



2013/14 *ANNUAL REPORT*

SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION

SOUTH WEST GROUP



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01 INTRODUCTION

The South West Group, formed in November 1983, is a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC). In 2013/14 it comprised the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville, and Rockingham, and the Town of East Fremantle representing 403,051 (June 2013) people and with a Gross Regional Product of over \$22 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.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2013/14 period was one of the busiest years for lobbying and advocacy in the region, following the results of the State election in March 2013, the lead up to the Federal election in September 2013 and the WA Senate election in April 2014.

The South West Group prepared election policy statements and projects sheets, arranged meetings with local Members of Parliament (MPs) and briefed Federal MPs and candidates at a function in August 2013. Through this work, the South West Group was able to raise its profile and identify opportunities to gain alignment between national, state and regional priorities and issues.

The South West Group also further developed and strengthened political relationships and communicated the importance of the region as the “powerhouse” of the Perth metropolitan area.

Submissions and advocacy continue to feature heavily throughout 2013/14 with 10 submissions lodged with relevant government agencies across a range of issues, including submissions on State and Federal budgets for 2014/15 and beyond.

The South West Group Board also undertook an economic development tour to Adelaide South Australia in April 2014 to increase knowledge and understanding of major city centre redevelopments, light rail, civic precinct redevelopment, main streets and mall revitalisation, urban renewal, industrial redevelopment and major infrastructure projects. The information gathered from the tour will assist the member Councils in the planning and development of their communities and in the promotion of sustainable forms of transport and higher density developments in urban centres throughout the region.

The South West Group has developed a regional integrated transport framework for the South West Metropolitan Region and is progressing component programs associated with congestion management, public transport, investment analysis and freight.

A series of regional forums hosted by the South West Group throughout the year included transport and urban consolidation, freight and industry, traffic congestion and industrial site redevelopment.

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 of identifying opportunities to influence outcomes that will benefit the region.

The high level of regional cooperation amongst member Councils is a key strength of the South West Group, particularly during the difficult period over the last year in responding to the State Government’s Local Government reform agenda. 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 and look forward to productive working relationships in the coming years.

Mayor Logan Howlett
Chairman South West Group



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The South West Group activities over 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 403,015 as at June 2013 (ABS 3218.0 released 3 April 2014), representing an increase in 14,0574 persons (or 3.75%) since June 2012. The South West Group estimates that the population in the region is expected to reach 568,644 by 2031, with much of this growth to be accommodated in new urban developments in Rockingham, Kwinana and Cockburn and infill development in suburbs and around activity centres throughout the region.

This growth was matched with jobs in key employment areas in the region such as the Australian Marine Complex (AMC), Kwinana Industrial Area, Fremantle, Murdoch Activity Centre, Cockburn Central and Jandakot City. Major shopping centre expansions either completed, under construction or planned in the region include Kwinana Marketplace, Rockingham City, Cockburn Central and Garden City in Booragoon. These developments place the region in a strong position to support jobs in the retail and commercial sectors, which continue to be major employment industries in the region.

Planning progressed for the proposed new container port in Cockburn Sound, known as Kwinana Quay or the Fremantle Outer Harbour, through the Western Australian Planning Commission's (WAPC) Planning Assessment for Future Port and Industry Areas. The Fremantle Outer Harbour 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 integrated transport and land use planning, public transport and emerging modes of mass transit such as light rail. A number of major studies by the State Government (Moving People, Moving Freight) 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 Group's Regional Integrated Transport Framework and Component Programs are gathering regional scale information and data that will be important in responding to the State Government studies, as well as ensuring that the region remains at the forefront of emerging transport and land use issues affecting the member Councils and the South West Metropolitan Region.

