectors.

2.2.5 Facilitate and promote shared procurement initiatives to reduce recurrent operational costs and enhance competitiveness.

2.2.6 Strengthen whole-of-region branding to promote the region's diversity and unique characteristics.

2.3 Tourism - Facilitate sustainable development of the visitor economy.

2.3.1 Support local and regional partners to implement tourism strategies, including the identification of areas for biodiversity protection, commercial development, and visitor use.

2.3.2 Implement on-ground works to manage human impacts and enhance natural resources including fencing, signage, revegetation, erosion and pest controls, and access track rationalisation.

2.3.3 Improve sustainable commercial and recreational use of tourism locations through the provision of visitor amenity infrastructure including camping sites, toilet facilities and walking trails.

2.3.4 Raise awareness about the human impact on natural resources through education and interpretive signage.

2.3.5 Partner with the tourism industry, Local Government and DEWNR to facilitate the sustainable growth of tourism.

2.4 Water Resources - Manage and develop water resources to provide abundant quality supply for community and economic use.

2.4.1 Pursue water resources monitoring, planning and management via the Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce.

2.4.2 Support investigations to assess the technical viability and economic feasibility of augmenting the Eyre Peninsula's water supplies.

2.4.3 Liaise with government and private sector companies about water efficiency measures and alternative water supply solutions and technologies.

2.4.4 Identify strategic water supply locations to maximise economic, community and environmental benefits.

2.4.5 Pursue synergies by linking water supply solutions with regional energy planning strategies.

2.4.6 Partner with Local Government on urban stormwater and waste water planning implementation.

2.5 Energy - Pursue solutions to provide a cost effective and secure power supply, and develop a low carbon economy.

2.5.1 Prepare a regional energy strategy.

2.5.2 Facilitate the replacement of the Eyre Peninsula power transmission system.

2.5.3 Liaise with government and private sector companies about power supply solutions and alternative technologies.

2.5.4 Support the development of renewable energy projects in strategic locations to maximise economic, community and environmental benefits.

2.6 Mining-Mineral, Oil and Gas Resources - Facilitate the development of strategic mineral, oil and gas resource projects.

2.6.1 Assess the impact and benefits of proposed mineral, oil and gas projects.

2.6.2 Inform the Agenda of the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce.

2.6.3 Prepare submissions as required to the Australian and South Australian Governments about the impact and benefits of mineral, oil and gas projects on the economy, community and the environment.

2.6.4 Facilitate the improvement of supply chain, energy and water infrastructure to support resource projects that will bring long-term development benefits to the region.

2.6.5 Make the health of the region's ecosystems a primary consideration in economic development planning and deliberations of the Eyre Peninsula.

Governance and Operational Development

3.1 Regional Governance - Implement regional governance initiatives to achieve better and longer-term regional development outcomes.

3.1.1 Facilitate and support the establishment and operation of the Eyre and Western Region Joint Planning Board.

3.1.2 Develop and manage partnerships with regional organisations, Local Government, and the Australian and State Governments.

3.1.3 Facilitate collaborative regional planning initiatives with government, business and community stakeholders.

3.1.4 Align the region's development needs with Australian and State Government planning and economic priorities to improve access to funding from government programs.

3.1.5 Implement collaborative project initiatives.

3.1.6 Maintain and develop regional communication and engagement via marketing strategies, consultation plans, and performance measurement.

3.2 Grants and Investment - Pursue regional funding opportunities.

3.2.1 Establish a dedicated cross-agency grants and investment team.

3.2.2 Identify grant funding opportunities and communicate grant program information to stakeholders.

3.2.3 Implement a Project Tracking mechanism to monitor stakeholder project proposals.

3.2.4 Assess the grant readiness of project proposals.

3.2.5 Provide advice to stakeholders about options to make projects grant ready.

3.2.6 Support stakeholders to access government funding programs through assistance with business cases, project management plans and grant applications for key projects.

3.2.7 Provide feedback and advice to government departments about options to improve grant program processes.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1.1 Employment and Skills

Support labour force participation and workforce development.

ACTIONS

1.1.1 Maintain industry-based skills and employment networks in Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Ceduna to monitor and assess the skills needs of employers.
1.1.2 Provide targeted training through RDAWEP skills and workforce development programs.
1.1.3 Align the training provision with State Government employment creation priorities to enhance access to funding from government programs.
1.1.4 Provide Career Development Services from Whyalla and Port Lincoln to enhance the work-readiness of unemployed and under-employed people.
1.1.5 Pursue opportunities to attract and retain a skilled workforce.

Objective

- To provide human capital with the skills and capabilities required by industry for current operations and future growth. To provide part-time and under-employed people with cross-industry, transferable skills to increase their employment hours across multiple industries.
- To attract skilled workers and their families from other regions to provide a workforce with the skills and capability for future development initiatives.

Rationale

- Some employment in the agriculture, fishing and aquaculture industries is seasonal and short-term.
- The region has a relatively small population and an ageing workforce. Due to the pending retirement of 'baby boomers' and migration of young people to Adelaide for study and employment, the region does not have a sufficient population to provide the workforce needed for anticipated industry and economic growth.

Background/Ongoing Activities – All of region

- The Department for Industry and Skills (DIS – formerly DSD) has chosen not to continue funding for employment and Career Services programs, and to provide greater resources to the Skilling Australians Fund.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – WHYALLA		
	New Participants	Employment Outcomes
July	9	
August	10	
September	12	

WHYALLA			
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
SEPTEMBER			
1.1.3	Attended the second **Education and Innovation precinct** meeting at RDAWEP's Whyalla office.	There was good attendance from the group who identified some action points that need to be worked on to move the project forward. The next meeting will be in Adelaide to have a look around the new school that has already been built.	The group gained some clarity on what was needed to action first in the project.
1.1.5	Participated in the first transition Seminar at Edward John Eyre High school for the year 11 and12 students.	The event was attended by education providers, service providers and local employers. It was set up like a speed dating event. The students sat at each station that was manned and listened to what each provider had to say for five minutes, then they moved on to the next station.	This event was very successful and had great feedback from the students. The event was put together to support students with their transition after leaving high school.
1.1.1	Met with David from Volunteering SA who is interested in bringing some training programs to Regional SA.	Once Volunteering SA have all the information available for the training, they will make contact with RDAWEP for support in contacting local business who may be interested in the training.	
1.1.2	Developed overview document of the **Construction Pathways program** and follow up meeting with Housing SA.		Positive response to the program with agreed escalation of the initiative to senior management in Adelaide.
WHYALLA			
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
AUGUST			
1.1.1	Attended TAFE Whyalla campus and gave a presentation on the Career Development Centre to 3 of the groups who are studding at TAFE. Foundations studies, Certificate III and VI in Office/Administration studies, and the current **Multi Trades** Students.	The groups were very responsive and could see the benefit in the Career Development Centre service.	Provided Career Development Centre support to some of the students from the Multi Trades Project.
1.1.5	Invited training providers and labour hire agencies to participate in the Opportunity Network event with Zen Energy as the main speaker.	A positive response was received from all attendees who said they would be very interested to attend the event.	The event was a great success with media coverage.
1.1.1	Attended and chaired the **Multi Trade Training** program meeting.	The meeting was well attended and great reports were received from TAFE lecturers of the students' progress. Minutes are available on request.	
1.1.2	Scoping of a new **Construction Pathways program** in conjunction with TAFE SA and Housing SA to create a new model for local apprenticeships, renewing suburbs and creating new affordable housing in Whyalla.	Met with Housing SA and Whyalla Council to explore the potential support for the initiative.	Move forward with writing an initial brief and follow up meetings.
WHYALLA			
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JULY			
1.1.2	Arranged drug testing for the **Multi Trades Project** students who will be attending work placement in July 2018.	One student tested positive for drugs in his system and would not be able to attend the work experience component of the training this time round.	The student was referred back to TAFE to see what support they could offer with this issue.
1.1.4	Met with Sarah Holland from Uniting Country SA.	Sarah is working on the Building Family Opportunities program and wanted to introduce herself, and find out what service the Career Development Centre could offer her clients.	Sarah provided some program information and advised that she would be looking at her case load to see if any of her clients would be ready for support from the CDC.

WHYALLA			
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JULY (Cont.)			
1.1.3	Attended the Meet the Minister event at the Alexander Hotel in Whyalla.	Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment – the Hon David Ridgway MLC was very positive about Whyalla and what the new term will bring.	Minister Ridgway talked with local business owners to see what assistance would be needed in the future.
1.1.1	Attended the Jobs and Skills Network meeting.	Tim Coote from DIS gave a bit of an update on what the future funding model would be. Minutes are available on request.	The main focus this year is on apprenticeships and traineeships. More information on specific programs will follow in coming months.
1.1.1	Stakeholder meetings, extensive background reading and orientation activities to understand the current context and subsequently develop priority actions for the next twelve months.	Multiple stakeholder meetings undertaken.	First draft priority action framework developed.

