

# Annual Report



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of South Australia



Eyre Peninsula  
Local Government Association



Government  
of South Australia  
Primary Industries  
and Regions SA



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OF CLEVE



THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF  
ELLISTON



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF  
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HARBOUR



District Council of  
**KIMBA**  
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District Council of  
Lower Eyre Peninsula



City of  
**Port Lincoln**  
Seafood Capital of Australia



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF  
**Streaky Bay**



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TUMBY BAY



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**WHYALLA**



Wudinna District Council

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# 1. STRATEGIC CONTEXT



## 1.1 Chair's Letter

*Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) is part of a national network of 52 committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the development of their regions.*



In 2018 RDAWEP undertook a process to appoint a new skills based board, and were pleased to announce a new executive team consisting of myself as Chair, Malcolm Catt as Deputy Chair, with Heather Baldock and Clare McLaughlin elected to the two remaining Executive positions. The Board also welcomed new members Tom Antonio and Ricky Trenberth.

In 2018/19 RDAWEP continued its close partnership with the three levels of government (Federal Government, the South Australian State Government and the eleven Local Governments on Eyre Peninsula) and we have been able to secure long term funding agreements with all parties that will allow the Board greater flexibility and certainty.

As part of the Board's collaborative approach, the CEO and his staff have visited and presented to every one of the member Councils and listened to concerns for their area. Health, education and workforce issues are a common theme. All of these Council ideas and suggestions will help to form RDAWEP's strategic directions for the next few years. Howard Coote continues to keep the Board well informed and pro-actively engaged in the advancement of Indigenous economic interests across the region.

2018/2019 has been a year of intense activities and challenges, the details of which are listed within the Summary of Key Achievements contained in this Annual Report, which I recommend to you.

For the third year in a row, except for a few small pockets, the very dry start to the year for farmers on the Eastern and Upper Eyre Peninsula is causing significant strain on not only farming families, but also the many retailers in each of the towns in that area. If businesses cease because of the downturn, they are generally not replaced and the job losses and loss of people from the district has, and will continue to have, a profound effect on one of our region's major industries. Fortunately Lower Eyre Peninsula is experiencing quite a good year, so there will be feed and grain available for livestock in the region when required.

The number of apprenticeships recruited has reduced significantly however with the advent of GFG buying into the steelworks and the new proposed high school in Whyalla, we will witness the return of essential training for young people in the near future. The Heavy Industry Cluster in Whyalla has been working hard to secure the correct new type of training needed. Although the jobs will be more diverse, it will allow us to enter into a very exciting future for Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula.

RDAWEP has continued to watch with interest the activity and processes related to oil and gas exploration in the Great Australian Bight as well as major Commonwealth projects such as the proposed establishment of a National Radioactive Waste Management Facility. The Board understands the diverse range of community views and the independent role of regulatory authorities.

An emerging project is the EPLGA and RDAWEP Community Solar Scheme for households, business and renters. I recommend that you engage in this scheme to save yourself money from your power bills.

In closing I would like to sincerely thank Member Councils and the State and Federal Governments for their ongoing support. A special mention to Dion and his staff for the tremendous work they have done and pressures endured during 2018/2019.

I look forward to working with the Board and continuing our efforts in ensuring this region remains the most productive and diverse region in the state, if not the country, enhanced by the proactive, dedicated and enthusiastic leaders of our community.

**BRYAN TRIGG AFSM**  
CHAIR

PROGRESS  
LEADERSHIP

## 1.2 Director Regional Development's Report



*I am pleased to present to you the Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) Annual Report.*

*It reflects on the achievements of the 2018/19 financial year and details how RDAWEP delivered a range of economic development initiatives and projects.*

The year saw significant advancement on a number of the region's long term economic development projects in the areas of education, energy and water security, transport and export pathways and investment in economic diversity. Considerable resources were also dedicated to supporting and advising a range of State and Australian Government enquiries, policies and programs including, at only state level, Minister Whetstone's SA Regional Development Plan, Minister Ridgeway's SA Regional Visitor Strategy, Minister Pisoni's Skilling South Australia Fund and Premier Marshall's Infrastructure Prioritisation Agenda.

One of the largest regional challenges in 2018/19 was the transition of grain freight from rail to road, including the resultant closure of a number of grain silos, as well as the closure of the narrow gauge railway by Genesee and Wyoming. Whilst RDAWEP had been forecasting this transition and resultant closure for some time, the short notice and absence of budgeted solutions has placed significant pressure on our transport networks.

Investment in the region's transport networks will face a need for ongoing review as proposed port projects on the East Coast of the Eyre Peninsula progress. The \$115m T-Ports project at Lucky Bay is set to export its first grain during the 2019 harvest and substantial effort has been made by RDAWEP into accelerating the planning, development and construction of a multi-commodity, multi-user port at Cape Hardy. Industry stakeholders associated with the Cape Hardy site have made some significant announcements over the course of the year regarding partnerships with the agricultural and energy sectors including the development of a green manufacturing complex. Free Eyre has also sought to progress approvals for a grain port development at Port Spencer.

Infrastructure sharing can reduce the amount of investment needed to address a problem or realise an opportunity and helps ensure that infrastructure is developed at the optimal scale. For example: the grain, mining and energy industries have collaborated and have, with local government support, identified Cape Hardy as the optimum site for new multi-user bulk port facilities. This paves the way for State and Australian Governments to genuinely support industry cost reduction and ability to compete sustainably in global markets.

RDAWEP continues to work towards a more diversified regional economy and attracting new investment into the region. This has seen associated announcements regarding the space, aviation, tourism and energy sectors in Eyre Peninsula with the potential to deliver hundreds of new jobs for the region.

