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Bottom right: **RDA Mid West Gascoyne** Carnarvon Flood Mitigation levy

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# THE RDA NETWORK... COLLABORATION BEYOND BORDERS



55 RDA's cover the footprint of Australia, a single RDA represents the whole of the Northern Territory. To maximise the benefits of the RDA network RDA NT collaborates with many other RDA's, but in particular we have forged an alliance with the 9 Western Australian RDA's. With many common challenges and opportunities this partnership has proven invaluable. There is a lot to be gained from the sharing of information and ideas across regions.

As this is RDA NT's first contribution to the Network News we thought it appropriate to introduce ourselves. RDA NT covers over 1,340,000 square kilometers, from the desert country of Central Australia to the tropical Top End. RDA NT has one permanent staff person in Darwin, one in Alice Springs, and a small and variable staff of casual or short-contract employees. Like the WA RDA's, we are a not-for-profit, community-based association. However, the NT has no Regional Development Commissions, outside of the NT Government RDA NT is the only organisation in the NT with a broad regional development mandate across industries and interest groups.

Across such a large geographic area the RDA NT staff work hard to build relationships with the diversity of stakeholders who drive regional development. In particular we work with the Northern Territory Government, local government bodies, and industry peak bodies. Like all RDA's, we seek to maximise our effort through the identification of strategic gaps and partnership opportunities. An emphasis on collaborative activity allows us to stretch limited resources across many regional development projects and activities.

RDA NT also seeks to assist in the attraction funding for regional development projects. Since 2011 we have worked with our regional partners to secure over \$68M of investment in infrastructure. Projects include:

- Housing Industry Association – Multi-Purpose Building Industry Training Centre, Darwin
- Alice Springs Town Council – Regional Waste Management Centre, Alice Springs
- AFLNT – Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre, Darwin
- Buku Larrnggay Mulka – Garnarrwa Digital Learning Centre, Yirrkala
- Tennant Creek Women's Refuge – 'Bough Shelter', Tennant Creek
- Barkly Shire Council – Tennant Creek Regional Sporting Facilities Upgrade, Tennant Creek
- Alice Springs Turf Club – Dave Fogarty Pavilion Upgrade, Alice Springs
- Outback Highway Development Council – Outback Way Open for Business, Central Australia

In recent months RDA NT activity has centred on the Northern Australia Development White Paper process. RDA NT's suite of current projects support this broader regional initiative and include:

- Collaboration with the other 7 RDA's representing Northern Australia through the Northern RDA Alliance
- A feasibility study to support investment in road infrastructure in East Arnhem region
- An agricultural economic analysis in the Douglas Daly region to facilitate the development of the area as an ag zone
- Support for the Food Future Conference scheduled for 4-5 November 2014, Darwin
- Support for SEGRA 2014 scheduled for 8-10 October in Alice Springs



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# PARTNERSHIPS AND PLANNING

*The Mid West is the national gateway to the globe through its diverse and entrepreneurial business and export economy. High value industries generate prosperity and the most desirable, adaptive and connected communities in Australia.*

## **Awakening the sleeping GIANT! RDA MID WEST GASCOYNE**

This is the 2050 vision for the Mid West region according to the consultation draft of the Mid West Regional Blueprint released for Public Comment today by the Minister for Regional Development the Honourable Terry Redman MLA at the Mid West Economic and Resources Summit in Geraldton

Developed through a comprehensive consultation process over the past 12 months through a partnership between the Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne and the Mid West Development Commission – the Blueprint is a high level aspirational growth and development plan to guide the transformation of the region by 2050.

It highlights the key strategies required to unlock and maximise the potential of this region as the GIANT of Western Australia.

The Blueprint shows:

- the Mid West has the potential to be home to 190,000 people by 2050;
- further development of strategic infrastructure is required to unlock the region's stranded assets;
- supporting development of existing industries, such as tourism, health, fishing, agriculture, mining and education can help drive economic growth;
- building the capacity of Mid West businesses will help the region to further compete on a global scale;
- improving access and connectivity across the region is critical;
- supporting our subregions will create resilient and adaptive communities; and
- creating highly educated and skilled communities will help meet the region's workforce requirements for the future.

The Mid West Blueprint has deliberately stopped short of listing priority projects. As a

strategic document it provides a logical basis for future growth and development. It now requires the further work with stakeholders to determine the very best projects that can drive and / or enable regional growth and development, against each of the Blueprint's priority pillars.

"The Mid West Blueprint is a welcomed framework for considering investment in the region" said RDAMWG Executive Officer Alan Bradley.

"The Region will be in a strong position to plan for growth and development into the future with the finalisation of the blueprint for the region, but we are seeking community comment".

"The release of a Draft allows the community to comment on their vision for the region" said Mr Bradley.

"The Blueprint proposes a public and private sector partnership approach to investment as a means of delivering real regional growth and development. It might be that some initial Government intervention might be required to de-risk a project investment that ultimately creates an opportunity for private sector jobs and population expansion.

