

2012/13 ANNUAL REPORT

SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION

SOUTH WEST GROUP



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The South West Group, formed in November 1983, is a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC). In 2011/12 it comprised the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville, Rockingham and the Town of East Fremantle representing 387,389 (June 2012) people and with a Gross Regional Product of over \$20 billion.

The Vision and Mission of the South West Group taken from the 2010 – 13 Strategic Plan are:



Local Governments in South Metropolitan Perth, through cooperation with industry, community and the other spheres of government will capture a wide range of opportunities to enhance economic growth, promote a resilient economy as well as supporting a diversity of quality lifestyles whilst servicing and sustaining cohesive, productive communities in an enviable environmental setting.



The South West Group will be persuasive, forward looking and influential in representing, supporting and promoting Local Government interests that facilitate both long term integrated planning and coordinated infrastructure development to improve the quality of life for residents of the South West Corridor.

Role and Function

The South West Group acts as a regional advocate for sustainable development, increased investment and the future wellbeing of South West Metropolitan Region of Perth and its residents. The South West Group seeks to position Local Government as a facilitator, leader and senior partner in the future development and decision-making processes that impact on the region.

This approach seeks to place Local Government in a more influential position in determining positive outcomes for the region and the community it serves.



South West Group Mayoral Delegation to Canberra (October / November 2012) – Mayor Logan Howlett (City of Cockburn), Hon. Gary Gray (Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Integrity), Hon. Melissa Parke (Member for Fremantle), Mayor Russell Aubrey (City of Melville) and Mayor Barry Sammels (City of Rockingham).



Chairman's Report

The 2012/13 period was another significant year for the South West Group, particularly in the area of lobbying and advocacy on behalf of the region.

The South West Group embarked on a media campaign in the lead up to the State election on 9 March 2013 involving the development of an election policy statement and projects sheets, briefings with local Members of Parliament and advertising in the local press. Through this process, the South West Group was able to raise its profile and gain a sound appreciation of how its regional priorities aligned with State and electorate priorities and issues.

The South West Group is well placed to take advantage of the political relationships strengthened or established to progress projects and issues important to the region and the member Councils.

Submissions and advocacy continue to be an area of major activity in 2012/13 with nine submissions lodged with relevant government agencies, including submissions on the State and Federal budget for 2013/14 and beyond.

The South West Group Board also undertook an economic development tour to South East Queensland in April 2013 to increase knowledge and understanding of emerging trends in city centre redevelopments, light rail, health and knowledge precincts, civic facilities and coastal developments. The information gathered from the tour will assist the member Councils in the planning and development of urban centres throughout the region.

The South West Group has lobbied strongly for integrated transport and planning over the past 12 months, which included advocacy for regional priority transport projects and other major initiatives that will benefit the region. The introduction of light rail in the region, NBN Rollout and increased public transport to support employment centres throughout the region continue to feature in issues promoted by the South West Group.

Sustained regional growth and strong advocacy has resulted in Western Australian Government budgeting to spend around \$600 million in 2012/13 on capital works within the region, which is significantly less than the \$1 billion investment in previous years. The State Government is undertaking a range of transport and land use related studies that will potentially impact on the region and the South West Group is monitoring progress on these studies and reporting back to member Councils, with a view to identifying opportunities to influence outcomes that will benefit the region.

The high level of regional cooperation among member Councils is a key strength of the South West Group. I thank all the Mayors and CEOs from the region for their support over the past twelve months in addressing the challenges facing a rapidly growing region. I would also like to especially acknowledge Mayor Alan Ferris from the Town of East Fremantle, who resigned in June 2013, for his leadership in the region and dedicated efforts on the South West Group Board over the last six years.

Mayor Barry Sammels
Chairman South West Group



Director's Report

The past twelve months have seen a continued and strong emphasis on transport and land use infrastructure and planning, particularly associated with freight movements within and throughout the region.

The South West Metropolitan Region has experienced significant growth over the last five years, with the official regional population of 387,389 as at June 2012 (ABS 3218.0 released 30 April 2013), representing an increase in 14,059 persons since June 2011. The population in the region is expected to reach 600,000 by 2031, with much of this growth to be accommodated in undeveloped urban zoned land in Rockingham, Kwinana and Cockburn and infill development in suburbs and around activity centres throughout the region.