Significant support has been provided to the City of Whyalla, the GFG Group and broader industry to drive the transformation of Whyalla, ensuring that investment in economic diversity, education, training and a sustainable workforce are maximised.

Changes to State Government workforce development policies and process for program delivery have negatively impacted RDAWEP's budget however at the end of June 2019, the organisation's financial position remains strong.

I would like to acknowledge our Board, Members of Parliament, partner Councils, government stakeholders, regional communities and businesses, and our staff who have contributed to delivering our organisation's vision and plan.

**DION DORWARD**  
DIRECTOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



# 1.3 Board Members/Staff

BOARD MEMBERS



**Bryan Trigg**  
Chairman



**Malcolm Catt**  
Deputy Chair



**Clare McLaughlin**  
Executive Member



**Heather Baldock**  
Executive Member



**Jack Velthuizen**



**Allan Suter**



**Colin Carter**



**Ricky Trenberth**



**Thomas Antonio**

**FAREWELL TO**  
(Retired)

**Kate McShane**

**Matt Waller**

**Matt Enbom**

**Deidre Turvey**

STAFF

**Dion Dorward**

Director Regional Development/  
Chief Executive Officer

**Peter Mitchell**

Employment and Skills  
Development Manager – Eyre

**Brad Riddle**

Deputy Director  
Regional Development

**Paula Wilson**

Career Practitioner – Whyalla

**Peter Scott**

Economic Development Manager  
– Eyre

**Sondra Stewart**

Tourism Development  
Manager

**David Penfold**

Economic Development Manager  
– Whyalla

**Roger Paul**

Manager Corporate Services

**Howard Coote**

Indigenous Economic  
Development Manager

**Georgie Crawford**

Executive Assistant

**FAREWELL TO**

**Jade Ballantine**

Special Projects Officer

**Bes Abdic**

Marketing Coordinator

**Bronwen Caple**

NDIS Workforce Project Manager

**Aina Danis**

Executive Assistant

**Tamsin Scholz**

Tourism Development Manager

**Nicole Ettridge**

Administration Officer – Eyre

## 1.4 About Regional Development Australia

*Regional Development Australia is an Australian Government initiative established to encourage partnership between all levels of government and industry to enhance the growth and development of Australia's regional communities.*

Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) is the peak body driving the expansion and growth of economic activity across Eyre Peninsula and is supported through a cooperative arrangement with the state and federal governments, and the eleven local member councils of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association.

The Board of RDAWEP is comprised of high-profile local people representing business, industry, education, local government, finance, natural resources and the community – local people developing local solutions to local issues.

### **STRONG, CONFIDENT AND VIBRANT REGIONS**

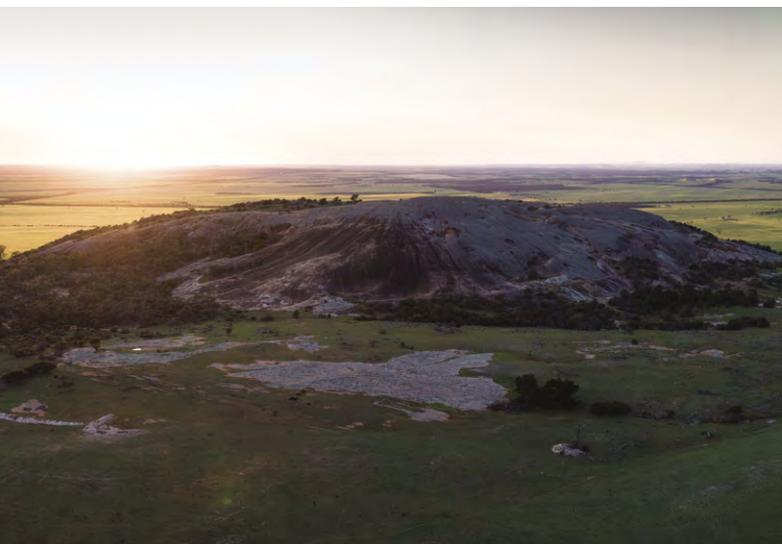
Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a national network of Committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the economic development of their regions.

RDA Committees have an active and facilitative role in their communities and a clear focus on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages, seize on economic opportunity and attract investment.

*Working in close partnership with fellow RDA Committees, all levels of government, and the private sector, RDA Committees will:*

1. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders to identify economic opportunities and leverage private and public sector investment to the regions;
2. Connect regional businesses, councils and industry sectors with international trade partners, financial markets and potential investors;
3. Promote and disseminate information on Australian Government policies and grant programs to state and local governments and industry, business and community sectors;
4. Support community stakeholders to develop project proposals to access funding;
5. Develop and maintain positive working relationships with the local government bodies in their regions;
6. Facilitate public and private sector decentralisation;
7. Assist in the delivery of Australian Government programs, where relevant and where requested by the Minister;
8. Engage with regional entrepreneurs and emerging business leaders to explore new opportunities to grow local jobs in their regions;
9. Provide information on their region's activities and competitive advantages to all levels of government, industry, business and community sectors; and
10. Provide evidence-based advice to the Australian Government on critical regional development issues positively and negatively affecting their regions.

**Minister for Regional Development, August 2017**



# 1.5 Our Vision

## QUALITY

Quality is a distinctive regional characteristic. The region is renowned for its premium seafood, high quality agricultural product, and the pristine nature of its landscapes, seascapes and conservation parks. The region also has some of the world's highest quality mineral resources.

Quality indicates that the region's doors are not only open for business, but provides a brand which states *"enter here, if you want the best"*.



