



# 2014/15 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) comprised of the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville, and Rockingham, and the Town of East Fremantle. The South West Metropolitan Region represents 414,527 (June 2014) people and with a Gross Regional Product of over \$30 billion.**

The South West Group's Vision taken from the 2015 to 2025 Strategic Plan (May 2015) is:

***South West Metropolitan Region "The economic gateway to the West"***

We will collaborate and co-operate to achieve our vision by focusing our strategic efforts in five key focus areas that will be central to our continued regional success and viability:

- Liveable communities;
- Climate change adaptation;
- Trade, freight and logistics;
- Knowledge and education; and
- Industry and employment, including tourism

The Vision is supported by the South West Group's Mission:

***Be informed, responsive and respected as the economic gateway to the West***



***The South West Group will collaborate to maximise quality of life within the region by influencing and informing future planning and infrastructure delivery.***



## 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.

The South West Group undertakes an internal role on matters specific to the organisation and member Councils, and an external role involving regional stakeholders such as State and Federal Government agencies and Members of Parliament (MPs), private sector and industry groups.



### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*The 2014/15 period involved ongoing lobbying and advocacy activities across the region aimed at consolidating relationships with State and Federal stakeholders following the results of the State election in March 2013, Federal election in September 2013 and the WA Senate election in April 2014.*

The State Government's decision to abandon Local Government Reform in February 2015 has enabled the region and the member Councils to focus on their own strategic planning to guide activities into the future without the prospect of amalgamations.

The South West Group developed and adopted its own Strategic Plan 2015 to 2025 in May 2015, which involved a consultative process with member Council Directors (Planning, Engineering and Corporate Services) to ensure alignment of objectives, strategies and actions.

The South West Group has continued to develop and strengthen its position and communicate the importance of the region as the "powerhouse" of the Perth metropolitan area. Submissions and advocacy featured prominently throughout 2014/15 with 10 submissions lodged with relevant government agencies across a range of issues, including submissions on State and Federal budgets for 2015/16 and beyond.

The South West Group Board also undertook an economic development tour to Melbourne and Sydney in April 2015 to examine the ground breaking climate change adaptation work being undertaken in these major cities on issues such as reducing heat island effects, urban forest strategies, low carbon buildings, coastal protection, water sensitive design and urban water harvesting. The information gathered from the tour has assisted the member Councils in formulating their own approaches to climate change adaptation and ways to embed pathways into core business activities and new initiatives.

The State Government progressed a range of transport and land use related studies with significant implications for the region including Sub-regional Planning Frameworks, Moving Freight, Moving People and the

Public Transport Plan for Perth. It was disappointing that the State Government decided not to release the latter two plans and instead is planning to combine these in a Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 million to be released in 2016. The South West Group is monitoring the progress on studies underway and reporting back to member Councils, with a view of identifying opportunities to influence outcomes that will benefit the region.

The announcement in May 2014 to construct the Perth Freight Link as a joint Federal and State Government funded freight corridor traversing the region to service the Fremantle Inner Harbour (and future outer harbour) has created diverging views amongst member Councils and their communities. Although the South West Group has not been able to establish an agreed position on this proposal, it is recognised that it has major implications for the region and there is a need targeted consultation with member Councils and the community to address a range of issues raised.

I would like to 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 collaborating with member Councils on initiatives over the coming years.

**Mayor Jim O'Neill**  
**Chairman South West Group**

## 02 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)



### 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 provisional regional population of 414,527 as at June 2014 (ABS 3218.0 released 31 March 2015), representing an increase in 11,524 persons (or 2.86%) since June 2013. The South West Group estimates that the population in the region is expected to reach 544,644 by 2026, with much of this growth to be accommodated in new urban developments in Rockingham, Kwinana and Cockburn and infill development in selected suburban areas 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, Baldivis, 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 for the proposed new container port in Cockburn Sound, known as the Fremantle Outer Harbour, has slowed with the outcomes of the Western Australian Planning Commission's (WAPC) Planning Assessment for Future Port and Industry Areas yet to be released. The Fremantle Outer Harbour is planned to 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. The impending release of the Moving Freight Plan should assist in understanding the State Government's preferred position and schedule for major investments in

freight infrastructure and the establishment of the outer harbour, its transport corridors and supporting intermodal terminal in Latitude 32.