This growth was matched with expansion of key employment areas in the region such as the Australian Marine Complex (AMC), Murdoch Activity Centre and Jandakot City. Future plans for major shopping centre expansions at Booragoon and Cockburn Central place the region in a strong position to support jobs in the retail sector, which continues to be the major employment industry in the region.

Planning progressed for the proposed new container port in Cockburn Sound, known as Kwinana Quay or the Fremantle Outer Harbour, which will significantly increase the capacity of exports and be supported with intermodal terminal facilities to facilitate more efficient transport and logistics operations.

The South West Group has been a strong advocate for public transport and emerging modes of moving people such as light rail. A number of major studies by the State Government are close to being publically released and will provide some insights into future transport and land use planning for the region. The South West Group is actively engaged in these studies and will seek to ensure that the interests of the region are taken into account in future planning.

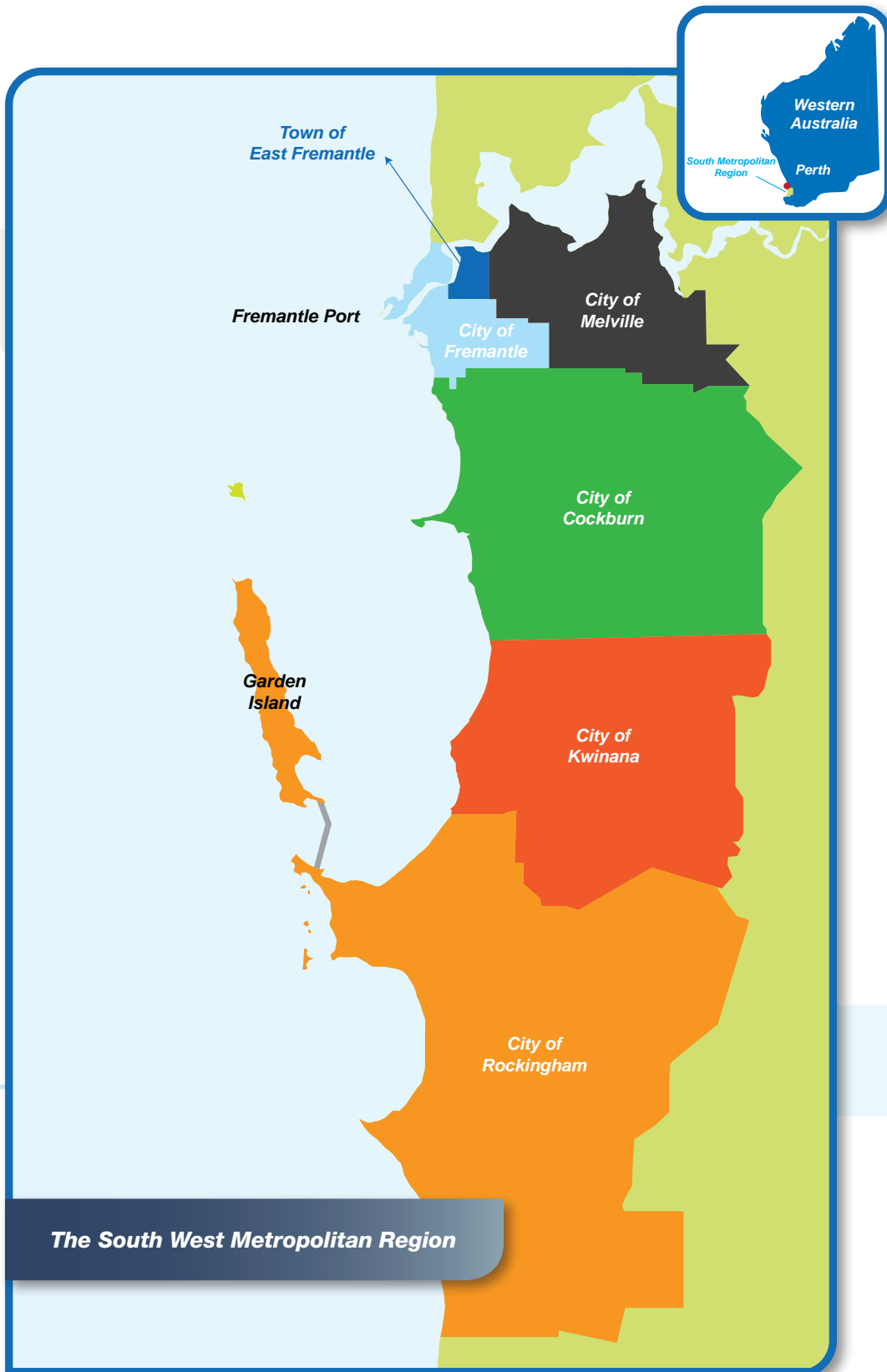
The South West Corridor Development Foundation and Planning and Infrastructure Committees continued to operate effectively through the chairmanship provided by Cr Ian Macphail. The South West Reference Group chaired by Cr Clive Robartson oversaw the preparation of a Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy and Business Plan, which is being considered for funding in 2013/14.