The RDAWEP region comprises approximately 235,000km<sup>2</sup> of land in the far west of South Australia, covering about 23% of the State land mass. The region encompasses Eyre Peninsula from the City of Whyalla to the District Council of Ceduna; as well as to the Western Australian border and the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands north of the Trans Australian Railway Line.

# 1.6 Regional Snapshot

**235,000km<sup>2</sup>**  
**23% of SA**

TOTAL SIZE OF RDA  
 WHYALLA AND EYRE  
 PENINSULA REGION

PERCENTAGE OF  
 SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S TOTAL  
 LAND MASS

AREA

**57,813**

-0.42% on 2017

**REGION'S  
 POPULATION**



POPULATION

**63.3%**

live in Whyalla + Port Lincoln

**5.6%**

are Aboriginal people

**3.5%**

of South Australia's population

MEDIAN AGES

**42**  
YEARS

Eyre Peninsula  
 (up from 38 in 2011)

**40**  
YEARS

South Australia

**38**  
YEARS

Australia

**18.2% AGED 65 YEARS AND OVER**

**41%**  
**EMPLOYMENT**

58% FULL TIME  
 42% PART TIME

**TOP 5 AREAS OF  
 EMPLOYMENT**

- 13.1%** Health Care and Social Assistance
- 11%** Retail Trade
- 10%** Agriculture
- 9.2%** Manufacturing
- 8.4%** Education and Training

EMPLOYMENT

MEDIAN WEEKLY  
 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**\$1,073**

Eyre Peninsula

**\$1,026**

South Australia

**\$1,438**

Australia



**\$3.05**  
**BILLION GRP**

2.9% OF GROSS STATE PRODUCT (GSP)  
 \$2.31 BILLION IN EXPORTS

*(National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR), 2018).*

**MAIN EXPORTING  
 INDUSTRIES:**

- \$778.1 million** Agriculture
- \$653.5 million** Manufacturing
- \$301.9 million** Mining
- \$141.7 million** Fishing

GROSS REGIONAL  
 PRODUCT

## 2. SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018-19



## 2.1 Regional Priorities

*The regional priorities for RDAWEP in 2018-19 were:*

- Support labour force participation and workforce development.
- Implement proactive strategies to enhance Aboriginal well-being, labour force participation, and economic development.
- Develop social and community infrastructure, services and amenity.
- Pursue opportunities to grow education facilities and expand course provision.
- Maintain and grow equitable community health services.
- Develop strategic infrastructure and foster sustainable business.
- Strengthen, foster and promote economic business diversity and productivity.
- Facilitate sustainable development of the visitor economy.
- Pursue solutions to develop water resources to provide abundant quality supply for community and economic use.
- Pursue solutions to provide a cost effective and secure power supply, and develop a low carbon economy.
- Support the development of strategic mineral, oil and gas resource projects.
- Implement regional governance initiatives to achieve better and longer-term regional development outcomes.
- Pursue regional funding opportunities

## 2.2 Priority Activities

*Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) initiated or substantially progressed activities in 2018-2019.*



- The grain, mining and energy industries have collaborated and have, with local government support, identified Cape Hardy as the optimum site for new multi-user bulk port facilities. This paves the way for State and Australian Governments to genuinely support industry cost reduction and ability to compete sustainably in global markets.
- The Lucky Bay Port was established with help from grant funding facilitated by RDAWEP. Construction of the \$115 million facility was officially opened.
- The impacts of the closure of the Eyre Peninsula Rail network, changes to grain storage and handling facilities, opening of T-Ports at Lucky Bay and alternative port plans has required ongoing review and the development of a comprehensive integrated grain storage, handling and transport strategy cognisant of other industry needs.
- A scoping study highlighting paths and actions for the establishment of an Aboriginal Rangers program across Eyre Peninsula has been completed for the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board. The program is aimed at improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal people to work in the environmental management sector whilst also benefiting local school curricular, international and domestic tourism and bolstering local labour hire services.
- The Opportunity Network was officially launched on the 21st August 2018 at RDAWEP's Whyalla office, with over 45 business leaders in attendance. It marks a new era in supporting in excess of 120 local businesses to secure work with major new projects in the region.

- The Transformation of Whyalla continued to grow momentum with; the “Big Reveal” event launched at Whyalla by the Prime Minister, Premier, Mayor and GFG Alliance; supported by RDAWEP and; its economic diversification and growth strategies in collaboration with the Whyalla City Council, GFG, government and industry.
- 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.
- Energy and water security has been improved with the announcement of the \$200m energy transmission upgrade by Electranet, the \$80m Sleaford Desalination Project and ongoing investment into hydrogen, solar and water projects across the region.
- The Energy on Eyre – Community Solar Scheme is an initiative of RDAWEP in partnership with Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association. The scheme is focussed on improving access to solar and batteries for renters, pensioners, low income households and community groups.
- Provided intensive assistance to progress the development of Southern Launch’s projects at Whaler’s Way and Koonibba. The facility will be a first for Australia, building space launch capability in South Australia to service the exponential growth of the small satellite market, including potential rocket assembly and manufacturing supply chains in Eyre Peninsula.
- RDAWEP is partnering with Australian Small Business Advisory Service – Adelaide Business Hub, to deliver the Commonwealth funded Digital Solutions Program to small businesses operating in South Australia.
- RDAWEP positioned itself to assist the Department of Industry and Skills (DIS), in partnership with the Commonwealth, in meeting its policy priorities to attract and retain a skilled workforce, by concentrating on the promotion and implementation of programs that will increase the number of apprenticeships and traineeships, specifically to meet the anticipated skills shortages identified by employers across the state.
- The Disability Workforce Hub Eyre and Western project was an initiative to help secure a sufficient and diverse workforce supply as the region moved towards full implementation of the NDIS. The Hub operated as a central point for organisations, workers, job seekers and existing service providers with assistance and support throughout the disability sector.
- RDAWEP initiated and hosted the Ability Awareness Festival, a community event to raise awareness of the Disability Workforce Hub and disability service providers across the region. The event included live music performances, food stalls and free activities for all. Service providers took the opportunity to promote themselves and the services they offer.
- RDAWEP took an active lead in the collaborative consultation, planning, development and implementation of the South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy (SARVS) in conjunction with joint stakeholders. The SARVS’s common aim is to align all available resources more effectively. Its recommendations are based on visitor research, consumer insights and the collective experience of regional tourism organisations.
- The 2019 Regional Strategic Plan identifies regional economic development priorities and proposes whole-of-region strategies to support a regional governance arrangement. The Plan will enable regional organisations to advocate collectively with a single voice, and take a collaborative approach to achieve more effective long-term regional development outcomes.