*Opportunities will still emerge to access funding for local projects. However, those projects that align with a regional vision and strongly support regional growth and development will typically stand a greater chance of attracting limited government resources. Sub-regional alignment is also important going forward particularly given the Mid West is represented by three distinct sub-regions with equally distinct economic and social drivers.*

Alan Bradley  
Executive Officer, RDA Mid West Gascoyne

Mr Bradley reiterated the importance of community consultation. "Submissions will be accepted until November 18, 2014. We want feedback, so make sure you visit [www.mwdc.wa.gov.au](http://www.mwdc.wa.gov.au) to find out how to have your say," Mr Bradley said.

# PARTNERSHIPS AND PLANNING

Centre right: RDA Goldfields Esperance Chair, Julia Shadlow-Bath

## Interagency Working Group completes Carnarvon Flood Mitigation Project RDA MID WEST GASCOYNE

An official ceremony celebrated the completion of the Carnarvon Flood Mitigation project on site on Friday 13th June 2014 with representatives from all levels of government in attendance. Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price said the Australian Government provided \$15 million towards the project, which will enable Carnarvon to make a greater contribution to the Western Australian economy.

*By constructing a series of four integrated earth and rock levees, we are giving Carnarvon the security it needs to expand its horticulture, urban areas and population. The project also involves irrigation works to protect community assets from water damage. This forward-thinking project will help avoid potential loss of life and reduce social and community disruption in the event of flooding.*

Melissa Price MP  
Federal Member for Durack

The completed project enables Carnarvon to offer new opportunities for urban and semi-rural land development. It provides the horticultural industry the opportunity to diversify and expand with the release of an additional 400 hectares in horticultural land. The levees also secure a key transport corridor to the Pilbara.

The key community benefit from the completed project is the protection of the community from flooding. This mitigation works will:

- reduce damage to community infrastructure by avoiding potential loss of life
- reduce social and community disruption
- limit emotional stress on community members who would otherwise be impacted by flooding

The mitigation works include Six-mile levee on North West Coastal Highway south of Carnarvon and the Lawson Street, Nickol Bay,

South River Road and McGlades Road levees in the Carnarvon Horticultural Area. The completed levees will remain as an asset of the Department of Lands on behalf of the State Government with the Shire of Carnarvon being the project beneficiary.

Funding for the construction of the project totals \$60 million and is comprised of \$45 million from the WA Government's Royalties for Regions program and \$15 million from the Commonwealth Government's RDAF.



## Meeting with the Minister RDA GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE

The Chairperson and Executive Officer of RDA Goldfields Esperance had a productive meeting with the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon. Warren Truss, when he visited Kalgoorlie in March 2014. During the 45 minute meeting the following issues were discussed with the Minister:

- The Regional Australia Institute (RAI) regional competitiveness rankings and the comparative ranking of the Goldfields Esperance region
- The distribution of funding across Western Australia from the 4 rounds of the RDA Fund
- The review of the RDA network and the RDA committees
- The Stronger Regions Fund, which will be launched in 2015-2016, and is to be allocated to regions of high unemployment
- Aboriginal Housing and the effects of insufficient and inadequate housing across the Goldfields Esperance region
- The work that the WA RDAs have done together. A copy of the WA RDA Network newsletter was given to the Minister

In discussions about the review of the RDA network, the Minister indicated that he would like to see greater uniformity across the national RDA network and that he would like to see the WA RDAs working more closely with the WA Development Commissions in future.

Top: RDA Goldfields Gormley Statues  
Bottom right: RDA Kimberley Health Workforce Forum [Story on Page 07]



## Finance tips for NFP's in the Goldfields RDA GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE

RDA Goldfields Esperance (RDAGE) conducted further workshops for the not-for-profit section in July.

Jane Scott, a very experienced facilitator from the WA Council of Social Services (WACOSS), delivered the Interpreting Financial Reports workshops in Kalgoorlie on 31st of July.

The half day workshops covered the importance of financial management and accountability; the function and role of people involved in financial management; and, how to understand a variety of financial concepts and documents. More than 30 people attended this event.

The workshop was the second of two workshops facilitated by RDAGE during July. The first was Foundations in Governance which was conducted by Jo Buontempo, another skilled WACOSS trainer.

## 'Marketing your organisation' RDA GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE

Fifty participants representing more than 30 not-for-profit organisations or community groups, attended the Marketing Your Organisation workshops held in Kalgoorlie and Esperance on the 25th and 26th of March.

The workshops were conducted by Brett De Hoedt of Hootville Communications. Brett, who has worked as a print journalist, talk radio host and publicist, and worked extensively with the not-for-profit sector, was well received by participants at both workshops.

In the practical half-day workshops, participants learnt how best to get their message across and how to use positive media coverage to open doors to new members, new supporters, fundraising opportunities and support for their cause.

The workshops covered the following topics:

- What marketing means in a local community context
- What marketing options are available
- How to identify your target markets
- How to promote your organisation
- How to deal with the media
- How to communicate with the community
- Where to go for help, and, what resources are available

Marketing and media are central to any organisations attempt to change hearts and minds, to raise money, and to influence, organise and lobby. Participants who attended the workshops will now no longer have to avoid or leave these tasks to chance.