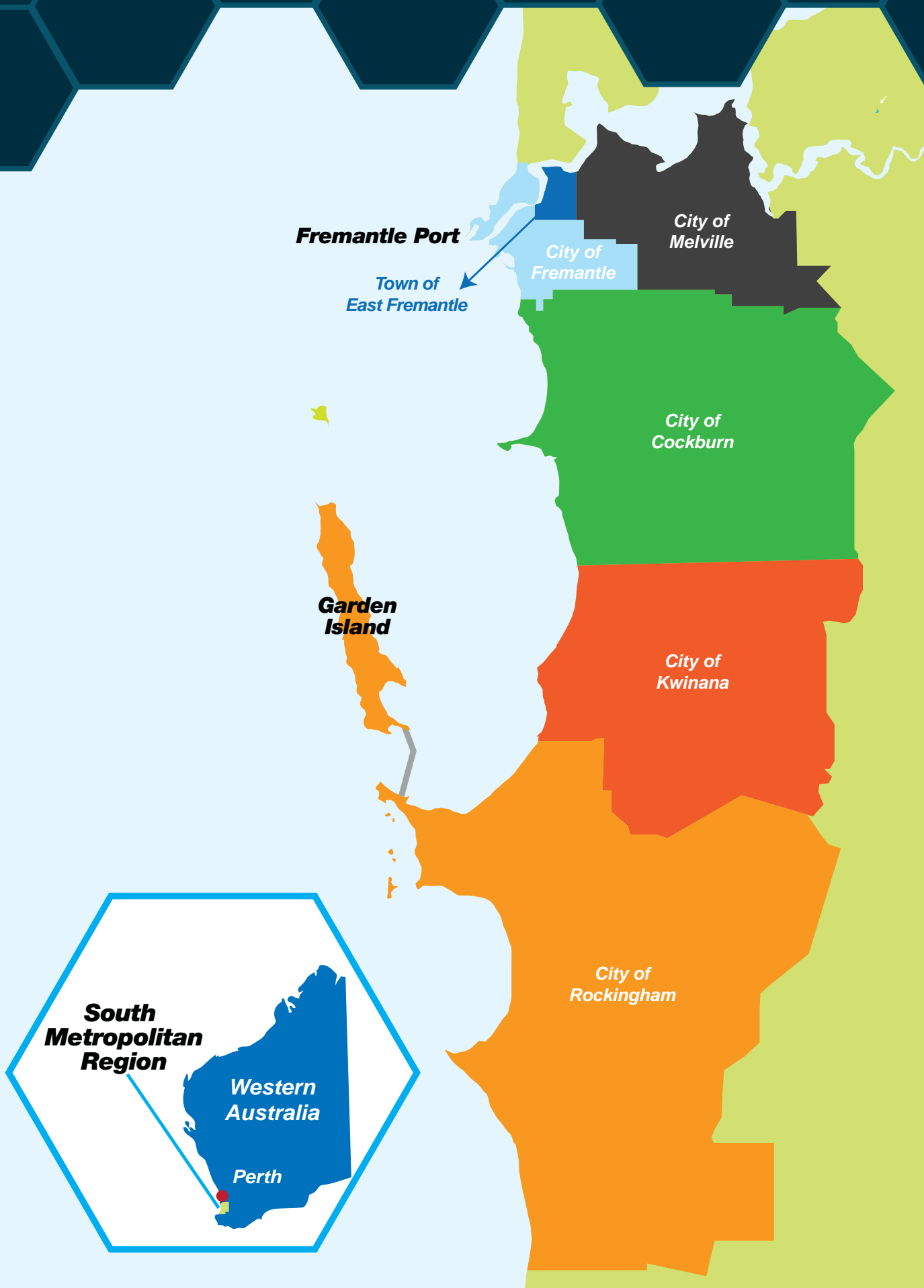
The Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy and Business Plan, which were endorsed by the Board in August 2013, are in the process of initial implementation with priority projects identified and being progressed through the development of project briefs and applications to grant funding programs.

The South West Group Board Members were actively involved in 2013/14, particularly in relation to stakeholder engagement activities with State and Federal Members of Parliament. I wish to thank Board Chair, Mayor Logan Howlett and Chair of the CEO Forum Stephen Cain for their support, leadership and direction. The Executive Assistant to the South West Group, Joanna Ong has continued to provide the professional support and outstanding organisational skills necessary for the smooth running of the group, which is greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to continuing the productive and challenging 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

03 SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION



South West Group Board*

CHAIR: MAYOR LOGAN HOWLETT

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



Planning & Infrastructure Committee



**CHAIR: CR
DUNCAN MACPHAIL
(UNTIL OCT 2013)**

- 6 Elected Members
- 6 Technical Directors / Officers

CEOs Forum



**CHAIR:
MR STEPHEN CAIN**

- 6 CEOs

SWCDeF Inc 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 Jim O'Neill, 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 Ms Joanne Abbiss

City of Rockingham:

Mayor Barry Sammels, CEO Mr Andrew Hammond

05 GOALS

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.



06 REGIONAL PRIORITIES 2013/14

The South West Group undertook reviewed the activities in the 2012/13 work plan and identified the 15 top ranked priorities for 2014. 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, promoting regional projects, transport and integrated land use planning and the further development of productive relationships with regional stakeholders and relevant government agency leaders featured strongly in the highest ranked work plan activities for 2014.