## Activity Snapshot

**250,000km**  
**2,500 hours**

In 2018/19 RDAWEP staff traveled more than 250,000 km spending 2,500 hours (that's the equivalent of 66 weeks full time) on the road servicing our regional communities and industries.



RDAWEP STAFF  
TRAVEL



**25**  
STUDENTS

**18**  
EMPLOYMENT  
OUTCOMES

Multi Trades  
Training Program



CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT



**80**

Support and assistance was provided to >80 initiatives to enhance and develop small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), civic amenities and community events.

**50**

>50 Aboriginal organisations and businesses were assisted with governance, business development and/or programs.

**30**

Assisted in the delivery of more than 30 Government programs.

**45**

More than 45 potential or actual jobs and 10 training places were secured through Indigenous project support.

SMALL BUSINESS  
SUPPORT

# Communications & Social Media



## NUMBER OF FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA

 **17,830**

EYRE PENINSULA @eyrepeninsula

Instagram audience grew by 43.69%

 **9,178**

AUSTRALIA'S SEAFOOD FRONTIER

Facebook audience grew by 18.64%

 **894**

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA  
WHYALLA AND EYRE PENINSULA

Facebook audience grew by 23.18%

WEBSITES

[www.rdawep.org.au](http://www.rdawep.org.au)

**101,656**

page views

(an increase of 36.12%  
from 2017/18)

[www.eyrepeninsula.com](http://www.eyrepeninsula.com)

**15,108**

page views

(an increase of 36.12%  
from 2017/18)

[www.seafoodfrontier.com.au](http://www.seafoodfrontier.com.au)

**3,662**

page views

(per month avg.)

[www.nullarbormap.com.au](http://www.nullarbormap.com.au)

**352,521**

page views

(an increase of 16.74%  
from 2017/18)

DISTRIBUTION

**55,000**

EYRE PENINSULA VISITOR GUIDES

2018/19 print and distribution  
throughout Australia.

**60,000**

NULLARBOR MAPS

2018/19 print and distribution  
throughout Australia

**3,700**

RDAWEP'S REGIONAL  
E-NEWSLETTER

2018/19 monthly digital distribution  
to subscribers

# 3. CASE STUDIES





## 3.1 CASE STUDY 1: Disability Workforce Hub Eyre and Western 2017-2019

*The Disability Workforce Hub for Eyre and Western was an important initiative to help secure a sufficient workforce supply as the region moved towards full implementation of the NDIS.*

The Hub operated as a 'One Stop Shop' for organisations, workers and job seekers looking for support and assistance across the disability sector. It contributed to building workforce capacity and capability, ensuring local people are employed and to help South Australian employers secure skilled and experienced workers.

The objectives of the project were to:

- Connect disability sector employers and suitable job seekers, including through intermediaries such as employment service providers, higher education providers and vocational education and training (VET) organisations.
- Build the capacity of Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) career practitioners to provide specialist career guidance to individuals wishing to work in the disability sector.
- Support local employers to identify and address their workforce development needs to deliver services under the NDIS, with a focus on workforce supply.

RDAWEP employed a Project Officer to identify disability sector employers and potential jobs in the Eyre and Western region, and supported the connection of local employers, employment agencies and suitable job seekers.

### KEY OUTCOMES, HIGHLIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS

- ✓ The Whyalla based aged care facility was assisted with grant funding application support and assistance, facilitating in the approval of a multi-million dollar funding package for the development and creation of a comprehensive community care facility. This will expand and enhance services in the disability service sector. At completion, this will also include a complex containing 32 independent living units with universal design to suit disability clients. A community centre will incorporate allied health services, hydrotherapy pool, and gym services designed for those with disability or the elderly. This facility is currently under tender with construction expected to commence in the last quarter of 2019, creating in excess of 50 new ongoing employment positions.
- ✓ Assisted the establishment of a new independent registered service provider, ITEC Health, creating a home base in Port Augusta. The Queensland owned provider focusses on support coordination, in-home support, counselling and mental health services. To date they are servicing clients in Port Augusta, Whyalla and Port Lincoln and have recruited upwards of 17 staff. They have recently created a supported independent living facility and are looking to establish more of this service as needs arise.