## Careers Expo RDA MID WEST GASCOYNE

RDAMWG was a significant partner in the Carnarvon Community Careers and Training Expo which was hosted in late August at The Wool Shed, Carnarvon Civic Centre. The expo showcased career options and pathways available in the region.

The Carnarvon Community Careers and Training Expo has been held annually since 2010 but is now a bi-annual event with this year – 2014, being the commencement of this bi-annual event. The Expo's objectives are to:

- Inform young people and community members about education, training and career pathways available locally, regionally and in the city
- Create an opportunity for the Gascoyne community to connect with employers to learn about the skills and abilities required, on the job training, employer expectations and future employment opportunities
- Engage, network and liaise with local and visiting organisations, businesses and service providers
- Encourage the community to see the link between regular school attendance, employment and improved lifestyle
- Empower young people to imagine future career possibilities and positive decision making



It has been estimated that 315 students from Year 7-12 came through the door, over 60 community members and a total of 23 exhibitors. Many high school students, their teachers and career advisors from Mid West and Gascoyne regions attended this one day event. In addition to local students, the expo is attended by local youth, parents and other interested members of the community.

Aimed at stimulating employment in a dynamic and proactive environment, the expo connects young people with all the industry organisations that can help inspire their careers, in a lively, supportive environment. 165 Expo Passports were completed by attendees (students and community) and placed in the box to enable them to go in the draw for a range of \$50 gift vouchers. This is a pleasing number of entries and it was great to see not only the students, but community members participating in this activity with eagerness.

## Building a Local Health Workforce RDA KIMBERLEY

The Kimberley Health Industry 'Build Your Local Workforce' seminar was held in late April, bringing together key stakeholders including health care employers, school career advisors, employment services, training and education providers to discuss and workshop ideas and solutions related to attraction, recruitment, retention and training for people in the Kimberley wanting a career in health.

The seminar provided an opportunity to share and celebrate good practice within the region and in rural and remote areas nationally, and participants worked together to develop a workforce action plan that will be implemented in the region to ensure a future health workforce for the Kimberley region.

Vicki O'Donnell, Acting CEO of Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service Council (KAMSC), opened the seminar and said that the focus of the seminar was to build a local workforce for a now and the future. "What we can do is build better partnerships with each other and strengthen our agreements so that we gain the best benefits instead of competing against each other. We need to get smarter about the way we deliver services with greater outcomes."

National figures show that healthcare and social assistance is Australia's largest employment sector, and by 2017 over 177,000 jobs will be available in this sector nationally. In the Kimberley, healthcare and social assistance is already the largest employer with 1892 people employed in the sector in 2011, with this number continuing to grow.

Centre left: RDA Mid West Gascoyne Careers Expo

Centre left: RDA South West RDASW's Charles Jenkinson, Chinese Consul-General Dr Huang Qinguo and Forrest MP Nola Marino  
Bottom left: RDA South West Bunbury will host the 33rd National Sister Cities Conference in November [Story on Page 10]

## Chinese investment in the South West RDA SOUTH WEST

RDA South West has been revealing the secrets of the region and building new relationships from China to Canberra.

Making a strategic investment to support regional economic development through the Bunbury-Jiaxing Business Office, RDA-SW immediately found itself in the midst of a special visit from Chinese Consul-General Dr Huang Qinguo. Dr Huang spent two days in the region and included a trip to Margaret River. He visited Howard Park winery's newly created tasting facility dedicated to entertaining Chinese guests. That facility was built with contributions from the Commonwealth.

The South West has also been treated to a visit from Minister Assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Jamie Briggs. Mr Briggs was briefed on plans to upgrade the Busselton Regional Airport runway, a flagship infrastructure project for the region. The Australian Government is currently supporting expansion of the airport terminal which was bursting at the seams.



## Cost of doing business in 2014 RDA PILBARA

RDA Pilbara commissioned Imani Development Austral to review and update the Cost of Doing Business in the Pilbara – May 2013 report. The Cost of Doing Business in the Pilbara – June 2014 report is an update prepared following the end of the major construction phase of new and expanded resource sector investments in the region. Its coverage includes the main centres of Karratha, Port Hedland, Newman and Onslow.

In 2013 the Cost of Doing Business in the Pilbara was reported to be 38% higher than Perth, however, the revised report has shown this figure has decreased to 18%. This high cost structure remains a constraint to starting new businesses, operating successfully as an existing enterprise and it also discourages diversification. In addition the downturn in the demand for services has resulted in a reduction in market and trading opportunities and a tougher economic environment for Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SMEs).

Investment in the resources sector has declined markedly, with a sharp decrease in construction activity. Employment and population growth have slowed down substantially, except in Onslow, where the construction of the Wheatstone and Gorgon projects are still underway. Once these are completed a slowdown is anticipated also in Onslow. As a result, as anticipated in the 2013 report, costs have fallen for some items, particularly the costs of accommodation and remuneration (wages and benefits) in all centres except Onslow. Nonetheless the Pilbara costs of doing business remain far higher than the rest of WA and most of Australia.

