



**SOUTHWEST
GROUP**

2015 /16

**ANNUAL
REPORT**





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INTRODUCTION



The South West Group, formed in November 1983, is a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC) comprising the following member Councils:

- City of Cockburn
- Town of East Fremantle
- City of Fremantle
- City of Kwinana
- City of Melville
- City of Rockingham

Collectively, the member Councils represent the South West Metropolitan Region of Perth with a recorded population of 419,200 (ABS, June 2015), 29,580 local businesses (Business Register, 2015), 177,132 local jobs (NIEIR 2015), 209,592 employment residents (NIEIR) and a Gross Regional Product (GRP) of over \$23.91 billion (NIEIR 2015).

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.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT Chairman's Report

The 2015/16 period involved ongoing lobbying and advocacy activities across the region aimed at consolidating relationships with State and Federal stakeholders and preparing for the Federal election on 2 July 2016 and State election on 11 March 2017.

The South West Group progressively developed and implemented key initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan 2015 to 2025 and associated annual work plans approved by the Board. The South West Group Director works closely with member Council Directors (Planning, Engineering and Corporate Services) to ensure alignment of objectives, strategies, priorities 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 2015/16 with 8 submissions lodged with relevant government agencies across a range of issues, including submissions on State and Federal budgets for 2016/17 and beyond.

The South West Group Board economic development tour to Melbourne in April 2016 examined a range of transport related topics including:

- Ports and intermodal terminals
- Toll roads
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

This was particularly relevant to the region given the proposed sale of Fremantle Port, potential introduction of freight user charges linked to the proposed Perth Freight Link and the planned increased use of ITS by Main Roads WA along the Kwinana Freeway and other major roads in the region.

The State Government progressed a range of transport and land use related studies with significant implications for the region including the draft Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million Sub-regional Planning Frameworks (May 2015) and the Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 Million (December 2015).

The State Government was in the process of finalising the Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 Million and Beyond, which was subsequently released in July 2016.

The South West Group is monitoring progress on these important studies, with a view of identifying opportunities to influence outcomes that will benefit the region.

The South West Group Board members met with Federal MPs and candidates in the lead up to the 2 July 2016 Federal election with a view of discussing regional priorities and other issues of interest to the respective political parties. These meetings provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships with sitting MPs and to establish new relationships with candidates running for the key electorates within and adjacent to the region.

I would like to thank all the Mayors and CEOs from the region for their support over the past twelve months in efforts to address the challenges facing a rapidly growing region and look forward to collaborating on initiatives over the coming years.

I also gratefully acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by retiring City of Fremantle CEO Graeme Mackenzie over the last eleven and a half years and the acting CEO role undertaken by Gary Clark for the Town of East Fremantle during 2015/16.

Mayor Brad Pettitt - Chairman South West Group

SOUTH WEST GROUP 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 collaboration role on matters specific to the organisation and member Councils, and an external lobbying and advocacy role involving regional stakeholders such as State and Federal Government agencies and Members of Parliament (MPs), private sector, business associations and industry groups.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Director's Report



The South West Group activities over the past twelve months have seen a continued and strong emphasis on integrated transport and land use planning and infrastructure provision across the region.

The South West Metropolitan Region has experienced significant growth over the last five years, with the provisional regional population of 419,200 as at June 2015 (ABS 3218.0 released 30 March 2016), representing an increase in 57,527 persons (or 15.9%) since June 2010. 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 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 (KIA), Fremantle, Rockingham, 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 Gateway Shopping City 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.

The Defence industry sector received a significant boost following the release of the Defence White Paper and Federal budget for 2016/17. The South West Group prepared a paper in May 2016 which showed that Defence related procurement and sustainment activities in the region represent an annual investment of about \$1 billion and support around 5,000 jobs, with areas like HMAS Stirling at Garden Island and the Australian Marine Complex playing a key role.

