



Progress and Performance Report

July 2023- January 2024

THEME: Social Capacity - Workforce attraction, retention, training and support				
PRIORITY AREA: Housing and Accommodation				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Increase housing supply, mix and choice to support population growth.	Work with State Government on the development of a new Strategic Land Use Plan for the Eyre and Western Region, and other subregional master planning processes prepared by Councils, to ensure the region has an adequate supply of shovel ready industrial, commercial and residential land.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	<p>Participated in an Elected Member Workshop facilitated by the consultant engaged by the District Council of Wudinna to prepare a Growth Strategy for their Local Government Area. CEO provides regional intelligence to assist in its formation.</p> <p>RDAEP CEO attended a one-on-one workshop with the planning consultant engaged by Port Lincoln City Council to prepare a Housing Strategy, providing regional intelligence and insight.</p> <p>CEO Ryan Viney met with Dennis Fisher from Plus, to provide comment on the draft Eyre and Western Regional Plan which will address land use and long-term infrastructure needs to support growth over the next 15-30 years.</p> <p>RDAEP Board resolved to contribute funding towards an Eyre Peninsula Housing Study. The study will utilise existing analysis where possible to provide a snapshot of residential land supply in each major town across EP and provide options for the cost-effective delivery of critical infrastructure need to encourage investment in new housing stock.</p>
	Investigate low-cost and alternative construction methodologies, such as prefabrication, to avoid difficulties associated with access to trades and material shortages.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	<p>Discussions with employers and industry regarding the use of alternative housing, such as prefabricated buildings, to meet employee housing demand in particular locations and employment sectors.</p> <p>Investigating the use of alternative on-site building methods including 3D printing (Dubbo Amenities Block).</p>
	Lobby the State Government to reduce fees, charges, and other connection costs for new housing developments, to encourage investment.	December 2023	Economic Development Manager	<p>Advocated with Estha van der Linden, Ai Group regarding new developments not being able to connect to mains water, especially the Streaky Bay area. Estha is on the SA Water Customer Advisory Panel.</p> <p>CEO met with Matt Hunt, and Andrew Christensen, Office for Regional Housing, Renewal SA, to discuss the housing shortage on Eyre Peninsula and workforce issues linked to key major projects. The costs associated with the provision of economic enabling infrastructure (water and power) was highlighted as a significant barrier to private sector investment in new regional housing.</p> <p>RDAEP has commissioned URPS to prepare an Eyre Peninsula Housing Study, which will include an Options Paper outlining infrastructure challenges in the region. It will also include models and mechanisms for the cost-effective delivery of economic enabling infrastructure that will be used to lobby the State Government.</p>
	Investigate opportunities to establish private and public partnerships for the delivery of regional housing developments.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	<p>In partnership with RDA Far North and all other South Australian RDAs, lodged an application for funding a Housing Supply and Demand Audit through the National Priority Fund – Regional Australia Institute.</p> <p>Working with employers to investigate options for developing build/rent housing projects to guarantee return on investment for investors in the housing market and overcome uncertainties.</p> <p>RDA - EDM Trevor Smith participated online in the RDA Roundtable on Housing Affordability and Availability on 17 July. The roundtables intended to identify more granular, specific insights that may differ across regions, to share what's already happening and what works, and to</p>

				<p>recommend actions that could help address the specific challenges identified. The content then formed the basis of a presentation to the Minister for Regional Development at the RDA National Forum at the end of July.</p> <p>CEO undertook discussions with Cornerstone Housing to discuss housing options for Eyre Peninsula.</p> <p>CEO and Economic Development Manager met with Discovery Parks and G'day Group relative to regional opportunities linked to major projects - worker/holiday park accommodation and how quality temporary worker accommodation can be utilised for the general population after construction periods finish.</p> <p>RDAEP logged an "unsolicited bid" for funding from the State Government that was unfortunately unsuccessful, with the State Government deciding to fund the Office for Regional Housing's Critical Worker Housing Project (30 houses across the State for police, teachers, etc). However, RDAEP has since met with the Office for Regional Housing about their pilot project, and its next evolution. There may be an opportunity for NEPHA councils moving forward, but it will rely on the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network underpinning any investment to be made by the State Government via the Office for Regional Housing. For example: - councils donate the land, Eyre and Eyre and Far North Local Health Network enters into long-term lease agreements to accommodate resident GPs and the Office for Regional Housing provides the funding to build the houses – investment serviced by lease agreements. This is something RDAEP is looking to help facilitate.</p>
	<p>Work with Local Government, strategic landowners, employers and the development industry to quantify the region's unmet demand for housing and identify land capable of facilitating both temporary short-term worker accommodation and executive style housing to support major projects.</p>	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	<p>Port Lincoln City Council - CEO met with Council representatives and URPS (engaged by Council) to prepare a Housing Strategy.</p> <p>RDAEP met with Matthew Flinders Homes CEO to discuss opportunities to address the housing shortage for staff and the potential commitment they can provide to de-risk investment by housing developers.</p> <p>Met with Scott Rowlands of Carramatta Holdings Pty Ltd regarding the protentional conversion of the YHA also known as the "backpackers" in Port Lincoln into low-cost and short-term worker accommodation for both skilled and unskilled workforce. Advice included the lodgement of a grant application under the State Government's Enabling Infrastructure Program.</p> <p>Meeting with Iron Road and AMP Energy relative to the Cape Hardy hydrogen development and in particular the need for short-term accommodation. Suggestions included the site recently vacated by ElectraNet at Tumby Bay following completion of the high-voltage transmission line upgrade and the potential use of cruise ships.</p> <p>Meeting with Tumby Bay Council CEO re the need to improve power supply to the existing and currently vacant worker accommodation site.</p> <p>Developing a survey of local government land availability including current vacant serviced allotments, current land divisions and lot yield, potential lot yields from land zoned for future residential use. Comparison of these figures by location with anticipated housing demand using projected job creation from current and future projects.</p> <p>Develop projected figures for unmet housing need to encourage potential investors in land divisions and the building industry.</p>

	Work with Councils to develop and support local responses to housing supply issues that works to address both short and mid-term housing availability and affordability issues.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>RDAEP is seeking to develop a discussion paper (paper) highlighting key issues facing the building and development industry across the Eyre Peninsula (EP), in particular development constraints associated with the cost and timing of infrastructure provision. The paper is to specifically identify concerns and recommend potential strategic level solutions. The paper will be used as an advocacy piece to support well informed discussion amongst RDAEP's constituents, government, peers and industry. The EP, like much of Australia, is experiencing a housing supply issue, which along with several other factors is affecting housing affordability and impacting economic growth. The housing supply issue is directly related to the inability of developers to provide housing in a financially viable manner. The cost of infrastructure is a significant component of this issue. The Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2026 has identified housing accommodation as its first priority. The paper will provide a point of difference and build on work already undertaken by the State Government and several councils across the EP. Contemporary strategic planning suggests that residential land supply is not the key barrier to housing provision within the region. Recent industry engagement suggests the following matters are detrimentally impacting on the ability of the private sector to provide housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs associated with infrastructure augmentation (particularly head works) • Costs and uncertainty associated with native vegetation clearance • Holding costs – Financial institutions / Council rates / land tax • Strict lending criteria in regional areas.
	Strengthen the link between housing and future workforce requirements by quantifying demand for housing in line with projected workforce requirements.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	<p>The use of workforce statistics is used to project workforce demand and then extrapolate housing demand from forecast projects. Also looking at the potential for developing fit-for-purpose housing eg aged housing, to release existing houses into the market.</p> <p>RDAEP is working with the State Government's Department for Industry, innovation and Science (Workforce Strategy and Projects Team) to map the current projects in the region to obtain a detailed a picture of the investment pipeline and analysis/model workforce requirements over the coming years.</p>

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PRIORITY AREA - Healthcare Services				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Improve access and quality of healthcare services to support improved community health and wellbeing	Support the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network and Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance (NEPHA) to develop strategies to attract and retain health professionals, particularly doctors.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	<p>Working with Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance and the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network in developing and implementing strategies to attract and retain health professionals. RDAEP has meet with the Office for Regional Housing about their pilot housing project and to explore an opportunity for NEPHA councils moving forward. This would rely on the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network underpinning any investment to be made by the State Government via the Office for Regional Housing. For example: - councils donate the land, Eyre and Far North Local Health Network enters into long-term lease agreements to accommodate resident GPs, and the Office for Regional Housing provides the funding to build the houses – investment serviced by lease agreements. This is something RDAEP is looking to help facilitate.</p> <p>Assisted with the creation of footage for use in videos to promote the Eyre Peninsula as a place to “live, work and play”.</p> <p>Launched the 2nd edition of the Make the Move promotional video. The intent of the series is to promote the region’s unique lifestyle, employment and business offering to people currently living in Australia’s capital cities, with the 1st edition featuring case studies in healthcare, circular economy and marketing with footage taken from Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay, Lower Eyre, and Kimba. The 2nd edition once again targets people in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in critical industries such as healthcare, social services and waste management who are looking for a better lifestyle. This video has case studies from Wudinna and Whyalla with additional footage from Cleve, Franklin Harbour (Cowell) and Kimba.</p> <p>Jan24-The promotional video will be disseminated over social media in coming months, directing people interested in making the move to the Eyre Peninsula to the RDAEP webpage for further information. This video and shorter version can be used by councils and businesses in their job adverts/promotions by embedding the YouTube link. Planning for the 3rd and final edition in the series has commenced, which will have case studies focusing on different sectors (childcare, mining, renewable energy and space) and will use additional footage from Ceduna, Streaky Bay and Elliston.</p>
	Collaborate with the medical sector to develop innovative and sustainable service delivery models, ensuring a quality healthcare service for the community.	Ongoing	DRD/EDM	<p>Advocacy where required/requested to assist with service delivery models across the region.</p> <p>Promotion of enhanced telecommunications to allow further use of service delivery models using telehealth or other remote diagnostic services.</p>
	Continue lobbying the Australian Government to incentivise General Practitioners establishing and operating businesses in the region. Such incentives could include a minimum guaranteed income, up-front sign-on bonus, travel allowance, free accommodation, and access to professional development opportunities.	December 2023	Economic Development Manager	Working with and advocating for the NEPHA service delivery model of recruitment and retention.