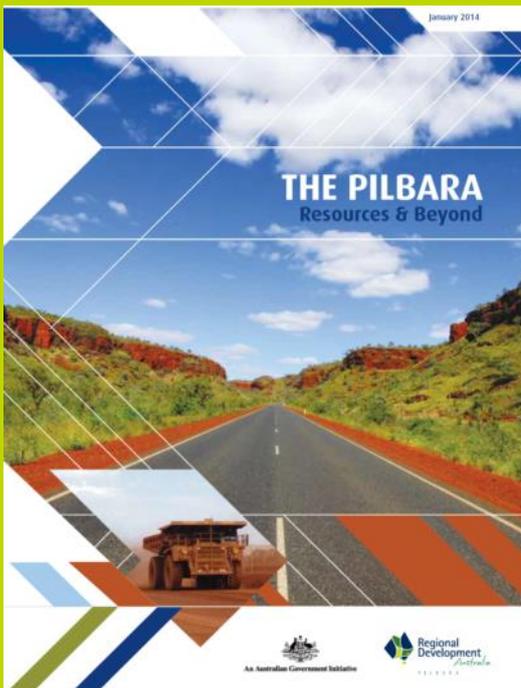
It should be noted that whilst investment has declined the export value of commodities has increased dramatically. It is likely that the estimate of export earnings forecast in the RDA Pilbara Plan (2012) of A\$150 billion by 2016/17 will be achieved. The results and conclusions will be used to:

- Inform businesses and NGOs about the prevailing cost structure and future costs to improve planning and operations; and
- Inform government agencies about costs so that policy formulation can be adjusted to take the high costs into account.



## Pilbara Resources and Beyond RDA PILBARA

RDA Pilbara has recently completed the development of the Pilbara Resources and Beyond report. This report looks at the four wellbeing's – Economic; Social; Environmental and Cultural, and focuses on themes such as improved quality of life/lifestyle (services, education, cultural life, social life), economic diversification and resilience, and sustainable environmental decision making.



The information contained in this report will provide an informed outlook on where the Pilbara is currently, and the opportunities and challenges it faces in achieving the Pilbara Cities vision.

## RDA Pilbara involvement in Australian China Business Council (ACBC) RDA PILBARA

RDA Pilbara is a representative on the newly formed Australia China Business Council (ACBC) Pilbara committee. This committee comprises of the Pilbara Development Commission, Pilbara Regional Council, Karratha District Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Shire of Roebourne, Town of Port Hedland and the Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The ACBC and the Pilbara committee will work collaboratively to recognise the importance of relationship building between the Pilbara and China and to leverage commercial relationships in order to further social and economic development and investment in the Pilbara.

## Access the Pilbara online RDA PILBARA

RDA Pilbara in partnership with Pilbara Regional Council and in collaboration with Pilbara Development Commission have created an online portal showcasing reports, submissions and publications that have been created with information pertaining to the Pilbara region. This online portal is a reference tool for any organisation to access past and current documents which have been released from key businesses and organisations.

Access to viewing this portal is [www.pilbararesearchonline.com.au](http://www.pilbararesearchonline.com.au) or if you would like to add any documents or reports to this uploading site please contact Anita Watts at RDA Pilbara on (08) 9144 0651 or [seniorcommunicationsofficer@rdapilbara.org.au](mailto:seniorcommunicationsofficer@rdapilbara.org.au)

*The Pilbara has a very strong base to build on – it has world class economic activity and is well connected to the world. It has well established towns that are being upgraded by the day. It has an exciting future, but it must meet some challenges to improve its resilience to inevitable changing circumstances in the future and achieve true longevity and sustainability.*

Top: RDA Pilbara Mining in the Pilbara  
Centre left: RDA Pilbara Pilbara Resources and Beyond

## **Renewing the Wheatbelt RDA WHEATBELT**

RDA Wheatbelt organised for *Renew Australia* to visit the Wheatbelt on 30 and 31 July 2014. The “renew” concept in a nut shell involves going in to areas where there has been market failure and properties are sitting vacant (e.g. town centres where retail stores have been closing down, empty government properties such as old schools, stalled developments, etc.) and to offer them to someone who wants to trial a business idea or community project, at minimal cost for a short period of time - generally no longer than 3 months.

This concept was seen by RDA Wheatbelt as an ideal way to reinvigorate the many empty/ underutilised spaces we see across our region and to entice new business development in the region. Through a partnership with the Wheatbelt Business Network and Northam Chamber of Commerce, events were held in Kulin, Merredin, Northam and Bindoon and included as many communities from across the Wheatbelt as possible. In total around 100 stakeholders attended the various events.

## **Collaboration for economic development RDA PERTH AND RDA PEEL**

Following on from the completion of the Perth Regional Plan, it will be necessary to develop documents that allow a seamless process of rollout of the core strategies identified in the Regional Plan.

RDA Perth will work with RDA Peel, Economic Development Australia and the Department of Planning to progress an Economic Development Strategy and Infrastructure Priorities Plan (EDS and IPP) with the intent on identifying short and long-term infrastructure priorities based on a set of key economic indicators. In doing so, it is envisaged that the local government authorities of the Perth and Peel regions will reach consensus on establishing indicators and priorities that will assist in any future leveraging of Commonwealth and or State funds. The Perth region consists of 29 LGAs and the Peel region has five.

