

20/21 ANNUAL REPORT



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RDA Eyre Peninsula acknowledges and extends our deep respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work, live and play.

We pay respect to their ancient and continuing cultures, their connections to the land, seas and skies, and to the Elders, past, present and emerging.



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1. STRATEGIC CONTEXT



**Bryan Trigg AFSM,
Chair RDAEP**

1.1 CHAIR'S MESSAGE

RDA Eyre Peninsula provides the foundation for the growth of our strong, confident and vibrant region.

We connect Australian, State and Local Government agencies, community organisations, businesses and individuals to work together on growing economic opportunities.

In 2020-21, membership of the RDAEP Board was stable with only one change taking place with Juanita Walker stepping down and Travis Barber taking her place. In February 2021, I was reappointed as Chair of the RDAEP Board until June 2025.

Over 2 days in February, RDAEP hosted an Economic Development Showcase in conjunction with the annual Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Conference, with around 230 people attending at the Port Lincoln Racing Club. With the conference theme being 'Building Regional Resilience', attendees were briefed on major developments and projects across the region, listened to inspirational and uplifting speakers, workshopped leadership strategies and competed in tuna tossing.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it has indeed been a very interesting 12 months including lockdowns and various restrictions in place. The economy of both the Eyre Peninsula and State took a big hit. This has changed activities of RDAEP staff and Board and made the job of our staff harder and certainly busier.

Our CEO, Dion Dorward has been in regular contact with the Australian Government reporting on the situation in our region.

With the impact of COVID-19 on primary industries securing workers and tourism and hospitality filling roles in our regions, RDAEP partnered with the SA Government to create an initiative to bring workers and employers together. RDAEP have continued to work with local businesses and the community in regard to job losses, followed by a high rate of vacancies. However, some businesses would say they have had the most successful trade in years, partly due to no overseas travel and restricted intrastate travel.

By seeing the big picture, RDAEP focuses on strategies, projects and investments that create new industry, employment and infrastructure to benefit the entire region. We have a special interest in supporting the development of critical water, electricity, road transport and port infrastructure as well as a digital communication system that enables us to be an internationally competitive exporter of primary produce. As well

as supporting our existing agriculture, mining and seafood industries we are actively seeking investment in new industries such as renewable energy, aerospace, tourism and smart manufacturing.

Last financial year RDAEP actively supported over \$170m of State and Australian Government investment into Eyre Peninsula and in excess of \$500m in private investment. Diversifying our economy, being internationally competitive and growing the region's population and workforce is vital to this region's economic sustainability and growth.

I thank our 10 Member Councils and the Australian and State Governments for their continued support. Thank you also to CEO Dion Dorward and staff for the fantastic work they have done in making the EP a great place to live and work.

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, enhanced by the proactive, dedicated and enthusiastic leaders of our community.



**Dion Dorward, CEO/Director
Regional Development**

1.2 CEO'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present to you the Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP) Annual Report. It reflects on the achievements of the 2020/21 financial year and details RDAEP's economic development strategies-initiated projects and active support of the delivery of over \$150 million in government grants, and greater than \$550 million in private investment contributing to well over 1,100 jobs across this vast region.

This could not be achieved without the financial support of the local, state and federal governments and clearly represents an exceptional return on their investment into RDAEP.

RDAEP for many years has clearly driven a message for the critical need to align planning, priorities and investment across the three tiers of government from the ground up. In 2020 the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) formally agreed to support the Eyre Peninsula Strategic Plan. This plan reflects the key social, environmental and economic priorities of the three regional organisations (RDAEP, EPLGA, Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board). It is not a perfect plan and requires improvement however it is solid and RDAEP ensures its absolute relevance to Infrastructure Australia, Infrastructure SA, Minister Basham's Regional Development Strategy, Minister Marino's Regional Development Charter, the Australian Government's priorities for regions, Premier Marshall's Growth State Agenda 9 sector plans, the South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy and the priorities of member Councils.

RDAEP has contributed to the development of each of these state and national strategies to ensure wherever possible that this region's priorities align with current and future grant funding and government program opportunities. This delivers significant public investment and job creation in this region. It is highly planned, reflected in policy development and networked - not accidental.

Two great examples of this RDAEP method of working are the delivery of the Regional Blueprint September 2020 and the RDSA Growing Our Regional Workforce papers that position the region for further investment into vital infrastructure and workforce training and development. In addition, Minister Basham has created a bi-annual workshop of all South Australian Government CEOs with the RDA network to budget and implement the Regional Development Strategy. This is a major circuit breaker and if adhered to will dramatically improve the effectiveness of government policies and investment to the region and grow regional capacity,

productivity, and capability.

The EPLGA and RDAEP collaborated to deliver the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Annual Conference and RDAEP Economic Development Showcase in 2021. This was the first major event held in the region since the beginning of COVID-19, designed to inspire confidence and pride in the region's resilience and productivity in the face of a global pandemic and economic adversity. RDAEP presented 11 major projects demonstrating how to diversify and expand the region's economy with over \$5bn of private investment on display, including space, mining, processing, hydrogen, energy, ports, agriculture and more. RDAEP has been steadily developing an economic pipeline of unrivalled diversity with a project value over \$10bn and 14,000 potential jobs.

It is pleasing to observe commencement of the \$290m Eyre Peninsula Link (transmission upgrade). It is demonstrating the value of a 'build it and they will come' approach as major renewable projects that RDAEP has supported for many



years are now being brought forward for design, approval, and funding. These projects total in excess of \$1.2bn and average over 100MW each.

Water security continues to be a challenge with SA Water failing to meet fair and reasonable expectations for the development of a 4GL desalination plant to offset the overuse and dependence upon the Uley South Basin. Critical need for a non-climate dependent water source was well identified and agreed by key stakeholders including SA Water in 2008. It is yet to be delivered despite the SA Government allocating \$100m for the project. SA Water has this year proposed an option to build the plant in Boston Bay.

Risks posed to industry, community and environment have to date not been well identified, quantified or explained. RDAEP has requested that alternative sites outside of closed systems be simultaneously pursued to offset water security timing concerns and risk.

RDAEP's long ambition to facilitate cheap and abundant energy and water, to develop a deep-water multi-commodity export port at Cape

Hardy, to use this infrastructure to manufacture hydrogen and ammonia for export and wide application across heavy transport, primary industries and processing, is increasingly within reach changing Eyre Peninsula into the world's first zero carbon export province. Demand is being increasingly influenced by customers focused on ethical and zero carbon production. The establishment of Australia's first private testing and orbital space launch facilities at Koonibba and Whalers Way, including the successful launch of test rockets in September 2020, validates our ability to achieve grand but realistic ambitions forged on competitive advantage.

COVID-19 has placed extra pressure on the region's workforce with all industries struggling to attract sufficient employees. This is constraining growth and RDAEP is working hard to reverse this through several strategies but principally through a coordinated approach to implementing our RDSA Growing Our Regional Workforce Review. This allows for short- and long-term solutions. However, the fundamental

change must be growth in population underwritten by the public and private sectors.

RDAEP shares a mutual reliance with and is very appreciative of the support and collaboration that it receives from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (DITRDC), Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA), RDAEP's 10 local government partners, EPLGA, Eyre Peninsula and Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Boards, RDA Adelaide, Rob Kerin and RDSA, State and Australian Governments, local members Peter Treloar and Rowan Ramsey, and the many companies and industry peak bodies, all of whom we work, plan and advocate together for regional advancement every single day.

Finally, I wish to thank the Board, Chair Bryan Trigg and every member of my passionately committed staff that all work above and beyond normal expectations to create a stronger regional economy, more jobs and a better life and place for all Eyre Peninsulans and the many visitors.

1.3 COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Bryan Trigg AFSM
Chair



Malcolm Catt
Deputy Chair



Heather Baldock
Executive Member



Jack Velthuisen
Executive Member



Thomas Antonio
Committee Member



Sue Chase AM
Committee Member



Allan Suter OAM
Committee Member



Travis Barber
Committee Member



Neville Starke
Committee Member

FAREWELL TO : Juanita Walker

STAFF

- Dion Dorward - Director Regional Development/ Chief Executive Officer
- Trevor Smith – Economic Development Manager
- Peter Scott - Economic Development Manager
- David Penfold - Economic Development Manager

STAFF

- Howard Coote - Indigenous Economic Development Manager
- Casey Peters – Regional Workforce Coordinator
- Roger Paul - Manager Corporate Services
- Wendy Ettridge – Executive Assistant
- Sue Henriksen - Business Support Officer

FAREWELL TO

- Brad Riddle - Deputy Director Regional Development
- Peter Mitchell - Employment and Skills Development Manager
- Sondra Stewart - Tourism Development Manager



1.4 ABOUT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA

Regional Development Australia (RDA) 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.

STRONG, CONFIDENT AND VIBRANT REGIONS

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA CHARTER

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 with a clear focus on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages, seize economic opportunities and attract investment.

Collaborating with other RDA Committees, all levels of government, and the private sector, RDA Committees will:

- a) Facilitate regional economic development outcomes, investment, local procurement and jobs.
- b) Promote greater regional awareness of and engagement with Australian Government policies, grant programs and research.
- c) Improve Commonwealth regional policy making by providing

intelligence and evidence-based advice to the Australian Government on regional development issues.