EYRE			
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
SEPTEMBER			
1.1.3	A Building Better Regions Fund project application is currently being drafted – "Skills Development on Eyre Peninsula". This is a project initiated by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association with assistance from RDAWEP, to identify the skills gaps being experienced by business and industry sectors across the Associations eleven member councils. By identifying these gaps, the Association can use the data collected to promote training programs, recruit participants to these programs and aggregate participation to achieve economies of scale for the training sector.	This data will also be used to leverage skills development program funding from other sources especially from the Commonwealth and State partnership "Skilling Australians Fund" end, specifically to provide quantifiable data for successful "Skilling South Australians Fund" applications. Applications for this round of the BBRF are due mid November.	None yet

EYRE			
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AUGUST			
1.1.2	RDAWEP has been aware for some time that the new liberal government has a new focus in the area of skills development especially in light of the anticipated skills shortages facing our state. The State Government in partnership with the Commonwealth is placing considerable attention to increasing the numbers of apprenticeships and traineeships taken up over the next four years and has released the following statement: "The South Australian Government is committed to ensuring that apprenticeships are attractive to job seekers, businesses and industry, and continue to have a fundamental role in meeting the state's skills development needs into the future. To achieve this goal, the Government is investing $100 million, with a further $103 million provided by the Australian Government through the Skilling Australians Fund National Partnership Agreement, to create an additional 20,800 apprenticeships in South Australia over the next four years. This is additional to the Government's existing investment of more than $1bn in training and skills over the same period. Skilling South Australia is the range of activities that will implement the National Partnership in South Australia". With this in mind, RDAWEP is currently positioning itself to work with the state government to achieve these targets.	The guidelines provided by the Department of Industry and Skills (DIS) give RDAWEP confidence that we will be able to continue to offer our businesses a service to help them meet their skills needs. Specifically in those skills which require a contract of training such as apprenticeships and traineeships. RDAWEP has at its disposal considerable experience and expertise in coordinating training for small employers by aggregating their collective needs to achieve economies of scale for DIS and the employer. The guidelines also provide the flexibility needed for RDAWEP to maximize outcomes using some tried, and some new and innovative approaches to program delivery. RDAWEP is currently assisting Liberty OneSteel who have indicated that they would like to target 50 new apprentices (on top of existing recruitment). Liberty OneSteel are a large employer and there will be few businesses on EP with the capacity to put up such a project without "partnering" with other like businesses. This is where RDAWEP can use its extensive regional knowledge and experience to aggregate smaller employers and assist them as a collective to submit applications to the Department. There is capacity in the application and the funding guidelines for RDAWEP to legitimately seek funding in a "Project's Application" to pull these project components together for large employers and in most cases where RDAWEP have aggregated a number and the needs of a group of smaller employers.	None yet
EYRE			
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
1.1.1	The Industry Leaders Group (ILG) is an industry based skills and employment network administered by RDAWEP consisting of membership from the EP's major industry sectors. DIS (formerly DSD) have requested that RDAWEP continue the management of the ILG for another 3 months.	RDAWEP has agreed to administer the Network for a further 3 months and has been requested by DIS to "wind up" the ILG activity (formally) by the end of October.	With a new focus – none yet
1.1.1	The Eyre Skills and Employment Network is mainly an agency based skills and employment network administered by RDAWEP to ensure that agencies are able to share ideas, programs and experiences. DIS (formerly DSD) have requested that RDAWEP continue the management of the Network for another 3 months.	RDAWEP has agreed to administer the Network for a further 3 months and has been requested by DIS to "wind up" the Network activity (formally) by the end of October.	With a new focus – none yet

WHYALLA			
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JULY (Cont.)			
1.1.2	Workforce development programs are currently being developed by the Department of Industry and Skills (DIS) and these programs and targets are expected to be released in August.	RDAWEP is currently positioning itself to assist the government (DIS) in meeting its anticipated policy priorities.	With a new focus – none yet
1.1.3	Training provision normally initiated and implemented by RDAWEP is currently on hold until program details and funding arrangements are released by DIS which is expected to be in August.	RDAWEP is currently positioning itself to assist the government (DIS) in meeting its anticipated policy priorities.	With a new focus – none yet
1.1.4	The new state government policy is to direct resources away from Career Development Services and concentrate more on the promotion and implementation of programs which will increase the numbers of apprentices and trainees to meet the anticipated impending skills shortages.	RDAWEP is currently positioning itself to assist the government (DIS) in meeting its anticipated policy priorities.	With a new focus – none yet
1.1.5	State government priorities are to attract and retain a skilled workforce by concentrating on promotional activity around the value of apprenticeships and traineeships specifically to meet the anticipated skills shortages identified by employers across the state.	RDAWEP is currently positioning itself to assist the government (DIS) in meeting its anticipated policy priorities.	With a new focus – none yet

1.2 Indigenous Development

Implement proactive strategies to enhance Aboriginal well-being, labour force participation, and economic development.

ACTIONS

1.2.1 Support initiatives to improve Aboriginal community development, organisational development and governance.
1.2.2 Provide opportunities to develop Aboriginal business enterprises, with a focus on tourism, cultural and land-related initiatives.
1.2.3 Develop caring for country projects for Aboriginal people and communities.
1.2.4 Support native title groups, traditional owners and Aboriginal communities to co-manage public land, manage natural resources, and record and manage sites of Aboriginal cultural significance.
1.2.5 Support awareness raising activities about Aboriginal cultural knowledge and law.

Objective

- Proactive strategies are required to reverse Aboriginal disadvantage and improve the well-being of Aboriginal people.

Rationale

- Aboriginal people comprise about 6.0% of the regional population, which is notably above the proportions in South Australia (1.9%) and Australia (2.6%). The greatest concentration is in Ceduna, where Aboriginal people comprise about 25.0% of the Council population.
- The region's Aboriginal profile is consistent with studies about Aboriginal disadvantage which indicate that, compared with the non-Indigenous population, Aboriginal well-being is adversely affected by lower levels of educational attainment, higher levels of entrenched unemployment, lower labour force participation, and a disproportionately high percentage of unskilled and semi-skilled workers in the labour force.

Background/Ongoing Activities

- 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 Inc, 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 AWNRM).
- RDAWEP is connecting the three tiers of government plus relative NGO's to develop the Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
1.2.2	Provided assistance to DPMC's university graduate to develop an application to enable the sports complex to be supplied with power from its own source.	Connected the graduate to Eye Energy to have the power system designed and quoted on. Application is being developed.	
1.2.2	Provided assistance to DPMC's university graduate to develop a paper that has easy to follow steps, to assist in obtaining funding to have a business case and feasibility completed for the establishment of an Aboriginal interpretive centre in Ceduna.	The paper includes a flow chart, easy to read and understand actions, and who will be the owners of the venture is being prepared.	
1.2.2	Workshop with Scotdesco is now to be held on 30/10/2018.	This workshop is the second last item to be completed on the tourism actions. The intention is to improve the usage of the accommodation and hospitality facility at Scotdesco.	
1.2.2	Provided assistance to Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation (CAC) to establish budgets for 2018/19.	Establishing the budgets included meeting with Rowe Partners, Port Augusta (accountants and bookkeepers for CAC). New budgets will assist the organisation with maintaining financial control.	
1.2.1	Provided assistance to CAC to obtain their corporate key for Ceduna Indigenous Business Pty Ltd.	The corporate key was needed to be able to change directors and appoint new ones, and to make changes to beneficiaries etc.	The Corporate Key was obtained.
1.2.1	Assisted CAC to change from an order book system, which was very onerous for the purchase of fuel, to a fuel card system.	CAC was approved for fuel cards with WEX.	It has already improved the efficiencies of the operation.
1.2.1	Provided CAC with policies and a job description of the Yalata passenger bus system.	The transition to the new service with a new driver was quite seamless.	The new service has provided employment for an Aboriginal person.
1.2.2	Delivered and discussed the new business plans for the Yalata Caravan Park.	The plans were written to assist with the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme (AACAP) works.	The plans have been enthusiastically accepted and will be used by the Business Manager to operate the new ventures. These plans include the demolition of the old roadhouse.
1.2.2	Assisting the Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation (KCAC) to obtain business plans that include training needs for employees of the new retail store.	The business agent that has been engaged does not appear to be complying with the terms of the agreement he has with KCAC.	
1.2.2	Worked with Tia Tuckia to obtain a new silo card to enable the share farmer to deliver wheat with payment of share being remitted directly to the Tia Tuckia bank account. Also, assisted the insurance broker to have crop insurance in Tia Tuckia's name for ease of management of any claims.	Card obtained, insurance finalised.	
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
1.2.2	Met with the CEO of Scotdesco Aboriginal Corporation and have arranged a workshop day to progress their enterprises which include accommodation, forum facilities, café, saltbush growing, and livestock.	The CEO has agreed to hold a workshop around the 14th of October. He also requested that the workshop is focused on the "workers" rather than the board.	