	Lobby the State Government for funding for new and upgraded medical facilities and equipment to support regional clinics.	December 2023	Economic Development Manager	Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service – letter of support for a funding application for Community Healthcare Hub through Growing Regions Program.
	Advocate for State Government funding to support the construction of twelve new high-quality doctor houses.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	Information and advocacy provided for grant submissions through State Government programs. RDAEP has meet with the Office for Regional Housing about their pilot housing project and to explore an opportunity for NEPHA councils moving forward. This would rely on the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network underpinning any investment to be made by the State Government via the Office for Regional Housing. For example: - councils donate the land, Eyre and Far North Local Health Network enters into long-term lease agreements to accommodate resident GPs, and the Office for Regional Housing provides the funding to build the houses – investment serviced by lease agreements. This is something RDAEP is looking to help facilitate.

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PRIORITY AREA – Aged, Disability and Childcare

STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Facilitate greater access to aged, disability and childcare services to drive workforce participation in the region	Facilitate and/or participate in the establishment of a taskforce to quantify the demand for aged, disability and childcare services, factors limiting further expansion as well as develop a business attraction focused prospectus.	December 2023	Economic Development Manager	<p>Creation of a childcare task force and development of a project to produce a high-quality desktop analysis by local government area of what childcare services the region needs with the intent of lobbying the Australian Government to input to the 2024/25 budget process.</p> <p>A final report outlining the Business Case for investment in childcare has been produced and circulated to local governments and provided to the State and Australian Governments.</p> <p>A pre-budget submission has been made to the Australian Government and meetings organised with key Ministers to push the need for funding ten new long daycare centres across Eyre Peninsula.</p>
	Work with State Government, Local Government, schools and independent childcare operators to identify and remove barriers to facilitate investment in childcare centres.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	<p>EDM Trevor Smith met with DC Tumby Bay, Lower Eyre Council and Laura Francis, Program Officer, Childcare Services in early July to discuss how the two communities can work together to progress solutions around childcare needs and RDAEP's plans for whole of region solutions.</p> <p>CEO and EDM met with Kimba District Council's Economic Development Officer and Michele Carnegie – Community Early Learning Australia (who is undertaking Kimba's childcare study).</p> <p>Using the information from the childcare study to allow individual local governments to progress to the business case stage for the creation of place-based solutions to their unmet childcare needs.</p> <p>CEO and EDM met with the Department of Education, Early Childhood Services and Strategy, to discuss funding of a childcare needs assessment proposal. RDAEP were successful in receiving funding and will also contribute towards a Childcare Needs Assessment Study.</p>

	Collaborate with Local Government and the Department for Education to encourage adaptive reuse of buildings for aged and childcare, and other innovative service delivery models.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	RDAEP CEO and Economic Development Manager arranged to meet with representatives from the Department for Education (Office for the Early Years) to talk about the adaptive reuse of buildings for childcare, and other innovative service delivery models.
	Support aged care providers and disability support services to improve the provision of facilities, allowing people to remain part of their broader community.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Participating on City of Port Lincoln "Empowering our Elders" project.
	Promote opportunities for a tree/sea change to attract the significant number of nurses and childcare workers that left their industry through the COVID pandemic.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	See health outcomes. Launched the 2nd edition of the Make the Move promotional video. The intent of the series is to promote the region's unique lifestyle, employment and business offering to people currently living in Australia's capital cities, with the 1st edition featuring case studies in healthcare, circular economy and marketing with footage taken from Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay, Lower Eyre, and Kimba. The 2nd edition once again targets people in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in critical industries such as healthcare, social services and waste management who are looking for a better lifestyle. This video has case studies from Wudinna and Whyalla with additional footage from Cleve, Franklin Harbour (Cowell) and Kimba.
	Support targeted projects in health, aged care, childcare and disability services.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Support and advocate for services as requested by service providers.
	Advocate for additional aged care providers/facilities to be established in all major centres on the Eyre Peninsula to increase aged care beds/services.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	Support and advocate for services as requested by service providers. Provided economic impact modelling for Matthew Flinders Home, Pt Lincoln. This modelling supported a grant application for an expansion of their facility. Total construction cost is \$15.35M over two years. Once operational, annual operating costs will be \$1.2m pa.
	Identify opportunities for the expansion of childcare including understanding the supply/demand model and its ability to impact on the local economy including attracting and retaining workforce.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	To be developed using the unmet childcare needs and determining the number of potential workers that would be able to join the workforce. RDAEP commissioned Community Early Learning Australia (CELA) to develop the Early Education and Care report in partnership with participating member councils and the State Government Office for the Early Years. For background, childcare has for many years been the subject of anecdotal comment regarding the lack of available places for long day care, occasional care and early childhood education. At odds with this anecdotal information was the most recent Australian Government grants program, the "Community Childcare Fund". This fund was specifically established to increase childcare services in areas of the country where there was a limited supply. However, the Eyre Peninsula is not eligible to apply. This is something RDAEP and our participating local government project partners want to change by working collaboratively together to coordinate a regional approach to both quantifying and aggregating the unmet demand for childcare, so that it could be presented as a united front to Government and the private sector to attract investment. As a result RDAEP has been working with the District Councils of Lower Eyre, Tumby Bay, Elliston, Wudinna, Ceduna, Kimba, Franklin Harbor and Streaky Bay and the Whyalla and Port Lincoln City Councils to develop a comprehensive business

				case to advocate for investment in early childhood education and care across the region. RDAEP have also submitted a pre-budget submission to the Australian Government and requested meetings with relevant Ministers in Canberra. The intent is to influence the 2024-2025 Federal Budget process to attract greater investment in childcare services for the region.
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PRIORITY AREA - Education and Training				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Expand educational and training opportunities to develop the skills needed to meet workforce shortages	Liaise with local industry and businesses to undertake a skills audit to inform educational institutions, registered training providers and government on the region's workforce needs.	Nov 2024	Economic Development Manager	<p>Met with Employment Facilitator for the North West Country region and established a regular pattern of engagement. Attended Network meetings in Port Lincoln, Whyalla, and Port Augusta to determine local skills shortages and workforce needs aligned to key projects upcoming across the region.</p> <p>Met the newly appointed TAFE SA Industry Partnerships Manager and the UniSA Regional Manager in Whyalla regarding program delivery strategies, plans for 2024 and establishing a more connected Skills and Training sector in Whyalla.</p> <p>Established the Education, Skills and Training Working Group in Whyalla to ensure that workforce needs for skilled people can be best met into the future.</p> <p>Met with Career Employment Group regarding training plans for 2024. CEG has recently been awarded the Federal contract to deliver the Industry Skills and Employment Program (ISEP) to Aboriginal people across the region, commencing in 2024.</p> <p>Instigated a visit to the region by the SA Skills Commissioner to discuss the workforce and skill needs for the region including the SA Skills Plan for 2024 and beyond. Discussions will also commence regarding training needs for the region including the issues and gaps.</p> <p>Commenced working on a Regional Workforce Development Plan.</p>
	Continue the place-based Regional Leadership Program to address identified needs within the region supporting the next generation of community and business leaders.	December 2023	Project Support Officer / Economic Development Manager	<p>RDAEP Chair, CEO and Project Support Officer (Leadership) supported and attended the Leadership Development Program Residential III held at Thuruna Camp over 2 days at the end of August. Facilitated by Champions Academy, a number of local guest speakers attended sharing key insights with the participants. The Hon Clare Scriven, Minister for Primary Industries and Regions attended on the Monday afternoon, addressing participants and receiving feedback regarding the program and outcomes to date.</p> <p>CEO Chaired an RDSA Regional Leadership Program forum in the Barossa Valley as part of the RDSA Annual Summit. Discussion was on sharing case studies, and experience more broadly in delivering the Regional Leadership Development Program in the respective regions – highlights, challenges, and learnings.</p> <p>25 participants completed the final elements of the inaugural Eyre Peninsula Leadership Development Program and came together for a graduation ceremony on 28 October.</p> <p>Discussions with RDAEP CEO, Project Support Officer, EDM and Champions Academy regarding 'Committee Basics' sessions being run across the region, with a focus on sporting clubs. Workshops have been confirmed and the Project Support Officer and work has begun with</p>

				<p>Champions Academy to deliver the 3 workshops in Ceduna, Cleve and Port Lincoln. The first session was delivered on 24 November in Ceduna with 16 people in attendance from a variety of backgrounds including sporting (football/netball), progress associations, and local council.</p> <p>The final 2 workshops were held in December, making a total of 64 Eyre Peninsula residents taking part in this training. Final reporting has begun, to support in the request for future funding for this program.</p> <p>Economic Development Manager met with the EP Football Board regarding the development of an "Emerging Leaders" program which, whilst football and netball focussed across the region, will also contribute enormously to local community leadership capacity and capability.</p>
	Work with universities, TAFESA and other training providers to ensure the region's existing facilities are fully utilised and adequately resourced with options to expand course offerings and decentralise service delivery back to the region.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>CEO met with Andrew Horgan from Skills Insight to discuss Ag Trade Apprenticeships.</p> <p>Economic Development Manager is a member of the Port Lincoln UniHub Steering Committee. As part of this committee, is on a working party to deliver a 2 day Career Expo for all EP school aged students, with the opportunity for community members to also engage after school hours. Initial discussion indicates this event could occur in August 2024 to coincide with TAFE SA and UniSA Open Days.</p> <p>EDM has discussed the introduction of similar events to occur in Whyalla in 2024.</p> <p>Provided a letter of support to Uni Hub Spencer Gulf for funding for the Regional Uni Study Hubs program.</p>
	Support the Local Jobs Program via participation in the Locals Jobs and Skills Taskforce.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>CEO participates in the North West Country Taskforce meetings either in person or online. Indigenous Economic Development Manager participates in monthly progress meetings in person.</p> <p>Local Jobs meeting 15 Nov 23 – advice was provided by a service provider that they had over 200 jobs that cannot attract job seekers to take up employment.</p>
	Advocate to the Australian Government for changes to skilled migration programs to ensure outcomes are demand driven and aligned with regional skills gaps and job vacancies.	Nov 2024	Economic Development Manager	<p>Annual response to the Australian Government request for revision of the skilled migration targets for each industry sector.</p> <p>Assisting the Dept of Home Affairs and DIIS to run skilled migration workshops in region.</p> <p>Assisted Workforce Australia to respond to a local employer regarding the recent changes to the skilled migration program.</p>
	Lobby the State and Australian Governments for improved case management and mentoring programs for unemployed, disadvantaged, people with disabilities and First Nations peoples.	December 2023	Indigenous Economic Development Manager	<p>Indigenous Economic Development Manager attends monthly employment meetings. The main issue is the disparity between services provided for 'remote' programs compared to 'regional' programs, and the need to re-introduce the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) or similar programs to be operated by community-based organisations. Outcomes would include education, social and health improvements.</p> <p>Nov 23 – The Australian Government are calling for applications for funding and resource support to assist with pathways to employment for regions that adjoin ie where remote areas adjoin regional areas. This program could assist local government with employment of First Nations people.</p> <p>Provided a letter of support for Community House Port Lincoln funding application to repair a house roof and ceiling to enable short-term accommodation.</p>