RDA Perth has entered into a formal partnership in with EDA in June 2014 and has

provided funding towards the project. RDA Perth is currently working with local government to leverage additional funding that will assist in completion of the plan. The funds will be used to engage an appropriate consultant(s) in delivery of the plan and to run two forums on economic development.

The Plan will be directly aligned with the outcomes of the WA Planning Commission’s strategic Directions 2031 Framework (covering Perth and Peel) and the strategic intent of the economic work undertaken through that process. While the DOP work is a high level strategic planning document, the intent of the proposed EDS and IPP strategy will focus more on the delivery and implementation of economic outcomes and the key infrastructure to do so at a local government level, while clearly articulating what level of government is responsible for regionally significant projects.

The process will utilise the sub-regional approach identified in Directions 2031 negating the need to be affected by the current local government reform process. Through this project, RDA Perth and RDA Peel will be able to provide advice to government on regional priorities that brings consistent and informed input from all spheres of government, community and industry. The relationships between the sectors created through the project mean that strategies and priorities are negotiated with less wasteful competition and a more strategic regional approach.

## **Sisters cities create strong bond RDA SOUTH WEST**

RDA South West is among a number of key partners supporting the City of Bunbury’s hosting of the 33rd National Sister Cities Conference. Being held from November 16-19, the event will demonstrate the value of sister or twinning relationships between international communities to both aid understanding and build relationships that lead to business deals and economic development.

RDA Kimberley chairman Graeme Campbell and RDASW Executive Officer Charles Jenkinson are among the speakers who have an international, national and WA flavour to the proceedings.

## Tourism the 'new' resources RDA SOUTH WEST

RDA South West is paying a lot of attention towards the often-discussed 'pillars for prosperity' in a post mining future – and tourism is a genuine opportunity for the region's growing economy and need to generate more jobs. The South West is noted by Tourism Research Australia as the sixth most tourism-dependent region in Australia and the tourism sector is making a great comeback after suffering from the impact of the Global Financial Crisis.

RDA has been engaged with the development and founding of a Local Tourism Organisation in the Southern Forests; is supporting a study looking at merging the powerhouse sub-regions of Margaret River and Busselton; and, developing a tourism strategy for the Bunbury Geopraphe area which includes some of the region's most beautiful open country.

The Southern Forests operators and local governments are reaching new heights of co-operation to develop a tourism product that will attract more visitors and capitalise on some outstanding regional events including the WA Country Music Festival, Truffle Kerfuffle, Bridgetown Blues, Cherry Harmony Festival, professional cycling and rallying to name but a few. In the neighbouring Capes region, the Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association and Geopraphe Bay Tourism Association are moving towards a merger. Some said it would never happen but the maturity of the Capes sector, economics of co-operation, branding and collaborative marketing are compelling reasons to join forces. In contrast, the tourism product in the north of the region is a relative newcomer but can build on all the knowledge that has been gathered to create a fully integrated package of superb attractions.

## One million visitors by 2050 RDA MID WEST GASCOYNE

The development of the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, geotourism and a skywalk for Kalbarri are three of the key tourism development opportunities that will accelerate the Mid West economy according to a strategy that was launched by the Minister for Regional Development the Honourable Terry Redman MLA on Thursday, 4 September in Kalbarri.

The Mid West Tourism Development Strategy, was guided by the Mid West Tourism Alliance made up of the MWDC, TWA, RDAMWG, Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Department of Fisheries, Department of Parks and Wildlife, WA Museum Geraldton, Mid West Local Government Authorities, Kalbarri and Geraldton Visitor Centres and included a three week public comment period for feedback that has been incorporated into a Consultation Summary Report.



Along with the establishment of overnight accommodation, day visitor infrastructure and ancillary amenities and services at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, the development of geotourism and a potential geo park in the Murchison, the strategy also identified the following priority opportunities for development, all of which have the potential to deliver meaningful tourism outcomes for the region and the State;

- Develop coastal low impact campsites and visitor nodes from Greenhead to Kalbarri;
- Develop tourism facilities at DPAW's Karara Block, east of Morawa and three Murchison conservation blocks;
  - Develop a 4WD trail along the Zuytdorp Coast from Kalbarri to Shark Bay; and,
  - Develop an iconic 'skywalk' lookout in Kalbarri National Park as well as seal roads, develop a Naturebank eco-camp, a campground and expand trails.

The strategy is the result of the findings through the RDA Mid West Gascoyne and Mid West Development Commission's 2050 Mid West Regional Blueprint consultation process that identified tourism as one of the key areas of focus with the potential to "help transform the Mid West from its current status to a sustainable and prosperous region moving towards 2050".

Centre right: RDA Mid West Gascoyne Tourism launch

# SUSTAINABILITY AND AGRICULTURE



## Oh, my Goodness! RDA MID WEST GASCOYNE

Another successful partnership has seen the delivery of the 2014 Goodness Sustainability and Innovation Expo in August.

Geraldton's annual Goodness Festival runs during Science week in August and showcases and celebrates individuals, organisations and projects that are 'for good' in our community. Through awards, events, tours and exhibitions there are more than 30 opportunities for people to learn and contribute to environmental sustainability, creative community projects, technological innovations and discussions about ethical and social responsibility.