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. Submissions lodged for the Perth and Peel Sub-regional Frameworks and Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan were comprehensive and included detailed information to support the Board's position on important issues in the region.

The South West Group also led a consortium of fourteen Councils in the preparation of a City Deal Proposal for Perth's Southern Corridors under the Federal Government's Smart Cities Plan. The City Deal proposal identified a range of road, rail, public transport

and activity centre projects aiming to enhance infrastructure investment and improving productivity and mobility.

The Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy implementation continues as a partnership project with member Councils focussing on priority initiatives aimed at the enhanced protection and management of natural assets in the region. More recently, the South West Group has also consolidated climate change impact and management information undertaken by the member Councils with the aim of identifying climate change adaptation pathways for the region.

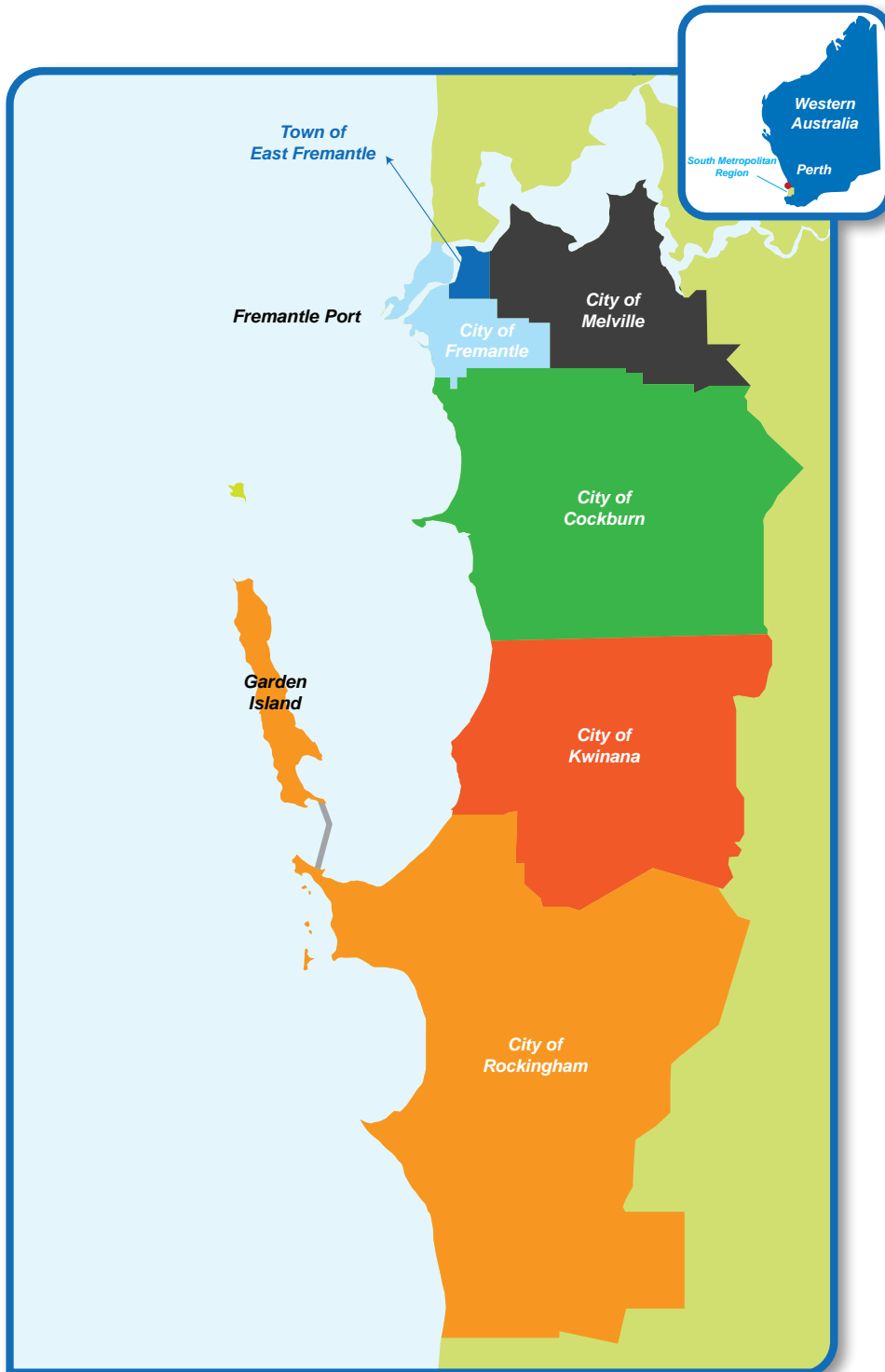
The South West Group Board Members were actively involved in various stakeholder engagement activities throughout 2015/16, particularly in the lead up to the Federal election on 2 July 2016. Preparations will then focus on the State election and seeking opportunities to align Federal and State priorities to advantage the region in terms of shared funding commitments.