	Deliver the Regional Workforce Connector and Collaboration Program to workforce outcomes in the Upper Spencer Gulf region.	June 2024	Regional Workforce Coordinator	<p>CEO participates in the Upper Spencer Gulf Workforce Reference Group meetings.</p> <p>USG Strategic Workforce Advisory Group (SWAG) – CEO and EDM travelled to Port Augusta for the SWAG meeting on 30 October to discuss USG Workforce Summit and DIIS UISG Workforce Strategy</p> <p>July – multiple activities including organising a reference group to provide input into the program and liaising with multiple organisations to organise events and activities in the Upper Spencer Gulf.</p> <p>August – multiple events, meetings and actions. The first local reference group meeting was held along with a Study Adelaide visit, the Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Workforce Summit, GMUSG Conference, a Disability Employment ‘Expo’, and a Health Workplaces webinar.</p> <p>September – second reference group meeting held and the first quarterly meeting between DIIS and the RDAs involved in the workforce program. A disability inclusion webinar has been planned for October, and planning for cultural inclusion, workforce planning and skilled migration. The Employer of Choice Toolkit has been promoted.</p> <p>October – third reference group meeting held, with DIIS in attendance. Disability Inclusion Training webinar held on 11 October with 10 businesses in attendance. Plans made for cultural inclusion workshops and workforce planning workshops for early 2024. Plans also underway for a Workforce Planning Workshop for the care industry in late November. The Employer of Choice Toolkit continues to be promoted.</p> <p>November – fourth and final reference group meeting held on Nov 6, facilitated by DIIS to workshop the Regional Workforce Strategy. An ‘Intro to Workforce Planning’ workshop was held on 27 Nov in Port Augusta for businesses and organisations in the care and health sectors. Meetings were held with KWI Aboriginal Corporation to arrange cultural competency training for businesses which are scheduled in early 2024, and a migration information session has been scheduled for Jan 31 with DIIS, Home Affairs, and a potential involvement in the PALM scheme. The Employer of Choice Toolkit has now been distributed to over 130 businesses in the Upper Spencer Gulf region.</p> <p>December – Work continued to arrange both the Migration Information Session on 31 January, and the Cultural Competency Training with KWI in early 2024. A meeting between the USG SWAG and the Skills Commissioner was also arranged by RDAEP to discuss workforce related issues in the region, and RDAEP attended the Hydrogen Jobs Plan Industry Briefing. An initial meeting with the Dept. of Correctional Services on ways to promote their jobs program, with a follow up meeting scheduled for January. The secom program meeting was held in Adelaide on 5 Dec with DIIS and RDAEP.</p>
	Assist in the development and implementation of South Australian Hydrogen Workforce Roadmap and the Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Workforce Strategy	June 2024	Regional Workforce Coordinator	<p>September - engagement has commenced with DIIS on the Regional Workforce Strategy and a meeting with the Regional Workforce Reference Group is planned for early October to get feedback on the initial stage of the strategy.</p> <p>October – engagement continued with DIIS on the Regional Workforce Strategy, with a meeting held with the reference group on 4 October. A follow up workshop has been planned in early November to workshop strategy content and solutions.</p> <p>November- workshop held with the Regional Workforce Reference Group (now referred to as SWAG) and DIIS to discuss the Regional Workforce Strategy on 6 November. Further consultation to be undertaken with a broader group once the first draft has been developed. Industry briefing on the Hydrogen Jobs Plan is to be held in Whyalla on December 12, 2023. RDAEP will attend.</p> <p>December – awaiting a first draft of the USG Regional Workforce Strategy from DIIS.</p>

	Work with local businesses to become employers of choice and to improve and/or develop recruitment practices attraction and retention strategies.	June 2024	Regional Workforce Coordinator	<p>Organised and held a Healthy Workplaces webinar for businesses on 31 August, with 10 people attending from 7 different businesses (11 businesses were registered but did not attend on the day). Feedback from this webinar was very positive.</p> <p>A meeting was also held with other RDAs working on their own regional workforce projects, with RDA Limestone Coast providing an Employer of Choice Toolkit for use by RDAEP. The Toolkit has been promoted via social media and will continue to be promoted moving forward.</p> <p>A Disability Inclusion Webinar was held on 11 October with 10 businesses participating.</p> <p>Workforce planning and cultural inclusion workshops, and a migration information session are planned for early 2024. Planning is also underway for a workforce planning workshop for the care industry in November.</p> <p>An 'Intro to Workforce Planning' workshop was held in Port Augusta on 27 Nov, with 9 businesses in attendance. Cultural competency training, a migration information session and workforce planning training for industry more broadly are all planned for 2024.</p> <p>A workshop is planned in 2024 to address workforce issues through the Small Business Fundamentals Program (SBFP).</p> <p>Planning continued in December for the cultural competency training and migration information session. Promotion of the Employer of Choice Toolkit has continued.</p> <p>Small Business Fundamentals Program (SBFP): Wudinna workshop scheduled for 20 Feb on HR – attracting new employees, retaining and releasing staff.</p>
	Promote and connect access to government support and initiatives (eg skilled migration, connecting with international students, skills programs).	March 2024	Regional Workforce Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Bryan Trigg attended the launch of the Small Business Strategy 2023-2030 in Adelaide on 7 July 2023. • Engaged with DIIS and Home Affairs to arrange Skilled Migration workshops in the Upper Spencer Gulf and Port Lincoln. Engaged with Study Adelaide and assisted with planning international student visits to Port Pirie and Port Augusta in August. Organised Healthy Workplaces webinar for businesses to be held in August. • A Study Adelaide visit was held from 15-17 August in Port Pirie and Port Augusta, involving 28 businesses and 43 students. The visit was very successful. • Skilled Migration conversations continue with a workshop/s likely to take place in December. • The Migration Information Session will be held on 31 January. • Initial conversations are underway for a second Study Adelaide visit in 2024.
	Promote the Eyre Peninsula "Make the Move" video content to attract workers to the region, promoting the Eyre Peninsula as a destination of choice relative to lifestyle.	December 2023	Regional Workforce Coordinator	<p>Filming was undertaken in Wudinna, Cleve, Cowell, and Whyalla in November for a second Eyre Peninsula 'Make the Move' video. The video will be edited in December.</p> <p>First draft of the video was received in December and minor feedback has been made.</p> <p>Launched the 2nd edition of the Make the Move promotional video. The intent of the series is to promote the region's unique lifestyle, employment and business offering to people currently living in Australia's capital cities, with the 1st edition featuring case studies in healthcare, circular economy and marketing with footage taken from Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay, Lower Eyre, and Kimba. The 2nd edition once again targets people in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in critical industries such as healthcare, social services and waste management who are looking for a better lifestyle. This video has case studies from Wudinna and Whyalla with additional footage from Cleve, Franklin Harbour (Cowell) and Kimba.</p>

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PRIORITY AREA - Urban Amenity, Sustainability and Lifestyle				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Enhance urban amenity and lifestyle pursuits in towns to support population attraction and retention.	Support Local Government in the development and implementation of master planning for foreshore areas, sporting precincts, town centres and strategic civic areas.	Ongoing	All	<p>Tumby Bay - CEO is Chair of the Tumby Bay Sports & Recreation Masterplan Committee</p> <p>Wudinna - CEO participated in the Wudinna District Council's Community Plan and Growth Strategy workshop held at Wudinna to identify areas of growth and ways to attract and retain people, given the declining population.</p> <p>Met with Franklin Harbour and Wudinna councils on the development of their Strategic Planning process and Economic Development planning.</p> <p>Whyalla City Council - Letter of support for a funding application for Foreshore Master Plan Stage 1 through the Growing Regions Program. Nov 23 – Whyalla CC recently learned they were successful in the EOI round of the Growing Regions Fund application. The complete application must be lodged by 12 December. WCC is seeking assistance from RDAEP regarding the return on investment data, and support to finalise the application prior to submission.</p> <p>Ceduna – Met with DC Ceduna regarding their Master Plan proposal for redevelopment of the foreshore precinct into a shopping hub.</p>
	Advocate for increased State Government funding to support improved access to quality public realms (such as playgrounds, linear paths and new open space purchases) at strategic locations.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	Cummins & District War Memorial Swimming Pool – letter of support for funding application to upgrade the Swimming Pool through the Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program.
	Support a diverse range of cultural initiatives, such as public art, community events and activities and festivals to stimulate the revitalisation of communities and promote social cohesion.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	<p>CEO is a member of the Eyre Peninsula Football Board, established to ensure the future of football and netball on the Eyre Peninsula continues to revitalise communities and promote social cohesion.</p> <p>RDAEP has supported the following events over the last 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumby Bay Colour Tumby Festival 2023 • Study Adelaide - Eyre Peninsula Careers Tour • Workshop 26 - Rural Women's Day Event • Streaky Bay Tourism and Business Association – Streaky Sounds Music Festival 2023 • Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation – Yabaardu Festival 2023 • Port Lincoln Chamber of Commerce – Business Excellence Awards • Port Lincoln Hotel – Bush Summit 2023 • Salt Festival – Salt Festival
	Encourage the development of cross-region shared-use community facilities providing civic, recreation, information, tourism, arts and cultural heritage services.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	