- d) Co-ordinate the development of a strategic regional plan, or work with suitable existing regional plans that will align with the Commonwealth's regional priorities.

Assistant Minister for Regional Development - October 2020.

1.4 OUR VISION

DEVELOPING AN EYRE OF PROSPERITY

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP) is the peak body driving the expansion and growth of economic activity across Eyre Peninsula.

RDAEP is at the forefront of driving regional transformation with the emergence of the new economy and through targeting the development of high-value industries that offer the greatest potential to succeed and grow the regional economy.

The RDAEP Committee is comprised of high-profile local people with an impressive and diverse range of background disciplines, a wealth of experience and knowledge, and a well-rounded understanding of the Eyre Peninsula and its diversity of economy, community and environment.

RDAEP is supported through a cooperative arrangement with the 10 local council members, and the State and Australian Governments.

OUR VISION

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".

235,000km² SOUTH AUSTRALIA

23%

The RDAEP region encompasses approx. 235,000km² of land in the far west of South Australia, comprising about 23% of the State, and services an estimated population of 57,730 (ABS ERP 2020).

This vast and unspoilt sector of South Australia is bound by Spencer Gulf in the east and has about 2,000 km of coastline to the Western Australian border, and the Maralinga Tjarutja lands to the north.

The region comprises the regional cities of Port Lincoln and Whyalla and the Local Government Authorities of Ceduna, Cleve, Elliston, Franklin Harbour, Kimba, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay and Wudinna along with remote unincorporated areas serviced by the Outback Communities Authority.

1.5 REGIONAL SNAPSHOT



REGION'S POPULATION

57,730 TOTAL (ABS ERP 2020)

50.6% MALES 49.4% FEMALES

5.6% ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER*

11.2% BORN OVERSEAS 67.1% ELIGIBLE VOTERS

*ABS Census 2016 **citizens aged 18+

MEDIAN AGE 24.4% aged 60+

42

Eyre Peninsula

40

South Australia

38

Australia



MEDIAN WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$1,081

Eyre Peninsula

\$1,203

South Australia

\$1,431

Australia



COVID-19 IMPACTS

Top 3 Sector Impacts

-716 LOCAL JOBS
Accommodation
and Food Services

-221 LOCAL JOBS
Construction

-193 LOCAL JOBS
Manufacturing

(Impacts to September quarter 2020 compared to September quarter 2019)



EMPLOYMENT

31,000

Labour Force
RDAEP Region

2,340

Unemployed

7.5%

Unemployment
Rate

(7.2% SA; 6.7% Aust)

(March qtr 2021 - ABS Labour Force Survey; Dept of Employment)

TOP EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

3,101 HEALTH CARE AND
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

2,571 RETAIL TRADE

2,405 MANUFACTURING

2,399 AGRICULTURE

2,138 CONSTRUCTION

2,118 EDUCATION
AND TRAINING

(National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) 2021)

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT

\$3.53

BILLION
GRP

3.19%

OF GROSS STATE
PRODUCT (GSP)

\$3.35

BILLION
IN EXPORTS



TOP EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY

\$926,000,000 MANUFACTURING

\$673,000,000 AGRICULTURE

\$638,000,000 MINING

\$443,000,000 AQUACULTURE AND FISHING

(National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) 2020)

2. SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS





2.1 REGIONAL PRIORITIES

RDAEP priorities for the region in 2020-21 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 and training facilities and expand course provision.
- Maintain and grow equitable community health services.
- Develop strategic infrastructure and foster sustainable business.
- Strengthen, foster and promote economic and 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

During 2020-21 RDAEP took a lead role in driving collaborative initiatives across the region. Highlights include:



SPACE INDUSTRY

Southern Launch, Defence Electronic Warfare Company (DEWC) and the Koonibba Aboriginal Community entered the history books when Australia's first private sector space capable rocket was launched to the edge of space in September 2020. RDAEP provided extensive assistance over the past couple of years to this development, bringing jobs, investment and new opportunities to Eyre Peninsula.

In March 2021, the Australian Government announced the first ever license for the Koonibba Test Range, permitting commercial sub-orbital rockets to fly into space from Australian territory.

RDAEP continues to provide critical support to Southern Launch with the proposed Whalers Way Orbital Launch Complex which will be of major economic significance to the region and State. The State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) has approved a temporary launch facility at Whalers Way. It will be used to launch three rockets and to inform the Environmental Impact assessment for the full proposal. RDAEP is working with key stakeholders on the opportunity to relocate international manufacturers to Eyre Peninsula in close proximity to the launch sites.





EYES ON EYRE

In 2018, RDAEP in conjunction with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA), its 11 member councils, Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula and a variety of local communities and organisations sought a regional approach to increase nature-based tourism, boost the regional visitor economy and improve community and environmental wellbeing. Significant work has been carried out in planning, designing and engaging communities.

During 20-2021 the South Australian Government announced support for the project including funding to go towards four remote WiFi nodes and a demonstration camping node. A further \$500,000 will be allocated from the EP Parks 2025 fund to Eyes on Eyre, with an aim to leverage the investment to \$2m in the new financial year. An application for funding to the SA Landscape Fund was unsuccessful (\$1.2m) however the Minister has encouraged the group to re-apply for the next round.

18 Welcome to Region signs and approx. 28 Brown signs were installed on Eyre Peninsula with funding from the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC). Funding is now being sought for further signage including wayfinding, Acknowledgement of Country, and coastal signage.

Work began on the development of a Regional Trails Strategy, an overarching guide for the consistent and coordinated planning, development, management, and marketing of quality trail experiences across the Eyre Peninsula region.

PORT DEVELOPMENTS

The Thevenard Marine Offloading Facility was opened for use in August 2020. The facility provides for the safe mooring, loading, unloading and refuelling of marine vessels. It is estimated that the return of the trawler fleet and additional vessels from other fishing industries could contribute an additional \$10.9m annually into the regional economy. RDAEP has supported and encouraged negotiations and planning between Flinders Ports and key stakeholders for further port investment at Thevenard in future years, including the potential for deepening the shipping channel and berth boxes.

Iron Road and Eyre Peninsula Cooperative Bulk Handling (EPCBH) secured Macquarie Capital as a funding partner for the development of a \$250m multi-use deep sea port at Cape Hardy. The Cape Hardy development will be a transformational project for the Eyre Peninsula, unlocking a quarter of a billion dollars in investment and

providing much-needed infrastructure for the area's grain growers and other commodity producers while also delivering economic development and diversification opportunities for Eyre Peninsula and South Australia.

The Eyre Infrastructure Project, which incorporates the Cape Hardy Port, is the only priority project listed for South Australia. The priority project update includes reference to the \$25m funding allocated to this project by the Australian Government and also notes the Cape Hardy project will bring together agriculture, mining, renewable hydrogen, green manufacturing and Indigenous business into a multi-user, multi-commodity manufacturing and export hub.

T-Ports opened a new \$130m grain transshipment facility at Lucky Bay and has loaded at least 20 handymax and panamax grain vessels to date using a self-propelled ocean-going transshipment vessel, the MV Lucky Eyre. The facility has a grain storage capacity in excess of 380,000 tonnes and is providing competition in the bulk grain handling sector on Eyre Peninsula. A landmark Indigenous Land-Use Agreement and Shareholding was agreed with the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation.



ENERGY

After almost 50 years in service, the Eyre Peninsula's existing high-voltage power line is approaching the end of its operational life. To ensure the Eyre Peninsula has a secure and reliable electricity supply for the next 50 years, ElectraNet has begun major works to construct a new \$300m high-voltage transmission line and upgrade to five substations. Eyre Peninsula Link involves the construction of a new, double-circuit 132kV transmission line from Cultana to Port Lincoln, via Yadnarie, with the ability to upgrade the Cultana to Yadnarie section to 275kV at a later date.

RDAEP has been effectively lobbying for the upgrade of the line for several years. RDAEP has led industry forums, conducted community surveys, and invited ElectraNet to numerous meetings and forums across Eyre Peninsula. RDAEP has ensured that ElectraNet were aware of all developing mines and infrastructure projects in the pipeline across Eyre Peninsula. This enabled ElectraNet to convince regulators of the business case for a transmission upgrade and bring forward the upgrade project by several years.

WATER SECURITY

SA Water are seeking to work together with the Eyre Peninsula community to progress plans for supplementing the Uley South groundwater supply with seawater desalination to ensure water security for the region into the future.

While the option to build a seawater desalination plant at Sleaford Bay, south-west of Port Lincoln is still in consideration, it was identified that the geological conditions at Sleaford Bay would prove challenging for the construction of some of the infrastructure, requiring additional project costs.

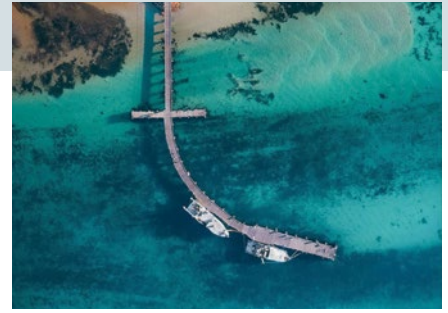
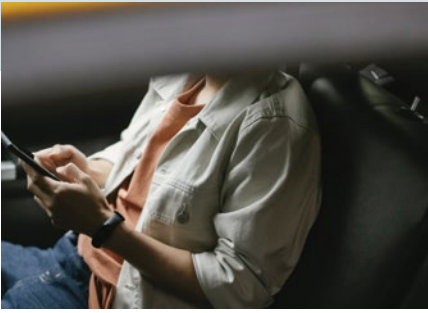
SA Water are now exploring if other suitable locations in the region would reduce construction costs, with any new site identified to undergo the same detailed assessment applied to the initial location. SA Water are considering locating the plant closer to Port Lincoln, within the Boston Bay area to reduce some technical and environmental challenges, to achieve a better customer outcome in providing water security for Eyre Peninsula.