Rank	Activity
1	Implement the Regional Integrated Transport Framework and Component Programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion Management Strategy • Integrated Program for Freight Infrastructure • Economic Assessment and Government Investment • Our Public Transport Future
2	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	Prepare and lodge a 2013/14 State Budget submission to the Premier on regional priorities.
4	Prepare and lodge a 2013/14 Federal Budget submission
5	Lead or be a senior partner in a study of innovative transport options such as light rail within the region.
6	Participate in planning for major infrastructure projects such as the Kwinana Quay Harbour Proposal, the Kwinana Intermodal Terminal and Latitude 32.
7	Implement Communications Plan involving stakeholder engagement activities with State Government and Federal Government Members of Parliament and senior agency staff.
8	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.
9	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.
10	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
11	Encourage high level coordination of infrastructure planning.
12	Host regional forums, arrange alignment discussions and encourage strong participation in stakeholder engagement activities involving Members of Parliament, State Government agencies and other key stakeholders to increase the profile and investment in regional projects, strategies and infrastructure.
13	Prepare and lodge 10 submissions on policy issues that are a priority for the region.
14	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.
15	Implement the Regional Natural Resources Management (NRM) Strategy and work with participating member Councils to confirm regional priority projects requiring collaboration, partnerships and funding support.

TABLE 1
Top 15 Ranked Priority Activities for 2014



07 2013/14 ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

The South West Group highlights for 2013/14 below provide a summary of key achievements.

- The South West Group celebrated its 30th Anniversary at a cocktail function held on 29th November, 2013 at the City of Cockburn reception room. The celebration event recognised the achievements of the South West Group and its precursor, the South West Metropolitan Local Authorities Management Group, and the vision and important contribution from those founding years to present.
- Preparation of Federal Government election materials, including election policy statements and project sheets for regional priority projects and initiatives such as:
 - Fremantle Outer Harbour and supporting infrastructure
 - Additional Lanes on Kwinana Freeway (Roe Highway to Cockburn Central)
 - Grade Separation of Stock Road as the Priority Freight Corridor
 - Replacement of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge, including passenger rail, pedestrian and cycling facilities
 - WA Oil and Gas Industry Innovation Precinct
 - Establishment of Flagship Energy Efficiency Grants Program (similar to Solar Cities)
- Development of the Regional Integrated Transport Framework and Component Programs
- Engagement with State Members of Parliament on South West Group's transport framework and component programs through meetings with the Director and Board Members.
- Development and initial implementation of Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy, including the identification of regional priority projects and initiatives.
- Economic Development Tour of Adelaide South Australia on light rail, major projects and city redevelopments, urban renewal and built form for higher density residential and commercial developments, Adelaide Oval redevelopment, industrial site redevelopments and the refurbishment and activation of main streets and malls.
- Regional forums and events including:
 - Regional Transport Forum held on 8 November 2013
 - Regional Congestion Management Briefing by Main Roads undertaken on 5 March 2014.
 - Regional Freight Forum held on 11 April 2014 at the City of Cockburn
 - Tonsley Redevelopment presentation held on 5 June 2014 at the Midland Railway Institute as a joint initiative between the South West Group, EMRC and MRA
- Introduction of quarterly information bulletins to inform member Councils and regional stakeholders on the activities of the South West Group and upcoming events and initiatives of interest.
- Fostering continued links and productive working relationships between the South West Group and the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce, Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce and Business Foundations.



08 SUBMISSIONS AND ADVOCACY 2013/14

The South West Group undertook an active role in lobbying and advocacy during 2013/2014, which was heightened through a range of 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 Federal Government election commitments for funding.

Following a briefing of Federal Liberal Members with an interest in the region arranged by the South West Group in June 2013, members of the Board also met with Federal ALP and Greens Members in the first quarter of 2013/14 to highlight the economic importance of the region and to advocate for regional priorities and issues.

The South West Group prepared and lodged a number of important submissions during 2013/2014. These submissions, outlined below, were developed in consultation with the various committees supporting the Board and its structure:

- Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) on the Review of Statement of Planning Policy 2.3 – Jandakot Groundwater Protection Policy (July 2013)
- Department of Water – Water Reform Position Paper (December 2013)
- Department of Planning – Planning Reform Phase Two Discussion Paper (December 2013)
- Department of Planning – Affordable Housing Discussion Paper (December 2013)

- Department of Transport – State Aviation Strategy (December 2013)
- Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Reference Committee – Inquiry into the Role of Public Transport in Delivering Productivity Outcomes (February 2014)
- Department of Parks and Wildlife - Swan Coastal Plain South Draft Management Plan (June 2014).