	Initiate partnerships to improve the functionality and amenity of regional towns including street scaping, signage, foreshore development, walking trails and the upgrade of town entrances.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Refer to above re DC Ceduna and City of Whyalla foreshore development proposals and applications.
	Assist groups to prepare business cases and grant applications for funding from government infrastructure programs.	Ongoing	All	<p>CEO participated in the RDA virtual roundtable discussion on the new Thriving Suburbs Program which complements the Growing Regions Program and ensures all Australian communities can apply for grant funding under one of these programs.</p> <p>CEO participated in the RDA Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program application process discussion with the following Councils:</p> <p>District Council of Tumby Bay - Cape Hardy Whyalla City Council - Foreshore Redevelopment Lower Eyre Peninsula Council - oyster Industry District Council of Ceduna - civic hub District Council of Frankin Harbour - housing</p> <p>RDAEP provided valuable insight and input into all Expressions of Interests lodged from the region under the State Government's Enabling Infrastructure Program. This resulted in three applications progressing to Stage 2.</p> <p>Letters of support provided by RDAEP to Support grant applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Council of Streaky Bay and Field Solutions – Fixed Wireless and LTE Towers through the Regional Connectivity Program Round 1. • L'Anse Café and Croissanterie –TICSA Tourism Restaurant and Catering Award nomination. • Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service – Community Healthcare Hub through Growing Regions Program. • City of Whyalla –Foreshore Master Plan Stage 1 through Growing Regions Program Round 1. (successful) • McEvoy Transport –upgrade of depot facilities at Ceduna through the Thriving Regions Fund - Enabling Infrastructure Program. • Cummins & District War Memorial Swimming Pool –Swimming Pool upgrade through the Recreation and Sport Facilities Program. • Lock and District Community Sports Centre – Court resurfacing through the Recreation and Sport Facilities Program. • Port Lincoln Golf Club – re-sheeting of buggy shed through the Recreation and Sport Facilities Program. • Port Lincoln Golf Club – clubhouse upgrade through the Recreation and Sport Facilities Program. • Boston Bay Wines – Tasting Deck and Cellar Experience through Manufacturing Innovation and Regional Tourism Infrastructure Development. • Southern Eyre Trailers – purpose built workshop through the Economic Recovery Fund. • National Priority Fund application (Net Zero Priority). This application is an avenue to help progress some of the Workforce Summit outcomes and establish additional resources to assist the region in understanding and being ready for the transition to Net Zero. It is targeted at the heavy industry/renewables sector rather than more broadly in the Upper Spencer Gulf region.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community House Port Lincoln – support for Shelter from the Storm – transitional homeless house repair through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Strengthening Rural Communities. Uni Hub Spencer Gulf, Port Lincoln Centre – Regional University Study Hubs Program – Partnership Plan. West Coast Youth and Community Services – Port Lincoln Homeless Accommodation grant application. <p>RDAEP provided economic modelling for the following projects over the last 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffin Bay Spirits - Wild Seaweed and Botanical Tour Centre, and Distillery and Tasting Pavilion Port Lincoln Beach Front Apartments Wudinna Memorial Hall Refurbishment Whyalla Foreshore Revitalisation
	Work with Councils to increase population, with a focus on attracting a younger demographic profile.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Launched the 2nd edition of the Make the Move promotional video. The intent of the series is to promote the region's unique lifestyle, employment and business offering to people currently living in Australia's capital cities, with the 1st edition featuring case studies in healthcare, circular economy and marketing with footage taken from Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay, Lower Eyre, and Kimba. The 2nd edition once again targets people in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in critical industries such as healthcare, social services and waste management who are looking for a better lifestyle. This video has case studies from Wudinna and Whyalla with additional footage from Cleve, Franklin Harbour (Cowell) and Kimba.

THEME: Infrastructure Capability - Provision of economic enabling infrastructure

PRIORITY AREA - Transport (Roads/Ports/Rail)

STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Facilitate investment in strategic	Identify and pursue solutions to improve transport infrastructure across the region, such as the option of connecting the region's existing rail to the national network.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>Held meeting with Spencer Gulf Sea Road relative to expanding services within the Spence Gulf and in adjoining gulfs and waterways.</p> <p>Held meetings, and received briefing from Vitera, Port Lincoln City Council and EPLGA relative to reinstating rail on the Eyre Peninsula.</p>

transport infrastructure to create new avenues to export markets, reduce costs and facilitate opportunities for local processing and value adding ventures.	Work with State and Australian Governments, industry and regional stakeholders to progress the development of new deep-sea multi-use port facilities on the Eyre Peninsula.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	<p>T-Ports EDM Trevor Smith met with T-Ports new CEO Nathan Kent and Tim Gurney, Manager Business Development and Client Relations as an introduction and to discuss project updates.</p> <p>Cape Hardy Regular discussions with District Council of Tumby Bay and Iron Road Ltd regarding the Cape Hardy proposal. CEO along with DC Tumby Bay representatives participated in individual meetings in Adelaide with Infrastructure SA CEO, Department for Trade and Investment CEO, Department for Infrastructure and Transport CEO, SA Planning Commission and Office of Hydrogen Power SA (OHPSA), and Department for Environment and Water to discuss funding options and explore beneficial avenues of collaboration for the Cape Hardy development. Supporting the District Council of Tumby Bay to prepare an Australian Government Regional Precepts and Partnerships Grant application involving Cape Hardy. This includes AMP energy, Northern Water, EPBCH and Iron Road.</p>
	Support funding applications designed to improve the efficiency of export facilities, such as the deepening of birth-boxes at Port Thevenard to improve capacity.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	<p>Flinders Port Holdings CEO Ryan Viney had an online meeting with Flinders Port Holdings and CEO of DC Ceduna to discuss options of improving the capacity at Port Thevenard. Regular discussions with District Council of Ceduna and Port stakeholders regarding funding opportunities.</p> <p>T-Ports Provided a letter of support to access grant funding via the State Government Enabling Infrastructure Program to deepen their shipping channel at Lucky Bay. RDAEP also advocated to PIRSA that their initial Expression of Interest should proceed to full application.</p>
	Advocate for increasing the capacity and capabilities of the region's airports as well as changes to security screening legislation to meet expected future demand and drive economic development.	December 2024	Director Regional Development	RDAEP has attended ongoing meetings with District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula, and their consultant, relative to their review of Port Lincoln Airport, including the development of new management models.
	Advocate for strategic road upgrades, as well as potential reclassification when used, or proposed to be used, in association with new export facilities.	March 2024	Director Regional Development	CEO interviewed by local media on Eyre Peninsula road's conditions.
	Support infrastructure investment and investment attraction with government agencies and private sector companies.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Working with Eyre Hub on the development of a Heavy Transport Fatigue Management Centre in Kimba. Various support provided to District Council of Tumby Bay for the jetty replacement/repair, with Minister Koutsantonis and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

THEME: Infrastructure Capability - Provision of economic enabling infrastructure				
PRIORITY AREA - Power Supply				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Improved power supply and reliability through enhanced transmission infrastructure to meet expected future demand and facilitate further investment in renewable energy generation.	Pursue opportunities to improve the reliability and affordability of energy supply across the region, minimising the impacts of power outages.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Participation on SAPN Future Investment workshops. At this meeting it was acknowledged that the recent upgrading of transmission lines was greatly appreciated and needed, but the rapid growth of the renewable energies sector on Eyre Peninsula has meant that the future doubling of this transmission line is now needed to be brought forward.
	Advocate for the establishment of large-scale renewable energy generation projects across the region to maximise economic, community and environmental benefits.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	RDAEP has been supporting the following projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photon Energy – meetings with SA Water • Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners – Global Maintenance/Tactic • Vestas Campoona Wind farm • AMP Energy – Cape Hardy
	Support the upgrading of low capacity/underrated electrical mains across the region to accommodate the provision of renewable energy production into the grid.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Participation on SAPN Future Investment workshops. At this meeting it was acknowledged that the recent upgrading of transmission lines was greatly appreciated and needed, but the rapid growth of the renewable energies sector on Eyre Peninsula has meant that the future doubling of this transmission line is now needed to be brought forward.
	Advocate for further investment in high voltage backhaul interconnector infrastructure to enable greater capacity for renewable energy production and transmission.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	Participation on SAPN Future Investment workshops. At this meeting it was acknowledged that the recent upgrading of transmission lines was greatly appreciated and needed, but the rapid growth of the renewable energies sector on Eyre Peninsula has meant that the future doubling of this transmission line is now needed to be brought forward.
	Liaise with government and private sectors about power supply solutions, and alternative energy technologies.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	<p>CEO and the Indigenous EDM have had various discussions with representatives from IT Power (Australia) to investigate solar/battery solutions for the Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation.</p> <p>Nov23 – Indigenous Economic Development Manager is continuing to work with IT Power and Koonibba. A funding application is to be submitted to ARENA to support the installation of solar/battery storage to supply the Koonibba Aboriginal Community. Result is intended to be reduced costs and a more reliable power source.</p> <p>CEO met with Eye Energy to pursue options as proposed by Arena’s grant to support the development and improvement of microgrids for regional, remote and First Nations communities.</p> <p>Jan 24 – During Decembers discussions were held with PTI and ARENA in relation to funding the installation of solar/battery storage at Koonibba. The intention is having all the buildings (houses, schools, industrial sheds, and administration buildings) install solar panels and connect to battery storage. The outcome will be continuous power supply and reduced costs of power. ARENA will be requested to fund the project. Initial discussions are positive.</p> <p>Inclusion of regional energy supply and demand figures in the Pipeline Report.</p> <p>Participation in SACOME’s infrastructure working group.</p>