I wish to thank Board Chair, Mayor Brad Pettitt and Chairs of the CEO Forum (Graeme Mackenzie and Phil St John) for their support, leadership and direction. The Executive Assistant to the South West Group, Joanna Ong has continued to provide great support and organisational skills for the smooth operation of the group, which is also 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

SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION



SOUTH WEST GROUP

BOARD & COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

BOARD 2015/16



1. Mayor Brad Pettitt (City of Fremantle)
2. Mayor Russell Aubrey (City of Melville)
3. Mayor Carol Adams (City of Kwinana)
4. Mayor Barry Sammels (City of Rockingham)

5. Mayor Logan Howlett (City of Cockburn)
6. Mayor Jim O'Neill (Town of East Fremantle)
7. Philip St John (CEO City of Fremantle)
8. Shayne Silcox (CEO City of Melville)

9. Joanne Abbiss (CEO City of Kwinana)
10. Andrew Hammond (CEO City of Rockingham)
11. Stephen Cain (CEO City of Cockburn)
12. Gary Tuffin (CEO Town of East Fremantle)



SOUTH WEST GROUP COMMITTEE

SOUTH WEST GROUP BOARD*

Chair: Mayor Brad Pettitt

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



CEOs Forum



Chair:
Mr Philip St John

- 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 Gain

Town of East Fremantle:

Mayor Jim O'Neill, CEO Mr Gary Tuffin

City of Fremantle:

Mayor Brad Pettitt, CEO Mr Philip St John

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & GOALS

The strategic priorities, goals and objectives from the South West Group Strategic Plan 2015 to 2025.

◆ LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

GOAL

Sustainable, diverse and liveable communities through the provision of community infrastructure, enhanced natural environment, affordable housing and activity centres for our growing population.

OBJECTIVES

- Urban development and housing
- Activity centres and corridors
- Natural environment
- Regional community infrastructure and services

◆ CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

GOAL

Resilient and adaptive communities and infrastructure capable of responding to climate change impacts and trends.

OBJECTIVES

- Climate change research and mapping
- Strategic planning for climate change adaptation

◆ TRADE, FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS

GOAL

Efficient and optimised freight and logistics networks, supported by investment in infrastructure and services.

OBJECTIVES

- Transport and moving people
- Freight and logistics



◆ KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION

GOAL

Growth and expanded employment and training opportunities across the knowledge and education sectors.

OBJECTIVES

- Skills development and training
- Employment and work experience

◆ INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT

GOAL

Recognition of our region as the economic gateway to WA, as a major tourist destination and as a provider of regional employment centres.

OBJECTIVES

- Employment and innovation hubs
- Promotion and economic development
- Tourism investment

“ 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. ”

The South West Group endorsed activities in the work plan and identified the 15 top ranked priorities for 2015/16.