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

- Local Employment Coordinator Role for the South West Perth Priority Employment Area (May 2014)
- Small Business Advisory Services Program – Business Foundations (May 2014)

The South West Group will continue to lodge submissions on the Federal and State 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.

09 REGIONAL INTEGRATED TRANSPORT FRAMEWORK

The South West Group developed a Regional Integrated Transport Framework to guide and focus activities to address key transport and land use issues across the region. The framework is part of the South West Group's broader Regional Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy and also complements the policies and outcome measures progressed through the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP).

The vision and purpose of the framework are as follows.

VISION

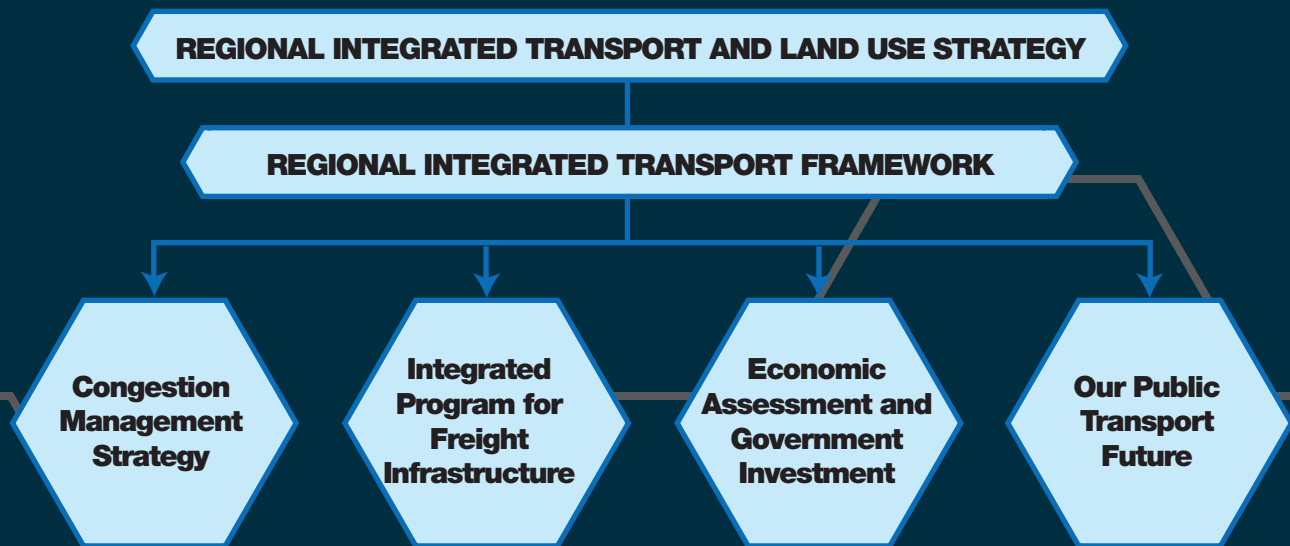
A region wide integrated and efficient transport system complementing growth in population with growth in jobs and employment self-containment, reduced congestion and travel time, and increased industry, business and economic productivity.

PURPOSE

To structure and link the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) policy goals and program components and advocate for strategically planned investment and priority funding of transport and related infrastructure projects in the region.

The program components outline and articulate the role of the South West Group and member Councils in advocating for investment and the resilience of the South West Metropolitan Region:

- Congestion Management Strategy
- Integrated Program for Freight Infrastructure
- Economic Assessment and Government Investment
- Our Public Transport Future



Draft papers have been developed for the component programs and will help inform responses to the State Government plans and strategies, such as Moving People and Moving Freight, as well as being programs in their own right.

The South West Group promoted the framework and component programs through its regional forums and stakeholder engagement activities. It is planned to finalise the component programs during 2014/15.

10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA – APRIL 2014

The South West Group Board has undertaken a number of economic development tours over the last few years aimed at examining best practice and innovation across a range of topics and issues. The tours provide the opportunity for the Board, Councillors and member Council Directors to gain first-hand knowledge on the planning, development and implementation of major initiatives and projects relevant to the South West Metropolitan Region.