The South West Group will continue to seek active involvement in community consultation activities associated with these and other major proposals such as the Perth Freight Link and the proposed sale of Fremantle Port.

The Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy implementation continues as a partnership project with member Councils focussing on priority initiatives aimed at enhanced protection and management of natural assets in the region.

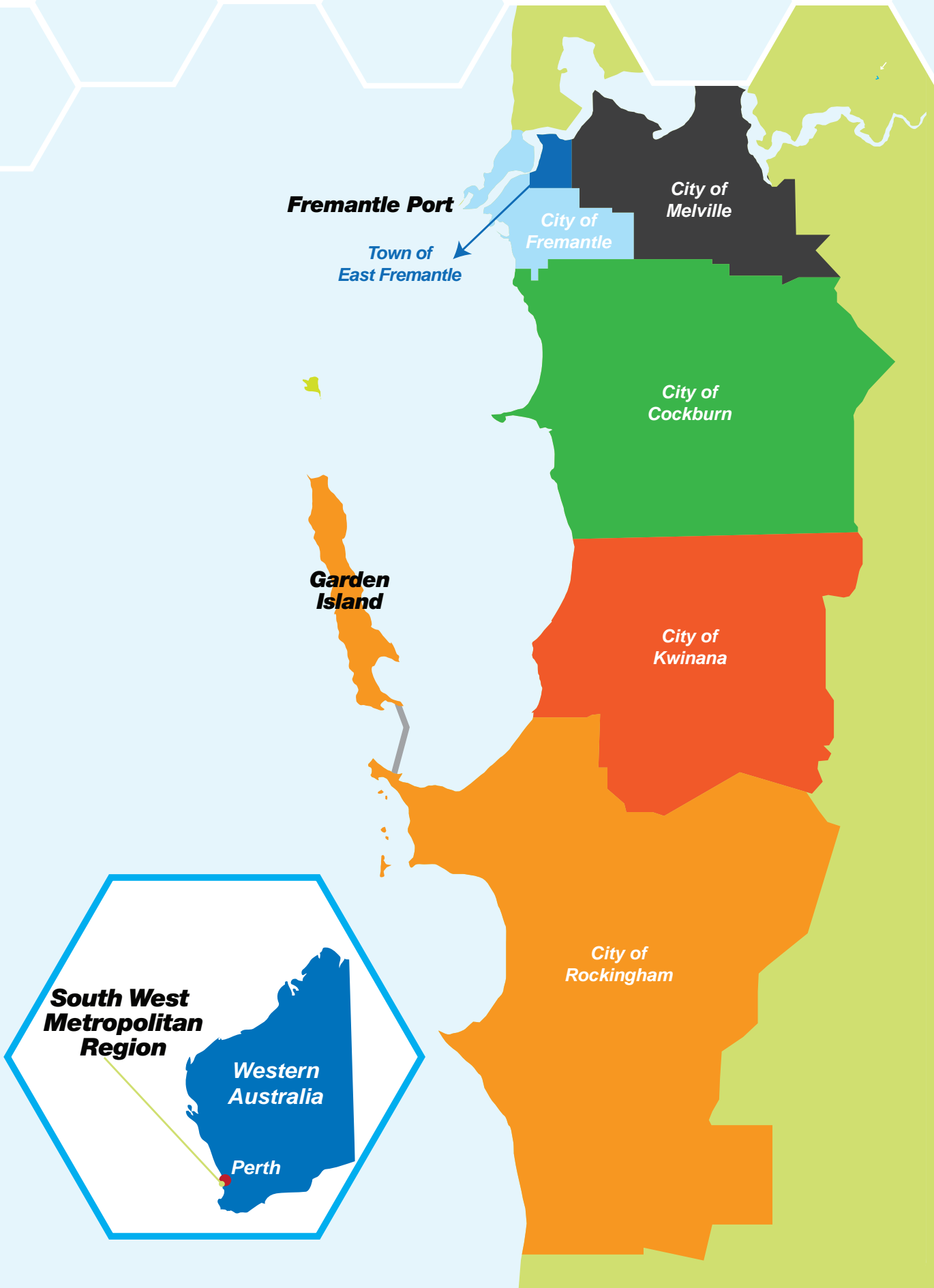
The South West Group Board Members were actively involved in various stakeholder engagement activities throughout 2014/15, with the Federal Liberal Member of Parliament (MP) breakfast in September 2014 providing the opportunity to present to senior Government MPs on regional priorities and issues.