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
JULY (Cont.)			
1.2.2	Submitted an application for support funding to match the $50,000.00 that the department of Innovation, Science and Technology has approved to implement the **Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy.**	The application is to be considered at the August meeting. The funding will support capacity building of tourism related ventures, and either establish new or update current websites plus provide marketing support.	Part funding ($50,000.00) was received.
1.2.3	Completed the **EP Aboriginal Rangers Scoping Program** and submitted to DEW for consideration by their board of management.	The overall program identified 9 national parks and over 100 conservation parks that will require a minimum of 20 rangers and four administration staff to operate. The total cost over 5 years is $13 million. The program also includes a student pathway to ranger employment plus the potential for rangers to take up tertiary education with Uni SA.	DEW needs to take up the opportunity to access the $7.4 million the SA government has promised in this year's budget.
1.2.2	Followed up with Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on progress of the removal of caveats on Aboriginal land.	Advice was provided that the guidelines have been developed and are being reviewed internally. This should be finalised by the end of the year. They apologised for not being able to meet the September 30th timeframe.	
1.2.1	Met with **Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation's** Homeland Manager (Gavin Haynes) on his request to provide governance advice.	Provided a written process to assist with getting the organisation on track and compliant with the rules of the Associations and Corporations Act. Agreed to provide board roles and responsibility training.	Follow up indicates that the process has been successful and two more organisations are now compliant.
1.2.1	Met with the secretary of the Far West Aboriginal Sporting Complex Inc. She has requested the delivery of board roles and responsibility training and also to assist with restructuring of the operation.	Agreed to assist, this will happen in October.	
1.2.2	Provided mentoring support to an individual Aboriginal business that produces bush massage oils. Assistance was required in how to use the activity to make money.	Provided assistance in pricing goods for sale – pricing included the total cost of raw materials, and wholesaling the product. Identified the need to upgrade his capital items to be more productive,	Obtained funding assistance from FWCAC.
1.2.1	Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation requested assistance to clarify all their land titles, and leases that are in various names due to a series of amalgamations.	Obtained the various titles and also the various certificate of amalgamations and engaged Mellor Olsson to tidy up the land titles and leases.	
1.2.2	Met with Koonibba Childcare to advance the capital improvements needed to be compliant with the increase in requests to take more children.	Improvements were identified in the funding application that commenced 1 July 2018. Quotes for works to be undertaken are needed and a funding submission completed. This will also increase the number of employees.	

1.3 Social and Community

Develop social and community infrastructure and services.

ACTIONS

1.3.1 Assist Local Government and community groups to prepare business cases and grant applications for capex funding from government infrastructure programs.
1.3.2 Encourage the development of multi-purpose community facilities providing civic, recreation, information, tourism, arts and cultural heritage services.
1.3.3 Assist Local Government with initiatives to improve the functionality and amenity of regional towns including street scaping, signage, foreshore development, walking trails and the upgrade of town entrances.
1.3.4 Work with government and telecommunications providers to improve mobile and Internet connectivity across the region.
1.3.5 Encourage and support the delivery of strategic community events and activities, particularly in areas with high levels of tourism attraction.

Objective

- To improve the functionality and quality of recreational and cultural infrastructure, particularly in larger regional centres.
- To find solutions to resolve Internet and mobile connectivity blackspots in the region.

Rationale

- Improved community infrastructure and services is essential to enhance the liveability and amenity of townships and attract workforce families to the region.
- The lack of digital communication in some areas is impeding community functioning and access to online government and other services – including emergency services – and is preventing the use of social media platforms by the community and tourists.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
1.3.5	The Federal Minister for Regional Services, the Hon Bridget McKenzie invited local government to submit new nominations to the National Mobile Black Spot Database.	As RDAWEP had just completed a telecommunications survey and follow-up blackspot survey, the information collected was timely and was used to update the national database.	The Database will be used by Mobile Network Operators when developing funding proposals for Round 4 of the Commonwealth Mobile Black Spot Program. The Database is open to nominations from 13 September to 11 October.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
AUGUST			
1.3.3	RDAWEP met with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) and the CEO and staff of LGA Procurement (LGAP) to discuss the procurement program.	Issues covered included; • The commitment to LGAP from Eyre Peninsula Councils. • Status quo with commitment to LGAP from EP councils. • Number and type of Eyre Peninsula businesses currently on the books with LGAP and approximate value of business. • Barriers to take up. • EP businesses capability. • Ways to better engage Eyre Peninsula Councils and Eyre Peninsula businesses with LGAP. • Possible involvement of the Small Business Commission and Industry Participation Officer. • Regional Business Network and roles for LGAP and RDAWEP. • Draft plan for improving shared procurement outcomes for Eyre Peninsula Councils and Eyre Peninsula businesses with LGAP. • Placement of LG Procurement Officer on Eyre Peninsula.	
1.3.4	RDAWEP conducted a follow up telecommunications survey locating black spots for mobile phone reception across Eyre Peninsula.	70 respondents provided location details which were then recorded on Google Maps.	
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
1.3.4	The 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review conducted by the Federal Government is due August 2018. RDAWEP prepared and distributed a survey to: • consider how regional communities can maximise the economic benefits of digital technologies • consider how regional consumers use their broadband services and how they might derive more benefits, and • analyse the coverage outcomes achieved through the Mobile Black Spot Program, and examine the extent of the existing gaps in mobile coverage in regional Australia. The survey results were forwarded to the Telecommunications Review Committee along with previous work completed by RDAWEP including the 2014 Eyre Peninsula Blackspot report, 2016 System Black Electricity Report, and 2018 Business Case for Elliston Radio Tower upgrade.	The survey was well received by the community and responses received numbered 170 within 7 days.	The survey identified the need for a follow up in-depth mobile phone blackspot survey. 70 respondents provided location details which were then mapped using Google maps. Subsequently data collected from across all of South Australia by RDA's were mapped by RDAWEP.

1.4 Tertiary Education

Pursue opportunities to grow tertiary education facilities and expand course provision.

ACTIONS

1.4.1 Liaise with the University of SA and Adelaide University about options to expand tertiary facilities and course provision in Whyalla.
1.4.2 Collaborate with education providers in Whyalla to facilitate international student enrolment.
1.4.3 Liaise with TAFE SA about options to expand facilities and course provision at the Whyalla, Port Lincoln, Ceduna and Wudinna TAFE campuses.
1.4.4 Negotiate with TAFE SA about opportunities to provide employment-related, NRM and other training in smaller regional towns.
1.4.5 Liaise with tertiary institutions about options to expand remote access to courses online.

Objective

- The provision of better education facilities and greater course diversity to enhance the region's tertiary education participation rates, which are low in comparison with the Adelaide population.
- Improved ability to undertake tertiary courses locally, or online, to help stem the migration of young people from the region.

Rationale

- There is a trend to centralise tertiary education facilities and courses in Adelaide at the expense of the regions. The consequence is that more regional students now need to travel to Adelaide to study some courses and regional educational facilities are being underutilised. This is potentially detrimental to building regional capability because it is generally understood that regional students have much higher retention and pass rates when they do not need to travel to Adelaide for study.

Background/Ongoing Activities

- Regular meetings are scheduled with UniSA Regional Manager and TAFE SA Regional Manager for the purpose of sharing intelligence and fostering collaboration.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
1.4	A one day strategic workshop was held with key stakeholders for the development of the **Education and Innovation Precinct** in Whyalla**.**		Ongoing commitment to facilitate a local taskforce to maximise the Education and Innovation Precinct opportunity and integration with the new $100m school.
ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
AUGUST			
1.4	Developed a framework for the development of an integrated **Education and Innovation Precinct** in Whyalla that creates seamless pathways between high school, TAFE SA, University of South Australia and local industry, as well as incorporating state of the art technologies.	Met with key stakeholders to establish an initial local taskforce.	Strong initial support from stakeholders. Organise initial stakeholder strategic workshop.

1.5 Health

Facilitate collaborative approaches for the development and delivery of health, aged care, child care and disability services.