SA Water are working with Port Lincoln businesses and industry representatives, landholders, local Aboriginal communities and councils, as their input will help

inform potential alternative sites and ensure all interests are being taken into consideration and local knowledge is used to add value to the project. SA Water are also taking all steps, including undertaking studies and working with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) / South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), to preserve and maintain the current marine environment.

Drinking water supplies for the Eyre Peninsula community remain secure, with current modelling showing groundwater resources and River Murray will continue to meet demand until a desalination plant is built.

RDAEP is working very closely with SA Water and key stakeholders and is a member of the Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce, made up of regional bodies in addition to industry and local government committees. Due to industry stakeholder concerns RDAEP, while supporting the critical need for a desalination facility in the region, does not currently support the proposals to site a desalination plant in Boston Bay and will work with SA Water to identify alternative sites and solutions. The South Australian Government has allocated \$100m to this project.



BLACK SPOTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There are still substantial gaps between Australians who are digitally included and those who are not. In fact, that gap is widening for some groups. Digital inclusion is now fundamental to full participation in our economic and social life, and an ever-increasing number of essential and community services and other communications are going digital. Unless action is taken, this ‘digital divide’ will continue to widen.

The Spencer Gulf Searoad ferry from Lucky Bay to Wallaroo re-launched in November 2020. This, along with the transshipment of grain from the new T-Ports bunker site is creating more telecommunications demand and pressure for blackspot funding. Blackspots around Kimba have also been identified and supported for investment.

Funding has been announced from both the State and Australian Governments towards the Wudinna Switch Up project which will bring new high-speed internet connection to the town.

Telstra’s 5G network was switched on in Port Lincoln in December 2020. Telstra aims to do a further rollout of 5G across Eyre Peninsula over the next six months.

The Australian Government has initiated a \$2m Alternative Voice Services Trials Program (AVST) which aims to identify new ways to deliver voice services, assess their effectiveness, and raise awareness of alternative solutions to provide better services and functionality. RDAEP is assisting in seeking trial participants for a Low Band AVST in Coffin Bay to ‘test and learn’ plain old voice telephone services and any potential problems connecting services over the fixed wireless NBN network.

RDAEP will continue to identify connectivity issues and blackspots around the region and advocate for innovative and collaborative solutions, including preparing for Round 6 of the Blackspots program and Round 2 of the Regional Connectivity Program.

SA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BLUEPRINT

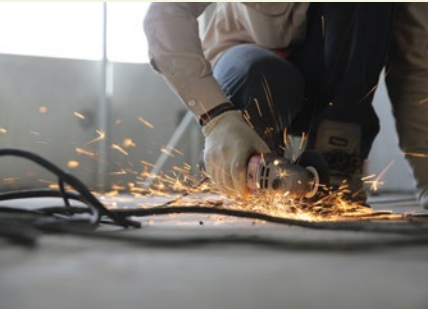
RDAEP participated in development of the first comprehensive South Australian Regional Development Blueprint, an overarching strategy that encompasses individual RDA priorities and strategies, and also takes account of national and state regional development priorities, including those integrated with the Growth State and the South Australian Infrastructure Strategy.

The SA Regional Development Strategy outlines how the government will work with communities to spur regional development across the State, support communities to be resilient to challenges and drive improved prosperity into the future. It recognises the importance of the regions to the State economy and identifies key focus areas to help deliver key projects and create local jobs.

The Our Regions Matter blueprint focuses on five key areas to drive growth: Regional Voice, Regional Connectivity, Regional Leadership and Skills, Regional Services and Regional Investment.

Release of the Strategy in April 2021 coincided with the launch of the Our Regions Matter website - www.regions.sa.gov.au.

Implementation of the Strategy will be led by a Steering Committee made up of stakeholders and representatives from key government agencies with involvement from RDA SA representatives.



STEEL PROCESSING AND GALVANISING PLANT FOR WHYALLA

Ferretti International secured \$15m in Australian Government funding for a ‘Steel Processing and Galvanising Plant’ at Whyalla to build power transmission towers from Aussie steel. The funding complements the \$2m provided by the State Government through the Regional Growth Fund.

RDAEP has played an active role over the past couple of years to assist with this outcome and is excited to see advanced manufacturing jobs come to the Eyre Peninsula.

HYDROGEN HUBS FOR EYRE PENINSULA

RDAEP has been working since 2016 on attracting this exciting new industry to the Eyre Peninsula including projects at Port Bonython and Cape Hardy. The State Government has launched its hydrogen prospectus, detailing three hydrogen hubs to position South Australia at the forefront of global clean hydrogen production and exportation. The hubs are located at Port Bonython, Port Adelaide, and Cape Hardy/Port Spencer.

The Hydrogen Utility (H2U) announced the Eyre Gateway Project commencing with a \$230m 75MW hydrogen production facility at Port Bonython, to be followed by a larger scale plant and investment in due course at Cape Hardy.

WHYALLA GFG

The impact of ongoing financial instability of GFG’s global operations, partly due to the Greensill failure, on the GFG Whyalla steelmaking, mining and related assets, highlights the critical need to diversify the Whyalla economy and substantially reduce the over-reliance and extreme risk on essentially a single business. RDAEP has supported the above two projects together with a \$20m expansion to Whyalla of Cleanseas aquaculture kingfish farm, the potential \$100m Foreshore Hotel development for the visitor economy and the successful growth of the Peats Soil / Veolia waste business. There has been some activity to use the Whyalla port facilities beyond other mining interests such as Oz Minerals however progress to date has been slow.

CLEVE

RDAEP has been actively working with District Council of Cleve to help develop strategies to ensure the districts continued survival. RDAEP identified one of the “megatrends” in the Eyre Peninsula Regional Strategic Plan 2019 is that “larger cities and towns...continue to draw population growth and economic activity away from many smaller towns”. Population drift from regions to cities is a threat to Cleve and Eyre Peninsula’s regional economies.

AUSTRALIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE AGENCY (ARWA) – KIMBA

Napandee, near Kimba, was selected as the site for Australia’s low-level radio-active waste facility. RDAEP supports this project for Kimba and has provided significant support and advocacy to assist it to progress. In mid-June an amended Bill was passed by the Australian Government requiring the Minister to name the preferred site (one of currently three sites) and enabling judicial review. RDAEP will work closely with ARWA and the Kimba community to further assist progress for this \$400m project.

COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

Direct briefings to the Federal Minister continued weekly then fortnightly from July, to directly update on regional/local impacts and to influence Australian Government response.

“Town Hall Meetings” via teleconference were held with State Government Ministers and the Premier to inform manufacturing policy and opportunities, develop a decentralisation policy, and to address regional workforce shortages.

Weekly meetings with SATC and regional Councils supported a continued and strong recovery of the tourism sector, positively affected by the lack of overseas travel and hence, an increase in regional visitors.



RDAEP maintained the dedicated COVID-19 webpage www.rdaep.org.au/covid-19-coronavirus updating regular information on travel restrictions, essential Government information and, support and assistance for business.

With the recovery process underway, RDAEP is experiencing enquiries for business start-up funds and/or funding for additional infrastructure to value add or diversify current ventures.

While many businesses appear to be getting somewhat back to normal, COVID-19 will continue to have an impact on economic activity in 2021-22 and recovery in many sectors will be slow. In response to these challenges RDAEP seeks to build on a holistic approach of strong partnerships and industrial symbiosis across local and new industries, communities, and key stakeholders.

Supply chain disruptions and global tensions with China have severely affected the seafood and agriculture industries. Market uncertainty has affected mining production and project developments.

Increased Australian local tourism has brought its own issues with an increase in visitor numbers putting strains on infrastructure, facilities, workforce, and the environment.

RDAEP participated in the development and publication of the RDSA Regional Blueprint - Recovery, Re-Imagining and Growth. RDSA across all 8 RDA's and their Boards took the lead to research, consult and create the Regional Blueprint that will drive the region's economic success post the pandemic. It is based on wide consultation with Local Government, industry, member councils, and businesses. The Blueprint provides an informed and central reference point for all levels of government and key stakeholders, to be advised on regional priorities and infrastructure needs.

Workforce Challenges – RDAEP investigated COVID-19 impacts on the workforce including surveys of employers across the region. It confirmed that COVID exacerbated regional workforce shortage. This was communicated extensively to the Australian and State Governments. The Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) responded by contracting RDAEP to job match unemployed people to businesses with vacancies, through the Regional Workforce Coordination and Collaboration Project.

RDAEP collaborated with the 7 other South Australian RDAs through RDSA to commission the 'Growing our Regional Workforce Review', launched to stakeholders in June 2021.