The activities and their status are presented in Table 1 below with reference to new, carry over or ongoing activities and the goal area and activity number identified in the Strategic Plan 2015 to 2025 as applicable.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 2015 / 16

RANK	ACTIVITY	STATUS
1	Gather accurate population and dwelling forecasts to inform and influence the State Government's regional planning forecasts to align our planning and liveability targets. (Liveable Communities -1.1.1)	Completed
2	Develop and communicate implementation models for the establishment of Activity Centres and Activity Corridors. (Liveable Communities – 1.2.1)	Consultants engaged to undertake light rail prioritisation study taking into account proposals outlined in Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 Million
3	Identify and prioritise public transport (BRT and light rail) networks and/or links to service planned regional Activity Centres and Activity Corridors. (Liveable Communities- 1.2.2)	Consultants engaged to undertake light rail prioritisation study taking into account proposals outlined in Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 Million
4	Consolidate regional climate change information and identify key impacts, risks and adaptation pathways. (Climate Change Adaptation – 2.1.1)	80% complete, with report to be considered by the Board early 2016/17
5	Facilitate economic development and tourism infrastructure investment in the region (private sector and public sector) in partnership with member Councils. (Industry and Employment – 5.2.1)	Carried forward to 2016/17
6	Encourage investment via a "Regional Investment Prospectus". (Industry and Employment – 5.2.2)	Internal working group examining role, resources and funding
7	Identify and rank regional projects requiring more detailed assessment and cost benefit analysis for lobbying and advocacy on regional priorities. (New work plan activity)	Ranking completed for current priorities. Methodology developed and transformational projects identified for new priorities
8	Review and update South West Group website. (New work plan activity)	75% complete, with website launch planned for early 2016/17
9	Review and update the South West Group Regional Profile (At a Glance) document. (Carry over work plan activity)	90% complete, with document planned for release early 2016/17
10	Review Communications Plan involving stakeholder engagement activities with State Government and Federal Government Members of Parliament and senior agency staff. (Ongoing work plan activity)	Communications Plan reviewed and adopted by the Board to guide stakeholder engagement activities
11	Prepare and lodge 10 submissions on policy issues that impact on the region. (Ongoing work plan activity)	10 submissions prepared and lodged
12	Prepare and lodge a 2016 to 2020 State and Federal Budget submissions on regional priorities. (Ongoing work plan activity)	Completed
13	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. (Ongoing work plan activity)	Actively participated in numerous forums
14	Host regional forums and arrange alignment discussions involving State Government agencies and other key stakeholders to increase the profile and investment in regional projects, strategies and infrastructure. (Ongoing work plan activity)	Discussions held with relevant State agencies (Planning, Main Roads, LandCorp). Regional forums postponed pending release of State Government transport plans
15	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. (Ongoing work plan activity)	Completed with Melbourne tour in April 2016

ACHIEVEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS



The South West Group highlights for 2015/16 below provide a summary of key achievements.

- Meetings with Federal Members of Parliament and candidates to discuss regional priorities in the lead up to the Federal election on 2 July 2016.
- Leading and hosting meetings between 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.
- The development of project prioritisation methodology for assessing new regional initiatives and the introduction of transformational projects as the focus for large scale infrastructure projects with wider economic development and employment benefits.
- Completion of funding applications, advocacy materials and papers including:
 - Projects sheets for advocating regional priorities for the Federal election
 - Defence sector capability paper
 - City Deal Proposal for Perth's Southern Corridors under the Federal Government's Smart Cities Plan
- Continued implementation of the Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy, including regional priority projects, grant funded partnership projects (e.g. Regional Tramway Trail, Bird Friendly Gardens workshops, Green Army teams) and initiatives in collaboration with other land management organisations (joint management meetings, Agreement to Cooperate, fuel load assessment training, machine operator training for fire management).
- Economic Development Tour of Melbourne in April 2016 on ports, intermodal terminals, toll roads and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS).
- Development of a new website and logo refresh for the South West Group.
- Facilitated the formation of the Employment and Business Support Service Providers network following the awarding of new contractor arrangements at Federal and State levels.
- 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.