ACTIONS

1.5.1 Deliver targeted projects to support health, aged care, child care and disability services.

1.5.2 Support the implementation of Public Health Plans to address emerging health issues, facilitate preventative health programs, and promote community connectivity and well-being.

1.5.3 Support the implementation of the State and Local Government *Community Well-being Alliance* to promote the health and well-being of communities.

Objective

- To address issues impacting on the delivery of health, aged care, child care and disability services, especially for disadvantaged sectors of the community. This should include proactive initiatives to drive preventative health programs, support community groups, and facilitate community participation in decision making.

Background

- In late 2017 RDAWEP's Whyalla and Port Lincoln offices were established as Disability Workforce Hubs, as part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- During 2014 RDAWEP collaborated with industry partners to research and develop the report Living Well: Whyalla's Masterplan for Disability and Ageing 2025
- The Disability Hub connects with service providers across the region who maintain regular contact and who have further business with RDAWEP by way of assistance with recruitment and skills training of employees and potential employees.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
1.5.2	The Office for the Ageing (OFTA) has funded a regional Ageing Well project that focuses on the City of Port Lincoln, the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula and the District Council of Tumby Bay. The primary focus of the Ageing Well project is to develop the Ageing Well in Southern Eyre Peninsula Strategy. The strategy will build on the existing work of councils in the health and ageing area. In particular it will respond to the recommendations of the Report on Building an Age and Dementia Friendly Community, the District Council of Eyre Peninsula Public Health Plan and the Southern Eyre Peninsula Regional Public Health Plan 2015 – 2020. It will be developed in consultation with service providers and the community.	The Port Lincoln Service Providers' Workshop was held in Port Lincoln and was designed to do the following: • Review actions arising from the recommendations of the Report on Building an Age and Dementia Friendly Community, the District Council of Eyre Peninsula Public Health Plan and the Southern Eyre Peninsula Regional Public Health Plan 2015 – 2020. • Identify gaps and possible actions to address them. • Establish a collaborative group that advocates on behalf of the health and wellbeing of older people Workshop activities included small group discussions and whole group prioritising. RDAWEP have been an active proponent in the Ageing Well project and continues to provide, advice, support and information sharing across the Peninsula.	A follow up workshop will be held in November 2018.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER (Cont.)			
1.5.2	RDAWEP attended the Aged Care Expo in Port Lincoln to meet with stakeholders and listen to the concerns and goals of everyone associated with the industry. The aim of the expo was to provide members of the community with an opportunity to gather information about the services from around the region.	There were a range of guest speakers at the event and each provided an overview of the role of their organisation. Guest speakers included representatives from Department of Human Services Financial Information Service, the Aged Rights Advocacy Service, Dementia Australia and My Health Records.	
1.5.1	Hosted a service provider network meeting with record attendance.		
1.5.1	Attended and supported the Ageing Well in Southern Eyre Peninsula workshop.	Supported previous discussions about movements, potential business opportunities and disability infrastructure improvements to Port Lincoln and Further Eyre Peninsula.	RDAWEP representatives stressed the importance of awareness, community engagement and future training and upskilling of the workforce to drive the planning and implantation of the tasks previously suggested. Have been invited back to continue working on this project with more focus on skills training.
1.5.1	A public announcement has been created and marketing campaign commenced for the **Ability Awareness Festival** in Whyalla.	A great public response to the event has been received along with of positive feedback from the public regarding the need for such an event.	The public announcement has also connected service providers that were previously unknown to the hub and has created new relationships with potential employment outcomes and training opportunities.
1.5.1	The NDIS Workforce Manager attended a Hub Coordinator meeting in Adelaide to obtain further updates to the NDIS roll out.	The meeting was attended by managers and/or representatives from each Workforce Hub. Updates were provided by DSD for changes within the NDIS. A round table discussion of training plans and the services each hub is currently providing.	Planning and preparation work surrounding traineeships and apprenticeships continued.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
AUGUST			
1.5.1	Permits for the **community based event** in Whyalla have received approval to commence. 6 performing artists have been secured plus a guest speaking Paralympian, and disability services organisations.	25 services and small business providers from across the Eyre Peninsula region are currently confirmed to be involved.	
1.5.1	Finalisation of the 10 week training portion of the **Training Program for individuals**. Participants will now commence the 12 month mentorship program.	All participants successfully completed training.	5 participants in Port Lincoln and 1 in Whyalla have commenced the registration and audit process to become sole providers.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
1.5.1	Continuation of Disability Hub connecting with service providers across the region via face to face meetings and telephone link ups where necessary.	Successful connection with service providers, who will maintain regular contact and who will have further business with RDA by way of assistance with recruitment and skills training of employees and potential employees.	Maintained business relationships that will provide an outgoing connection between disability service providers and RDA via the Disability hub.
1.5.1	Continuation of **Training Program for individuals** starting businesses to become sole providers.	In collaboration with Actus Consulting, continued with the 10 week training and 12 month mentorship program. Successfully commenced training on Jun 22nd.	8 participants in Port Lincoln and 8 in Whyalla commenced training in June, tracking well and participants are gearing towards registering to become sole providers.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
JULY (Cont.)			
1.5.1	Planning for a **community based event** for the Eyre Peninsula Region. A test event to be held in Whyalla.	Early discussions with Local council and other third parties into creating and hosting the inaugural "Ability Awareness Festival" a free community event to raise awareness of the NDIS, disability and the service providers across our region. Permits and application forms completed and submitted to council pending approval.	The event has potential to raise awareness throughout the community of NDIS and service providers. Aiming to increase the consumer knowledge of services available which will potentially increase their client base and further increase the workforce demand. Approval to commence expected in August.
1.5.1	NDIS Workforce Manager and CEO hosted a Hub Coordinator Meeting in Adelaide to obtain further updates to the NDIS roll out.	The Hub Coordinator meeting was attended by managers and/or representatives from each Workforce Hub. Updates were provided by DSD for changes within the NDIS. Round table discussion of training plans and services each hub is currently providing.	Ensuring information discussed between hub and providers/job seekers is current and relevant. Gaining insight into areas of concern and forward planning in areas that may impact our region. Planning and preparation work surrounding traineeships and apprenticeships commenced.
1.5.1	NDIS Workforce Manager attended professional development.	Hosted by Engles and Floyd Associates, professional development workshop for NDIS Quality and Safeguarding knowledge and understanding the registration process.	New knowledge and techniques learnt and able to be shared across the broader network ensuring accurate and relevant information is given to all parties.

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ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Infrastructure

Promote investment to develop strategic infrastructure and foster sustainable business.

ACTIONS

2.1.1 Facilitate infrastructure investment with government agencies and private sector companies.
2.1.2 Prepare a regional transport strategy to develop road, rail, port and airport infrastructure.
2.1.3 Facilitate the development of a multi-user Cape-class port facility.
2.1.4 Facilitate the development of container facilities in strategic locations.
2.1.5 Connect the Eyre Peninsula to the national standard gauge rail network.
2.1.6 Prepare a road infrastructure strategy to enhance road-train market access, and improve road safety for the community and tourists.
2.1.7 Progress the upgrade of Ceduna, Port Lincoln and Whyalla airports to provide direct interstate connection capability for passengers and exports.
2.1.8 Work with telecommunications providers and government to improve mobile and internet connectivity and enhance online business operations.

Objective

- The provision of improved and new transport and communications infrastructure is essential to ensure that business operations are globally competitive and sustainable.
- Substantial government and private sector investment is necessary to make supply chain infrastructure efficient and effective, provide access to new markets, and create new export opportunities.
- Improved communication infrastructure is essential to enable business to develop online markets and operate competitively in the digital economy.

Background/Ongoing Activities

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
2.1.3	The proposed deep water port at Cape Hardy has the potential to be an export precinct for grain, minerals, hydrogen/ammonia and containers.	RDAWEP is working with all the potential export industries to produce a marketable poster summarising the potential of the Port to unlock existing projects in the pipeline and subsequent growth in GDP.	

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER (Cont.)			
2.1.2	Eyre Peninsula's road network is extensive and consists chiefly of unbound granular material sometimes overlain by a thin layer of asphalt. With trafficking and adverse environmental conditions, roads may become unserviceable quite quickly. Construction and maintenance is a significant cost to local government so there is a need to re-condition granular roads through in-situ recycling to achieve the sustainability goals of re-use of materials and reduction of greenhouse gases by minimising transport of materials. RDAWEP were approached by a road stabilisation additive company to discuss potential cost and time savings in road construction using polymer additives.	Subsequently, RDAWEP conducted a desktop literature review and produced a written report reviewing the cost/benefits of the road additive industry to ensure that any advice provided to local government was up-to-date.	
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
2.1.3	The Lucky Bay Port was established with help from grant funding facilitated by RDAWEP.	Construction of the $115 million Lucky Bay grain export facility on the Eyre Peninsula was officially opened this month and attended by RDAWEP staff.	The 358 hectare Lucky Bay port site near Cowell, will feature 150,000 tonnes of grain storage space and a trans-shipping system to load 3500 tonnes of grain at a time to waiting ships in deeper water.