I wish to thank Board Chair, Mayor Jim O'Neill and Chair of the CEO Forum Gary Clark for their support, leadership and direction. The Executive Assistant to the South West Group, Joanna Ong has continued to provide high quality support and the excellent organisational skills necessary for the smooth operation 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





# 04 SOUTH WEST GROUP BOARD & COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2014/15

## South West Group Board\*

### CHAIR: MAYOR JIM O'NEILL

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



**Planning & Infrastructure Committee**

**CHAIR: CR SIAN MARTIN (UNTIL MARCH 2015)**

- 6 Elected Members
- 6 Technical Directors / Officers

**CEOs Forum**

**CHAIR: MR GARY CLARK**

- 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

**Corporate Services Directors Group**

**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 Gary Clark

#### City of Fremantle:

Mayor Brad Pettitt, CEO Mr Graeme Mackenzie

#### City of Kwinana:

Mayor Carol Adams, CEO Ms Joanne Abbiss

#### City of Melville:

Mayor Russell Aubrey, CEO Dr Shayne Silcox

#### 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Economic Development**

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

## **Socio-Economic Development**

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **South West Group Management**

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



# 06 REGIONAL PRIORITIES 2014/15

**The South West Group endorsed activities in the work plan and identified the 15 top ranked priorities for 2014/15. 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 2014/15.

Rank	Activity
<b>1</b>	<b>7.4</b> Undertake a review of the South West Group Strategic Plan, Corporate Governance Charter and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), including the preparation of a five year financial plan.
<b>2</b>	<b>7.5</b> Review and update the South West Group Regional Profile document (At a Glance) and website following the outcomes of Local Government Reform.
<b>3</b>	<b>1.1</b> Implement Communications Plan involving stakeholder engagement activities with State Government and Federal Government Members of Parliament and senior agency staff.
<b>4</b>	Implement the Regional Integrated Transport Framework and Component Programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Congestion Management Strategy</li> <li>● Integrated Program for Freight Infrastructure</li> <li>● Economic Assessment and Government Investment</li> <li>● Our Public Transport Future</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>2.6</b> 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.
<b>6</b>	<b>1.10</b> Prepare and lodge a 2015 to 2019 State Budget submission to the Premier on regional priorities.
<b>7</b>	<b>1.9</b> Prepare and lodge a 2015 to 2019 Federal Budget submission.
<b>8</b>	<b>2.3</b> Lead or be a senior partner in a study of innovative transport options such as light rail within the region.
<b>9</b>	<b>2.2</b> Participate in planning for major infrastructure projects such as the Kwinana Quay Harbour Proposal, the Kwinana Intermodal Terminal and Latitude 32.
<b>10</b>	<b>2.4</b> 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.
<b>11</b>	<b>1.12</b> 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.
<b>12</b>	<b>1.2</b> 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.
<b>13</b>	<b>1.11</b> Prepare and lodge 10 submissions on policy issues that are a priority for the region.
<b>14</b>	<b>3.1</b> 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.
<b>15</b>	<b>5.1</b> 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 2015



## 07 2014/15 ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

*The South West Group highlights for 2014/15 below provide a summary of key achievements.*

- Review of the South West Group Strategic Plan through a consultative process involving the Board, member Council Technical Directors and Corporate Services Directors
- Hosting Federal Liberal Members of Parliament at a breakfast function on 11 September 2014 to outline South West Group regional priorities and challenges, as well as gain an understanding of issues facing the Federal Government.
- The South West Group hosted the regional parks forum, involving member Council and Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) management and operational staff, to facilitate improved coordination of activities across Beeliar, Jandakot and Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks.
- Established an Agreement to Co-operate between member Councils and DPaW on improved coordination of management activities related to Regional Parks and Nature Reserves, with plans to extend this arrangement to involve other land managers.
- Presentations at conferences and forums to showcase the work of the South West Group, including
  - Integrated Program of Freight Projects (National Economic Development Conference in Darwin, October 2014)
  - Regional Biodiversity Mapping and Analysis Project (Strategic Assessment of Perth and Peel Stakeholder Reference Group and Senior Officers Group, WAPC Chair, WALGA Forum on the Strategic Assessment, NRM WA)
- Half day tour of Fremantle, Australian Marine Complex and Latitude 32 in November 2014 with WA Liberal Senator Linda Reynolds, with an emphasis on city centre redevelopment and maritime/defence manufacturing opportunities
- Completion of two year tenure and active involvement as a Committee member for Regional Development Australia Perth
- Continued implementation of the Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy, including regional priority projects and initiatives in partnership with member Councils and other key stakeholders.
- Economic Development Tour of Melbourne and Sydney on climate change adaptation in April 2015
- 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 2014/15