SUBMISSIONS & ADVOCACY 2015 / 16



The South West Group continued its active role in lobbying and advocacy during 2015/2016 through one to one meetings with Members of Parliament and agency heads, group events and submissions on policies and plans.

The South West Group prepared and lodged a number of important submissions during 2015/2016 on major regional plans that have implications for the member Councils and the region.

These submissions, outlined below, were developed in consultation with the various committees supporting the Board and its structure:

- Draft Perth and Peel Draft Sub-regional Planning Frameworks (July 2015)
- Infrastructure Australia – Australian Infrastructure Audit (August 2015)
- WA Electoral Boundaries Proposals (August 2015)
- WA Tomorrow Population Projections (August 2015)
- Sale of Fremantle Port (August 2015)
- Federal budget submission 2016/17 to 2019/20 (November 2015)
- State Budget submission 2016/17 to 2019/20 (November 2015)
- Follow up submission on Sale of Fremantle Port (February 2016)
- Draft Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan (May 2016)
- Smart Cities Plan – City Deals Proposal for Perth's Southern Corridors (June 2016)

“ *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.* ”

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO MELBOURNE

PORTS, INTERMODAL TERMINALS, TOLL ROADS AND INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS (ITS)

The South West Group Board has undertaken a number of economic development tours since 2012 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 previously include the following key themes and locations:

- **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

- **April 2015:**

Climate change adaptation tour of Melbourne and Sydney

The April 2016 economic development tour was undertaken in Melbourne based on the key transport themes including:

PORTS – the pending sale of Port of Melbourne and lessons learnt from the key agencies involved in the transaction and consultation process

INTERMODAL TERMINALS – efficiencies in the transfer of containers to and from road and rail and key issues regarding the location of intermodals in relation to crucial port infrastructure

TOLL ROADS – their effectiveness in managing congestion on major arterial roads and the use of technology in toll road projects

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS (ITS) – types of ITS technologies in use and future role of ITS in managing congestion and driver behaviour

The tour included presentations from senior agency staff and specialist advisors as well as site tours of the Port of Melbourne, Fishermans Bend Urban Redevelopment Area, East Link traffic management centre and various ITS locations leading into the CBD.

The Melbourne Economic Development Tour was a 3 day tour from 4 to 6 April 2016 inclusive and based on a detailed itinerary and background report provided to delegates.





COMMITTEES

SOUTH WEST GROUP

The South West Group Board is supported by a number of internal standing committees, including the Technical Directors Committee and Corporate Services Directors Group, which report to the CEOs Forum.

The South West Group also seeks nominations from member Councils for committees comprising of Councillors and officers including the South West Corridor Development Foundation Incorporated (SWCDeF Inc.) and the South West Reference Group.

SOUTH WEST CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION Inc

2015/16 President: Cr Duncan Macphail – City of Melville

The South West Corridor Development Foundation Incorporated (SWCDeF Inc.) was established in 1986 by the South West Group as an incorporated association for the purposes of undertaking economic and social development projects across the South West Metropolitan Region. Initially focussed on programs for improving employment opportunities for disadvantaged residents and recreational activities for the disabled, SWCDeF Inc. has diversified its activities into a range of economic development, social and environmental partnership projects.



Role and Function:

- Facilitate and promote development of the South West Metropolitan Region and areas adjacent to the region;
- Enhance and promote the region's attractiveness for industry and enterprise, lifestyle and natural attractions; and
- Enhance and promote the development of skills and expertise within and for the region.