# SUPPORT INNOVATION

- ✓ Coordinated the Ability Awareness Festival - a free community event featuring live music with 38 service providers hosting stalls that featured interactive activities to attract potential clients and establish connections with the general public. Most providers advised that they connected with new clients and potential employees. It was requested that this event be held annually.
  - ✓ In conjunction with Auctus Training, a small business training plan was established to assist individuals to become sole providers in the disability service provider sector. The Disability Workforce Hub assisted with marketing and recruitment of participants and ongoing support to those individuals.
  - ✓ Job seekers were supported to become familiar with the NDIS, to connect with disability providers and to create potential employment outcomes.
  - ✓ In partnership with NDS, NDIS Quality and Safeguarding workshops were delivered in the region. The workshops provided valuable practical information and support to existing service providers in Eyre Peninsula.
  - ✓ Communication of relevant and accurate information was provided to key stakeholders in the region via regular mail drops, monthly network provider meetings and individual business visits.
  - ✓ Provided assistance with the implementation and key strategic direction of the Whyalla Ageing and Disability Action Group, combining key players in the disability service sector, Uni SA, local Council members, Local Area Coordinators and other community representatives.
  - ✓ Upskilled existing staff in the disability sector through coordination and delivery of applicable workshops and training sessions including manual handling, medications delivery, leadership skills and others.
  - ✓ In support of Tobruk Children's Centre, sponsored a large workshop/training session featuring Dr Ross Greene on the management and techniques for children with behavioural issues. The Hubs sponsorship facilitated financial assistance to individuals living in rural or regional areas to attend.
- RDAWEP's Career Services program provided valuable support in engaging job seekers who needed further assistance to become job ready. Career Practitioners delivered several workshops to job seekers across the region in relation to working in the disability sector, and provided one-on-one individual support.
- Project activity was delivered in partnership with founding partners including Department of State Development (DSD), National Disability Services (NDS), and the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI). RDAWEP brokered, in partnership with DSD, Disability Workforce Projects aligned to the Disability Sector Skills and Employment Development Project.





## 3.2 CASE STUDY 2: Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy

### DESERT TO SEA, EXPERIENCE FAR WEST SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategic Plan has been developed to provide direction and support to current and emerging Aboriginal tourism enterprises. The strategy also supports mainstream tourism ventures that employ Aboriginal people. The development of this strategy is an initiative of RDAWEP and is the first for South Australia.

The target area includes the land between Ceduna and the Western Australian border, including the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands. Key features in this region include the Nullarbor Plain, the coastline of the Great Australian Bight, regional nature reserves, and southern parts of the Great Victoria Desert.

Aboriginal businesses in South Australia often focus on tourism activities. These include arts and crafts, occasional performing arts, and limited nature-based experiences. The nature-based experiences help visitors to better understand the relationship Aboriginal people have with the land and the sea.

Development of the strategy included over 70 consultation events between August 2016 and March 2017. These involved Aboriginal communities, the five major Aboriginal organisations with tourism-related enterprises (Oak Valley/Maralinga, Yalata, Scotdesco, Koonibba and Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation), and the Aboriginal Lands Trust, Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resource Management Board, and government agencies.

Stakeholders agreed on a logo and slogan to brand the Far West region. The slogan, 'Desert to Sea, Experience Far West South Australia', is supported by decals in the Aboriginal Flag colours. This branding will apply to all marketing materials, including websites, presentations, brochures, and signage and staff uniforms.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet contracted RDA Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) to prepare and launch the strategy. The South Australian Tourism Commission provided some financial and resource support. The scope of works included reviewing and updating business plans for the key Aboriginal organisations to improve governance, operations and viability of their tourism enterprises.



# TOURISM STRATEGY

Of the initiatives planned for implementation, a community and tourism-related store at Koonibba has been established and funding has been obtained to commence upgrading and improving the Ceduna Art, Cultural and Language Centre. Funding has also been attracted to improve and ensure viability of the caravan park in Yalata, and the accommodation facilities at Scotdesco to cater for conferences and meetings is being promoted. The tourism product and improving infrastructure and operations at Maralinga Village is now operating three tours per week. Plans are being reviewed to develop a new wildlife sanctuary in Ceduna called Sleepy Lizard Park.

The “Desert to Sea” web site has been developed that also links to Aboriginal Tourism products in the region. It also links to the towns and has other “must see” information. The intent of this whole activity is to encourage self-drive visitors to stay an extra two to three days in the region and improve the economy that in turn will lead to increased employment.

The collective planning approach will create a critical mass of Aboriginal tourism product, enabling the Far West to be branded as a distinctive tourism subregion. This value-adds to tourism marketing for the Eyre Peninsula as a whole, and provides a focal point for the Indigenous Tourism Trail that was established in 2012–13.





### 3.3 CASE STUDY 3: Gadaleta Steel Abrasive Blasting And Paint Shop Upgrade

Gadaleta Steel fabrication secured a South Australian State Government grant to increase the size of its Whyalla fabrication site with an abrasive blasting booth and paint facility.

In July 2018 RDAWEP were informed that Gadaleta had missed the original June 2018 deadline to obtain development plan consent as the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) had declared the submitted Statement of Environment Impacts was inadequate.

The deed for the Grant was at risk if the proposal did not receive a Development Approval.

RDAWEP 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 local MP who was responsible for issuing the original grant. Subsequently site inspections were conducted in Whyalla and meetings held in Adelaide with the Environment Protection Authority. It soon became apparent that a professional planning company with experience in abrasive blasting approvals would be required to be able to restart the approvals process.

Several planning businesses were contacted and interviewed across Adelaide and in consultation with Gadaleta Steel, Masterplan were selected to complete the development plan consent.



## PROPOSAL

- Development Plan Consent from the City of Whyalla
- Masterplan Development Plan Assessment Report for the proposed Abrasive Blasting and Surface Coating Facilities for Gadaleta Steel
- Sonus Environmental Noise Assessment

After subsequent meetings with the EPA, Sonus was selected to complete the necessary environmental noise assessment towards the approvals. The acoustic issues resulted in a few challenges, however these have been overcome and the proposal meets EPA guidelines.