Festival Patron, Hugh Mackay, said a little about the ethos of Goodness that runs through all the events and activities: "The deepest truth about humans is that we are social creatures who are cooperative and altruistic by nature (though we can sometimes be competitive and ruthlessly self-interested, as well). We rely on communities to sustain and nurture us – to bring out the best in us – and those communities rely on us, in turn, to sustain and nurture them."

*That's the beautiful symmetry of a strong community and what lies at the heart of the idea of goodness. The good life is defined by our capacity for selflessness, by the quality of our personal relationships and by our willingness to respond to the needs of others. Geraldton's Goodness Festival is both a celebration and an encouragement to all of us to embrace that simple ideal.*

Hugh Mackay  
Goodness Festival Patron

The Awards were a perfect end to the Festival, highlighting 43 organisations being Good and doing Good in, with and for our community.

Tony Turner represented RDAMWG and presented the Innovation award to Australian Energy Farmers. There are so many stories to tell of amazing individuals, organisations, events and conversations that happened throughout the Festival. From Astronomy nights to supercomputing, Lego robotics to community garden tours, invasive species interrogations to biodiversity walks, cultural tours and exhibitions. Over the course of the two weeks, it has been estimated there were:

- 1500 people participating,
- 40 exhibitors,
- 24 community events,
- 43 award nominees,
- 11 award winners, and
- one heck of a lot of Goodness!

The major partners behind Goodness include National Science Week and Inspiring Australia, RDA Mid West Gascoyne, City of Greater Geraldton, Northern Agricultural Catchments Council and Pollinators Inc.

## Dairy and beef attract investment RDA SOUTH WEST

RDA South West is partnering the South West Development Commission to co-fund a SW Transformational Agricultural Action Plan in what is the first of its kind for Western Australia. The agriculture sector is worth \$630m to the SW regional economy and has amazing potential, having recently attracted hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of investment from Parmalat (dairy) and mining magnate Andrew Forrest (beef).

Together with the support of DAFWA, RDA and SWDC have engaged Deloitte to undertake a broad study of the region, its advantages, opportunities and prospects. The study is working with the sector's key stakeholders to formulate an action agenda that can exploit the growing Asian markets and unlock government investment.



## 'The art of working together' RDA PEEL

In 2012-13 RDA Peel identified at a regional level a number of issues that was limiting its economic contribution to employment, gross regional product and employment. These identified issues included a lack of coordination of events and activities, ineffective marketing of them and a failure to leverage from other tourism activities in the region. From an economic and social development perspective the arts and culture sector in the Peel appeared particularly active and vibrant, providing high levels of social participation. What was not well documented is the economic contribution the sector makes to the region in terms of employment and gross regional product.

In an effort to resolve these issues RDA Peel brought together the key stakeholders within the Arts and Culture sector in order to form an efficient and co-operative sector within the Peel region. Through the development of strong relationships and effective communication the strengths of the sector can be enhanced and supported.

A series of workshops undertook further scoping of the arts and culture sector in the Peel region; discussed current and emerging issues impacting on the arts and cultural sector in the region; and considered ways forward for the sector in the region to reach its full potential. The sector identified a desire for strong action to be taken to further develop arts and culture in the Peel Region through establishing an initial informal network of sector members, leading to the eventual development of a formal peak body to advocate for, communicate with, and undertake development activities for the arts and culture sector in the Peel Region.

"The Art of Working Together" Forum in July brought the sector together for a day of information and sharing, leading to further planned events and training workshops designed to improve their economic contribution.

## Regional Arts Summit RDA GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE

On Friday 2nd May, the launch of the National Regional Arts Summit was streamed live from the Goldfields Arts Centre in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Audiences from around Australia got a first-hand glimpse of the high energy 'Highlights Launch' for the Regional Arts Australia Summit: Arts & Edges. Held every two years in a different regional location, the celebrated Australian 'bush biennale' is the nation's most prestigious regional arts event enjoying a rich sixteen year history and attracting arts and community leaders and practitioners from across Australia and internationally.



In an inclusive 'first' that enabled arts audiences from rural, regional and remote communities across the nation to join into the launch of the Regional Arts Australia (RAA) Summit, the live stream provided a taste of things to come at Australia's most prestigious regional arts event, which will take place in Kalgoorlie-Boulder from 16-19 October 2014.

Highlights of the regional arts summit were unveiled during the launch to give a glimpse of the exciting and carefully curated collection of cutting-edge ideas and collaborations that will take place around culture and arts at the RAA Summit. An impressive line-up of nationally and internationally respected presenters will bring a diversity of perspectives to the Regional Arts Australia Summit and Festival offering inspired insights into issues ranging from cultural tourism and ways to navigate creative challenges to Indigenous cultural practices and how art can address the stigma of mental health in regional places.