The Growing our Regional Workforce Review Summary paper lists 5 key recommendations:

1. Increase housing supply
2. Create employment readiness pathways
3. Regionally based workforce resources
4. Increase business HR capacity and capability
5. Reform migration.

2.3 ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT

FUNDING ATTRACTION

\$11 BILLION

in transformational investment identified

\$150 MILLION

in government funding accessed, securing 1,100 jobs.

14,000
potential new jobs created

>130
organisations assisted to connect with government programs.

>300
working groups/projects/partnerships working in collaboration with RDAEP to develop the region's economy.



REGIONAL CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK





2.4 COMMUNICATIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Eyre Peninsula account
@eyrepeninsula Instagram
audience grew by

19.89% TO 25,233

Eyre Peninsula Australia's
Seafood Frontier Facebook
audience grew by

2.42% TO 10,452

Regional Development
Australia Eyre Peninsula
Facebook audience grew by

14.44% TO 1,287

WEBSITES



WWW.RDAEP.ORG.AU
88,081 PAGE VIEWS



WWW.EYREPENINSULA.COM
275,973 PAGE VIEWS

DISTRIBUTION

55,000

Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guides
available for distribution throughout
Australia and available online

60,000

Nullarbor Maps available for
distribution throughout Australia
and available online.

4,100

Subscribers received RDAEP's
regional e-newsletter each month

3. CASE STUDIES

3.1 CASE STUDY 1: ENERGY — BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

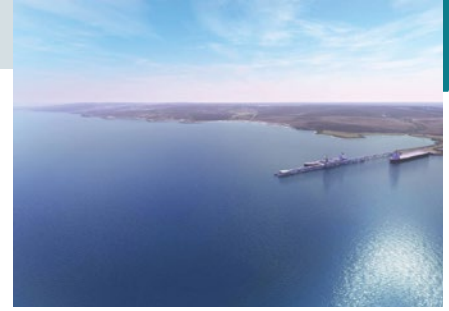


Eyre Peninsula's economic growth and development has been limited by inadequate water and energy supply for decades. How can these constraints be reversed?

In late 2013 RDAEP embarked on a mission to foster cheap, abundant, reliable supply of energy and water. Excess supply can affect price, become a competitive advantage and be the catalyst for growth in primary production, attract new industry in processing and manufacturing, and improve liveability.

The region is recognised as one of the world's richest renewable energy resource provinces, mapped by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and having a 20GW renewable energy resource potential.

Climate sourced water must now be balanced with non-climate dependent generation, largely reliant on renewable energy, technology and saline aquifers and sea water.



TRANSMISSION DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS

Water and Energy both require appropriate distribution networks connecting the source to the customer. The location of sources and customers changes over time therefore, networks must also change.

RDAEP advocated for many years for the upgrade of the transmission network, interconnectors and substations. It gathered and provided to industry, governments, SA Power Networks and ElectraNet, evidence on energy blackouts, constant failure, impacts on industry and communities plus aggregating evidence of new and emerging demand increasing consumption. RDAEP facilitated community meetings with industry and energy providers, instigated a Community Solar Project and supported investment for micro-grid and off-grid studies and projects. To generate abundant energy on Eyre Peninsula, generators require an improved transmission network and interconnectors to access interstate markets.

Both issues have now been partially addressed via the proposed \$2.28bn Project EnergyConnect, a new 330 kV double-circuit interconnector between South Australia and NSW (Electranet/ Transgrid), and the 270km \$300m ElectraNet Eyre Peninsula Link which involves the construction of a new, double-circuit 132kV transmission line from Cultana to Port Lincoln, via Yadnarie, with the ability to upgrade the Cultana to Yadnarie section to 275kV at a later date.

RDAEP has worked on many renewable energy projects for several years and certainty of an upgraded network has re-invigorated generation projects, for example: two 100MW solar farms (approx. \$300m) and a 400MW windfarm (circa \$600m).

The type of support provided by RDAEP includes encouragement, economic data and advice, identification of potential sites, introductions and negotiations with landholders and stakeholders, technical teams, energy distributors and potential off-take clients.

EYRE GATEWAY HYDROGEN PROJECT - POINT LOWLY AND CAPE HARDY

Hydrogen production can form a strong foundation for a low carbon regional economy. It will largely be reliant upon price and the availability of excess energy, access to grid capacity, water and export infrastructure, conversion of hydrogen into ammonia for transport convenience and input of ammonia into fertiliser and explosives including for local farm and mining offtake. Hydrogen and its derivatives may form the future foundation of the energy supply chain for all of the region's industries, current and emerging, and position this region's economy as a global leader in zero carbon production chains. RDAEP is encouraging completion of an MOU between H2U and Eyre Peninsula Cooperative Bulk Handling (EPCBH) farmers group.

RDAEP has worked diligently with the Hydrogen Utility (H2U) and its key partners since 2016. H2U is a member of the Japanese Green Ammonia Consortia and has received investment from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. In 2020, it announced the Eyre Gateway Hydrogen Project with a \$240m 75MW activation stage located at Point Lowly to be followed by a major growth phase with Stage 2 to be located at Cape Hardy. At full scale this project will have a production capacity of 200,000 tonnes of Hydrogen and 800,000 tonnes of green ammonia per year.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Strategic Plan - Priority 2.2 Economic Development – Energy: Pursue solutions to provide a cost effective and secure power supply and develop a low carbon economy.

South Australian Government - Growth State Agenda – Energy and Mining - Infrastructure

Australian Government – A Secure and More Resilient Australia - Energy

3.2 CASE STUDY 2: MICROGRID FEASIBILITY, SCREENING, AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR EYRE PENINSULA

\$1.08 MILLION OVER 18 MONTHS



The Australian Government is committed to supporting regional Australia and has delivered significant investments focused on creating jobs and driving economic growth in our regions.

The Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund will provide up to \$50.4m over 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24. Eyre Peninsula will receive \$1.08m over 18 months to complete a Microgrid Feasibility, Screening, and Impact Assessment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND KEY ACTIVITIES

The Eyre Peninsula is the western-most part of the National Electricity Market (NEM) with distributed and small communities in remote townships and isolated properties. These communities play a significant role in Australia's tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, and export sectors, but have been disproportionately impacted by issues of electricity reliability, cost and security of supply.

The transition to renewable energy microgrids in the region could provide more reliable, secure, and affordable power. This project, involving the South Australia's electricity distribution provider SA Power Networks (SAPN) as a key collaborator, involves three main activities.

Firstly, the feasibility of islanded microgrids at three locations will be assessed on the Eyre Peninsula. Secondly, a microgrid screening study will be conducted in parallel with the first activity, to identify the optimal, least-cost mix of grid connection and islanded microgrids in 2020-25, 2025-30 and 2030-35, to align with each of SAPN's revenue determination periods. Thirdly, an impacts assessment of regional microgrids will be undertaken to examine the broader impacts of decommissioning power lines across specific remote areas of the state.

A consortium of ITP Renewables, SA Power Networks (SAPN), ener-G, UniSA and Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP) will undertake the project in collaboration with communities in the region.

Microgrid - a small network of electricity users with a local source of supply that is usually attached to a centralised national grid but is able to function independently.



The key activities are:

STAGE 1A: MICROGRID FEASIBILITY STUDIES

A study of the existing electricity supply to three localities in the Eyre Peninsula will be undertaken to identify opportunities for reducing overall cost via microgrid deployment. Kimba and Koonibba are two proposed localities. The District Council of Kimba has previously conducted community consultation and a pre-feasibility study on microgrid deployment in Kimba. The locations are to be confirmed following screening by SAPN in collaboration with ITP to identify network areas where supply costs are particularly high, and/or where reliability/safety/bushfire concerns are greatest. One of these locations will be the most promising location for a community-scale islanded microgrid, while the other will be Koonibba Aboriginal Community, a sparsely populated locality where smaller islanded microgrids are most promising.

Each of these studies will include concept design, technical feasibility assessment, economic feasibility assessment, implementation option analysis, community consultations

to discuss customer interest and concerns, likely levels of customer involvement (e.g. rooftop PV, batteries, demand management) and preferred operational and retail models, as well as a qualitative socio-economic and environmental impact assessment.

STAGE 1B: MICROGRID SCREENING STUDY

This study would be conducted in parallel to Stage 1a. Its main output would be a report describing the least-cost mix of grid-connection, embedded microgrids, and islanded of:

- a business-as-usual base case model of the existing electricity supply to the Eyre Peninsula
- a microgrid generation model for embedded and islanded microgrids of various scales
- a simulation and optimisation engine that compares the costs of continuing grid connection against embedded or islanded microgrids
- The results of the three individual microgrid studies described in Stage 1 will be used to inform the model and validate the results.

STAGE 2: REGIONAL MICROGRID IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The impacts of microgrid deployment across the region will also be assessed. These impacts include:

- local jobs and skills creation, and the opportunity for deployment of the methodology elsewhere on the SAPN network and across Australia
- broader environmental and social impacts, including bushfire risk reduction and freeing up of transmission capacity for large-scale, grid-connected renewable energy to supply the National Electricity Market (NEM)
- impacts of decommissioning network assets on new load or generation connection enquiries and future load growth (e.g. if network assets need to be re-built to meet future demand).