The April 2014 economic development tour in Adelaide South Australia, undertaken by the South West Group Board over a three day period from 2 to 4 April 2014, was based on the following key themes:

- main street developments and small spaces activation
- light rail and value capture
- civic spaces, public amenity and large infrastructure projects in strategic locations
- sporting and recreational (aquatic) centre redevelopment
- major urban village developments and place making
- storm water harvesting, water re-use and water sensitive urban design.

The Board was particularly interested in how these large (and sometimes contentious) projects are planned and developed, with reference to innovative funding models that facilitate establishment and share risk (across government and the private sector) to achieve urban densification, accommodate population growth close to the city centre and meet community needs.

The redevelopment of the Riverbank precinct was particularly impressive, particularly the success factors associated with the Adelaide Oval redevelopment.

A The redeveloped Adelaide Oval's South Gate is connected to the city and railway station via the Riverbank Bridge

B The Victoria Square redevelopment, in the centre of the Adelaide CBD and connected to the Tramway light rail, has been proposed for over 20 years and is finally going ahead

C The Bowden development, located at the redeveloped Clipsal site a few kilometres from the CBD and offering a choice of heavy and light rail connections, is based on high density city living with quality open space and a high standard of local amenities.

D The delegation also visited the Tonsley Redevelopment Project and State Aquatic Centre in the City of Marion, the City of Salisbury's Mawsons Lake development and the innovative storm water harvesting initiative led by Salisbury Water.



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11 SOUTH WEST GROUP SUB-COMMITTEES



SOUTH WEST CORRIDOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

2013/14 Chairman: Cr Duncan Macphail - City of Melville (until Oct 2013)

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 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

2013/14 ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

● 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 Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) on the Review of Statement of Planning Policy 2.3 – Jandakot Groundwater Protection Policy (July 2013), Department of Water – Water Reform Position Paper (December 2013), Department of Planning – Planning Reform Phase Two Discussion Paper (December 2013), Department of Planning – Affordable Housing Discussion Paper (December 2013), Department of Transport – State Aviation Strategy (December 2013), Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Reference Committee – Inquiry into the Role of Public Transport in Delivering Productivity Outcomes (February 2014), Department of Parks and Wildlife Swan Coastal Plain South Draft Management Plan (June 2014).

● Regional Integrated Transport and Land Use Planning

Provided input into the development of the Transport and Land Use Policy and Regional Integrated Transport Framework for the South West Metropolitan Region. This included the review of draft reports for the component programs in the transport framework related to congestion management, public transport, investment analysis and freight.

● Journey to Work Report

Provided input into the Journey to Work report which compiled data from the 2011 Census on travel behaviour to and from work.



11 SOUTH WEST GROUP SUB-COMMITTEES



SOUTH WEST REFERENCE GROUP

Chairperson: Cr Clive Robartson – City of Melville

The South West Reference Group (SWRG) was established as a formal committee of the South West Group in 2012 to provide a regional engagement structure for the South West Group member Councils and other key stakeholders in the region in regards to environmental and natural resource management issues.

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 all of 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.

2013/2014 ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

● **Completion of Regional NRM Strategy and Business Plan**

The South West Group endorsed the Regional NRM Strategy and Business Plan in August 2013.

● **Initiation of Regional NRM Strategy Implementation**

The South West Group and participating member Councils contributed funding in their 2013/14 budgets to implement the first phase of the Regional NRM Strategy.

● **Identification of Regional Priority NRM Projects and Initiatives**

Priorities identified and further developed include a number of Green Network Projects (Coastal/Foreshore, Developed Councils, Growth Councils), Tramways Reserve Nature Trail Proposal and an Industry Audit/Cleaner Production Pilot Project. Opportunities to access external grant funds to facilitate the implementation of these regional priorities under investigation.

● **Regional Biodiversity Mapping**

The establishment of a regional Geographic Information System (GIS) database and overlays identifying areas of conservation value and priorities for conservation action. This mapping work was undertaken by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Perth Biodiversity Project team.

● **NRM Document Management Platform**

Establishment of a regional portal for the uploading and storage of NRM information and assets known as TargetOn <http://southwestgroup.targeton.com/>

● **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.

11 SOUTH WEST GROUP SUB-COMMITTEES (CONT'D)



SOUTH WEST CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION INC

2013/14 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
- Chambers of Commerce

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

2013/14 ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

● **Workforce Development**

Continued implementation of the South West Corridor Workforce Development Plan 2009 – 2024.

● **Regional NRM Projects**

Reviewed priority projects outlined in the Regional NRM Strategy and identified types of projects suited to partnering in the future.