**The South West Group undertook an active role in lobbying and advocacy during 2014/2015 through one to one meetings with Members of Parliament and agency heads, group events and submissions on policies and plans.**

The briefing of Federal Liberal Members with an interest in the region arranged by the South West Group in September 2014 provided clarity around the position of the Federal Government on key regional issues being advocated by the South West Group and involved a follow up tour of the region to showcase activity centres and industrial precincts of interest.

The South West Group prepared and lodged a number of important submissions during 2014/2015. These submissions, outlined below, were developed in consultation with the various committees supporting the Board and its structure:

- Kwinana Waste to Energy Public Environmental Review to the Environmental Protection Authority (July 2014)
- Senate Select Committee Inquiry into Abbott Government's Budget Cuts to the Senate Select Committee (August 2014)
- Response to the Local Government Advisory Board Proposal 10 – City of Melville to Local Government Advisory Board (August 2014)
- Project Appraisal Framework Paper prepared by the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (October 2014)
- Jandakot Airport Master Plan 2014 prepared by Jandakot Airport Holdings Pty Ltd (November 2014)
- Federal and State Government Budget Submissions (January 2015)
- Swan Region Strategy for Natural Resource Management (NRM) 2014 to Swan Region NRM (February 2015)
- Federal Electoral Boundaries for the Western Australian Redistribution to Australian Electoral Commission (March 2015)
- Review of Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 to the Department of Environment Regulation (March 2015)
- Review of WA Electoral Boundaries 2015 to the WA Electoral Commission (May 2015)
- Review of the Australian Census to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (May 2015)

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

- Business Local WA Program – Support for Business Foundations Incorporated (February 2015)
- National Economic Development Conference – WA Bid for 2016 Conference (March 2015)

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 delivered through our stakeholder engagement activities.



# 09 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN

The South West Group reviewed its Strategic Plan during 2014/15 and endorsed the Strategic Plan 2015 to 2025 in May 2015.

The strategic priorities and goals for the Strategic Plan, together with objectives include the following:



The goals and objectives are supported by a range of strategies and actions to deliver the strategic plan, which are implemented through annual work plans.

# 10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY – CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

**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 tours completed include the following key themes:

**April 2012:** Activity Centres Tour of Melbourne and Sydney

**April 2013:** Economic Development Tour of South East Queensland covering health and knowledge precincts coastal/marina/foreshore developments and civic/library precincts

**April 2014:** Civic precincts and activation through events, mall redevelopment, light rail, major projects, urban renewal and redevelopment in Adelaide, South Australia.

The **April 2015** economic development tour was undertaken in Melbourne and Sydney, with the main theme of climate change adaptation, covering key aspects such as:

- Policy and practice
- Risk and vulnerability assessments
- Development industry and financial institutions
- State Government support programs
- Regional approaches and partnership projects
- Urban heat island and greening strategies
- Research and adaptation responses
- Infrastructure assessment and economic models
- Coastal protection for sea level rise
- Stormwater management and re-use