Supporting unemployed youth in identifying pathways for jobs and training has been a focus for the South West Group in 2012/13, through the Youth Booth initiative at the Rockingham Jobs and Skills Expo in April 2013 and a subsequent interactive workshop in June 2013 at The Zone in Kwinana.

The South West Group Board has been very active in 2012/13 and I wish to thank Board Chair, Mayor Barry Sammels and Chair of the CEO Forum Andrew Hammond for their support, leadership and direction. The Executive Officer of the South West Group, Joanna Ong has continued to provide the much valued and professional support necessary for the smooth running of the group, which is greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to continuing the interesting and productive role with the South West Group and thank the South West Group Board and member Councils for their support and ongoing contribution to the organisation and the region.

Mick McCarthy
Director South West Group



South West Group Board*

Chair: Mayor Barry Sammels

- 6 Mayors
- 6 CEOs
- SWCDeF President (Observer)



Planning & Infrastructure Committee



Chair: Cr Duncan Macphail

- 6 Elected Members
- 6 Technical Directors / Officers

CEOs Forum



Chair: Mr Andrew Hammond

- 6 CEOs

SWCDeF Management Committee



Chair: Cr Duncan Macphail

- 6 Elected Members / Officers
- External Members

South West Reference Group



Chair: Cr Clive Robertson

- 6 Elected Members / Officers
- External Members

Technical Directors Committee

Chair: Mr Mick McCarthy

- 6 Directors of Engineering
- 6 Directors of Planning

Shared Services Committee

Chair: Mr Stuart Downing

- 6 Corporate Services Directors

* South West Group Board Members:

City of Cockburn:

Mayor Logan Howlett, CEO Mr Stephen Cain

Town of East Fremantle:

Mayor Alan Ferris, CEO Mr Stuart Wearne

City of Fremantle:

Mayor Brad Pettitt, CEO Mr Graeme Mackenzie

City of Melville:

Mayor Russell Aubrey, CEO Dr Shayne Silcox

City of Kwinana:

Mayor Carol Adams, CEO Mr Neil Hartley

City of Rockingham:

Mayor Barry Sammels, CEO Mr Andrew Hammond

The following goals are supported with objectives, strategies and actions and form the basis for the South West Group strategic plan and annual work plans.

1

Regional Advocacy and Promotion

To promote the South West Group as a key stakeholder in the decision-making processes that affect the growth and sustainable development of the South Metropolitan Region of Perth.

2

Transport and Integrated Land Use Planning

To effectively influence the development of a regional transport network that provides safe, efficient, convenient and environmentally friendly transport options.

3

Economic Development

To create strong, vibrant local economies and a diverse economic base that encourages opportunities for both businesses and for employment.

4

Socio-Economic Development

To create cohesive and culturally rich communities with healthy social interaction and a strong sense of community.

5

Management of the Natural and Built Environment

To provide leadership in the recognition of the values of both the natural and the built environment whilst supporting sustainable management for the benefit of current and future generations.

6

Collaboration and Best Practice Services

To facilitate delivery of effective and efficient municipal services to the community with an emphasis on initiatives that reduce waste and duplication.

7

South West Group Management

To maintain an efficient, proactive organisation that supports and progresses the aspirations of its member Councils.



The South West Group reviewed the activities identified in the 2011/12 work plan and identified the 15 top ranked priorities for 2013. These are presented in Table 1 below, with reference to the goal area and activity number identified in the work plan.

Regional advocacy and lobbying, transport and integrated land use planning and the management of the natural and built environment featured strongly in the highest ranked work plan activities.