3.3 CASE STUDY 3: NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

(NRWMF) – NAPANDEE, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF KIMBA

RDAEP has assisted stakeholders to progress the case for the location of the \$350m NRWMF at Napandee in the District Council of Kimba. The facility will permanently dispose of low-level radioactive waste and will temporarily store intermediate-level waste. A separate future facility will permanently dispose of Australia's intermediate-level waste.

BACKGROUND

Locating the NRWMF in the Kimba district assists:

1. The Australian Government in solving a decades old problem of a "fit for purpose" repository for low level nuclear waste.
2. The community of Kimba with an industry that has the potential to provide significant employment (45 direct jobs), in a community that has suffered substantial employment and

population loss, primarily due to farm aggregation and the introduction of more efficient farming methods.

3. The community that hosts the facility to receive a Community Development Package of up to \$31m. This package includes: \$20m community fund to provide long-term support for the region, \$8m of grants to strengthen the economic and skills base of the host community and, up to \$3m from the Australian Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy to support Indigenous opportunities.

PROGRESS

RDAEP has assisted the District Council of Kimba with meetings in Canberra to advise parliamentarians about the benefits to Kimba of the NRWMF and produced economic facts sheets. RDAEP has also written to the Prime Minister regarding the Facility. Other assistance has been provided to Kimba in relation to work skills training and development requirements, and the scoping of an Economic Development Officer position that has now been filled.

RDAEP met with the Australian Radioactive Waste Agency (ARWA) and has undertaken project work in adding educational and economic value to the facility through the establishment of a Visitor Information Centre (VIC). A report detailing possible locations and benefits for a VIC has been provided to ARWA for consideration.

As part of other advice and support to enhance Indigenous and broader community engagement, ARWA were invited to, and attended, the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA)/RDAEP Conference in Port Lincoln to assist with the flow of positive and accurate information regarding the project.

The National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Act 2020 passed the Houses of Parliament in June 2021 and it is expected that the Minister will state his intention to locate the facility at Napandee soon.

3.4 CASE STUDY 4: SPACE INDUSTRY

The Australian Space Agency, based in SA, aims to triple the size of Australia's space economy to \$12 billion by 2030 and create up to 20,000 jobs. From an international perspective, the global space launch services market is expected to reach US\$30 billion by 2027.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Strategic Plan – Priority – Economic Diversification – Development of strategic agricultural, mineral, energy, space, and smart manufacturing projects.

South Australian Government – Growth State Agenda – Priority Growth Sectors – Space

Australian Government – Australian Space Strategy

KOONIBBA TEST RANGE

On the 19 September 2020 Australia's first rocket launch from Australia's First People took place. This was a collaboration between DEWC Systems, Southern Launch, T-Minus Engineering, and the Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation (KCAC). On this day there were 2 rocket launches as the launch planned for 12 September had ended in misfire, which the Southern Launch engineers corrected. This enabled the planned launch of one rocket on 15 September to be both rockets. This was a most memorable experience.

RDAEP identified Koonibba to Southern Launch as a viable location for its test facility and worked closely with the Koonibba Community and Southern Launch, providing services that included coordination of information sessions for adjoining land holders, the general community, Far West Coast Native Title groups, and the Landscape South Australia Boards. Approvals of all these groups were necessary to allow the launches to proceed. It must be said that the positive approach by all these groups was an integral part of the process.

A major part of the activity was the engaging of the Koonibba Community to provide services that included: establishing of the launch site safety; security services; traffic zone management; catering; viewing site management; and administration connected to employees.





20+ Koonibba Community members were employed. At this time a COVID-Safe Plan was required (developed by RDAEP and engaged the COVID Marshalls).

RDAEP aided with the inclusion of souvenir and corporate products which were sold through the new Koonibba store. The store also had 5x more than usual retail sales during the week of the launch. The township of Ceduna also experienced an upturn in their economy. This venture was also underpinned by the Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy, in particular the events and product development section. The intention is to build on this with activities that will encourage more visitors to the community which will improve both the economy and employment of community members.

In a historic announcement on 25 March 2021 the Koonibba Test Range, developed by Southern Launch with strong support and involvement from RDAEP and the Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation, was approved to host rocket launches to space. Australia's first ever Launch Facility Licence was signed by the Hon Karen Andrews MP, Minister for Industry, Science and Technology after Southern Launch completed the licensing process through the Australian Space Agency.

The following are excerpts from the Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation's Annual Report of which RDAEP contributed:

During this year we consolidated our financial, employment, and education arrangement with aerospace leader, Southern Launch Space. This included establishing approvals from adjoining landowners, National Parks, Ceduna Council, SAPOL, and emergency services. The relationship with Southern Launch will expand in 2020-2021.

KCAC has been advised that Telstra will be establishing a mobile phone facility in Koonibba. This will not only provide the community with much better coverage, but the surrounding adjoining farms and the adjoining highway will also benefit. We have also been advised that the turn-in from Eyre Highway to Koonibba will be improved to provide safety for community members and visitors. Both infrastructure requirements have been a long time in the making.

WHALERS WAY ORBITAL LAUNCH COMPLEX

17 June 2021 – The Lower Eyre Peninsula and Australia are now one step closer to space. Southern Launch received approval for the construction of infrastructure to support a test launch campaign from Whalers Way, located on the tip of the Eyre Peninsula. The development application was approved by the State Commission Assessment

Panel (SCAP), which includes the construction of a temporary rocket launch pad on already cleared land. The rocket launch test campaign will gather valuable scientific data to validate and calibrate computation noise and vibration modelling localised to this site. The three proposed test launches will provide valuable data to assist both Southern Launch and government agencies to further assess the effect of the proposed development of a permanent rocket launch complex. A full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to be released for public consultation in August 2021.

RDAEP worked with Southern Launch to identify potential locations including Whalers Way plus provided extensive assistance with business support and advice, introductions and negotiations with landowners and stakeholders, assistance with governments, process and strategy and surveyed international customers regarding supply chain requirements. The South Australian Centre for Economics (SACES) predicted in 2019 that Southern Launch would create approximately 60 direct and indirect jobs and add \$35m to GSP. Based on direct conversations and surveys of the company and its international customers in the interim, new evidence suggests that the economic benefits to the region, particularly from jobs and investment associated with assembly and manufacturing will far exceed these early predictions.

3.5 CASE STUDY 5: VISITOR ACCOMMODATION

The Eyre Peninsula Strategic Plan, the Eyre Peninsula Tourism Plan and the South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy 2025, all identify and support the following economic development priority, Tourism – facilitate sustainable development of the visitor economy – Accommodation.

- Build the region's accommodation yields by aiming to develop 117 new rooms and upgrade 141 rooms (from 3 to 4-star) by 2020; and
- Encourage development of an outstanding 5 or 6-star accommodation in a national park or iconic natural location.





*Eyre Peninsula
Regional Strategic
Plan – Tourism –
facilitate sustainable
development of the
visitor economy –
Accommodation.*



In 2018 and 2019 RDAEP ran international expressions of interest on behalf of the separate owners of two very different properties that RDAEP identified as having potential for new product experience development, including the provision of significant visitor accommodation. RDAEP also provided supporting economic data, demand and supply information plus provided extensive support, advice, introductions and negotiations to multiple interested parties and the vendors that ultimately led in 2021 to separate developers contracting to purchase the sites for very different but very related markets and purposes.

THE CITY OF WHYALLA

A Spencer Gulf beachfront destination resort hotel development will see a nine-storey building be constructed on the site of the Whyalla Foreshore Motor Inn, with a Function and Conference Centre, providing 4 to 5 star accommodation with in excess of 200 rooms. Project cost is approximately \$100m with approximately direct 300 jobs when operational.

LOWER EYRE PENINSULA

3 kilometres off-shore in Spencer Gulf and about 5 kms from the Port Lincoln Airport - Ika Shima Resort. The development of an off-grid, luxury, 24 bungalow eco resort located on Louth Island, with a focus on sustainable tourism with zero emissions whilst highlighting the region's natural beauty and seafood. Project cost approximately \$20m and approximately 25 jobs when operational.

Both developments specifically address the above regional priorities and will attract and support the diversification and significant growth of the Eyre Peninsula's visitor economy. This financial year, RDAEP has actively supported an additional 20 other projects (total build cost estimate \$12,500,000) across the region that address either the renovation or expansion of visitor accommodation.

3.6 CASE STUDY 6: REGIONAL WORK



COVID-19 has had a significant impact on businesses across regional South Australia, with many seasonal positions being extremely difficult to fill.

Eyre Peninsula has felt the unfortunate impact of workforce shortages, with several businesses having to reduce operating hours and in some cases close their doors indefinitely. In December 2020, the SA Government announced its \$4.45m investment to assist in the urgent mobilisation of a seasonal and regional workforce in South Australia. The Real work. Real experience. initiative was developed to support these shortages. RDAEP worked closely with the the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) to deliver this initiative with the support of the South Australian Tourism Commission, Department for Innovation and Skills and Department for Education.



Key elements RDAEP have worked on as a part of the Real work. Real Experience. initiative include:

- referring job seekers to appropriate positions,
- implementing a job board platform,
- identifying barriers to employment,
- identifying business's current and future workforce needs.