The Development Plan Assessment Report and a few subsequent clarifications resolved the EPA issues and the EPA finalised and submitted their response to the City of Whyalla.

With the EPA issue resolved, the Council progressed a Category 2 public notification. This only involved the immediately adjacent properties. The period for representations closed on Friday 2 November 2018.

Development Approval granted and deed for Grant confirmed.

# GRANTS DEVELOPMENT



## 3.4 CASE STUDY 4: Multi Trades Program



During 2016 RDAWEP worked with members of the Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Heavy Industry Cluster, TAFE SA and the Department of State Development (DSD) to establish a multi trade vocational training program. The program involves multi trade technical vocational training combined with supervised industry work placement to develop practical work skills.

Consulting firm Advisian was engaged by Defence SA to investigate and undertake an assessment of the capabilities of heavy industry businesses in Whyalla to meet the requirements of upcoming Defence manufacturing projects. The assessment found multiple heavy industry businesses in Whyalla have appropriate certification, systems and a track record of delivering the levels of quality, on time delivery and safety required by Defence projects. In order for these manufacturing projects to be successfully rolled out in Whyalla, it is critical that Whyalla businesses have the workforce they require to ensure they can work at the highest level of capability.

The Multi Trades project allows Whyalla to build capability for defence and heavy industry projects through focussed vocational training and industry placement. Participants enrol for a one year program that includes full-time face-to-face training and supervised work placement. It has been developed primarily for heavy industry and supply chain businesses operating in manufacturing, including manufacture for Defence projects, and mining, energy and resource processing industries. The technical skills undertaken and completed is complimented by workplace industry placement with supervision to ensure safety at all times. This project has been very selective when incorporating the components of multi trades training which are increasingly required by employers.





**In 2017 the project started with 30 students. 15 students completed one or both qualifications in December 2017.**

**2017 outcomes:**

- 10 employment outcomes
- 2 secured apprenticeships
- 8 gained industry employment
- 1 student went into full time study in accountancy
- 4 students did not find employment, but were still in the market for employment.

**In 2018 the project started with 25 students. All 25 completed one or both qualifications.**

**2018 outcomes:**

- 8 gained apprenticeships
- 10 gained industry employment
- 7 unable to contact

**In 2019 the project started with 30 students of whom 21 students are still attending the training.**

This is the third year of the Multi Trades project and there are some great employment outcomes for students who have completed the training. Industry are providing structured work placement for students in either the electrical or mechanical streams.

This project is now being replicated successfully around the state and it is time again to review and improve this model's value to industry in the region.

TRAINING  
SKILLS

# 4. LESSONS AND CHALLENGES FOR 2019-20



## TRANSPORT NETWORK

In May 2018 grain handling group Viterria announced it would not renew its contract with rail company Genesee and Wyoming Australia (GWA) for grain movement on the Eyre Peninsula as it would be transitioning grain freight to road transport only, resulting in more than 30,000 additional truck movements across Eyre Peninsula annually. The Eyre Peninsula Freight Strategy assessed existing and potential future freight tasks of road, rail and ports infrastructure and the potential infrastructure changes on Eyre Peninsula which may change the demand for use. The report shows this base case option would require about \$95.5 million in road infrastructure investment with about \$50.7 million in road maintenance costs. \$32 million has been committed by State (\$5m) and Commonwealth (\$27m) to date, with an expectation of major works in the 2020/21; 2021/22 financial years. RDAWEP will need to work with communities, industry and all levels of government to ensure the region maintains a safe, efficient and sustainable transport network.

## POPULATION AND WORKFORCE

If current geographic patterns of settlement continue, most future populations will reside in major capital cities, while regional areas at best will experience only modest levels of growth and at worst continue to decline. These patterns reflect global trends towards increasing urbanisation and employment growth in city-based service industries. Eyre Peninsula's population declined again in 2018 by -0.42% to an estimated resident population of 57,823 with an

average unemployment rate of between 1.3% (Kimba) and 12.4% (Whyalla). Due to the region's remoteness we face a continual challenge to attract and retain a professional and skilled workforce. Many of the projects in the region's investment pipeline have been inhibited by a lack of a skilled and sustainable workforce. Traditional labour intensive industries are also in the midst of significant technological changes, jobs will change and will require new skills. RDAWEP will continue to work with communities, industry and all levels of government to ensure the region grows its population and is able to build and maintain a skilled and sustainable workforce.

## GROWING NEW ECONOMIES

Eyre Peninsula is one of Australia's most desirable regions, renowned for its natural attributes and diverse, vibrant communities. Like many regional economies however, the Eyre Peninsula has faced a number of challenges in the last ten years as a result of volatile global financial conditions and environmental factors, which has had dramatic effect on the regional economy, jobs and communities. Disruption is amplified by social media being used to influence social licence, investment decisions and jobs growth. RDAWEP is focused on continuing to build economic diversity, through collaboration, education, investment attraction and the growth of new economic sectors such as space, energy, advanced manufacturing and aviation. At the core of this change will be achieving the sustainability of the region's economy, community, environment and lifestyle.





# 5. FINANCIAL REPORT



**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA & EYRE PENINSULA INC.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30TH JUNE 2019**

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**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA & EYRE PENINSULA INC.**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

**FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

Your committee submit the financial statements of the Regional Development Australia - Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

**Committee Members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Chairperson:	Bryan Trigg	
Public Officer:	Dion Dorward	
Committee:	Malcom Catt (Deputy Chair)	Ricky Trenberth
	Jack Velthuisen	Tom Antonio
	Allan Suter	
	Heather Baldock	
	Clare McLaughlin	
	Colin Carter	

In accordance with Section 35 (5) of the Associations Incorporation Act (1985), the committee hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 June 2019:

- the committee members are paid a sitting fee from non Commonwealth funding for the meetings they attend to cover their time and any minor outgoings incurred.