RDA Goldfields Esperance is proud to support the Summit which will attract hundreds of delegates to Kalgoorlie-Boulder to experience desert life and a packed cultural program. For more info go to [www.raasummit.com.au](http://www.raasummit.com.au)

Centre right: RDA Goldfields Esperance Regional Arts Australia Artistic Director, Ben Fox  
Top left: RDA Peel 'The Art of Working Together' Forum

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Top right: RDA Wheatbelt Exploring at the MISSYA program in Moora  
[Story in Edition 2]

## Falling on deaf ears RDA NETWORK

RDAs in the Great Southern, Pilbara and Wheatbelt continue working on their Regional Children's Services Planning underway across WA (may be inserted-under the RCCCDF). Most organisations have submitted Draft plans to the Department of Local Government and Communities and are waiting on feedback from the Department or local communities with final plans scheduled for submission at the end of October.

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And here's a great reason to be involved! As part of the initial engagement activities for the RCSP project an Early Years Network meeting was hosted by RDA Wheatbelt in the Eastern Wheatbelt in late 2013. Hearing was identified as a key issue. At subsequent meetings around the Wheatbelt it became clear that this was a regional issue that needed to be addressed from a range of perspectives including Language development, Education, Employment and an Ageing population.



What followed proved the value of Networks and what can be achieved by working together and timely co-coincidences! The RDA Network News you are now reading provided the beginnings of a solution as Elizabeth Brennan (Editor) recalled an article on the RDA Kimberley's successful "Falling on Deaf Ears" program. The rest as they say is history!

RDA Wheatbelt's Project proposal to bring the Falling on Deaf Ears concept to the Wheatbelt gained opportunistic funding and support from the now defunct RESJ program through the Federal Department of Education (previously DEEWR). This wouldn't have happened as easily if RDA Kimberley had not already proven the concept.

Ann Jacobs, a well-respected Speech Pathologist and lecturer who has worked extensively with Health and Education in WA and the NT, travelled across the Wheatbelt presenting to parents, carers, families, early childhood educators, speech pathologists and other professionals. Ann was able to share her knowledge through direct discussion and radio interviews and provided simple, practical messages and activities. RDA Wheatbelt utilised contacts and partnerships to provide venues including CRCs, Libraries and Early Childhood Education and Care Centres.

An initial proposal to extend the program was unsuccessful however Hearing issues are firmly on the regional agenda with health services responding with local initiatives. Another regional collaboration is occurring to access additional funding. Regardless of the outcome, the process and partnerships created can only benefit the region.

The Falling on Deaf Ears project raised awareness of ear and hearing health conditions and their implications in both the Kimberley and Wheatbelt. This awareness will contribute positively to regional communities' positive reception of future outreach services. And it all came about because of networking and sharing ideas.

## Chair recognised for Service to Local Government RDA KIMBERLEY

Graeme Campbell, Chair of the RDA Kimberley was awarded an Eminent Service Award to Local Government at the recent WA Local Government Association week awards held in Perth in August. The award can be given to a Mayor, President or serving councillor and recognises personal commitment, eminent service and contribution to Local Government and/or the Association.

Graeme is the current President of the Shire of Broome, having held that position for the past 8 years. He has served on the Broome Shire Council for 11 years. Graeme is passionate about Broome and the Kimberley region and is a member of the WA Regional Cities Alliance; Sister Cities Committee; and the Kimberley regional Planning Committee.

Graeme also serves as Chair on the Broome Roadwise Committee and the Broome Liquor Accord. He is a board member on the Kimberley Development Commission. He is also a member on the Kimberley Main Roads WA Regional Road Group; Kimberley Regional Infrastructure group, and deputy chair on the Local Emergency Management Committee and Bush Fire Advisory Committee.



His tireless support to local business and community groups is shown by his involvement in the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Broome Visitor Centre; Broome Economic Development Advisory Group; Australia's North West; along with being heavily involved in the Shinju Matsuri Festival committee.

Graeme has held the position of State Councillor with the Association; member of the Kimberley Regional Collaborative Group as well as a former Kimberley Zone of WALGA delegate and current chair of the Shire of Broome Finance and Audit Committee; and deputy chair of the Arts, Culture and heritage Advisory Committee.



## Kimberley Region Secures Commonwealth Funding RDA KIMBERLEY

The Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Warren Truss, Minister for Regional Development and Infrastructure visited Broome, with the member for Durack, Ms Melissa Price in July. Funding commitment of \$500,000.00 was given to the Broome Volunteer Sea Rescue Group towards the acquisition of a Sea Legs vessel which can be launched at any tide to assist with emergency marine rescues. This funding was granted under the Community Grants Development Fund which is under the management of the Minister.

A further commitment of \$2.7 million of Regional Development Australia Funding (RDA Fund Round 4) was granted to the Royal Flying Doctor Service towards the new aero-medical facility located at Broome airport. "The new aero-medical facility will give everyone living in remote communities' access to high quality health services," Ms Price said.

Centre right: RDA Kimberley Member for Durack, Melissa Price, Liane Papaelias, Chief Financial Officer, RFDS Western Operations and Deputy Prime Minister Honourable Warren Truss. Top right: RDA Kimberley Broome Sea Rescue Volunteers. Centre left: RDA Kimberley Graeme and Lee Campbell at the Awards Ceremony

## Y20 Wheatbelt Summit RDA WHEATBELT

RDA Wheatbelt Inc. hosted a Youth 20 (Y20) inspired Summit at Joondalup Resort on Thursday 10 July 2014. This event was timed to coincide with the commencement of Y20 Australia taking place in Sydney from 12 to 15 July 2014. Y20 is the official platform for young people from across the Group of Twenty (G20) countries to have their voices heard on the most pressing global economic challenges, engage in substantive policy discussions and generate innovative solutions which will be presented to the G20 for consideration in their discussions.