● **WA Oil and Gas Innovation Precinct**

Supported the proposal to establish an industry innovation precinct in WA, with the region playing a lead role through facilities such as the Australian Marine Complex and Jandakot City.

● **Review of Rules of Association**

Reviewed Constitution to enable more effective operation of the management committee, with recommended changes accepted by the Department of Commerce.

- Regional Tramways Reserve Trail Proposal – Financially supported grant funding applications to establish a regional trail connecting Cockburn to Rockingham through the Beeliam Regional Park.

● **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 has extended over a number of years and 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

www.industrydirect.com.au



12 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

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SOUTH WEST GROUP

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

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 2014 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:	
Name:	Mick McCarthy	Name:	Dr Shayne Silcox
Place:	Melville	Place:	Melville
Date:	29 August 2014	Date:	29 August 2014

12 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



Certified Practising Accountants

PARTNERS

Anthony Maeri FCPA

Domenic Macri CPA

Connie De Felice CA

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 2014, 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.


12 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONT'D)

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 2014 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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**A MACRI
PARTNER**

**PERTH
DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014.**

SOUTH WEST GROUP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	268,771	308,111
Trade and Other receivables	3	9,000	3,300
		<u>277,771</u>	<u>311,411</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	4	70,128	128,731
		<u>70,128</u>	<u>128,731</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>207,643</u>	<u>182,680</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>207,643</u>	<u>182,680</u>
EQUITY			
Member Councils' Equity	5	<u>207,643</u>	<u>182,680</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH WEST GROUP

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue			
Contributions and Donations		339,000	339,000
Members Cost Recovery Contribution		-	6,000
NRM Facilitator Contributions		117,500	-
SWCDEF Funding re Sabah		-	15,000
Interest Received		5,852	9,764
		<u>462,352</u>	<u>369,764</u>
Expenses			
Employee Costs		230,439	228,952
Travel Expenses	6	22,082	33,681
Secretarial & Office Costs		22,310	38,988
Consultant and Management Fees	7	152,598	200,292
Audit Fees		5,000	5,000
Other Project Costs	8	4,960	20,722
		<u>437,389</u>	<u>527,635</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u><u>24,963</u></u>	<u><u>(157,871)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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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.

	2014 \$	2013 \$
NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank	268,771	308,111
	268,771	308,111

NOTE 3 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

Trade Debtors	9,000	3,300
	9,000	3,300

NOTE 4 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

CURRENT

Trade Creditors	70,128	128,731
	70,128	128,731

NOTE 5 MEMBER COUNCILS' EQUITY

Opening Funds	182,680	340,551
Net Profit/(Loss)	24,963	(157,871)
Closing Funds	207,643	182,680

	Equity \$	Share %
City of Cockburn	44,714	21.53%
Town of East Fremantle	15,313	7.38%
City of Fremantle	27,563	13.27%
City of Kwinana	24,501	11.80%
City of Melville	46,551	22.42%
City of Rockingham	49,001	23.60%
	207,643	100.00%

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NOTE 6 TRAVEL EXPENSES

Travel Expenses for both years include expenses relating to the South West Group Economic Development tours to South East Queensland in April 2013 and Adelaide, South Australia in April 2014.

NOTE 7 CONSULTANT AND MANAGEMENT FEES

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Accommodation Charge - City of Melville	5,000	5,000
Admin Service Charge - City of Melville	22,090	15,964
Procurement Review	-	1,875
Regional Infrastructure Project	-	3,450
Insurance Review	-	7,500
Lobbying and Communications Strategy	14,500	15,000
Economy ID Subscription	18,000	19,100
NRM Strategy	57,653	33,875
Target on Training and Website	900	4,155
SWG Reference Group	-	4,125
NRM Consultancy	3,835	5,250
SWG Digital map	-	4,560
Communication Project	-	26,000
Point Peron Project	-	6,886
Mapping Information	-	4,180
SWG Bulletin Update	490	-
Economic Development Consultancy	625	-
Integrated Transport Planning Project	27,665	38,457
Shared Services Project	1,840	4,915
	<u>152,598</u>	<u>200,292</u>

NOTE 8 OTHER PROJECT COSTS

Industry Direct Web Sites	-	80
Sabah Relationship Expenses	-	15,023
Youth Booth Prize	-	298
Meeting Expenses	4,960	5,321
	<u>4,960</u>	<u>20,722</u>

13 COMPANY DIRECTORY

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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