				<p>CEO met online with the Managing Director, Photon Energy who provided an update on the proposed project at Cleve. The project is progressing but still requiring development approval prior to construction, currently scheduled for early 2024.</p> <p>CEO met with Core Marine representatives in Adelaide to discuss offshore wind opportunities for Eyre Peninsula.</p>
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THEME: Infrastructure Capability - Provision of economic enabling infrastructure				
PRIORITY AREA – Water Security				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Secure scalable sources of non-climate dependent water to support population and industry growth.	Advocate to the Australian and State Governments and SA Water for the provision of seawater desalination to support long-term water security.	Nov 2024	Director Regional Development	RDAEP EDM met with SA Water delivery team members for this project as well as the project delivery contractor, Acciona to discuss a community engagement series of events. The first event planned is on Wednesday 13 December, 5:00pm – 6:00pm in Port Lincoln. Media will become visible soon.
	Work with the State Government and all associated project partners on the Northern Water Supply.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	<p>CEO participated in bi-monthly meetings of the Northern Water Supply – Stakeholder Reference Group to discuss proposed location, Environmental Impact Assessment, Community Engagement Plan, timelines etc.</p> <p>Connected the Northern Water consultant with the appropriate Native Title group for future support and to ensure connectivity.</p> <p>CEO participated in an online meeting to discuss the objectives, outcomes and planning for the proposed Northern Water and TACTIC Business Foundations/Fundamentals Workshops.</p>
	Advocate for further investment by SA Water for network upgrades to accommodate the region's predicted demand.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	<p>Inclusion of regional supply and demand figures in the Pipeline Report.</p> <p>Advocated with Estha van der Linden from Ai Group regarding new developments not being able to connect to mains water, especially in the Streaky Bay area. Estha is on the SA Water Customer Advisory Panel.</p> <p>CEO arranged meetings with Brendon Green, SeaWell and Tumby Bay, Elliston and Port Lincoln council representatives to showcase SeaWell's desalination plant.</p>
	Liaise with Government and private sector about integrated water management opportunities and alternative and emerging water supply solutions and technologies.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Regular meetings with Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board and the Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce.
	Pursue synergies by linking water supply solutions with regional energy planning strategies.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Utilising data in the Pipeline Report linking water and energy demand and supply.

	Support the work of the Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	RDAEP has and continues to provide administrative support to the Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce.
	Participate in SA Water's Eyre Peninsula Desalination Plant Project Reference Group.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	CEO participates on the EP Desalination Plant Project Reference Group .

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PRIORITY AREA - Telecommunications Connectivity

STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Increase the region's online capabilities through enhanced high-speed connectivity and associated mobile services coverage.	Work with telecommunications providers and the Australian and State Governments to improve mobile phone and Wi-Fi internet coverage, connectivity and capacity.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	<p>Telstra - CEO met with the Regional Engagement Manager for SA, Mel Channon to discuss impending 3G decommissioning, and for a coordinated approach to lodging a regional application via the next round of the Australian Government's Regional Mobile Black Spots Program.</p> <p>Field Solutions Group - Provided a letter of support for DC Streaky Bay for Fixed Wireless and LTE Towers application for funding through the Regional Connectivity Program.</p> <p>Provision of black spot information as required.</p> <p>Advocacy of communications as an enabler for economic development and essential services (eg health).</p> <p>Provided a letter of support for Chilpenunda Tower Resilience and Innovation Project through the Telecommunications Disaster Resilience Innovation Program.</p> <p>CEO met with Regional Engagement Manager for SA, Mel Channon to progress the development of a Regional Connectivity Plan to be used to attract investment from the Australia Government to improve mobile service.</p>
	Collaborate with NBN Co and the Australian and State governments to expand the optical fibre network into new and emerging hi-tech industry precincts.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	CEO and EDM met with Rachel Leonow, NBN Co Community Engagement Manager, Northern SA in Port Lincoln to discuss satellite and fixed wireless improvements, fibre connect, digital plan on a plan, emergency management, and digital ability program.
	Work with businesses and training providers to improve digital literacy and increased use of electronic platforms and online services.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	Inclusion of digital literacy and IT in the Small Business Fundamentals Program . A Workshops are planned in 2024 to address small and family businesses digital literacy and online services.

	Work with telecommunication service providers and emergency service providers to improve communications capabilities when responding to events.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Linking telecommunications technology with catastrophic events to assist with uninterrupted communications (eg energising mobile phone towers).
	Investigate the potential regional application of new and emerging communications technologies, such as low-orbit satellites.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	CEO met with Mel Channon, Regional Engagement Manager for SA, to discuss the use of Telstra's Star-link connection to support last-mile service capability for regional events.
	Advocate for a weather (Doppler) radar that captures the Eyre Peninsula.	December 2024	Economic Development Manager	

THEME: Economic Prosperity - Economic growth through improved business efficiencies and industry diversification

PRIORITY AREA - Economic Diversification

STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Support the development of new and emerging high value industries to diversify the regional economy.	Support the establishment and coordination of green hydrogen hubs/precincts on the Eyre Peninsula to assist globally in efforts to decarbonise industry through the production of green steel, fertiliser, feed and fuels.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	<p>RDAEP CEO is a member of the Sustainable Development Forum. The Forum has two main purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function as an independent body for informed discussion between relevant representative groups regarding major developments that will have an actual or perceived environmental impact on the Spencer Gulf with a view to ensuring an environmentally sustainable outcome, while maintaining social and economic viability. • Encourage sharing of information, data and tools that will assist making evidence-based decisions for sustainable development in and around the Spencer Gulf. <p>Regional Development SA (RDSA) latest Infrastructure Prioritisation Plan (the Plan) listed the Northern Water Project (NWP), construction of the 250MWe Electrolysers, 250MW of power generation and renewable hydrogen storage facilities associated with the State Government's Hydrogen Jobs Plan and associated Hydrogen Hub infrastructure, along with the Cape Hardy Industrial Export Precinct as the State's high priorities.</p> <p>AMP Energy CEO met with representatives of AMP Energy, Iron Road and Eyre Peninsula Cooperative Bulk Handling to discuss industry diversification at the proposed Cape Hardy Port site. CEO participated in an online meeting with the Department for Energy and Mining regarding the draft Green Steel Strategy – a key pillar in the State's vision.</p>

	Position the Eyre Peninsula at the forefront of renewable energy generation and transmission.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>SACOME EDM Trevor Smith participated in an online discussion with the SACOME Infrastructure Committee members to inform SACOME's submission on the Government's Energy Transition Green Paper.</p> <p>Regional Australia Institute (RAI) CEO participated in an online workshop with RAI to discuss the 'Net Zero Transition Pathways in Regional Australia'.</p> <p>Met with the Managing Director of Core Marine to discuss renewable projects for Eyre Peninsula.</p> <p>Provided a letter of support to Uni Hub Spencer Gulf for a Net Zero project application to the National Priority Fund.</p>
	Advocate for Whyalla to be a world leader in green heavy industry and efforts to decarbonise the economy more broadly.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>Office of Hydrogen Power SA CEO participates in the Upper Spencer Gulf Sustainable Development Forum meetings to discuss proposed projects in the Upper Spencer Gulf including Port Bonython Hydrogen Hub, Hydrogen Jobs Plan and Northern Water Project updates.</p> <p>Attended the Industry Briefing on the South Australian Government's Hydrogen Jobs Plan – a world-leading hydrogen production, power plant, and storage facility at Whyalla on 12 Dec in Whyalla.</p> <p>Regional Development SA (RDSA) latest Infrastructure Prioritisation Plan (the Plan) listed the Northern Water Project (NWP), construction of the 250MWe Electrolysers, 250MW of power generation and renewable hydrogen storage facilities associated with the State Government's Hydrogen Jobs Plan and associated Hydrogen Hub infrastructure, along with the Cape Hardy Industrial Export Precinct as the state's high priorities.</p>
	Support the exploration, development and expansion of copper, graphite, iron ore, kaolin, mineral sands and other high value minerals on the Eyre Peninsula.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>Renascour Resources Graphite Project CEO met with David Christensen, Managing Director who provided an update on the status of the graphite project.</p> <p>CEO attended a briefing session relative to Andromeda's Great White Kaolin project outside of Streaky Bay.</p>
	Work with the Australian and State Governments to put in place levers to encourage further regional exploration for rare earths across the Eyre Peninsula.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	
	Continue to explore opportunities to develop the space industry on the Eyre Peninsula by actively seeking to support the implementation of the Australian and State Government Space Strategies, including the establishment of South Australia's first regional space precinct.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>CEM met online with Rebecca from Southern Launch who provided an update on both the Koonibba and Whalers Way launch sites.</p> <p>Funding obtained to build a more permanent space launch test facility at Koonibba to assist with the estimated 12 plus test rocket launches in 2024/25. The facility will also include a space observatory.</p> <p>Jan24 – Co-ordinated the development and establishment of lease and service agreements between Southern Launch and Koonibba that will allow the funding agreements to proceed for the engagement of contractors to commence building of the permanent rocket test facility and night sky observatory at Koonibba.</p>

	Attract investment in local processing, manufacturing and grow opportunities in new and emerging high-value and hi-tech industries.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>Trade and Investment</p> <p>CEO and EDM met with Nigel Edmonds-Wilson, Export Advisor located regionally along with Tim White, Director of Trade who was visiting, as an introduction to the Eyre Peninsula region and to discuss export opportunities.</p> <p>CEO met with a delegation from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Port Lincoln to discuss how challenges in the international environment have been affecting businesses that export, including as a result of trade disruptions in recent years such as access to overseas markets, and logistics and supply chain. Also discussed was how Government can support businesses own efforts to diversify export markets.</p> <p>Tactic</p> <p>CEO attended the Tactic (formerly Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf) Conference and Trade Expo held in Port Augusta and found this a valuable networking opportunity.</p>
	Advocate for the adaptive reuse of former Department of Education sites to become a centre of excellence for green heavy industry and/or Space.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	Regional Development SA (RDSA) latest Infrastructure Prioritisation Plan (the Plan) lists the Centre for Excellence as one of the Eyre Peninsula's top 10 regional significant projects. The report states that the former Whyalla High School should be repurposed to be a Centre for Excellence to support hydrogen, green mining, green steel production, chemical looping combustion (CLC) hydrogen research and HILT CRC activities. The Centre for Excellence should include facilities supporting hydrogen related research, education, technology, and industry application, as well as an interpretive centre for resources and renewable industries and home of the regional HILT CRC Hub in the Upper Spencer Gulf region.
	Liaise with Defence SA and the South Australian Space Industry Centre to identify opportunities to support the State's Space industry	June 2024	Director Regional Development	
	Work closely with Green Industries SA to drive economic development that reflects the State Government's five strategic circular economy priorities.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	<p>CEO attended EPLGA meeting with Justin Lang from Green Industries to talk about opportunities in the circular economy.</p> <p>Letter of support was provided to Sarah Prime to assist with a GISA Circular Economy Market Development Grant application to build capacity faster. The project is seeking to develop circular products for the ag and aquaculture industries on EP. Specifically, they are looking at how they can develop circular products from high volume end-of-life plastics such as chemical containers, silo bags and bunker liners from the ag industry; and oyster pots, tuna rings and stanchions from the aquaculture industry.</p>