Apart from the above:

- a) no officer of the Association  
no firm of which an officer is a member, and  
no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest,  
  
has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or corporate body and the Association.
- b) No officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other pecuniary value.

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were to:

- Provide assistance via various external funding activities to the community, industry and business, and Government agencies in the following broad areas:
  - Economic Development
  - Indigenous Economic Development
  - Tourism Development
  - Food Industry Development
  - Employment and Training Programmes
  - Business Development programmes
  - Career Development services
- Note that the complete range of actual programmes is published in our annual plan and can be made available on request

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

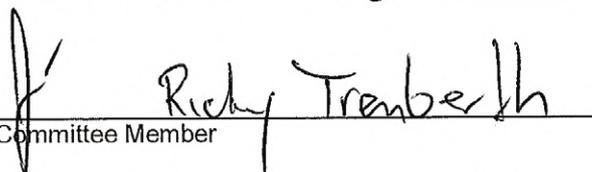
## Operating Result

	30/06/2019	30/06/2018
	\$	\$
The deficit from ordinary activities amounted to:	(368,564)	(23,584)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairman

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

  
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 Committee Member

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue	2	2,136,790	2,578,336
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee expenses		(1,415,811)	(1,418,323)
Depreciation expense		(35,697)	(19,444)
Advertising and promotion expense		(71,258)	(28,812)
Rental expense		(110,650)	(72,653)
Project funding expenses		(325,742)	(540,959)
Sundry expenses		<u>(546,196)</u>	<u>(521,729)</u>
<b>Current year deficit</b>		(368,564)	(23,584)
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net current year deficit</b>		<u><u>(368,564)</u></u>	<u><u>(23,584)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,844,456	2,270,651
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	28,358	221,814
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>1,872,814</u>	<u>2,492,465</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	93,118	89,742
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>93,118</u>	<u>89,742</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>1,965,932</u>	<u>2,582,207</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables	7	142,953	277,616
Employee benefits	8	197,297	242,008
Unexpended Grants		319,326	410,142
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>659,576</u>	<u>929,766</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Employee benefits	9	49,072	26,593
		<u>49,072</u>	<u>26,593</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>708,648</u>	<u>956,359</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,257,284</u>	<u>1,625,848</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	10	1,685,997	1,685,997
Accumalated deficits		(428,713)	(60,149)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>1,257,284</u>	<u>1,625,848</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Accumulated Deficits \$	General Reserves \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2017</b>	(36,565)	1,685,997	1,649,432
Net deficit for the year	(23,584)	-	(23,584)
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2018</b>	(60,149)	1,685,997	1,625,848
Net deficit for the year	(368,564)	-	(368,564)
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>	<u>(428,713)</u>	<u>1,685,997</u>	<u>1,257,284</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Grants operating received		1,302,727	997,882
Project funding		991,639	1,861,712
Other receipts		149	1,333
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,717,368)	(2,990,997)
Interest received		35,731	40,605
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(387,122)</u>	<u>(89,465)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(39,073)	(69,829)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	5,000
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(39,073)</u>	<u>(64,829)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net decrease in cash held		(426,195)	(154,294)
Cash on hand at beginning of financial year		2,270,651	2,424,945
Cash on hand at end of financial year	4	<u><u>1,844,456</u></u>	<u><u>2,270,651</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act SA. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

**(a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**

Property, Plant & Equipment is carried at cost, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association from the time the asset is held ready for use.

**(b) Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, the entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognized in the income and expenditure statement.

**(c) Employee Provisions**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

**(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**(e) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

**(f) Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discount and volume rebates allowed.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)****(f) Revenue and Other Income (continued)**

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

**(g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

**(h) Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**(i) Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**(j) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted**

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by RDA-WEP for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2019. RDA-WEP has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Note 2: Revenue and Other Income</b>		
Administration grants	1,302,727	997,882
Project funding	798,183	1,538,516
Interest received	35,731	40,605
Other income	149	1,333
	<u>2,136,790</u>	<u>2,578,336</u>
<b>Note 3: Auditors' Fees</b>		
Remuneration of the auditor of the association for:		
Auditing the financial report	8,310	8,150
Auditing project grant acquittal reports	2,375	6,555
Other corporate services	-	463
	<u>10,685</u>	<u>15,168</u>

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Note 4: Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash in hand	400	400
Bendigo Admin Account	145,458	423,184
RDA WEP - Employ & Skills Admin	1,799	2,856
RDA WEP Whyalla Reserve	117,430	167,430
RDA WEP Eyre Reserve	300,497	400,497
Bendigo Eyre Reserve Term Deposit	805,000	805,000
Bendigo Whyalla Reserve Term Deposit	300,000	300,000
Bendigo Eyre Reserve 11am	66,898	65,902
Bendigo Whyalla Reserve 11am	106,974	105,382
	<u>1,844,456</u>	<u>2,270,651</u>
<b>Note 5: Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors</b>		
Project debtors	27,501	213,158
Other debtors	857	8,656
	<u>28,358</u>	<u>221,814</u>
<b>Note 6: Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	42,873	42,873
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(41,183)</u>	<u>(40,760)</u>
	1,690	2,113
Office Equipment - at Cost	157,325	150,161
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(146,666)</u>	<u>(134,630)</u>
	10,659	15,531
Furniture & Fittings - at Cost	62,268	62,268
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(59,558)</u>	<u>(58,881)</u>
	2,710	3,387
Motor Vehicle - at Cost	156,792	124,883
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(78,733)</u>	<u>(56,172)</u>
	78,059	68,711
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>93,118</u>	<u>89,742</u>