Rank	Activity
1	2.1 Implement the Regional Transport Action Plan, particularly the Phase 2 Implementation Plan and subsequent activities.
2	2.6 Encourage the State Government to seek Infrastructure Australia funding to enhance public transport, improve freight efficiency and to provide supporting port services in the region.
3	5.3 Develop proposal and seek funding for major environmental, energy efficiency or climate change adaptation project for the region.
4	1.10 Prepare and lodge a 2013/14 State Budget submission to the Premier on regional priorities.
5	1.9 Prepare and lodge a 2013/14 Federal Budget submission.
6	2.3 Lead or be a senior partner in a study of innovative transport options such as light rail within the region.
7	2.2 Participate in planning for major infrastructure projects such as the Kwinana Quay Harbour Proposal, the Kwinana Intermodal Terminal and Latitude 32.
8	1.7 Implement Communication and Lobbying Plan for State Government and Federal Government, including the promotion of the South West Group Election Policy Statement.
9	2.4 Establish effective links and share information with senior staff in key government agencies and trading enterprises such as Department of Transport, Department of Planning, Public Transport Authority, Fremantle Ports and LandCorp on regional priorities and infrastructure provision.
10	1.12 Represent the views of the South West Group in presentations, forums and submissions on transport and integrated land use planning to State and Federal Governments.
11	1.3 Liaise (including arranging delegations of Mayors and CEOs as appropriate) with relevant State Government Ministers, Shadow Ministers and senior government officers on key regional projects and policies.
12	2.5 Encourage high level coordination of infrastructure planning.
13	1.2 Hold an alignment discussion event and encourage strong participation from regional politicians to increase the profile and investment in regional projects, strategies and infrastructure.
14	1.11 Prepare and lodge 10 submissions on policy issues that are a priority for the region.
15	3.1 Arrange and coordinate tours showcasing best practice and innovation for the South West Group Board on planning, land use, development and infrastructure projects and activities that promote investment and economic development opportunities for the region.



The South West Group highlights for 2012/13 below provide a summary of key achievements.

- Adoption of 2013 work plan identifying priority activities to guide the South West Group's resources and efforts.
- Implementation of Lobbying and Advocacy Plan in the lead up to State and Federal Elections focussing on priority projects including:
 - Fremantle Outer Harbour and Kwinana Intermodal Freight Terminal
 - Park and Ride Facility at Canning Vale
 - Southern Freeway Connection to Murdoch Activity Centre
 - Additional Lanes on Kwinana Freeway (Roe Highway to Cockburn Central)
 - Cockburn Central Congestion Relief Plan
 - Hampton Road Congestion and Grade Separation of Stock Road as the Priority Freight Corridor
 - Planning for Rowley Road and Anketell Road (east of the Kwinana Freeway) as Freight Corridors
 - Replacement of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge, including Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities
 - WA Oil and Gas Industry Innovation Precinct
 - Establishment of Flagship Energy Efficiency Grants Program (similar to Solar Cities)
- Engagement with State Members of Parliament on South West Group's election policy statement and priority projects in the lead up to the State Government election in March 2013.
- Briefing of Federal Liberal Members of Parliament on the South West Group's election policy statement and priority projects in the lead up to the Federal election in late 2013.
- Economic Development Tour of South East Queensland's Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast on health and knowledge precincts, city and civic centre redevelopment, coastal and marina development and light rail.
- Implementation of Youth Booth at the Rockingham Jobs and Skills Expo in April 2013 and follow up workshop to assist unemployed youth in identifying career pathways and ways to become job ready
- Continued links between the South West Group and the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce, Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce and Business Foundations.
- Development of draft Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy and Business Plan for consideration for implementation in 2013/14.



Federal Minister for Employment Participation, Hon. Kate Ellis talking with event support staff at the Youth Booth.

The South West Group undertook an active role in lobbying and advocacy during 2012/2013, which was heightened through a range of media and engagement activities in the lead up to State and Federal elections.

The South West Group developed election policy statements and project sheets for priority projects with a view of gaining support and securing election commitments for funding. The State election campaign included media releases, advertisements in local papers and meetings with Members of Parliament and candidates to gain agreement on regional priorities.

The Federal election campaign included the use of similar lobbying materials to that used in the State election, but tailored to align with the Commonwealth's role in supporting regional priorities. A briefing of Federal Liberal Members with an interest in the region was held on 13 June 2013 and attracted Senators Chris Back, Alan Eggleston, Dr Dennis Jenson (Member for Tangney), senior electorate division staff and the candidate for Fremantle (Matthew Hanssen). Arrangements to meet with Federal ALP and Greens Members were also progressed, with a view of undertaking similar briefings.