Businesses across Eyre Peninsula advertise vacant positions in a variety of places including Seek, Gumtree, Facebook pages, and Backpacker Job Board making it difficult for job seekers to find relevant positions. In February 2021 RDAEP launched a Job Board (www.rdaep.org.au/ep-jobs/) for tourism, hospitality, and primary industry businesses to freely advertise vacant positions. Positions have been collated from other platforms weekly to provide a snapshot to job seekers of all available positions across the Eyre Peninsula. Businesses have also had the opportunity to feature on the RDAEP Facebook page as the 'Job of the Week', with one advertisement reaching over 11,000 people.

RDAEP identified that there were similar problems across the region, limiting job seekers in the region and those wanting to relocate to our region to successfully gain employment, including;

- limited available accommodation both short term and long term,
- limited childcare facilities,
- limited in-region training opportunities,
- limited drug and alcohol support services, and
- limited mental health support services.

However, after further investigation across all South Australian regions, it was evident these were not new or isolated issues and COVID-19 had in fact just exacerbated these already present issues. RDSA on behalf of the 8 SA RDAs engaged Leonie Boothby & Associates Pty Ltd, in collaboration with McGregor Tan/Expy to develop a detailed research paper to provide a strategic vision, for delivery over the next five years, to positively impact the ability of the regions to have an available and skilled workforce. From this, 5 key recommendations have been made that if addressed, could have the greatest potential impact to fill regional job vacancies with appropriately skilled workers.

The 5 key recommendations include;

1. increase housing supply,
2. create readiness pathways,
3. regionally based workforce resources,
4. increase business HR capacity and capability, and
5. reform migration.

The RDSA Growing Our Regional Workforce Review Summary Paper June 2021 can be found via our website.

RDAEP will continue to work closely with the 7 other South Australian RDA's and key stakeholders in the region to address these 5 key recommendations and other current and future workforce issues.

PIRSA has recently announced a further \$1.2 million will be invested in the continuation of the Regional Workforce Coordination and Collaboration Program to address regional workforce shortages as a result of COVID-19.

3.7 CASE STUDY 7: RDAEP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE AND 84TH ANNUAL EPLGA CONFERENCE



234 delegates attended the 2021 84th EPLGA Conference on 25-26 February 2021 which kicked off with Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula's (RDAEP) Economic Development Showcase.

The Showcase is part of a suite of RDAEP's dynamic reporting tools for stakeholders, local government, and Australian Ministers for Regional Development about projects that RDAEP actively support, plan, engage, advocate and assist with connecting to opportunities across Eyre Peninsula. It provides these companies with a unique opportunity for networking with each other, RDAEP, EPLGA and local government.



Day 1 RDAEP Showcase speakers talked about major projects across Eyre Peninsula and included:

- Hon Nola Marino MP, Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories
- Mayor Sam Telfer, EPLGA President and Mayor of DC Tumby Bay
- T-Ports CEO, Keiran Carvill
- OZ Minerals Group Manager, Geoff Deans
- Renascor Resources, Managing Director, David Christensen
- Andromeda Metals. Managing Director James Marsh
- H2U The Hydrogen Utility CEO, Attilio Pigneri
- Macquarie Capital Division Director, Andrew Newman talking Cape Hardy and Portalis
- Central Eyre Iron Project, Iron Road CEO, Larry Ingle
- DM Roads SA Contract Manager, Tim Stanford
- Eyre Peninsula Cooperative Bulk Handling, Tim Scholz
- Electranet EP Link Project Director, David Tansell
- Southern Launch CEO, Lloyd Damp
- The Hon Vickie Chapman MP, Minister for Planning and Local Government

The 84th EPLGA Conference followed the Economic Development Showcase, titled “The Resilience Effect, Building Regional Resilience on Eyre Peninsula”. The conference aimed to energise and entertain, invite new thinking, spark dynamic conversations, and inspire renewed commitment to work together for the benefit of our region.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Tim Jarvis AM- Polar Explorer. Tim is an environmental scientist, author and adventurer with Masters degrees in environmental science and environmental law. He is committed to finding pragmatic solutions to major environmental issues related to climate change and biodiversity loss and is a sought-after speaker on leadership and high performing teams.
- Rebekah Smith - Resilience and Mental Fitness Expert. Bek Smith is a speaker and subject matter expert in wellbeing and psychological health. She has a background and qualifications in psychology, a decade of experience as a physiotherapist, 17 years as a group fitness leader and now works full time as a consultant and educator in mental fitness.

- Dr Gemma Munro - PhD, Performance Psychology. Dr Gemma Munro is a thought leader, an entrepreneur and an uplifting and award-winning speaker, with a PhD in performance psychology and a flair for helping people live radically vibrant lives. Winner of the Duncan Prize for speaking and a two-time Telstra Businesswoman of the Year finalist, Gemma is known as a catalyst for tears, laughter, and a-ha moments. Gemma has the unique ability to encourage an audience to make radical changes (yes, even in 45 minutes).

This was the first major event held in the region since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia and served to inspire confidence in the region’s resilience and highlight the economic diversity and jobs that RDAEP, in partnership with industry, member councils and governments, is building across the region.



3.8 CASE STUDY 8: EYES ON EYRE – VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND CAMPING NODES

RDAEP has partnered with Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) councils, Landscape SA and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) to develop a network of camping grounds across the Eyre Peninsula that will improve visitor experience while protecting the sites natural assets. While the need for the Eyes on Eyre project was identified and commenced in previous years, the value of the project has been highlighted in the past 12 months with the increase in domestic tourism resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

BENEFIT

Regional tourism contributes up to \$400m p.a. and 3,000 jobs to the Eyre Peninsula economy and is of growing importance to the region. Eyes on Eyre encourages collaboration and coordination across councils and will build the brand. The Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) has conducted member surveys that show an average expenditure of \$115 per visitor per day on a range of services including fuel, food, visitor experiences and repairs.

Upgrading the camping grounds aims to create a minimum standard of facilities and signage that visitors can expect while addressing the environmental issues at each location. Improved infrastructure will cater for drive visitors and aim to increase the length of stay. Increased use of technology will allow WiFi nodes to be established as well as the creation of an online booking system for sites, mirroring the success of other camping grounds such as National Parks.

GOALS ACHIEVED

All camping sites in the project have been visited and concept plans created to formalise camping sites, define access, recommend infrastructure improvements and signage, and protect and enhance native vegetation.

Many Councils have already committed funding to improving campgrounds in their areas in line with the concept designs. Improvements include:

- protecting remnant vegetation through fencing,
- revegetation including planting tube stock and seeding,

- coastal protection works including erecting access management infrastructure, and
- erecting visitor amenity infrastructure including toilets, seating and signage.

Trial WiFi nodes have been installed in four camping grounds through a partnership with Optus and each node has an individualised “Welcome to Country” message emphasising the Indigenous connection to the land and sea.

Over \$1m of new signs have been erected throughout the region in partnership with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

DELIVERY OF A REGIONAL TRAILS STRATEGY

Building on the substantial investment from all partners this financial year (approx. \$2.5m), Eyes on Eyre has secured significant State Government funding that will be leveraged to further develop camping nodes and roll out a digital online booking system in conjunction with DEW in 2021-22.

3.9 CASE STUDY 9: STRENGTHENING TIES WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT





RDAEP works closely with all local governments and the EPLGA across the Eyre Peninsula. The strength of the tripartite funding model for RDAs in South Australia is that the strategic directions of 3 levels of government are considered for all projects and economic development opportunities are developed to their full potential.

At a Regional Workforce conference in June 2021 Rob Kerin, former Premier and Chair of RDSA, made the following observations.

The South Australian network is a unique model in Australia, and the Hon. Nola Marino, Federal Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories, uses us (the RDAs) as the exemplary model that the rest of Australia should be adopting. I have been contacted directly to assist other states as they look to how they too could work in a similar way.

The RDAs work across and with all 3 levels of government in very practical ways. They deliver numerous programs in areas such as: employment, business support services, NDIS, tourism, economic development and many others. They also work heavily

in the investment attraction space, assisting businesses to seek grants and investment funding and facilitating the development and seeking of approval of projects as needed. They are incredibly knowledgeable and connected within their regions, and one of their key deliverables is to create regional strategic plans with the input of all of their key stakeholders.

The importance of local government informing RDAEP of projects from the outset brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and contacts into the picture that assists in the success of the project through project design and modelling, developing strategic industry partnerships, advocacy, utilising supply chains and marketing. It encourages place-based priority alignment to a national level and world best economic development practice.