**Reconciliations**

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial period are set out below:

	Carrying Amount at 30 June 2018	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation Expense	Carrying Amount at 30 June 2019
Plant & Equipment	2,113	-	-	(423)	1,690
Office Equipment	15,531	7,164	-	(12,036)	10,659
Furniture & Fittings	3,387	-	-	(677)	2,710
Motor Vehicle	68,711	31,909	-	(22,561)	78,059
	<u>89,742</u>	<u>39,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,697)</u>	<u>93,118</u>

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Note 7: Accounts Payable and Other Payables</b>		
Sundry and other creditors	50,432	173,805
Credit card control account	13,552	7,763
GST payable	8,004	34,754
Payroll liabilities	70,964	61,294
	<u>142,953</u>	<u>277,616</u>
<b>Note 8: Employee Provisions - Current</b>		
Annual leave entitlements	144,896	169,075
Long service leave entitlements	52,401	72,933
	<u>197,297</u>	<u>242,008</u>
<b>Note 9: Employee Provisions - Non-Current</b>		
Long service leave entitlements	49,072	26,593
	<u>49,072</u>	<u>26,593</u>
<b>Note 10: General Reserves</b>		
Eyre reserve project allocation	1,123,183	1,123,183
Whyalla reserve project allocation	562,814	562,814
	<u>1,685,997</u>	<u>1,685,997</u>
<b>Note 11. Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Being for rent of office and motor vehicles:		
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
-not later than 12 months	97,378	85,563
-between 12 months and five years	-	-
	<u>97,378</u>	<u>85,563</u>
<b>Note 12. Contingent liabilities</b>		
RDA-WEP have bank guarantees in place to cover payroll processing with their external provider. These were in place for 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018.		
Apart from above, RDA-WEP had no other contingent liabilities.		
<b>Note 13. Events after the reporting period</b>		
No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2019 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the RDA-WEP's operations, the results of those operations, or RDA-WEP's state of affairs in future financial years.		
<b>Note 14. Economic Dependence</b>		
The ongoing operations of RDA-WEP is dependent on receiving operational funding from the local, state and federal governments.		
In addition to the current projects that are funded to promote economic development in the region, RDA-WEP continue to run a number of unfunded programs using their own operational funding. Without the the support of the government, the special projects may not be viable to continue.		

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA & EYRE PENINSULA

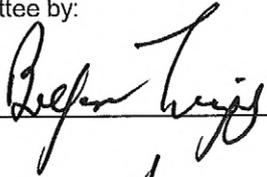
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

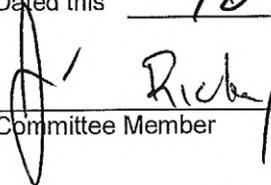
In the opinion of the committee the financial statements as set out on pages 3 to 12:

- 1 Presents fairly the financial position of Regional Development Australia - Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Regional Development Australia - Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October. 2019.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.







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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF**

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – WHYALLA & EYRE PENINSULA INCORPORATED**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Regional Development Australia – Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of profit and loss, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Regional Development Australia – Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Incorporated as at 30 June 2019, and its performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Note 1 to the financial statements and the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Regional Development Australia – Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Incorporated in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Regional Development Australia – Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**R Miller**

RSM Australia Pty Ltd

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Dated: 11 October 2019



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The additional financial data presented in the following pages is in accordance with the books and records of the Association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2019. It will be appreciated that our audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person, (other than to the Regional Development Australia – Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Incorporated) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

**R Miller**

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## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Interest Received		35,731	40,605
		<u>35,731</u>	<u>40,605</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Administration Grants		1,302,727	997,882
Project Funding		798,183	1,538,516
Office Subrental		149	1,333
Sundry Income		-	-
		<u>2,101,059</u>	<u>2,537,731</u>
		<u>2,136,790</u>	<u>2,578,336</u>

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA &amp; EYRE PENINSULA INC

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advertising & Promotion	71,258	28,812
Audit & Accounting Fees	17,030	15,168
Bad Debts	-	6,286
Bank Charges & Taxes	663	794
Board Meeting Expenses	48,409	60,115
Cleaning and Repairs	18,932	14,684
Computer Expenses	45,317	36,155
Consultants Fees	277,216	540,959
Depreciation	35,697	19,444
Electricity & Gas	13,173	12,233
Fringe Benefits Tax	17,265	29,648
Insurance	4,754	1,697
Motor Vehicle	143,433	95,317
Photocopier Expenses	8,708	9,329
Postage	1,261	2,976
Project Expenses	48,526	-
Printing & Stationery	6,880	9,888
Publications	20,114	2,980
Rates & Taxes	7,776	7,553
Rent	110,650	72,653
Security	654	975
Seminars	10,042	12,474
Staff Amenities	2,615	3,390
Subscriptions	8,118	9,273
Sundry Expenses	6,004	4,994
Telephone	63,116	57,878
Travel & Accommodation	101,580	96,663
Payroll	1,303,234	1,253,300
Payroll Overheads	112,578	165,023
Asset Expenses	352	31,259
	<u>2,505,354</u>	<u>2,601,920</u>
<b>Net current year deficit</b>	<u>(368,564)</u>	<u>(23,584)</u>

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHYALLA & EYRE PENINSULA INC**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Net current year deficit	(368,564)	(23,584)
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	(60,149)	(36,565)
NET TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	(428,713)	(60,149)
RETAINED SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	(428,713)	(60,149)





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