The South West Group prepared and lodged a number of important submissions during 2012/2013. These submissions were developed in consultation with the various committees supporting the Board and its structure and included:

- South Metropolitan and Peel Sub-regional Structure Plan (August 2012)
- Proposed Changes to Road Classification Assessment Criteria (August 2012)
- Murdoch University Eastern Precinct Urban Design Framework (August 2012)
- Planning Assessment for Future Port and Industry Development – Naval Base to James Point (October 2012)
- 2013/17 State Budget Priorities for the South West Metropolitan Region (November 2012)
- 2013/17 Federal Budget Priorities for the South West Metropolitan Region (December 2012)
- State Planning Strategy (March 2013)
- Industry Innovation Precincts (March 2013)
- Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions (June 2013)

As part of its advocacy role, the South West Group also provided letters of support for regional proposals and funding applications including:

- Small Business Advisory Services Program – Business Foundations Fremantle and Rockingham (July 2012)
- Proposed Cockburn Aquatic and Recreation Centre Community Facility to the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (September 2012).
- Grant Funding Application for the Digital Enterprise Virtual Advisor Program for Fremantle Chamber of Commerce (June 2013)

The South West Group will continue to lodge submissions on the budget and respond to issues that affect the region into the future, with an emphasis on the collaborative approach imbedded in our stakeholder engagement activities.

The South West Group Board Mayoral Delegation to Canberra in October/ November 2012 included three Mayors, two CEOs from the member Councils and the Director of the South West Group.

The key regional issues discussed by the Delegation were varied and included:

- Regional infrastructure and planning issues.
- Federal Government budget situation, priorities and future funding opportunities.
- Planning for Fremantle Outer Harbour and associated infrastructure and freight corridors.
- Infrastructure funding opportunities.
- Carbon tax and implications for member Councils operating landfills.
- Community Energy Efficiency Program and potential to establish a flagship energy efficiency grants program similar to Solar Cities.
- Workforce development – Regional Skills/Training Forum.
- EPBC Act Strategic Assessment and implications for South Metropolitan and Peel Sub-Regional Structure Plan.

Over the two days, nine meetings were held with Ministers, Shadow Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, Chiefs of Staff and Senior Policy Advisors and a lunch with Western Australian Senators and Members of the House of Representatives was hosted by the South West Group at Parliament House.

The South West Group continued to lobby the Federal Government on selected issues in the lead up to the Federal election, noting that funding through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) was secured for the Youth Booth initiative following the meeting with Kate Ellis, Minister for Employment Participation on the Regional Skills/Training Forum.



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The South West Group facilitated an economic development tour of South East Queensland from 8 to 10 April 2013 focussing on the rapidly growing areas of the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast. The tour of 15 people included members of the South West Group Board as well as member Council Planning Directors.

The primary objective of the tour was to gain first hand knowledge on planning and development activities being undertaken by Local Governments in regards to managing growth and providing community facilities.

The three key themes incorporated into the tour itinerary included:

- Coastal, foreshore and marina developments;
- Civic precincts and associated facilities, such as libraries and community centres; and
- Health and knowledge precincts

The Sunshine City Council offered insights into issues associated with Local Government amalgamations, managing growth and taking advantage of significant investment in infrastructure (hospitals, commercial precincts, city centre redevelopments).

The Gold Coast City Council provided a strong economic development focus associated with activation of city centres and tourism precincts, event facilitation and capturing value and legacies for the community in relation to major developments, infrastructure provision and events (health and knowledge precinct, Commonwealth Games, light rail, foreshore redevelopment).



Middle Left: The Gold Coast University Hospital is positioned on a health and knowledge precinct with many characteristics common to the Murdoch Activity Centre.

Top & Bottom Right: The Gold Coast Light Rail Project under construction in April 2013 is a \$1.8 billion project funded by all levels of government and expected to transform the Gold Coast and South Port area.



Over the last four years, in conjunction with the City of Rockingham, the South West Group has sought opportunities to develop region to region bilateral trade opportunities with the Malaysian State of Sabah and more particularly the City of Kota Kinabalu.

A Friendship City agreement between the City of Rockingham and the City of Kota Kinabalu underpinned the necessary foundations for trade between firms in the two regions. An agreement to establish the Sabah WA Trade Centre was signed in November 2008, with the Trade Facilitator employed from April 2009 to April 2013.