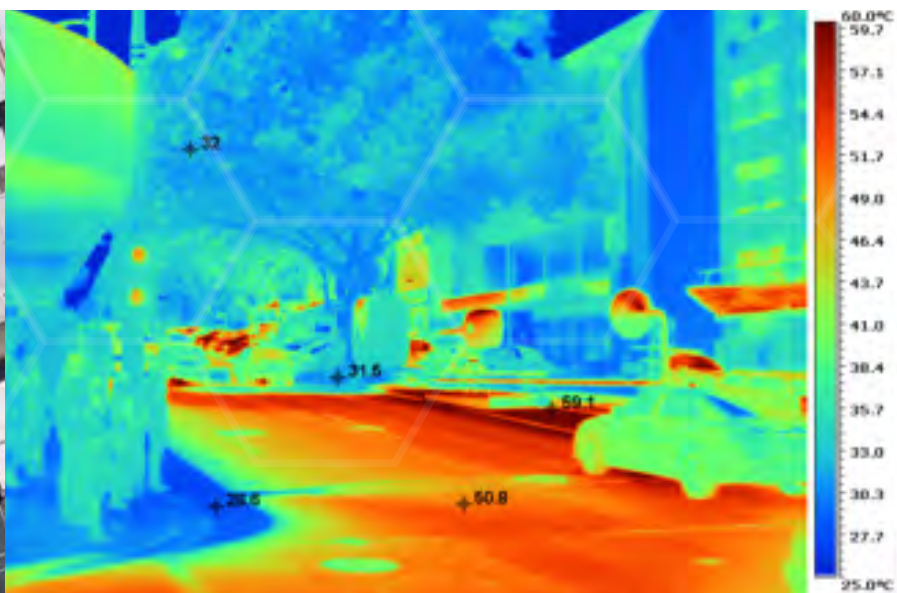
The tour drew upon innovation and good practice projects identified by the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF) and the Australian Centre of Excellence in Local Government (ACELG), whilst focussing on initiatives that have led to tangible shifts in policy, planning and decision-making at the local and regional level.

The Melbourne and Sydney Economic Development Tour was a 3 day tour from 7 to 9 April 2015 and based on a detailed itinerary and background report provided to delegates.

*Below (Left) Example of ways the City of Melbourne is examining to increase canopy cover in the built environment from 27% to 40% by 2020*



*Below (Right): Thermal mapping in the City of Melbourne*



# 11 SOUTH WEST GROUP SUB-COMMITTEES



## SOUTH WEST CORRIDOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

**2014/15 Chairman: Cr Sian Martin (until March 2015)**

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 comprises the Directors of Engineering and the Directors of Planning from each member Council.

The Board reviewed the effectiveness and function of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee during 2014/15 and concluded that the committee was essentially operating in a review capacity of the Technical Directors Committee and its attendance had been inconsistent for some time. As a result, the Board decided that the committee should be discontinued and that the Technical Directors Committee would continue to operate in providing advice to the Board on planning and infrastructure issues. The Planning and Infrastructure Committee members were thanked by the Board for their involvement and support over the years.

### 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.

### 2014/15 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 Project Appraisal Framework Paper prepared by the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (October 2014) and Jandakot Airport Master Plan 2014 prepared by Jandakot Airport Holdings Pty Ltd (November 2014).
- ◆ **REVIEW OF SOUTH WEST GROUP STRATEGIC PLAN** - Provided input into the review including planning, transport and infrastructure related issues.
- ◆ **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT** - Assisted with the identification of congestion locations throughout the region, including problem intersections and segments.





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



## SOUTH WEST REFERENCE GROUP

**2014/15 Chairman: 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.

### 2014/15

### ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **REGIONAL NRM STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION** – The South West Group and participating member Councils contributed funding in their 2014/15 budgets to implement the first phase of the Regional NRM Strategy.
- ◆ **PROGRESS ON REGIONAL PRIORITY NRM PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES** – Priorities identified and further developed include a number of Green Network Projects (Coastal/Foreshore, Developed Councils, Growth Councils), Tramway Trail Project, Light Industry Audit/Cleaner Production Pilot Project through the City of Melville and in partnership with the Swan River Trust.
- ◆ **REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY MAPPING AND ANALYSIS** – The utilisation and promotion of the regional Geographic Information System (GIS) database and overlays identifying areas of conservation value and priorities for conservation action. This mapping work was completed by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Local Biodiversity Project team and is recognised as a good model for conservation planning and possible implementation of the outcomes from the Strategic Assessment of Perth and Peel (SAPPR).
- ◆ **SUPPORTING MEMBER COUNCILS ON NRM ACTIVITIES** – The NRM Facilitator has provided regular advice to member Council staff on grant funding and NRM partnership project opportunities, as well as providing direct assistance in the preparation of grant fund applications.
- ◆ **REGIONAL PARKS FORUM AND AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION** – The South West Group arranged a regional forum for management and operational staff involved in the management of Regional Parks and Nature Reserves in the region. As a consequence of this forum, the member Councils and DPaW have entered into an Agreement of Cooperation for improved coordination and joint management of Regional Parks and Nature Reserves.
- ◆ **STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS** - Development of strong relationships with key stakeholders including Department of Premier and Cabinet and the SAPPR project team, Department of Planning, , NRM WA, Perth Region NRM, Alcoa Australia, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Unit, Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW), Birdlife Australia, Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) and the Swan River Trust.