THEME: Economic Prosperity - Economic growth through improved business efficiencies and industry diversification				
PRIORITY AREA - Business Growth				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Support sustained business growth by reducing input costs and improving operational efficiencies	Investigate opportunities for increasing local production, processing and other sovereign capabilities to reduce the region's reliance on international markets.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Advocating for the introduction of local processing of agricultural product, in particular local processing of canola. Pursuing opportunities from green energy production for locally produced fertilisers. CH4 Global – CEO attended the CH\$ Global EcoPark Sod Turning at Louth Bay. The company plan to grow and process Asparagopsis seaweed to supply up to 30,000 cattle per day in Australia and overseas to reduce carbon emissions. Following this, the CEO was invited to lunch with CH\$ Global representatives to further discuss the venture.
	Support the enhancement of commercial fishing and aquaculture industries through the provision of fit-for-purpose marine loading and offloading facilities, and the provision of suitable land for processing in close proximity to marine infrastructure.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	Thevenard Wharf Ongoing discussion with the stakeholders of Thevenard and the possibility of obtaining precinct funding. Thevenard Marine Offloading Facility CEO, on behalf of District Council of Ceduna, set up meetings with potential stakeholders for use of the facility. Coffin Bay Oyster Project CEO had several meetings with Lower Eyre Council and Primary Industries and Regions SA management to discuss options for future growth of the oyster industry at Coffin Bay.
	Assist in the facilitation/development of new markets, both domestically and internationally for the region's products to provide economic resilience.	June 2024	Economic Development Manager	Advocating for the introduction of local processing of agricultural product. Ongoing discussions with EPCBH. Meeting with the Dept. of Trade and Investment. CEO met with City of Port Lincoln and Richwin Group representatives to discuss opportunities for investment in the seafood sector. Met with the Managing Director of Core Marine to discuss renewable projects for Eyre Peninsula. Met with and presented to Centurion Corp.
	Facilitate and promote shared procurement initiatives to reduce recurrent operational costs and enhance competitiveness.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	
	Provide advice to small-medium enterprises on opportunities for local procurement as well as options to value-add, expand and diversify.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Inclusion in the Small Business Fundamentals Program.
	Support the development of value-added agribusiness.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	CEO participated in the Grain Producers SA Steering Committee meeting held in Cleve focussing on the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. Advocating for the introduction of local processing of agricultural product.

	Continue supporting the aviation and space sectors on Eyre Peninsula.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>Funding obtained to build a more permanent space launch test facility at Koonibba to assist with the estimated 12 plus test rocket launches in 2024-25. The facility will also include a space observatory. Provided support in the development of leases, agreements, and funding applications. The Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation is also a partner with South Launch Australia Koonibba launch facility provider.</p> <p>CEO had several meetings with Rebecca from Southern Launch for updates on the Whalers Way and Koonibba launch facilities.</p>
	Assist with the development and administration of Indigenous SMEs.	Ongoing	Indigenous Economic Development Manager	<p>Grant funding was awarded for the Small Business Fundamentals Program (SBFP) which focuses on supporting businesses and First Nations people.</p> <p>Indigenous Economic Development Manager and SBFP Project Officer spoke with Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation regarding the SBFP and how best to proceed. A workshop is planned for June 2024 to work on business basics for emerging microbusinesses planned for the new business precinct.</p> <p>The building of Stage One of the Ceduna Art Precinct is under construction. RDAEP Tourism Manager together with the Indigenous Economic Development Manager are assisting with enquiries for Aboriginal micro tourism activities. Potential Aboriginal operators have undertaken electric bike, snorkelling, kayaking training in preparation for tourism activities. A tourism training group has submitted a quote for tourism guide training.</p>
	Support Chambers of Commerce in the region to grow membership, redefine their purpose and create a clear strategy for engaging with and supporting local businesses to grow and prosper.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	<p>Port Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, and Whyalla Business and Tourism are on the steering committee for the Small Business Fundamentals Program.</p> <p>Port Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and Tourism</p> <p>RDAEP provided Gold Sponsorship for the 2023 Business Excellence Awards in October for the "Tourism and Hospitality" Award.</p> <p>Working with Port Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (Justine Carey) for the Port Lincoln SBFP Business Accelerator Workshop.</p> <p>Dec 23 – connected with Rachel Hawkins, new Port Lincoln Chamber Chairperson. Discussions re Small Business Fundamentals Program and invitation to join Steering Committee.</p> <p>The Ceduna Progress Association has invited the Indigenous Economic Development Manager to their next meeting to assist with governance and operational structures.</p>
	Deliver the Small Business Fundamentals Program (SBFP)			<p>At the start of July, CEO Ryan Viney had an online meeting with Luke Temme, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to discuss how the Office of Small and Family Business can support the region with the Small Business Fundamentals Program.</p> <p>CEO participates in the Small Business Fundamentals steering group established to undertake the Eyre Peninsula Small Business First program to deliver training for small and family businesses in the region with funding from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.</p> <p>The Small Business Fundamentals Program commenced in July with the employment of a Program Assistant and formation of a Steering Committee that includes industry leaders, councils and Chambers of Commerce.</p> <p>A survey was sent out in August across Eyre Peninsula via FB, RDAEP website, councils and the steering committee to get an understanding of concerns of small businesses. Information collated for workshop planning in the future.</p> <p>Working on workshops across Eyre Peninsula for the SBFP. Discussions held with council and industry reps on what issues they are experiencing and what workshops are preferable.</p>

				<p>Breakfast and dinner meeting held at Cummins with the Cummins District Enterprise Committee to speak to local businesses on the SBFP and also an overview of RDAEP.</p> <p>Oct 23 – Port Lincoln workshop completed with 12 people attending a Business Accelerator Workshop presented by Aaron Mattner.</p> <p>Nov 23 – Ceduna workshop completed with 8 people attending Breaking Barriers, a workshop on mindset and business growth presented by Justine Carey.</p> <p>Delivery of a training session in Ceduna on 21 Nov. Focus of workshop was Personal Challenges of Business Ownership.</p> <p>One-one survey emailed out to small businesses.</p> <p>Dec 23 – workshop dates have been allocated for towns across EP. Assisting SMEs who contact RDAEP and assist where needed and/or referrals provided.</p> <p>Jan 24 – discussions held with Complete Personnel on what assistance we can provide to their small business clients.</p>
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THEME: Economic Prosperity - Economic growth through improved business efficiencies and industry diversification

PRIORITY AREA – Visitor Economy

STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Facilitate a sustainable expansion of the visitor economy.	Strengthen the regional tourism brand to ensure it leverages the region's competitive advantage and positions Eyre Peninsula as an aspirational tourism destination to target visitors.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO and Tourism Development Manager participated in the SATC Regional Tourism Review workshop held in Adelaide. • Completed V2 of the Eyre Peninsula Destination Management Plan. • Provided content for the Caravan and Camping Guide. • Tasting Australia faml and introductions. • Meeting with PR Agency regarding publicity for the Eyre brand. • Wrote TICSAs Tourism Industry Awards submission for best marketing campaign. • Continuing to implement the new brand onto social media / new destination website. • Nov 23 the new Eyre Peninsula website was launched – with refreshed content and imagery to better represent the region, and new branding.
	Review and revise the Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guide to inspire visitation.	June 2024	Tourism Development Manager	
	Support product development and associated infrastructure provision to grow and diversify the region's tourism offering through the provision of tourism related data, industry trends and advice.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various meetings with tourism operators to support product and business development. • Facilitated Total Solar Eclipse 2030 stakeholder planning meeting. • L'Anse Café and Croissanterie – letter of support for TICSAs Industry Award application.

	Review and revise the Nullarbor Map to inspire visitation.	July 2023	Tourism Development Manager	Nullarbor Map content reviewed, updated and provided to HWR Media. Map approved for print and distribution of 60,000 copies.
	Protect, maintain and enhance tourism assets and infrastructure, such as the region's network of campgrounds, small and large-scale accommodation options, jetties and boat ramps.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	Hosting of Bookeasy booking platform on eyrepeninsula.com to facilitate campground bookings.
	Develop a suite of regional signage templates and work with stakeholders to facilitate funding opportunities to produce and install them.	May 2024	Regional Brand Coordinator	Cohere Creative and SignFx have been engaged and a Regional Signage Proposal has been created and shared with councils. Regional Brand Coordinator will facilitate conversations between all parties once councils have indicated the signs they wish to go ahead with. Councils to order signs which will be designed and produced to ensure consistency across the region. Oct 23: Signage templates have been created and supplied to EP's 11 councils. Brand starter kits are being developed to support with implementation of the new brand. A suite of templates will be provided to councils/industry. Nov 23: Brand starter kits have been finalised and provided to our 11 councils. The Regional Brand Coordinator will collate assets industry can use (social media tiles etc) and provide them to industry. Dec 23 – Awaiting council uptake – sign designs have been provided.
	Provide pathways for increased participation of Aboriginal people in tourism through development and implementation of an Eyre Peninsula Aboriginal Tourism Strategy.	August 2023	Indigenous Economic Development Manager	Nov 23 – Strategy developed and is being proofread and formatted to enable printing to be completed. Jan24 – Obtaining new images to be included in strategy document, also followed up with Minister for Tourism for Minister's message.
	Support the development of a 5-6 star hotel, and other high-quality eco-accommodation options on the Eyre Peninsula.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	Various meetings with Rumi on Louth to support the new development. Facilitated opportunity for Louth Island with Tasting Australia.
	Develop a new high performing destination website and establish performance tracking to ensure optimum website management.	December 2023	Regional Brand Coordinator	Work continues on development of a new destination website with support from SATC. A website developer has been engaged to finalise the site and to ensure it is working correctly. Oct 23: Tourism Accelerator has been engaged to support with optimisation of the site and getting it live. Launched the new destination website hosted by SATC in November 2023, with positive feedback received. This is a working document and changes will be implemented as necessary, including updating of imagery. Ongoing updates will ensure the site is consumer driven.
	Collaborate with local governments as airport owners/operators to support the optimisation of airports as key tourism infrastructure assets.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	Met with Lower Eyre Council regarding Port Lincoln Airport plans.
	Support the protection of environmental values at strategic places to ensure our nature and	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	Meetings with Meg Baker at Dept. of Environment and Water to discuss management of tourism in Eyre Peninsula national parks.