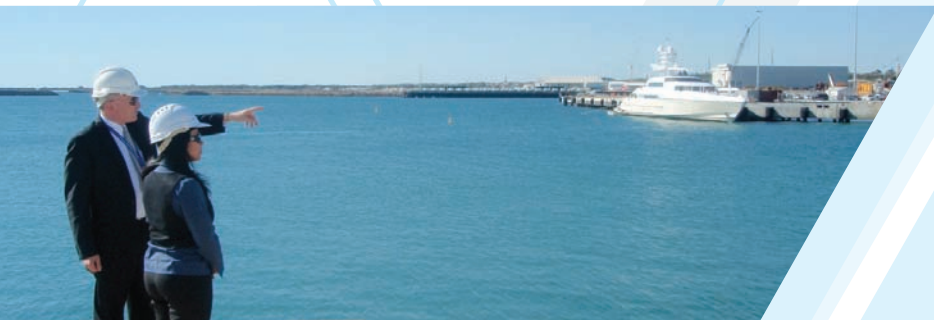
The Sabah WA Trade Centre Project concluded in April 2013 to coincide with the end of the four year funding contract between the South West Group and the Department of State Development.

Some key achievements of the Sabah WA Trade Centre Project include:

- Establishment and operation of the Sabah-WA Trade Centre for a period of four years.
- Establishment of a Sabah hosted website (which received about 3,000 visits per month) and business database to facilitate trade and business contacts between WA and Malaysia.
- Strengthening of trade relationships and activities between Sabah and Western Australia businesses, including specific work opportunities in Sabah for local businesses involved in the oil and gas industry.
- Participation of WA companies in the Oil and Gas Expo held in Malaysia in November 2011.
- Successful negotiation for the establishment of direct flights between Kota Kinabalu and Perth through Malaysian Airlines in 2011 to support tourism and trade related travel, however this has since ceased due to poor patronage. There are moves to re-establish the direct flight.
- A reciprocal arrangement established between the Cruising Yacht Club of WA (based in Rockingham) and the Kota Kinabalu Yacht Club to undertake joint initiatives and activities.

The South West Group hosted a Malaysia delegation in September 2012, which included a tour of industrial areas and activity centres throughout the South West Metropolitan Region with the view of encouraging investment in the region.

The South West Group will continue to work with WA businesses involved with Sabah to identify trade and investment opportunities between the two countries.



Left: Sabah Trade Facilitator, based in Malaysia, on a tour of the Australian Marine Complex (AMC) in Henderson, WA.

South West Corridor Planning and Infrastructure Committee

Chairperson: Cr Duncan Macphail – City of Melville



The membership of the South West Corridor Planning and Infrastructure Committee includes Councillors and Officers appointed by the member Councils. The Planning and Infrastructure Committee is supported by the Technical Directors Committee, which is a senior officer group comprising of the Directors of Engineering and the Directors of Planning from each member Council.

Role and Function:

- To consider transport, land release and regional planning issues and provide advice to the South West Group
- To improve the understanding of transport, land release and planning issues amongst member Councils
- To provide a forum to develop transport, land release and regional planning policy and projects
- To implement the recommendations of the Regional Transport Action Plan

2012/2013 Actions and Achievements:

- **Budget Submissions** – Assisted the South West Group in identifying regional infrastructure priorities for the budget submissions to the Western Australian and Federal Governments.
- **Submissions on Plans and Policies** – Contributed to the South West Group submissions on the South Metropolitan and Peel Sub-regional Structure Plan (August 2012), Proposed Changes to Road Classification Assessment Criteria (August 2012), Murdoch University Eastern Precinct Urban Design Framework (August 2012), Planning Assessment for Future Port and Industry Development – Naval Base to James Point (October 2012), State Planning Strategy (March 2013), Industry Innovation Precincts (March 2013) and Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions (June 2013).
- **Regional Integrated Transport and Land Use Planning** – Reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Transport Action Plan Phase 1 Report and provided input into the identification of regional priority projects for lobbying in the lead up to State and Federal Government elections. Provided feedback for research initiatives to progress the Regional Transport Action Plan.
- **Cost Benefit Framework for Investment in the South West Metropolitan Region** – Provide input and review of major economic study aimed at identifying key economic drivers in the region and providing a framework and criteria for future cost benefit analysis work for regional scale transport and infrastructure projects.