2.2 Business Diversity

Strengthen, foster and promote business diversity and productivity.

ACTIONS

2.2.1 Pursue solutions to improve industry and business innovation, skills development and viability.
2.2.2 Work with Councils to introduce new businesses and product diversity and reduce economic dependence on traditional key industries.
2.2.3 Support business, community and environmental value-adding initiatives.
2.2.4 Pursue niche market trade opportunities with business and industry sectors.
2.2.5 Facilitate and promote shared procurement initiatives to reduce recurrent operational costs and enhance competitiveness.
2.2.6 Strengthen whole-of-region branding to promote the region's diversity and unique characteristics.

Objective

- Pursue greater diversity to enhance and promote the region's comparative advantages, provide resilience to global price impacts, and minimise the challenges of climate change. This should include activities to strengthen the viability of existing industries – such as agriculture and manufacturing – and the development of new enterprises to showcase distinctive regional attributes – such as niche grain products; Aboriginal businesses; land and sea nature-based tourism initiatives; premium seafood and wines; and quality mineral resources.

Rationale

- The regional economy is extremely diverse, with numerous industries contributing to employment, exports and GRP.

Background/Ongoing Activities

- A capability mapping exercise is ongoing for a range of heavy industry businesses with operations in and around the Whyalla area. A process has been developed to capture detailed information about the capabilities of heavy industry businesses and their supply chains.
- RDAWEP engages in regular communication and monthly meetings with local business organisations and Chambers of Commerce to promote collaboration on projects and initiatives.
- The Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Heavy Industry Cluster project was initiated and established by RDAWEP in mid-2015. Focus areas for the project are:
  - To support growth and sustainability of heavy industry and supply chain businesses, in particular Department of Defence projects with access, accreditation and potential collective bidding.
  - Training and workforce development including trade skill sets.
- RDAWEP funds and supports the Eyre Peninsula Agriculture Advisory Group and travels across the regions to meetings and events. The RDAWEP Board is provided with up-to-date advice on issues facing the agriculture industry across Eyre Peninsula.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
2.2	A marketing program was undertaken and launch event held for the **Opportunity Network.**	Forty five business owners attended a presentation by SIMEC ZEN Energy on the new $350m solar energy project and local contract opportunities.	
2.2.1	A meeting was held with all current **Heavy Industry Cluster** members.		A new HIC 'Value proposition" model was developed and signed off by the Chair and Deputy Chair.
2.2.1	RDAWEP funds the Eyre Peninsula **Agriculture Advisory Group** to provide the RDAWEP Board with up-to-date advice on issues facing the agriculture industry across Eyre Peninsula.	A teleconference was undertaken to discuss issues to be included in the October RDAWEP Board report.	
2.2.1	Ongoing business support space and defense sector.	Supported the briefing of various stakeholders through the provision of relevant regional data and related information. The formulation of agreements with Koonibba Aboriginal Council was advanced. Assisted with formal cabinet submission.	Ongoing
2.2.4	**Chef Ambassador Program – Salty Eyre**	Facilitated meetings with producers to develop an itinerary showcasing the regions diversity of produce.	The itinerary was developed and key producers confirmed.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
AUGUST			
2.2	Local Government Association Procurement (LGAP).	Facilitated a meeting with LGAP to explore opportunities to increase local business capacity and capability through being "tender ready".	Ongoing
2.2	Created an industry engagement and support process titled the **Opportunity Network** in association with the Whyalla Chamber of Commerce and the Whyalla City Council. The purpose of the Opportunity Network is to support and upskill local suppliers to compete for and capture work with major incoming investment and contract opportunities.	Set initial launch event for the new Opportunity Network	Agreed framework, launch date and keynote presenter.
2.2.1	Commenced a review of the **Heavy Industry Cluster** to develop a new 'value proposition' and operational model to reflect the changing context of the GFG purchase of the Arrium Whyalla Steelworks.	Set Meeting with all current HIC members.	Agreed process with chair and deputy chair to review the HIC 'value proposition'.
2.2.1	RDAWEP funds and supports the Eyre Peninsula **Agriculture Advisory Group** and travels across the Peninsula to meetings and events. Reports are presented every 2 months to the RDAWEP Board.	The issues facing farmers for this period include: • High winds and dry conditions have seen large amounts of soil/sand drift across paddocks. • Significant increases in kangaroo and emu numbers with foxes and wombats also on the rise. • EP transport study is on hold while the new grain port at Lucky Bay is developed. • Drought is pushing up grain prices which makes it more expensive to feed stock. • Transport of low level radioactive waste to either of the proposed sites at Kimba or Hawker will effect EP.	

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
AUGUST (Cont.)			
2.2.4	The Eyre Peninsula Field Days in Cleve draws over 25,000 visitors and demonstrates the latest in the vitally important grain, livestock, and aquaculture industries. South Australia's grain and livestock industries make a significant contribution to the domestic economy and to our export earnings. In 2016-17, 4,500 grain farms generated a farm gate value of nearly $1.9 billion and an overseas export value of $2.27 billion, while livestock products had a farm gate value of over $1.8 billion and an overseas export value of $1.25 billion.	RDAWEP attended the field days to listen to, and inform where necessary, regional issues regarding agriculture. In attendance were several representative bodies including Grain Producers SA (GPSA), Livestock SA (LSA), Rural Business Support, SafeWork SA, Ag Excellence Alliance, Office of the Small Business Commissioner, and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.	
2.2.4	Global food trends have seen an increased demand for Western style baked goods, which has in turn created a need for specialty flour products. Milling local grain will boost Eyre Peninsula's representation in the global market as a producer of artisan-style fortified premix flour products. The revenue raised by targeting newly growing food markets will in turn encourage further investment in multi-industry export infrastructure, which will benefit the whole region.	RDAWEP has been working with a milling company to build a mill including a state of the art 3-level roller flour mill including silos, a packaging and warehouse building, a distribution building, and a container loading dock and an in-ground weighbridge. The mill will operate 7 days a week producing 20,000 tonnes of flour for export in 20 foot food grade shipping containers. The building of this infrastructure will create 42 construction jobs for people on the Eyre Peninsula and once complete, the project will offer 17.5 full time positions.	Diversity is one of the region's greatest attributes and underpins its comparative advantage and competitiveness. Industrial diversity is important for economic growth and sustainability because it gives the region resilience through not being reliant on a single industry or single product for its prosperity. RDAWEP have informed the Milling Company of local economic data , negotiated on their behalf and provided a letter of support for funding.
2.2.1	The Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) has produced a Draft Inquiry Report to elicit further information regarding South Australia's Bulk Grain Export Supply Chain Cost. The Inquiry has focused largely on the performance and behaviour of Viterra, given its position of strength within the grain export supply chain. There are potential changes to aspects of the grain export supply chain's functioning which, at the margin, are likely to improve efficiency and enhance the prospect of users obtaining a greater share of any gains made. Examples include providing greater transparency regarding fee levels and Viterra's financial performance, and removing fees that may inhibit the development of third-party competition.	RDAWEP have worked with ESCOSA during the Inquiry providing economic information, coordinating Eyre Peninsula stakeholder meetings and providing written feedback.	