Vice-President: Cr Dennis Wood – *City of Kwinana*

Treasurer: Cr Doug Thompson – *City of Fremantle*

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
- Community

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

2015/16 Activities and Highlights

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

REGIONAL TRAMWAY TRAIL PROJECT – Secured grant funds and coordinated consultants commissioned to prepare a development plan for the 32 kilometre 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 managing grant funds and donations related to the restoration of the historic World War II battery structures at Point Peron. Secured community grants funding from the City of Rockingham to prepare a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the historic structures located at the site.

REGIONAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM) PROJECTS – Supporting grant fund applications for environmental restoration and community awareness projects that align with SWCDeF Inc. objectives, particularly those associated with the Beelihar and Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks trust.

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 (NRM) 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



2015/16 Activities and Highlights

REGIONAL NRM STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION – The South West Group and participating member Councils have contributed funding for three years since 2013/14 to implement the Regional NRM Strategy.

PROGRESS ON REGIONAL PRIORITY NRM PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES – Priorities identified and further developed a number of partnership projects associated with the Green Network (Green Army, State NRM funded projects), 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 has been commended as valuable conservation resource by the Strategic Assessment of Perth and Peel Regions (SAPPR) project team during the development of the draft Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan.

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.

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SOUTH WEST GROUP

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

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 2016 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: 
Name: Mick McCarthy
Place: Melville
Date: 13 September 2016

Signed: 
Name: Dr Shayne Silcox
Place: Melville
Date: 13 September 2016

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 2016, 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 2016 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 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016.**



SOUTH WEST GROUP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	242,883	234,681
Trade and Other receivables	3	-	-
		242,883	234,681
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	4	97,291	82,301
		97,291	82,301
Net Current Assets		145,592	152,380
NET ASSETS		145,592	152,380
EQUITY			
Member Councils' Equity	5	145,592	152,380

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH WEST GROUP

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue			
Contributions and Donations		355,500	339,000
NRM Facilitator Contributions		117,500	117,500
Interest Received		3,841	5,282
		<u>476,841</u>	<u>461,782</u>
Expenses			
Employee Costs		223,698	250,096
Travel Expenses	6	23,205	27,141
Secretarial & Office Costs		23,466	17,812
Consultant and Management Fees	7	205,666	211,602
Audit Fees		5,000	5,000
Other Project Costs	8	2,594	5,394
		<u>483,629</u>	<u>517,045</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u>(6,788)</u>	<u>(55,263)</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.

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank	242,883	234,681
	<u>242,883</u>	<u>234,681</u>
NOTE 3 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Trade Debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NOTE 4 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Trade Creditors	97,291	82,301
	<u>97,291</u>	<u>82,301</u>
NOTE 5 MEMBER COUNCILS' EQUITY		
Opening Funds	152,380	207,643
Net Profit/(Loss)	(6,788)	(55,263)
Closing Funds	<u>145,592</u>	<u>152,380</u>
	Equity	Share
	\$	%
City of Cockburn	31,330	21.52%
Town of East Fremantle	10,649	7.32%
City of Fremantle	19,248	13.22%
City of Kwinana	17,200	11.81%
City of Melville	32,763	22.50%
City of Rockingham	34,402	23.63%
	<u>145,592</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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NOTE 6 TRAVEL EXPENSES

Travel Expenses for both years include expenses relating to the South West Group Economic Tours to Melbourne and Sydney in April 2015 and to Melbourne in April 2016.

NOTE 7 CONSULTANT AND MANAGEMENT FEES

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Accommodation Charge - City of Melville	5,000	5,000
Admin Service Charge - City of Melville	21,530	20,000
Lobbying and Communications Strategy	12,500	14,000
Economy ID Subscription	21,000	18,000
NRM Strategy	122,897	104,374
Economic Development Consultancy	15,165	22,640
Integrated Transport Planning Project	7,574	27,588
	<u>205,666</u>	<u>211,602</u>

NOTE 8 OTHER PROJECT COSTS

Meeting Expenses	<u>2,594</u>	<u>5,394</u>
	<u>2,594</u>	<u>5,394</u>

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