	wildlife experiences stay attractive with increased visitation.			
	Support establishment of the Ceduna Art and Cultural Centre.	Ongoing	Indigenous Economic Development Manager	Building of the new Aboriginal Art and Culture Precinct at 1 McKenzie Street, Ceduna has commenced. Ongoing negotiations with the Aboriginal Lands Trust to ensure the transfer of land at Kuhlman Street is completed prior to the commencement of upgrading of the Art and Language Centre. Nov 23 – The transfer of Aboriginal Lands Trust land proposal is being developed, again, to allow both houses of parliament to approve the transfer. New art precinct in Ceduna is around 50% completed. Enquiries from micro tourism businesses is increasing.
	Engage with Indigenous stakeholders to identify opportunities to integrate Aboriginal tourism into mainstream projects.	Ongoing	Indigenous Economic Development Manager	Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy review completed and awaiting proofreading and printing. The Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation has engaged a dedicated Tourism Development Manager who will work with the Indigenous Economic Development Manager to ensure a strong relationship is established with mainstream tourism projects. Jan24 – Developed and obtained approval for the establishment of a “parking style” entrance to Koonibba with a road of remembrance being established as lead into the community. This will employ 4 persons who will also undertake tour guide training as part of establishing guided tours of Koonibba that will also include visits to the rocket test site and observatory together with other items of interest in the community. This project will also have links to the Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy.
	Work in partnership with stakeholders of the ‘Aboriginal Tourism Strategy for the Far West of South Australia’ to support product development and marketing and align investment and implementation, where possible.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	Tourism development and marketing opportunities shared with Rod Short, Tourism Development Manager, Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation, who is responsible for leading implementation of the Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategy eg PWC First Nations Tourism Mentoring Program, accommodation development webinar, dual naming initiative, The Circle First Nations Business Showcase, and Camping with Custodians. Met with Rod Short to get input on the Nullarbor Map content. Nov 23 – Arranged to have Savannah Guides assist with tourism guide training and develop a guided tour format at Koonibba. Funding application also includes improved entrance to the community and improvements to the cemetery area. The Far West region tourism governance includes regular meetings with all Aboriginal corporations in the region.
	Facilitate region-wide photo and video shoots to address visual identity gaps within EP Experience themes and Brand Pillars for use in destination marketing.	June 2024	Regional Brand Coordinator	On hold until SATC complete their shoot.
	Develop and activate responsible and safe visitor messaging.	June 2024	Tourism Development Manager	Developed Responsible Travel content for inclusion on the Nullarbor Map.

	Perform local contact duties under the SATC Local Contact Office role including, keeping community informed of tourism opportunities, promotion of ATDW, and assist with marketing, destination development, trade, media, regional SATC visits and other RTO and SATC collaborative activity.	Ongoing	Tourism Development Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend bi-weekly meetings with SATC. • Attended RTO meetings on Kangaroo Island and Adelaide. • Hosted SATC Rezdy workshop 21 Sept. • Supported content suggestions for SA campaign development. • Supported SA famils and trade programs. • Participated in the Brand SA workshop.
	Integrate new Destination Brand positioning across all existing and new marketing assets.	December 2023	Regional Brand Coordinator	<p>Regional Brand Coordinator continues to update marketing assets with the new Eyre branding – including replacing the outdated seafood frontier sign in the RDAEP reception. Businesses have been contacted to ensure the use of the new Visitor Guide and that visitors are being provided with the correct information.</p> <p>Regional Brand Coordinator continues to work with the Tourism Development Manager to ensure the brand is being used correctly and guidelines are being followed. In collaboration with the signage project, Cohere Creative has created brand suites for each council for their use – modelling correct usage of the brand.</p> <p>EP merchandise including stickers, window decals, tea towels, caps, magnets and towels are being explored. It is unlikely that these will all go ahead at this stage (not enough turn over time before peak season). The Regional Brand Coordinator will continue to explore options to ensure the best quality for \$.</p> <p>Dec23 – Eyre branded stickers and window decals have gone to print and will be delivered early in the new year.</p>
	Management of Eyre Peninsula social media including Facebook, Instagram YouTube and blog content, to inspire visitation and drive visitation to the Eyre Peninsula website.	Ongoing	Regional Brand Coordinator	<p>Regional Brand Coordinator continues to manage EP social media sites, with Facebook and Instagram posts occurring 3x per week with an increase of 4x per week to occur in October. Brand implementation into story content is being produced to ensure a cohesive approach to social media.</p> <p>Tourism Development Manager has begun conversations with a PR agency re blogs for the revamp/launch of the new EP destination website.</p> <p>Continuing to represent the new brand across all social media assets.</p> <p>Dec23 – Ongoing management of social media, including directly linking the eyrepeninsula.com/camping page in the bio to make accessing and booking campsites as easy as possible. Messaging in posts also pushes people towards the linktree that has access to other EP tourism assets.</p>

THEME: Economic Prosperity - Economic growth through improved business efficiencies and industry diversification				
PRIORITY AREA - Collaboration and Cooperation				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	STATUS UPDATES AND OUTCOMES
Provision of regional leadership through collaboration and cooperation.	Drive implementation of the Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2026 with a joint RDAEP, EPLGA and EPLB working group.	June 2024	Director Regional Development	CEO regularly updates Councils on the progress of RDAEP projects and actions from the Strategic Regional Plan and meets monthly with the EPLGA Executive Officer Peter Scott and EP Landscape Board General Manager Jono Clark
	Collaborate and maintain partnerships with Local and State Governments to identify opportunities for resource sharing, particularly where organisations have shared/common goals.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>RDSA - Interaction with the other SA RDA's at Chair and CEO's meetings held in Adelaide and also a fortnightly CEO's online meeting.</p> <p>RDAEP Chair, two Board Members, CEO and EDM attended the Annual RDSA Summit held in the Barossa Valley at the end of September. The focus of the summit was on Population and Prosperity.</p> <p>Whyalla City Council - The CEO and EDM met with the Council CEO and Manager City Growth to discuss Whyalla's Pipeline Projects and economic development opportunities.</p> <p>Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) – CEO travelled to Whyalla for a PIRSA executive and management team networking lunch</p> <p>CEO is on the panel for recruitment of the Regional Coordinator – Eyre and Western.</p> <p>CEO attends Tri-Council meetings involving the City of Port Lincoln, Lower Eyre Council, and the District Council of Tumby Bay.</p> <p>Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) – Chair and CEO attended 4 EPLGA meetings held in the region on rotation between 11 council areas, enabling collaboration between Mayors and CEOs. RDAEP provides a report for the EPLGA meeting agendas.</p> <p>District Council of Kimba – CEO attended DC Kimba's new brand launch "I'm Kimba".</p>
	Support collaborative regional planning and procurement initiatives with governments, business, First Nations groups and stakeholders.	Ongoing	All	<p>Regular meetings established with the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board to progress initiatives for economic development and training across their region.</p> <p>Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board – CEO and Indigenous Economic Development Manager meet regularly to discuss engagement options and opportunities with Indigenous groups.</p>
	Maintain a centralised database of grant opportunities available to local governments, community groups, not-for-profits and businesses.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	<p>RDAEP Grant Finder is available to councils and communities on Eyre Peninsula to seek out grant and funding opportunities.</p> <p>Featured grant opportunities disseminated to local governments.</p>
	Align the region's development needs with Australian and State Government planning and economic priorities to improve access to government funding.	Ongoing	Director Regional Development	<p>RDAEP members and staff attended The Advertiser Bush Summit held in Port Lincoln to discuss the future of regional SA, with the primary focus on achieving better outcomes, improving services and identifying new opportunities for rural communities.</p> <p>RDSA Priority Projects – established a list of 10 infrastructure priorities for Eyre Peninsula, to be included in a RDSA list for advocacy to Government.</p>

	Maintain and develop regional communication and engagement.	Ongoing	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-Monthly RDAEP Board Meetings held in the region on rotation between 11 councils, enabling collaboration and project updates by both parties. • Chair and CEO attend four Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) meetings held in the region on rotation between 11 council areas including Streaky Bay, enabling collaboration between Mayors and CEOs. • Attended the Port Lincoln Rotary Club meeting to provide an update on RDAEP activities to the members. • Bi-Monthly Newsletter; Facebook Posts; Website • A Small Business Fundamentals Program Steering Committee is established with representatives from 5 councils across Eyre Peninsula, and workshops proposed for most council areas within the next 18 months. • Assisted with the Bush Summit session held in Port Lincoln. • Participation in regional local government Economic Development Manager's meeting.
	Assist Indigenous organisations to improve governance.	Ongoing	Indigenous Economic Development Manager	<p>Aiding the Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council (PLACC), Gabalidi Garngoo, and Jomma Association in relation to governance issues, plus constitutional upgrades for two organisations.</p> <p>Nov 23 – Funding being sought to assist RDAEP with operation and project planning for the Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council. The operational plan will assist with general governance.</p> <p>Jan24 – Advised that funding has been approved for the Indigenous Economic Development Manager to assist PLACC with several items including: reviewing, updating and improving the constitution; developing a project/operational plan that is easy to follow; supporting the auditing of financial reports; developing capacity and capability documents. This will include items that need to be corrected and updated with a change in the regulatory group.</p>
	Support the development of formal Local Government partnerships and frameworks to create a cohesive approach to future planning and economic development across the Eyre Peninsula.	June 2023	Director Regional Development	<p>Whyalla City Council The CEO played a big part in collaborating with the Whyalla City Council CEO and providing various presentations to Council on the value of RDAEP and why Council should rejoin RDAEP. Council resolved to rejoin for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 years and have subsequently signed the funding agreement and under a memorandum of understanding negotiated access to office space for RDAEP staff to access whilst visiting Whyalla.</p> <p>Port Lincoln City Council CEO meets monthly with the Council CEO and Economic Development Manager to discuss project updates and opportunities.</p> <p>District Council of Franklin Harbour Council CEO utilised office space at RDAEP whilst visiting Port Lincoln.</p>