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
AUGUST (Cont.)			
2.2.4	The Joint Seafood Industry Business Development Program, Austrade and the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) are working together to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise between the Japanese and Australian seafood industries. The program is designed for innovative producers, processors and exporters of seafood products. The program will run for a period of twelve months and include reciprocal site visits to seafood producers, processors and retail sites, business information seminars, tailored business matching and networking in Japan and Australia.	RDAWEP worked with the Austrade and the local seafood business to promote the program.	To date only 2 businesses have signed up to the program. The information presented will go towards expanding future market opportunities as more conservative businesses realise the potential benefits.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
2.2.1	Ongoing business support for the **space and defense** sector.	Met with clients to provide strategic advice and options for progressing land use agreements. Facilitated a meeting between all parties.	Agreement has been signed.
2.2.4	**Chef Ambassador Program – Salty Eyre** Manage coordination of an industry led tour of 15 leading Australian chefs, food wholesalers and distributors on a regional tour aimed at opening up market opportunities for producers and increasing regional awareness and product knowledge.	Initial EOI has been produced for producers and budgets are being finalised.	High level of interest from local producers.
2.2.6	Met with Tumby Bay tourism operator and Red Cross to discuss fundraiser for Red Cross transport services in lower EP and to promote tourism through a 'Win a Trip to EP' competition.	Agreed to assist with social media campaign to promote the competition across RDAWEP/EPASF channels.	Waiting on tourism operator to finalise the competition and will meet again once developed.
2.2.1	Gadaleta Steel Fabrication secured a $200,000 grant to increase the size of its Whyalla fabrication site with an abrasive blasting booth and paint facility. Well-meaning State Government staff attempted to put together a Statement of Environmental Impacts (The Statement), which was well outside their area of expertise. The Statement is essential to get development approval. The Statement took too long to complete and was rejected by the Environment Protection Authority placing the entire project in jeopardy by missing the June deadline for approval stated in the funding deed. RDAWEP were subsequently informed in July after the deadline had passed of the mishandling of the planning approval process.	RDAWEP staff reviewed months of old correspondence and documentation relating to the project and it was apparent that the assembled documentation was nowhere near complete or of the standard required for approval. Meetings were held in Port Pirie with the owner of Gadaleta Steel and the previous Minister responsible, as well with the Environment Protection Authority. It soon became apparent that a professional planning company would be required to be able to restart the approvals process in a timely manner, and with the appropriate experience in abrasive blasting approvals. Several planning businesses were contacted and interviewed and subsequently put in touch with Gadaleta Steel to complete the detailed planning approval process.	Gadaleta Steel agreed on terms with a major experienced planning consultant. The EPA is happy with the proposal as discussed and the planning approval documentation is nearing completion. The Local Member and previous Minister is relieved that the development is back on track.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
JULY (Cont.)			
2.2.1	RDAWEP met with a conglomerate of agriculture and energy company principals to discuss areas of investment interest in agriculture, animal husbandry, aquaculture, travel, aged care and green energy.	The 7 principles, accompanied by a translator, initially met in the RDAWEP boardroom to discuss aims and ideas over maps of the region and to make introductions. Site visits were conducted across lower Eyre Peninsula and a welcoming dinner hosted in Port Lincoln. The following day the party travelled the 3 hours to Whyalla to meet with more RDAWEP staff and conduct further investment site visits across the Whyalla region.	The investors wrote to RDAWEP thanking us for the informative and helpful tours and information.
2.2.1	RDAWEP wrote to the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) raising the difficulties in undertaking research on Upper Eyre Peninsula to ensure profitability and sustainability of the region.	The Eyre Peninsula Agricultural Research Foundation (EPARF) held a meeting in Minnipa to discuss these difficulties in conjunction with SARDI.	The Executive Director of SARDI wrote to RDAWEP advising that as a result of the meeting, EPARF are exploring the potential to coordinate with other Eyre Peninsula based farming systems groups to develop strategic research programs, as well as the potential to employ some extension staff directly.

2.3 Tourism

Facilitate sustainable development of the visitor economy.

ACTIONS

2.3.1 Support local and regional partners implement tourism strategies, including the identification of areas for biodiversity protection, commercial development, and visitor use.

2.3.2 Implement on-ground works to manage human impacts and enhance natural resources including fencing, signage, revegetation, erosion and pest controls, and access track rationalisation.

2.3.3 Improve sustainable commercial and recreational use of tourism locations through the provision of visitor amenity infrastructure including camping sites, toilet facilities and walking trails.

2.3.4 Raise awareness about the human impact on natural resources through education and interpretive signage.

2.3.5 Partner with the tourism industry, Local Government and DEWNR to facilitate the sustainable growth of tourism.

Objective

- To proactively manage the use and development of tourism locations to ensure they remain attractive and in excellent condition.
- Commercial development of the coast and parks needs to be sensitive and balanced with conservation, to ensure that natural resources are sustained in prime condition for future enjoyment by the community and visitors.

Rationale

- The tourism industry is substantially driven by the attraction of the coastline, sea and parks. The demand for nature-based experiences by tourists and local people provides opportunities for commercial development, however increasing user pressure risks degrading the condition of natural resources.
- A new SA Regional Visitor Strategy was launched in May 2018. The new evidence based plan will assist the region to grow jobs and investment based upon an improved understanding of regional needs and shared prioritisation across government and industry.

Background / Ongoing Activities

- A Local Government Tourism Advisory Group has been established to identify common priorities and maximise opportunity.
- Regular regional tourism statistics are collated, interpreted and distributed.
- 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.
- Represent and advocate for Eyre Peninsula tourism in the implementation of the DEWNR/SATC Nature Based Tourism Strategy.
- Represent and advocate for Eyre Peninsula tourism with EPNRM.
- Provide regular information to Local Government including active promotion of RDAWEP plans.
- In January 2018, RDAWEP in collaboration with Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management and the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, completed Stage One of the Eyes on Eyre project which involved a stocktake of coastal access, camping options and wayfinding across the region. Over the next three years, the project team will use the audit results to implement a program to improve tourism infrastructure.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
2.3.3	The Elliston community celebrated their coastal trail. The five-year, $1.8-million tourism infrastructure project was honoured and involved a number of special guests and speakers, led by ABC broadcaster Peter Goers, Senator Pat Dodson and members of the Wirangu community. The project has been supported by RDAWEP and several staff members attended on the day.	Senator Pat Dodson spoke and Wirangu Elder Peter Miller said the day was "reconciliation at its best".	The spectacular 14.6-kilometres walking and cycling trail has additional trails to beach walking circuits, a town lookout, beach tables, improved stairways and shelters, barbecue areas, interpretive signage and a reconciliation monument.
2.3.5	Tourism management and collaboration.	RDAWEP hosted a tourism roundtable of industry and LGA stakeholders to discuss the future priorities of tourism management, marketing and development in the region.	Presented at the EPLGA CEO's Forum. Recognition of the new model was addressed. A Local Government Tourism Advisory Committee will be formed in November.
2.3	**Eyes on Eyre**	In conjunction with EPNRM, completed the RFQ briefing papers and began negotiations with LGAP regarding the procurement process.	LGAP have been engaged.
2.3	Led the collaborative consultation, planning, development and implementation of the Roadtrippers cooperative marketing project in conjunction with joint stakeholders.	New landing pages have been completed. New road trips have been formulated for upload.	
2.3.5	Wudinna Tourism Plan - Met with DC Wudinna to discuss the development of tourism in the community with a focus on branding and signage.	Concepts for new branding has been finalised.	
2.3.5	SATC Business Development	Worked with the SATC to identify opportunities to build capacity and capability with local operators	12 business have been identified and are currently being supported.
2.3.5	Elliston Coastal Trail and Wirangu Monument	Helped the Elliston community and traditional owners celebrate the opening of the new Elliston Coastal Trail and the Wirangu Monument.	Attended the opening event.
2.3.1	Provide strategic and tourism business advice to maximise the opportunity for Sceale Bay surf school.	Initial meeting and ongoing support has been provided including facilitating introductions into the SATC.	
2.3.5	Provided strategic advice to DC Streaky Bay in relation to grant funding and operations associated with the Streaky Bay Foreshore Caravan Park.		DC Streaky Bay to apply for round 3 BBRF.
2.3.5	Provided strategic advice to Streaky Bay Promotions Inc on their ongoing tourism activity and events.		Ongoing
2.3.5	Provided strategic advice to Tunarama Inc on the future of their event and business model.		Tunarama to consider more commercial opportunities to attract revenue.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
2.3.5	Support the expansion of Dolphin Treasure Hire.	Provided business support and liaise with SATC, State Government and Council to maximise economic outcomes.	Ongoing
2.3.5	Support the development of Glass Bottom Boat Tours in Whyalla.	Provided business support and liaision with SATC, State Government and Council to maximise economic outcomes.	Ongoing

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
JULY (Cont.)			
2.3	Eyes on Eyre	Provided strategic advice and supported RDAWEP staff in liaising with Local Government and other stakeholders. Briefings provided to SATC, Telstra, City of Whyalla and Outback Communities Authority. Presented the project to Minister Ridgway and Industry Stakeholders. Presented the project and provided opportunity for feedback to Yumbarra Co-management Board.	The projects is seen by the Minister as a leading example of collaboration and strategic investment in South Australia. Yumbarra Co-management Board is supportive of the project and further collaboration.
2.3.5	A regional coastal caravan park contacted RDAWEP to discuss expansion plans, trends in tourism, and business case development for park development. Funding scenarios were discussed and information shared regarding developments across South Australia and Australia.	Several ideas and pathways were identified.	Park owners thanked RDAWEP for input and further meetings were scheduled to discuss options.
2.3.5	Assist in developing an ongoing partnership with Roadtrippers.	Continued working with Roadtrippers in developing EP Roadtrippers. **S&T Champion Campaign** • Campaign message finalised. • Sourced footage content for 30-45 second long promotional video of EP to be developed by Roadtrippers. • Video script received and approved. • Video proof received. Sent back with minor changes. **EP Touring Route** • Continued development of a range of trip guides. • Guidelines for content structure of trip guides received from Roadtrippers. • Communications began with Franklin Habour, Elliston and Cleve council for the development of a Birdseye Highway trip guide. - Guide will commence once Bridget is back from leave in August. • Worked with Streaky Bay Promotions to develop a Streaky Bay trip guides. Content information and images received.	Development/production is ongoing and will continue to be advanced in August.
2.3.5	Development of Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guide	Continued worked with HWR in developing new EP Guide. Final proof received and approved.	Guide sent to print and to be distributed via SATC.
2.3.5	RDAWEP is undertaking an expression of interest process for a strategic Whyalla business.	Digital and print marketing campaign developed.	Print proof sent to client for approval.
2.3.5	RDAWEP is undertaking an expression of interest process for a strategic Cleve tourism asset.	Digital and print marketing campaign developed.	Print poof sent to client for approval.