South West Reference Group

Chairperson: Cr Clive Robartson – City of Melville



The South West Reference Group (SWRG) was formed following a request from Perth Region NRM (Natural Resource Management), a community based NRM organisation established for the Perth Metropolitan Region, to provide a regional engagement structure for the South West Group member Councils and other key stakeholders in the region.

Role and Function:

- To develop an NRM Governance Model and Business Plan that clarifies the National and State NRM context and establishes a framework for the South West Group and member Councils to work together on regional NRM activities and projects.
- To develop a Regional NRM Strategy that links the NRM and environmental work being undertaken by the member Councils to better share limited resources, identify priority projects and attract additional funding for NRM activities that benefit the region and the natural environment.
- To determine the requirements and a pathway for the South West Group and member Councils to collectively undertake regional natural resource and environmental management activities and raise its profile in negotiations with the State and Australian Governments and other key stakeholders.
- To identify and develop required planning layers (Green Map and Blue Map) that link to, and support, planning processes through the Metropolitan Region Scheme and Local Planning Schemes to achieve a sustainable diversity of natural land uses and public amenity for the South West Metropolitan Region.

2012/2013 Actions and Achievements:

- **Strategic Direction for NRM** – Establishment of a Strategic Direction for NRM in the South West Metropolitan Region and endorsement from the South West Group Board to develop a Regional NRM Strategy, NRM Business Plan and governance structure for regional NRM into the future.
- **Stakeholder Relationships** – Development of strong relationships with key stakeholders including Kwinana Industry Council, Landcorp, Western Trade Coast, Landgate (WA Land Information System), Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Planning and the Cockburn Sound Management Council.
- **GIS Overlays and Online NRM Document Management Platform** – Establishment of a regional Geographic Information System (GIS) of NRM assets and the web based TargetOn platform to store NRM information and datasets relevant to the Regional NRM Strategy.
- **Regional NRM Strategy and Business Plan** – draft strategy and business plan developed and member Councils briefed on costs and benefits associated with the implementation of the Regional NRM Strategy and priority NRM projects.



South West Corridor Development Foundation Inc

2012/2013 President: Cr Duncan Macphail – City of Melville



Role and Function:

- To facilitate and promote development of the South West Metropolitan Region
- Carry out projects to promote regional development and skills development
- Manage the Industry Direct web portal

Vice-President Cr Dennis Wood – City of Kwinana
Treasurer Mr Howard Shepherd – Community Member
Secretary Mr Mick McCarthy – South West Group

The Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis with representation including:

- Local Governments in the South West Metropolitan Region
- South West Group
- Fremantle Chamber of Commerce

The Foundation works cooperatively to promote and initiate regional economic development, employment, workforce development and environmental projects.

2012/2013 Activities and Highlights:

- **Workforce Development** – Continued implementation of the South West Corridor Workforce Development Plan 2009 – 2024 through the Youth Booth stand at the Rockingham Jobs and Skills Expo (Phase 1) and the follow up youth workshop (Phase 2). Both of these employment related initiatives received funding through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) flexible funding pool.
- **Trust Funding and Rationalisation of Banking Accounts** – assisted with transition arrangements for establishment of trust funds and rationalisation of bank accounts, including increased financial contributions for use in leveraging grant funds for regional NRM projects.
- **Regional NRM Projects** – Reviewed priority projects outlined in the draft Regional NRM Strategy and identified types of projects suited to partnering in the future.
- **Sabah WA Trade Centre** – Monitored the progress of the Sabah WA Trade Centre and provided advice on closure arrangements and ongoing trade opportunities.
- **Research on Unemployment** – Partnered with Murdoch University, City of Rockingham, City of Kwinana, Department of Education, Kwinana Industries Council, Challenger Institute of Technology and other stakeholders to deliver Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage grant funding for project titled “Getting a job: Vocationalism, identity formation and schooling at communities at a disadvantage”. The project aims to better understand issues associated with unemployment and factors inhibiting people getting a job, particularly youth.
- **Regional Trade Promotion** – In partnership with the Department of State Development, Ausindustry and Austrade promote opportunities for local business through the Industry Direct website and trade events.