THEME: Environmental Sustainability – Ecologically sustainable development and natural resource management				
PRIORITY AREA – Natural Resources Management				
STRATEGY	KEY ACTION/S	TIMELINE	RESOURCES	
Effective ongoing management of natural resources for future generations.	Support traditional owners and First Nations communities to care for country.	Ongoing	Indigenous Economic Development Manager	<p>CEO participated on the interview panel for the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board position of Aboriginal Engagement Officer.</p> <p>Assisting an aspiring First Nations person in establishing a commercial activity that includes pest, weed control, and land care. Nov 23 – Obtaining information concerning accreditation's that are needed to obtain contract work in this field.</p> <p>Jan24 – Developing a funding application to support the Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation to employ and manage an expanded Aboriginal Rangers Program. The intention is to employ 12 Aboriginal Rangers to provide a service from Acramans Creek to Elliston. Wirangu 2 have indicated Native Title support for the project that will also include a school cadet ranger's program.</p>
	Support strategic partnerships with government, research and private sector organisations relative to climate adaptation.	Ongoing	Economic Development Manager	Attended an Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) on Navigating Climate Change.
	Continue to connect landholders and industry with the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board and other land care organisations to better identify opportunities for collaboration.	Ongoing	All	<p>Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board</p> <p>EDM Trevor Smith met online with the General Manager, Kim Krebs to discuss how RDAEP and the Landscape Board could scope out potential collaborative efforts for the shared region.</p>

OUTCOME 2	Support regional stakeholders, including local government and the not-for-profit-sector, to seek grant opportunities that advance strategic regional priorities.
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Provide details of where you have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supported awareness raising and/or engagement with grant opportunities Supported the preparation of grant applications.

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What did we do?

Provide a description of the activities undertaken during the reporting period, and how these activities contributed to your RDA's addressing of outcome 2.

In dot point form, outline the nature of the support you provided to stakeholders, including the number of stakeholders supported through activities including (but not limited to) drafting applications (and number subsequently successful), letters written to support applications, reviewing submissions (and number subsequently successful), providing advice about an application submission, providing guidance about application processes, number of other instances information/advice was provided to stakeholders.

Letters of support provided for funding applications:

- District Council of Streaky Bay and Field Solutions Group - Fixed Wireless and LTE Towers (Regional Connectivity Program Round 1)
- District Council of Streaky Bay and Field Solutions Group – Chilpenunda Tower Resilience and Innovation Project (Telecommunications Disaster Resilience Innovation Program)
- L'Anse Café and Croissanterie –TICSA Tourism Restaurant and Catering Award nomination.
- Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service – Community Healthcare Hub (Growing Regions Program)
- City of Whyalla –Foreshore Master Plan Stage 1gf(Growing Regions Program Round 1)
- McEvoy Transport –upgrade of depot facilities at Ceduna (Thriving Regions Fund - Enabling Infrastructure Program)
- Cummins & District War Memorial Swimming Pool –Swimming Pool upgrade (Recreation and Sport Facilities Program)
- Lock and District Community Sports Centre – Court resurfacing (Recreation and Sport Facilities Program)
- Port Lincoln Golf Club – re-sheeting of buggy shed (Recreation and Sport Facilities Program)
- Port Lincoln Golf Club – clubhouse upgrade (Recreation and Sport Facilities Program)
- Boston Bay Wines – Tasting Deck and Cellar Experience (Manufacturing Innovation and Regional Tourism Infrastructure Development)
- Southern Eyre Trailers – purpose built workshop (Economic Recovery Fund)
- Letter of support for the National Priority Fund application (Net Zero Priority). This application is an avenue to help progress some of the Workforce Summit outcomes and establish additional resources to assist the region in understanding and being ready for the transition to Net Zero. It is targeted at the heavy industry/renewables sector rather than more broadly in the Upper Spencer Gulf region.
- Community House Port Lincoln – support for Shelter from the Storm – transitional homeless house repair (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Strengthening Rural Communities)
- Uni Hub Spencer Gulf, Port Lincoln Centre – Regional University Study Hubs Program – Partnership Plan.
- Hulls Corp Pty Ltd – Farm Beach Eco Retreat (Economic Recovery Fund)
- Sam Docking – Port Lincoln Villas Expansion (Economic Recovery Fund)
- CH4 Global – Louth Bay Seaweed Eco Park (Economic Recovery Fund)
- Rumi- on Luth – Stage 2 development (Economic Recovery Fund)
- Ever Baird Bay – Accommodation at Baird Bay (Economic Recovery Fund)
- District Council of Elliston – Short term worker accommodation at Lock (Enabling Infrastructure Program)
- Wudinna District Council – Wudinna Memorial Hall Redevelopment (Growing Regions Program)
- Lower Eyre Council – Coffin Bay Foreshore (Growing Regions Program)
- Career Employment Group – Whyalla training centre (Growing Regions Program)
- T-Ports – Dredging of shipping channel (Enabling Infrastructure Program)
- Carramatta Holdings – Refurbishment of Port Lincoln Apartments for rental (Enabling Infrastructure Program)
- COTL & Ag Innovation and Research Eyre Peninsula – Mesonet expansion in SA regions (Thriving Regions Fund)

- Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation – Indigenous Rangers Program

Meetings with stakeholders:

- CEO had meetings with PIRSA to discuss the Thriving Regions Program.
- Met with DC Franklin Harbour and T-Ports to discuss opportunities for application to the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program.
- Met with DC Tumby Bay and PIRSA management to discuss opportunities for application to the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program.
- Met with DC Ceduna and PIRSA management to discuss opportunities for application to the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program.
- CEO and Trevor Smith with DC Tumby Bay met with State Government CEs to promote the Cape Hardy/Tumby Bay Master Planning Regional Precincts and Partnership Program funding application.

Sponsorship:

- Port Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and Tourism –2023 Business Excellence Awards.
- SALT Festival, April 2024

OUTCOME 3	Contribute to, and where appropriate, drive local economic development planning and strategy development
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	<p>Provide details of where you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributed to the development of local plans and strategies, and specify the lead stakeholders • Provided evidence to support regional economic development • Facilitated or been a member of local leadership groups/forums and/or • Provided other assistance. <p>In dot point form, outline the nature of the contributions made.</p>

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What did we do?

Provide a description of the activities during the reporting period, and how these activities contributed to your RDA's addressing of outcome 3.

In dot point form, outline the nature of the support you provided, including (but not limited to), contribution to the development of local plans and strategies (specify the lead stakeholders), provision of evidence to support regional economic development, facilitation or membership of local leadership groups/forums and/or other assistance provided.

- Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN) – provided a letter of support to RDAFN for a funding application for a Housing Supply and Demand Audit, with RDA Eyre Peninsula committing \$15,000 in-kind support.
- Department for Education, Office for the Early Years – sought funding and was successful for an Eyre Peninsula Childcare Needs Analysis to address childcare shortages across the region.
- South Australian Tourism Commission – provided a letter supporting the current RDA funding model as part of the SA tourism review structure.
- Upper Spencer Gulf Workforce Reference Group – RDAEP attends meetings with the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science to discuss workforce strategies and projects.
- City of Port Lincoln – CEO attended Port Lincoln's Housing Strategy Workshop to discuss the report provided by URPS, October 2023.
- Tumby Bay Sports and Recreation Precinct Master Planning – CEP Chairs the meetings.
- RDA Eyre Peninsula – committed funding towards and Eyre Peninsula Childcare Needs Assessment Study.
- RDA Eyre Peninsula assisted PIRSA with shortlisting of the applications to the Thriving Regions, Enabling Infrastructure Program Fund.
- Infrastructure SA – 20 Year State Infrastructure Strategy – worked with other SA RDAs to establish the top 10 infrastructure priorities to be included in the Plan and to advocate to both the Australian and State Governments.
- The Hon Joe Szakacs MP, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services – provided a letter in support of the existing Grass Fire Danger Index Measurement of 35 (Grain Harvest Code of Practice)

- South Australian Tourism Commission CEO Emma Terry – wrote advising our support for the RDA funding model for Regional Tourism Officers.
- Eyre Peninsula Football Board – CEO participates as a Community Member on the Board
- Australian Renewable Energy Agency – Koonibba Energy Cost Reduction and Empowerment Application
- Regional Development South Australia – contributed to the Infrastructure Prioritisation Report 2023

OUTCOME 4	Contribute relevant data and local intelligence to support the evidence base to inform regional development strategies, program design and policy responses.
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Outline instances where you have provided intelligence and evidence-based advice and local intelligence to the Australian Government.

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What did we do?

Provide a description of the activities during the reporting period, and how these activities contributed to your RDA's addressing of outcome 4.

In dot point form, outline the nature of the data and local intelligence provided, e.g. number of: online or in-person briefings provided to the relevant Minister and Government, meetings held with or attended by Members of Parliament to discuss regional matters, submissions made to Parliamentary enquiries, participation in departmental surveys and submissions, additional contributions of local information provided, and other support provided to Government.

- Provided an Eyre Peninsula Council Brief to Minister McBain, and to Senator Grogan on behalf of the City of Port Lincoln, Lower Eyre Council, and District Council of Tumby Bay following a meeting with the Minister during the National General Assembly in Canberra.
- Minister King – wrote a letter in response to the decision of the Australian Government to walk away from Napandee as its site for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility and in particular, the need for financial support to be provided to the District Council of Kimba to assist the community to transition to a new economic future.
- Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, Minister for Health – provided a brief for a meeting on 15 August with RDA Eyre Peninsula and City of Port Lincoln.
- Prime Minister Anthony Albanese – CEO attended a community reception and separate dinner with the PM during his visit to Port Lincoln on 9 October 2023.
- Minister McBain – CEO participated in an online briefing with the Minister on 6 November for an update on RDA boundary review, RDA Chair recruitment, RDA Charter and Regional Investment Framework, Grant Funding, and Disaster Resilience Forum.
- Australian Government Prime Minister, Treasurer and Ministers – wrote to various Ministers seeking a meeting to discuss childcare issues on Eyre Peninsula.