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



## **SOUTH WEST CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION INCORPORATED**

**2014/15 President** Cr Duncan Macphail – City of Melville

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.

### **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.



### **2014/15 ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** - Continued implementation of the South West Corridor Workforce Development Plan 2009 – 2024.

- **REGIONAL TRAMWAY TRAIL PROJECT** - Financially supported and overseeing consultants commissioned to prepare a development plan for a section of a historic tramway reserve extending from the City of Cockburn to the City of Rockingham.

- **PARTNERSHIP WITH POINT PERON REHABILITATION COMMITTEE (PPRC)** - Agreement to partner with the PPRC and act as proponent for grant funds related to the restoration of the historic World War 2 battery structures at Point Peron.

- **REGIONAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM)**

**PROJECTS** - Supporting an active role in seeking grant funds for environmental restoration projects that align with SWCDeF Inc. objectives, particularly those that could be eligible for additional funding through the Beelir Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks Trust.

- **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 complete the 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 extended over a number of years and has gathering information to better understand issues inhibiting people getting a job, particularly youth.







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**SOUTH WEST GROUP**  
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

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 2015 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 12 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## 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 2015, 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 2015 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      DAY OF                      2015.**

**SOUTH WEST GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2015**

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	234,681	268,771
Trade and Other receivables	3	-	9,000
		<u>234,681</u>	<u>277,771</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	4	82,301	70,128
		<u>82,301</u>	<u>70,128</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>152,380</u>	<u>207,643</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>152,380</u></u>	<u><u>207,643</u></u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Member Councils' Equity	5	<u><u>152,380</u></u>	<u><u>207,643</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

# 12 INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

## SOUTH WEST GROUP

### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions and Donations		339,000	339,000
NRM Facilitator Contributions		117,500	117,500
Interest Received		5,282	5,852
		<u>461,782</u>	<u>462,352</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee Costs		250,096	230,439
Travel Expenses	6	27,141	22,082
Secretarial & Office Costs		17,812	22,310
Consultant and Management Fees	7	211,602	152,598
Audit Fees		5,000	5,000
Other Project Costs	8	5,394	4,960
		<u>517,045</u>	<u>437,389</u>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>		<u>(55,263)</u>	<u>24,963</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements



# 12 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### SOUTH WEST GROUP

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

##### 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.

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash at Bank	234,681	268,771
	<u>234,681</u>	<u>268,771</u>
<b>NOTE 3 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Debtors	-	9,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,000</u>
<b>NOTE 4 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Creditors	82,301	70,128
	<u>82,301</u>	<u>70,128</u>
<b>NOTE 5 MEMBER COUNCILS' EQUITY</b>		
Opening Funds	207,643	182,680
Net Profit/(Loss)	(55,263)	24,963
Closing Funds	<u>152,380</u>	<u>207,643</u>
	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Share</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
City of Cockburn	32,813	21.53%
Town of East Fremantle	11,238	7.38%
City of Fremantle	20,227	13.27%
City of Kwinana	17,980	11.80%
City of Melville	34,162	22.42%
City of Rockingham	35,960	23.60%
	<u>152,380</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

## SOUTH WEST GROUP

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

#### NOTE 6 TRAVEL EXPENSES

Travel Expenses for both years include expenses relating to the South West Group Economic Development tours to Adelaide, South Australia in April 2014 and to Melbourne and Sydney in April 2015.

#### NOTE 7 CONSULTANT AND MANAGEMENT FEES

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Accommodation Charge - City of Melville	5,000	5,000
Admin Service Charge - City of Melville	20,000	22,090
Lobbying and Communications Strategy	14,000	14,500
Economy ID Subscription	18,000	18,000
NRM Strategy	104,374	57,653
Target on Training and Website	-	900
NRM Consultancy	-	3,835
SWG Bulletin Update	-	490
Economic Development Consultancy	22,640	625
Integrated Transport Planning Project	27,588	27,665
Shared Services Project	-	1,840
	<u>211,602</u>	<u>152,598</u>

#### NOTE 8 OTHER PROJECT COSTS

Meeting Expenses	<u>5,394</u>	<u>4,960</u>
	<u>5,394</u>	<u>4,960</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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