Industry Direct



SOUTH WEST GROUP

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report, as attached:

- (i) Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of South West Group as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- (ii) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that South West Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Signed: Signed Mick McCarthy
 Name: Mick McCarthy
 Place: Melville
 Date: 29 August 2013

Signed: Signed Shayne Silcox
 Name: Dr Shayne Silcox
 Place: Melville
 Date: 30 August 2013



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO: THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH WEST GROUP

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of South West Group, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2013, and the Income Statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the South West Group is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of South West Group and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of South West Group presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of South West Group as of 30 June 2013 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described In Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the South West Group to meet the committee's financial reporting requirements. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



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PERTH
DATED THIS 30th DAY OF AUGUST 2013.

SOUTH WEST GROUP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	308,111	475,386
Trade and Other receivables	3	3,300	-
		<u>311,411</u>	<u>475,386</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	4	128,731	134,835
		<u>128,731</u>	<u>134,835</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>182,680</u>	<u>340,551</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>182,680</u></u>	<u><u>340,551</u></u>
EQUITY			
Member Councils' Equity	5	<u><u>182,680</u></u>	<u><u>340,551</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue			
Contributions and Donations		339,000	339,000
Members Cost Recovery Contribution		6,000	-
SWCDEF Funding re Sabah		15,000	-
Interest Received		9,764	18,482
		<u>369,764</u>	<u>357,482</u>
Expenses			
Employee Costs		228,952	210,674
Travel Expenses	6	33,681	34,491
Secretarial & Office Costs		38,988	21,095
Consultant and Management Fees	7	200,292	172,641
Audit Fees		5,000	5,500
Other Project Costs	8	20,722	4,778
		<u>527,635</u>	<u>449,179</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u><u>(157,871)</u></u>	<u><u>(91,697)</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial report. The committee has determined that the South West Group is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non current assets.

	2013 \$	2012 \$
NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank	308,111	475,386
	308,111	475,386
NOTE 3 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Trade Debtors	3300	-
	3,300	-
NOTE 4 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Trade Creditors	128,731	134,835
	128,731	134,835
NOTE 5 MEMBER COUNCILS' EQUITY		
Opening Funds	340,551	432,248
Net Profit/(Loss)	(157,871)	(91,697)
Closing Funds	182,680	340,551
	Equity	Share
	\$	%
City of Cockburn	39,338	21.53%
Town of East Fremantle	13,472	7.38%
City of Fremantle	24,250	13.27%
Town of Kwinana	21,555	11.80%
City of Melville	40,955	22.42%
City of Rockingham	43,110	23.60%
	182,680	100.00%

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

NOTE 6 TRAVEL EXPENSES

Travel Expenses relates to the South West Group Mayoral Delegation to Canberra in October 2012 and South West Group Economic Development tour to Queensland in April 2013.

NOTE 7 CONSULTANT AND MANAGEMENT FEES

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Accommodation Charge - City of Melville	5,000	5,000
Admin Service Charge - City of Melville	15,964	13,960
Procurement Review	1,875	7,500
Regional Infrastructure Project	3,450	15,000
Regional Tourist Forum	-	1,200
Insurance Review	7,500	10,000
Lobbying and Communications Strategy	15,000	15,000
Activity Centres Tour	-	20,468
Economy ID Subscription	19,100	18,500
NRM Strategy	33,875	-
Target on Training and Website	4,155	-
SWG Reference Group	4,125	-
NRM Consultancy	5,250	-
SWG Digital map	4,560	-
Communication Project	26,000	-
Point Peron Project	6,886	-
Mapping Information	4,180	-
Two Way Radio Review	-	13,200
Catalpa Coast Consultancy	-	11,473
Integrated Transport Planning Project	38,457	36,025
Shared Services Project	4,915	5,315
	<u>200,292</u>	<u>172,641</u>

NOTE 8 OTHER PROJECT COSTS

Industry Direct Web Sites	80	109
Sabah Relationship Expenses	15,023	110
Youth Booth Prize	298	-
Meeting Expenses	5,321	4,559
	<u>20,722</u>	<u>4,778</u>

South West Group

The South West Group, formed in November 1983, is a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC). It comprises the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville and Rockingham and the Town of East Fremantle. The South West Group is managed by a Board consisting of the Mayors and CEOs of its member Local Governments.

The South West Group seeks to work with these six Local Governments and through cooperation with industry, community and the other spheres of government to capture a wide range of opportunities to enhance economic growth as well as supporting a diversity of quality lifestyles whilst servicing and sustaining cohesive, productive communities in an enviable environmental setting.

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