The Pipeline Report, currently reflecting \$11bn in projects and about 14,000 jobs, produced by RDAEP is available to local government and updated quarterly. This shows all future, current and past projects by industry category, local government area and proponent, and details proposed capital expenditure along with construction and operational workforce requirements. Information of this nature assists with forward workforce planning, accommodation

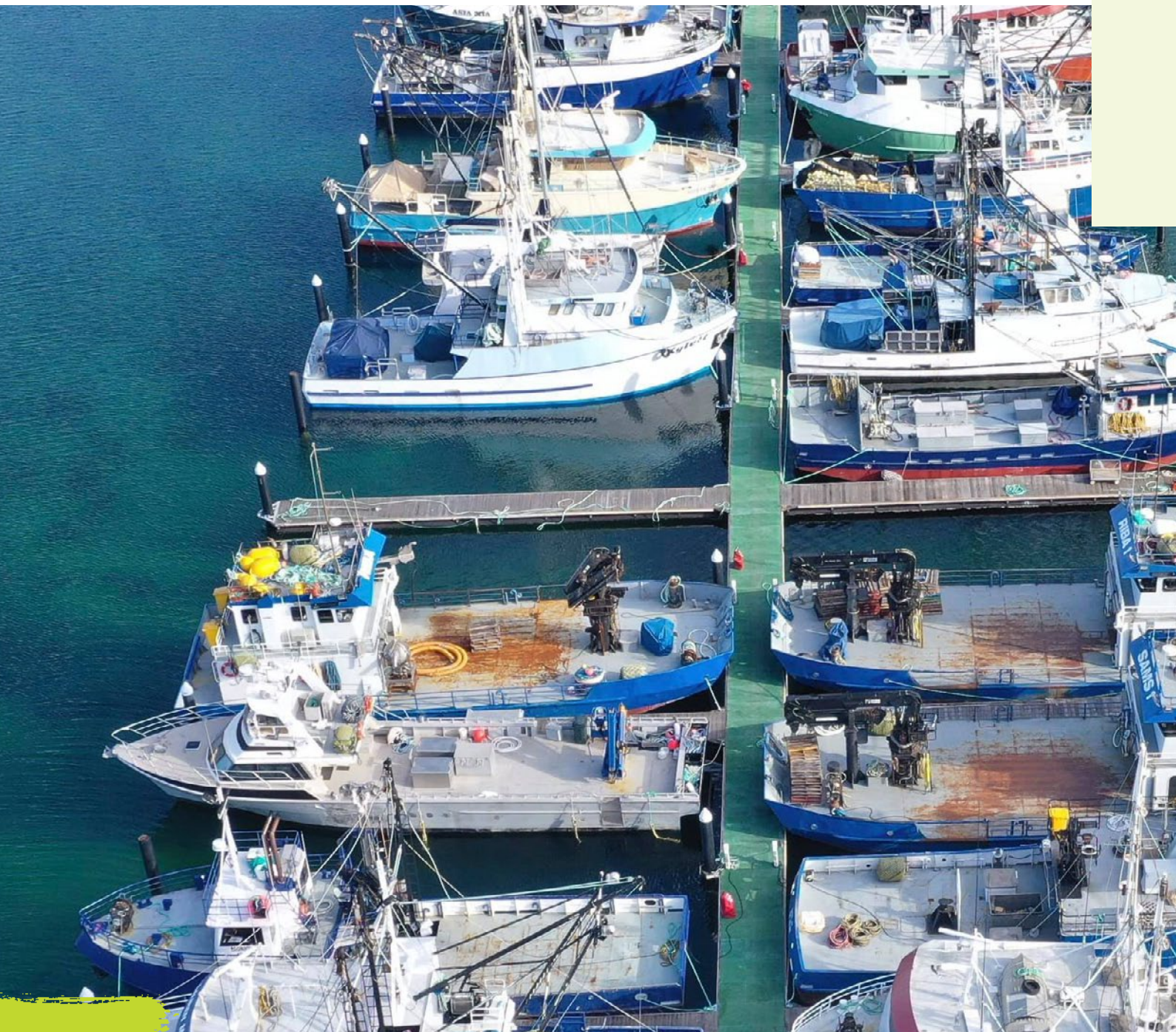
needs assessment and infrastructure requirements.

When aggregated from the Pipeline Report the energy, transport and water requirements of projects feeds into Australian and State Government's forward planning through agencies such as Infrastructure Australia and Infrastructure SA.

RDAEP has been instrumental in the formulation and implementation of a more strategic place-based approach by Government to the region. For example, the development and delivery of the SA Regional Visitor Strategy is being used as a guide for investment into local and regional tourism projects and businesses by the Premier. Similarly, at the request of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, RDAEP has a seat at the table with the Chief Executives of all State Government agencies to implement the South Australian Regional Development Strategy, to help align departmental priorities and improve delivery of services and investment to regions.

This partnership and approach actively assisted the delivery of grants to Eyre Peninsula greater than \$170m in 2019-20 and \$150m in 2020-21.

4. REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR 2021-22



RDA Eyre Peninsula's key focus areas for the coming year include:

1. Strengthening the regional workforce
2. Recovery from the economic impacts of drought, pandemic, and volatility in global markets
3. Stimulating jobs, trade, and investment
4. Diversification of the economy
5. Attracting, facilitating and supporting infrastructure investment.



POPULATION AND WORKFORCE

RDAEP is participating in the Regional Workforce Coordination and Collaboration Project to help boost and fill seasonal and regional workforce vacancies.

The Eyre Peninsula regional economy is extremely diverse and some employment in the agriculture, fishing and aquaculture industries is seasonal and short-term. There are difficulties in attracting workers to the region particularly for casual and seasonal positions.

A lack of housing options especially in the rural and remote areas of the region further restricts filling available job vacancies.

Vacancies remain open due to a lack of job-ready available workforce in part due to a limited and decreasing population in many areas.

Challenges include retaining and attracting a sustainable workforce which involves enhancing liveability including community services, infrastructure, and housing.

Liveable Communities projects seek to ensure that the 'towns and cities' of Eyre Peninsula are a great place to experience, highlighting social, economic and cultural development opportunities.

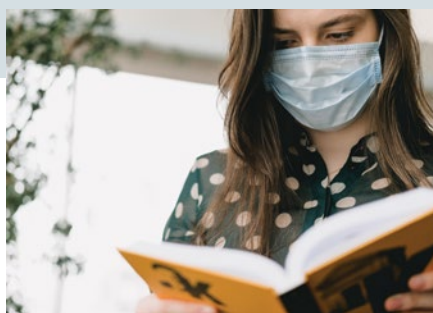
A strong population growth strategy is critical to the region's success. Higher population growth will support stronger regional economic growth. A larger population will sustain a broader range of industries and provide a wider range of employment opportunities.



ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION

The region has recently faced several economic challenges. In recent years there has been significant consolidation in agricultural interests and the sector continues to suffer economic impacts associated with drought and disease. Investment in mining and associated manufacturing has been impacted by volatility in global conditions, uncompetitive transport infrastructure and high input costs. Unstable trade conditions have put pressure on the seafood and aquaculture sector requiring adaptability and versatility in production and markets. Increased Australian local tourism has brought its own issues with an increase in visitor numbers putting strains on infrastructure, facilities, workforce and the environment.

In response to these challenges RDAEP seeks to build on a holistic approach of strong partnerships and industrial symbiosis across local and new industries, communities and key stakeholders.



JOBS, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The Eyre Peninsula region is one of the world's richest low carbon energy resource environments. Eyre Peninsula enjoys 2000kms of coastline and 23% of the State's land mass. Agriculture, seafood, mining, manufacturing and tourism have been primary drivers for regional employment and economic growth with multiple flow-on effects nationally and globally. An export economy and home to Australia's: birthplace of iron ore mining; seafood capital; shark diving; and South Australia's largest export grain production – a seriously great place to live, work and play!

A \$11bn project pipeline (delivering 14,000 jobs) reflects unprecedented levels of symbiotic business activity intent on leveraging substantial and natural competitive advantages to diversify the economy through renewable energy generation (solar, wind, hydrogen), deep sea multiuse export intermodal, satellite launching and growing smart green manufacturing, value adding to the region's primary production and resources. Local Government, RDAEP and the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board have over \$100m in sustainable recovery projects for immediate investment to stimulate employment (800 jobs) and inject cash into local economies including Indigenous communities.

DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY

RDAEP along with industry and local, State and Commonwealth government partners have sought to look broadly and build on economic strengths and opportunities to diversify the economy including leveraging low carbon energy generation to grow a smart manufacturing and industrial base, value adding to the regions primary industries and resources.

Growing transformational economies such as space, renewable energy, advanced manufacturing and agricultural technologies will further enhance the region's competitiveness and increase productivity.

Reducing economic dependence on traditional key industries and pursuing greater diversity will enhance and promote the region's comparative advantage and provide resilience to global price impacts.

DELIVER INDUSTRY ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Many of the region's development opportunities will not be realised without a substantial upgrade of utility and transport infrastructure. Industry growth opportunities such as the progression of mining enterprises from exploration to operation, and new industrial developments depend upon the construction of bulk

commodities port facilities, national rail connection and cheap and abundant water and energy supplies.

Transport infrastructure needs are extensive and require significant government and private sector investment. Strategic road improvements are needed to make the road network safer and ensure that local government roads can accommodate increasing use by road trains and tourist vehicles. Progressing the development of a deep water multi-use port at Cape Hardy and beginning the planning for connecting it by rail to the national rail grid is critical to the economic future of the resource sector, region and state.