2.4 Water Resources

Manage and develop water resources to provide abundant quality supply for community and economic use.

ACTIONS

2.4.1 Pursue water resources monitoring, planning and management via the Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce.
2.4.2 Support investigations to assess the technical viability and economic feasibility of augmenting the Eyre Peninsula's water supplies.
2.4.3 Liaise with government and private sector companies about water efficiency measures and alternative water supply solutions and technologies.
2.4.4 Identify strategic water supply locations to maximise economic, community and environmental benefits.
2.4.5 Pursue synergies by linking water supply solutions with regional energy planning strategies.
2.4.6 Partner with Local Government on urban stormwater and waste water planning implementation.

Objective

- To develop and manage water allocation plans to provide water supply security. Water allocation planning should exceed the demand thresholds needed for survival, and aim to supply a sufficient quantity of water to catalyse economic development and population growth.

Rationale

- Water security is a key issue for the Eyre Peninsula due to limited supply from ground water basins and the River Murray.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
2.4.3	RDAWEP met with Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula managers to discuss and continue planning water security for sustainable development.		
2.4.1	Water security on Eyre Peninsula has long been atop of RDAWEPs priorities. As a member of the Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce RDAWEP has long lobbied the case that economic development will follow cheap and abundant water but as a minimum sufficient supplies must be available for the current circumstances.		A desalination plant has been talked about for 20 years and SAWater have now announced the purchase of 60 ha of land near Sleaford Bay for the construction of an $80 million desalination plant. The announcement was made by the South Australian Minister for Environment and Water and RDAWEP have been meeting with SA Water about the proposed plant and communication plan.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
JULY			
2.4.3	A significant amount of treated wastewater from a food processing factory is currently discharged to the marine environment. The water is suitable for turf irrigation. RDAWEP made contact with and provided a briefing to an engineering consultant, the food processing factory and the local racecourse to divert the water from the sea to the racecourse.	A meeting was organised and site visits conducted for the consultant to see first-hand what was involved and to meet the proponents.	All parties agreed to continue to work towards the beneficial use of the treated wastewater and reduce discharge to the marine environment.

2.5 Energy

Pursue solutions to provide a cost effective and secure power supply, and develop a low carbon economy.

ACTIONS

2.5.1 Prepare a regional energy strategy.
2.5.2 Facilitate the replacement of the Eyre Peninsula power transmission system.
2.5.3 Liaise with government and private sector companies about power supply solutions and alternative technologies.
2.5.4 Support the development of renewable energy projects in strategic locations to maximise economic, community and environmental benefits.

Objective

- Transmission infrastructure has reached end of life predictions and needs to be replaced. Numerous energy solutions are being explored, with preference for renewable generations and storage systems using solar, hydrogen, pumped hydro, and wave and wind energy.

Rationale

- Energy security is a critical issue on the Eyre Peninsula, due to a low capacity power transmission system which does not provide sufficient supply to meet existing industry and communication needs.

Background/Ongoing Activities

- Through continued lobbying, research and sharing of energy information, RDAWEP has established itself as the lead agency for pursuing energy solutions across Eyre Peninsula. RDAWEP was consequently appointed for a 2-year term to the SA Power Networks Renewable Reference Group to provide valuable insights into the practicalities of connecting renewables into the grid.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
2.5.3	The proposed **hydrogen/ammonia demonstration plant** for Port Lincoln will be able to produce nitrogen fertiliser from excess solar and wind energy on Eyre Peninsula. RDAWEP have been working closely with the lead project proponent, The Hydrogen Utility, throughout the project's development and facilitated a stakeholder meeting in Port Lincoln between affected local government Mayors, CEOs and planning staff.	Updates were provided at the meeting on the location, regulation approval progress and project partners to be co-located on site.	
2.5.3	RDAWEP is in discussion with the Energy and Advanced Manufacturing strand of the Future Industries Institute at the University of South Australia regarding pulling together a consortium to look at virtual power plants in regional areas to improve quality of electricity supply.	The talks have been progressing since the inception of the project and UniSA have accepted an RDAWEP invitation to speak to the region in December.	

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER (Cont.)			
2.5.4	An Eyre Peninsula Local Government has been approached by a solar farm company with a development proposal. Typically questions are asked of the RDAWEP about the company's background, capability, previous experience and likely impact of the development on the local grid and electricity supply. RDAWEP have a reputation across the Eyre Peninsula as an authority in electricity and solar.	In this case RDAWEP was able to provide succinct answers as it had previously worked with the same company in another Eyre Peninsula Council during a similar development proposal.	
2.5.4	The Melbourne Energy Institute has discussed the future of Australian energy policy at their recent Energy Futures Seminar, hosted AEMO's Quarterly Energy Dynamics report, showcased an integrated Assessment Model framework and announced an $8.6 million research project into renewable Hydrogen. All of the information is available in podcasts and reports and is applicable to the Eyre Peninsula.	RDAWEP is abreast of this work and works to stay across developing energy issues to be able to develop the best possible investment strategies for Eyre Peninsula.	
2.5.3	A wind energy developer had raised concerns with an Eyre Peninsula Council that a lack of investment by the South Australian electricity transmission provider was jeopardising their wind development. RDAWEP met with the CEO and Mayor of the Council and spoke to the wind energy developer. Subsequently RDAWEP contacted the electricity transmission company to connect all parties to address the raised concerns.	RDAWEP already had a strong relationship with the Council and transmission company allowing for direct and timely response in writing to all parties.	
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
AUGUST			
2.5.3	The CRC for Low Carbon Living Node of Excellence, hosted by the University of South Australia, is contributing to technological, social and economic research that is facilitating the development and utilisation of low carbon products and services in the built environment.	RDAWEP travelled to Adelaide to listen to program developments and provide an update on the hydrogen demonstration plant in Port Lincoln.	
2.5.4	The Premier's Climate Change Council 2018 SA Climate Leaders Awards showcase the innovative work happening across South Australia to grow the future sustainability and resilience of our state through responding and adapting to climate change. Projects addressing adapting to the impacts of climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and raising awareness of issues and actions to reduce the impacts of climate change and build resilience are encouraged to apply.	RDAWEP's work in attracting the green hydrogen demonstration plant to Port Lincoln and large scale solar to EP to work in partnership will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Making fertiliser in Port Lincoln from sun and wind, used to make green hydrogen/ammonia, will offset shipping emissions from importing fertiliser as well. The project has raised significant awareness with over 9000 google references. Attracting the Green Hydrogen project has been nominated for an award.	

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
AUGUST (Cont.)			
2.5.4	RDAWEP attended the Energy Efficiency Expo and Seminar at the Adelaide Convention Centre to learn about the latest information on how to achieve energy savings, along with the chance to speak with industry experts. RDAWEP spoke to local organisations who have already reduced their energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions by implementing key energy-saving projects, and met companies to help government and residents on how to save energy.	The event was open to everyone, and particularly benefited industrial, commercial and retail business and building owners, facility managers, operation managers, property managers and financial managers. Speakers included: David Swift, AEMO – Future energy trends and market projections and; Michael Williams, author of Power Profits – A nine-step process for reducing electricity costs and boosting profits. Companies presenting included: Glynde Hotel, St Andrews Hospital, Nobles, Redarc, SA Power Networks, SIMEC Zen Energy, and Tesla.	RDAWEP used some of the learnings in a presentation to Mayors and CEOs at an Eyre Peninsula Local Government meeting. The Mayor of Port Lincoln City Council said that it was the best presentation he had ever seen and invited RDAWEP to present to elected members at the next Port Lincoln City Council meeting.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
2.5.3	Electranet have identified that the construction of a new, high capacity interconnector between South Australia and New South Wales would deliver substantial economic benefits. RDAWEP attended a forum in Adelaide that provided information to stakeholders that included a presentation by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) on its Integrated System Plan.	RDAWEP have worked with Electranet on several projects and the opportunity was taken to voice RDAWEP's support for the interconnector to enable export of renewable energy from the Eyre Peninsula.	AEMO is watching with interest the partnership between large scale solar farms on Eyre Peninsula, Electranet and the Hydrogen Demonstration Plant in Port Lincoln to inform a model of the future.

2.6 Mining – Mineral, Oil and Gas Resources

Facilitate the development of strategic mineral, oil and gas resource projects.

ACTIONS

2.6.1 Assess the impact and benefits of proposed mineral, oil and gas projects.
2.6.2 Inform the Agenda of the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce.
2.6.3 Prepare submissions as required to the Australian and South Australian Governments about the impact and benefits of mineral, oil and gas projects on the economy, community and the environment.
2.6.4 Facilitate the improvement of supply chain, energy and water infrastructure to support resource projects that will bring long-term development benefits to the region.
2.6.5 Make the health of the region's ecosystems a primary consideration in economic development planning and deliberations of the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce.

Objective

- Mineral, oil and gas projects provide opportunities to diversify the regional economy, create employment, and bring flow-on economic and community development benefits to businesses and townships. Projects need careful assessment to ensure they do not pose irrevocable risk to the sustainable management of ecosystems and natural resources, or negatively impact on the productivity of industries that depend on pristine environmental conditions for their viability – e.g. agriculture, fishing, aquaculture and tourism.

Rationale

- The region has plentiful deposits of high quality mineral resources including magnetite, graphite, zircon and kaolin. Oil and gas exploration is also being undertaken on the land and sea.

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Regional Governance

Implement regional governance initiatives to achieve better and longer-term regional development initiatives.

ACTIONS

3.1.1 Facilitate and support the establishment and operation of the Eyre and Western Region Joint Planning Board.
3.1.2 Develop and manage partnerships with regional organisations, Local Government, and the Australian and State Governments.
3.1.3 Facilitate collaborative regional planning initiatives with government, business and community stakeholders.
3.1.4 Align the region's development needs with Australian and State Government planning and economic priorities to improve access to funding from government programs.
3.1.5 Implement collaborative project initiatives.
3.1.6 Maintain and develop regional communication and engagement via marketing strategies, consultation plans, and performance measurement.

Objective

- To form a single Planning Board to drive the collective and agreed priorities of RDAWEP, EPLGA, and EPNRM and the 11 Councils and 58,000 people that occupy the Eyre Peninsula. This will enable the region to advocate collectively with a single voice; better exploit its comparative advantage, and develop synergies to achieve more effective and longer-term regional development outcomes.

Rationale

- Existing modes of government services delivery do not adequately address the development needs of South Australia's regions.
- Regional areas are typically comprised of numerous LGAs with an RDA responsible for regional economic development planning. However, most of the Councils have small populations and thereby lack the critical mass and policy leverage to influence Stat and Australian Government decision making. The consequence is that regional aspirations are often not heard, and regional development needs are not being met. This dilemma is exacerbated in Councils with shrinking populations.

Background/Ongoing Activities

- The DRAFT *Regional Strategic Plan* has been prepared by RDAWEP, EPLGA and EPNRM. Establishment of the Joint Planning Board is ongoing and subject to consultation.
- The Corporate Marketing Plan was developed and implemented to provide strategic direction.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
3.1.6	Create and distribute content for Social Media applications in order to grow social media reach.	• Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier Facebook audience grew by 1.59% to 7,704 followers. • Eyrepeninsula.com increased page views by 6.9% to 10,197. • Seafoodfrontier.com.au decreased page views by 4.87% to 3,008. • Nullarbor (digital version) increased page views by 10.16% to 29,216.	
3.1.6	The RDAWEP Regional Newsletter for September was distributed on 5 September 2018.	Sent to 3,687 recipients. 28.90% open rate. 7.59% click rate.	
3.1.6	Maintain a database of regional stakeholders.	132 changes were made to the database in September.	At 30 September, the database listed 5,281 contacts.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
AUGUST			
3.1.6	Create and distribute content for Social Media applications in order to grow social media reach.	• Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier Facebook audience grew by .77% to 7,583 followers. • Eyrepeninsula.com decreased page views by 34.21% to 9,538. Note: Believe page numbers are beginning to go back to normal. Bots not indexing the site. This major drop seems to be an indication of this. Monitoring will continue for next month. • Seafoodfrontier.com.au decreased page views by 14.79% to 3,162. • Nullarbor (digital version) increased page views by 1.51% to 26,520.	
3.1.6	The RDAWEP Regional Newsletter for August was distributed on 6 August 2018.	Sent to 3,856 recipients. 33.33% open rate. 7.31% click rate.	
3.1.6	Maintain a database of regional stakeholders.	163 changes were made to the database in August.	At 31 August, the database listed 5,310 contacts.
ACTION	**WHAT DID WE DO?**	**HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?**	**DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?**
JULY			
3.1.3	**South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy** (SARVS). Lead the collaborative consultation, planning, development and implementation of the SARVS in conjunction with joint stakeholders.	The SARVS was presented as the key regional strategic tourism planning platform at Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Ceduna to industry, SATC, SATIC and Minister Ridgway.	More than 80 Industry stakeholders attended the three sessions.
3.1.6	RDAWEP's Corporate website www.rdawep.org.au	Received 8,594 page visits in July. An increase of 7.64% from June.	

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
JULY (Cont.)			
3.1.6	Create and distribute content for Social Media applications in order to grow social media reach.	• Eyre Peninsula Instagram audience grew by 1.20% to 10,156 followers. • Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier Facebook audience grew by 2.30% to 7,637 followers. • RDAWEP Facebook audience grew by 3.50% to 711. • Eyrepeninsula.com decreased page views by 48.63% to 14,498. Note: Believe page numbers are beginning to go back to normal. Bots not indexing the site. This major drop seems to be an indication of this. Monitoring will continue for next month. • Seafoodfrontier.com.au increased page views by 1.70% to 3711. • Nullarbor (digital version) increased page views by 22.20% to 26,124.	
3.1.6	The RDAWEP Regional Newsletter for July was distributed on 6 July 2018.	Sent to 3,675 recipients. 34.08% open rate. 7.04% click rate.	
3.1.6	Maintain a database of regional stakeholders.	94 changes were made to the database in July.	At 31 July, the database listed 5,305 contacts.

3.2 Grants and Investment

Pursue regional funding opportunities.

ACTIONS

3.2.1 Establish a dedicated cross-agency grants and investment team.
3.2.2 Identify grant funding opportunities and communicate grant program information to stakeholders.
3.2.3 Implement a Project Tracking mechanism to monitor stakeholder project proposals.
3.2.4 Assess the grant readiness of project proposals.
3.2.5 Provide advice to stakeholders about options to make projects grant ready.
3.2.6 Support stakeholders to access government funding programs through assistance with business cases, project management plans and grant applications for key projects.
3.2.7 Provide feedback and advice to government departments about options to improve grant program processes.

Objective

- To support stakeholders to obtain funding from government programs and increase the level of investment in the region. The provision of a cross-agency team will broaden the expertise base and maximise opportunities for investment attraction.

Background/Ongoing Activities

- Organisations and Councils in regional areas are experiencing a long-term trend of increasing operational costs and growing dependence on government support from grants and subsidies. Government funding dependence is heightened with larger development projects, because regional areas typically lack the population base to raise sufficient revenue to cover project capex. Regional organisations are consequently competing against each other for limited funding from government programs.
- Access to government funding is highly competitive and becoming increasingly more difficult. Thresholds for evidence-based supporting documentation are being raised, and partner funding contribution requirements are being tightened.
- To have any chance of funding success from government programs, organisations are now required to invest considerable human and financial resources into the preparation of high quality, professional grant applications.
- Communication in regard to State Government support for multiple industry development projects and initiatives is ongoing.

ACTION	WHAT DID WE DO?	HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?	DID IT HAVE AN IMPACT?
SEPTEMBER			
3.2.6	A Building Better Regions Fund project application is currently being drafted – "Skills Development on Eyre Peninsula". (Refer to 1.1.3)	Applications for this round of BBRF are due mid November.	None yet