Mobile and Internet telecommunications issues are continually being resolved through ongoing negotiations and planning with provider companies to improve service delivery. Solutions to resolve severe blackspots on the West Coast of Eyre Peninsula are being addressed.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT



FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE 2020

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA EYRE PENINSULA INC.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Your committee submit the financial statements of the Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

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)	Tom Antonio
	Jack Velthuisen	Sue Chase
	Allan Suter	Neville Starke
	Heather Baldock	Travis Barber

In accordance with Section 35 (5) of the Associations Incorporation Act (1985), the committee hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 June 2021:

- 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
 - Employment and Training Programmes
 - Business Development programmes
- Note that the complete range of actual programmes is published in our annual plan and can be made available on request

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Operating Result

	30/06/2021	30/06/2020
	\$	\$
The surplus / (deficit) from ordinary activities amounted to:	189,908	(227,923)

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



Chairperson

Dated this 22 day of October, 2021



Deputy Chair

Dated this 22ND day of OCTOBER, 2021

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA EYRE PENINSULA INC.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	2	1,886,776	1,863,590
Expenses			
Employee expenses		(913,773)	(1,124,235)
Depreciation expense		(22,341)	(20,170)
Advertising and promotion expense		(202)	(14,474)
Rental expense		(52,004)	(97,330)
Project funding expenses		(341,904)	(184,901)
Estimated Credit Loss Provision		-	(184,799)
Sundry expenses		<u>(366,644)</u>	<u>(465,604)</u>
Current year surplus / (deficit)		189,908	(227,923)
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current year surplus / (deficit)		<u><u>189,908</u></u>	<u><u>(227,923)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,649,962	1,532,657
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	118,477	288,422
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,768,439</u>	<u>1,821,079</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	89,359	98,513
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>89,359</u>	<u>98,513</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,857,798</u>	<u>1,919,592</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	7	111,081	195,960
Employee benefits	8	196,780	210,894
Unexpended Grants		311,728	467,207
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>619,589</u>	<u>874,061</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	9	18,939	16,170
		<u>18,939</u>	<u>16,170</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>638,528</u>	<u>890,231</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,219,270</u>	<u>1,029,361</u>
EQUITY			
Reserves	10	1,428,961	1,428,961
Retained surplus / (deficit)		(209,692)	(399,600)
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>1,219,269</u>	<u>1,029,361</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA EYRE PENINSULA INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Retained Deficits \$	General Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2019	(428,713)	1,685,997	1,257,284
Net deficit for the year	(227,923)	-	(227,923)
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	<u>257,036</u>	<u>(257,036)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30 June 2020	(399,600)	1,428,961	1,029,361
Net surplus for the year	189,908	-	189,908
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30 June 2021	<u><u>(209,692)</u></u>	<u><u>1,428,961</u></u>	<u><u>1,219,269</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Grants operating received		1,110,502	1,338,375
Project funding		683,642	216,138
Other receipts		99,460	164
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,769,665)	(1,887,853)
Interest received		7,639	19,937
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		<u>131,578</u>	<u>(313,239)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(27,000)	(41,060)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		12,727	42,500
Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities		<u>(14,273)</u>	<u>1,440</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		117,305	(311,799)
Cash on hand at beginning of financial year		1,532,657	1,844,456
Cash on hand at end of financial year	4	<u><u>1,649,962</u></u>	<u><u>1,532,657</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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.

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

(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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 Eyre Peninsula Inc. for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2021. RDA Eyre Peninsula Inc. has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

(k) Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**(k) Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (Continued)***Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic*

Judgement has been exercised in considering the impacts that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had, or may have, on the incorporated association based on known information. This consideration extends to the nature of the products and services offered, customers, supply chain, staffing and geographic regions in which the incorporated association operates. Other than as addressed in specific notes, there does not currently appear to be either any significant impact upon the financial statements or any significant uncertainties with respect to events or conditions which may impact the incorporated association unfavourably as at the reporting date or subsequently as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 2: Revenue and Other Income		
Administration grants	1,096,035	1,338,375
Project funding	683,642	478,109
Interest received	7,639	19,937
Other income	-	27,169
	<u>1,787,316</u>	<u>1,863,590</u>
Note 3: Auditors' Fees		
Remuneration of the auditor of the association for:		
Auditing the financial report	8,650	8,350
Auditing project grant acquittal reports	875	875
Other services	2,430	2,405
	<u>11,955</u>	<u>11,630</u>
Note 4: Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash in hand	200	200
Cash at bank	221,443	104,332
Cash on deposit	1,428,319	1,428,125
	<u>1,649,962</u>	<u>1,532,657</u>
Note 5: Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		
Project debtors	118,477	288,167
Other debtors	-	255
	<u>118,477</u>	<u>288,422</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 6: Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	-	42,873
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	(41,521)
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,352</u>
Office Equipment - at Cost	103,660	105,053
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(97,583)	(96,527)
	<u>6,077</u>	<u>8,526</u>
Furniture & Fittings - at Cost	-	62,268
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	(60,100)
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,168</u>
Motor Vehicle - at Cost	137,774	168,055
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(54,492)	(81,588)
	<u>83,282</u>	<u>86,467</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>89,359</u>	<u>98,513</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 2020	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation Expense	Carrying Amount at 30 June 2021
Plant & Equipment	1,352	-	(1,352)	-	-
Office Equipment	8,526	-	(929)	(1,520)	6,077
Furniture & Fittings	2,168	-	(2,168)	-	-
Motor Vehicle	86,467	27,000	(9,364)	(20,821)	83,282
	<u>98,513</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>(13,813)</u>	<u>(22,341)</u>	<u>89,359</u>

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 7: Accounts Payable and Other Payables		
Sundry and other creditors	32,246	98,691
Credit card control account	7,012	6,003
GST payable	28,515	42,449
Payroll liabilities	43,309	48,817
	<u>111,081</u>	<u>195,960</u>
Note 8: Employee Provisions - Current		
Annual leave entitlements	143,027	135,618
Long service leave entitlements	53,753	75,276
	<u>196,780</u>	<u>210,894</u>
Note 9: Employee Provisions - Non-Current		
Long service leave entitlements	18,939	16,170
	<u>18,939</u>	<u>16,170</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 10: General Reserves		
Reserves - project allocation	1,428,961	1,428,961
	<u>1,428,961</u>	<u>1,428,961</u>
Note 11. Operating Lease Commitments		
Being for rent of office and motor vehicles:		
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
-not later than 12 months	40,952	45,848
-between 12 months and five years	31,160	62,320
	<u>72,112</u>	<u>108,168</u>

Note 12. Contingent liabilities

RDA Eyre Peninsula Inc. have bank guarantees in place to cover payroll processing with their external provider.

These were in place for 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

RDA Eyre Peninsula Inc. currently has an ongoing legal activity for which the outcome at this stage is unknown but may have an effect on future balance sheet activities.

Apart from above, RDA Eyre Peninsula Inc. had no other contingent liabilities.

Note 13. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the RDA Eyre Peninsula Inc's operations, the results of those operations, or RDA Eyre Peninsula Inc's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 14. Economic Dependence

The ongoing operations of RDA Eyre Peninsula Inc 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 Eyre Peninsula Inc. 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.

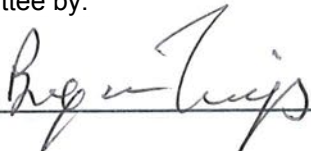
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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 13:

- 1 Presents fairly the financial position of Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc. as at 30 June 2021 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 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:



Chairperson

Dated this 22nd day of October 2021.



Deputy Chair

Dated this 22ND day of OCTOBER 2021.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, 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 Eyre Peninsula Incorporated as at 30 June 2021, 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 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 & 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 Association'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 Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association'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. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



R Miller
Director

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Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
Dated: 26th October 2021

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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 2021. 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 Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Incorporated) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.



R Miller
Director

RSM Australia Pty Ltd

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
Dated: 26th October 2021

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME			
Interest Received		7,639	19,937
		<u>7,639</u>	<u>19,937</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Administration Grants		1,096,035	1,338,375
Project Funding		683,642	478,109
Wage Subsidies		99,460	-
Office Subrental		-	164
Profit on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		-	27,005
		<u>1,879,137</u>	<u>1,843,653</u>
		<u>1,886,776</u>	<u>1,863,590</u>

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA EYRE PENINSULA INC.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising & Promotion	202	14,474
Audit & Accounting Fees	11,955	11,630
Bank Charges & Taxes	486	446
Board Meeting Expenses	43,553	45,022
Cleaning and Repairs	13,193	16,249
Computer Expenses	38,691	30,740
Consultants Fees	341,904	184,901
Depreciation	22,341	20,170
Electricity & Gas	3,316	10,418
Estimated Credit Loss Provision	-	184,799
Fringe Benefits Tax	22,254	29,235
Insurance	2,236	3,993
Loss on Disposal of Assets	1,086	-
Motor Vehicle	50,991	124,360
Photocopier Expenses	1,372	2,053
Postage	2,787	3,888
Printing & Stationery	4,590	6,343
Publications	41,947	42,427
Rates & Taxes	-	7,597
Rent	52,004	97,330
Security	2,156	942
Seminars	3,159	3,017
Staff Amenities	5,087	3,113
Subscriptions	9,862	8,710
Sundry Expenses	5,624	7,178
Telephone	23,309	36,642
Travel & Accommodation	76,796	71,205
Payroll	831,346	1,043,880
Payroll Overheads	82,427	80,355
Asset Expenses	2,193	396
	<u>1,696,868</u>	<u>2,091,513</u>
Net current year surplus / (deficit)	<u>189,908</u>	<u>(227,923)</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Net current year surplus / (deficit)	189,908	(227,923)
RETAINED DEFICIT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	(399,600)	(428,713)
NET TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES	-	257,036
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	(209,692)	(399,600)
RETAINED DEFICIT AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	(209,692)	(399,600)



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