Centre left: RDA Wheatbelt Visioning a future for the region at the Y20 Wheatbelt Summit  
Top right: RDA South West Sports equipment supporting social inclusion of disadvantaged children

RDA Wheatbelt's Executive Officer, Rebekah Burges said, "The Y20 provides an incredible opportunity for young leaders from across the G20 nations to communicate with world leaders their solutions to addressing issues of global importance."

"This concept resonated with our organisation because we see the value in engaging young people in important discussions that will impact on the future of their communities, their region and their country and so we sought to replicate this at a local level, through hosting our own Y20 inspired Wheatbelt Summit."

The Y20 Wheatbelt Summit saw 32 young people, representing communities from across the region, come together to brainstorm ideas for addressing some of the major challenges impacting on the region and to share their vision for the Wheatbelt in 20 years' time.



## Youth social inclusion through sport RDA SOUTH WEST

RDA SW is continuing its successful social inclusion programme, aiming to keep children from disadvantaged families engaged in junior sport along with their peers. The programme is flexible, funding club fees or necessary equipment, and works through agreement with the region's local government offices.

It is supported by the region's sports shops and by a group of community people who give their time to the good governance of the programme. In addition to the traditional rounds of winter and summer sports, the programme also supported children in activities such as Scouts and gymnastics at PCYC. The programme expects to have reached a magic 100 milestone before Christmas - that's 100 children supported to engage in activities that they otherwise would have missed - and this comes at a time when young people are being encouraged to be healthy and exercising. RDA is proud of this initiative which largely operates under the radar as no individuals are identified within their clubs or among their friends.

*"A junior coach at our club was chasing up players for the new season and was told by one child that their Dad had been made redundant so he wouldn't be playing due to the fees. The boy was told not to worry about it and to just turn up because the club would sort it out and no-one needed to know. That was the seed for this project. No child should miss out due to family circumstances."*

Charles Jenkinson  
Executive Officer, RDA South West

## Innovative Outreach Award RDA WHEATBELT

RDA Wheatbelt has been presented with the “Innovative Outreach Award” at the “Future for Young Australians Beyond 2014” Conference, held in Melbourne on 7 and 8 April 2014. The Award was in recognition of the highly successful Wheatbelt Heritage Rail Alternative Learning for Youth project. The Conference saw Youth Connections providers from across Australia come together over two days to discuss the future of the program and to celebrate the successes over the past four years since this program commenced.



*What makes this project a particular success and why we think it stood out from the rest of the nominees at the national awards, is that all of the young people involved turned their lives around as a result of their involvement and all of them went on to either gain employment or reengage in education*

Rebekah Burges  
Executive Officer, RDA Wheatbelt

Youth Connections is an Australian Government programme that assists disengaged young people (generally aged 13-19) to reconnect to education, training or employment. Each year approximately 30,000 young people throughout metropolitan, regional and remote Australia are assisted by Youth Connections.



RDA Wheatbelt is the provider of Youth Connections in the Wheatbelt region. RDA Wheatbelt’s Youth Connections Manager Denese Smythe said “every year we assist between 145-185 young people in the Wheatbelt to reconnect by providing flexible, individualised case management as well as creating opportunities for group learning activities”.

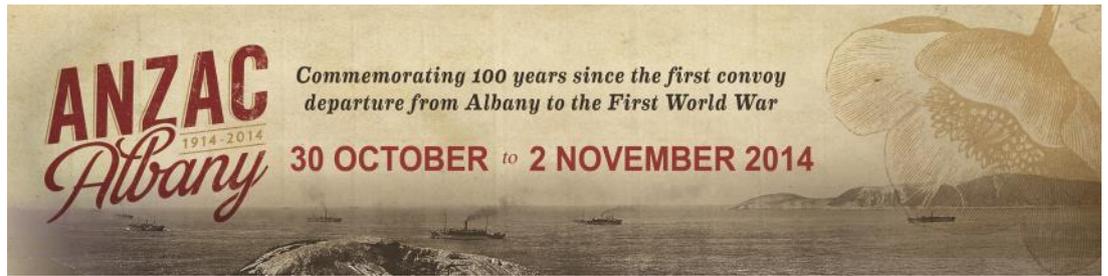
The Wheatbelt Heritage Rail Alternative Learning for Youth project was an innovative approach to a group learning activity that saw six severely disengaged young people from across the Wheatbelt, come together over 16 weeks between July and November 2012, to assist in the restoration of rail carriages provided by Rail Heritage WA, as part of the Shire of Dowerin’s Heritage Rail tourism initiative.

The project was a collaborative initiative of RDA Wheatbelt, the Shire of Dowerin and Rail Heritage WA with support from WATCO WA and CY O’Connor Institute. The project enabled the participants to experience hands on learning in an actual workplace environment and to achieve a Certificate 1 in Leadership Development.

Centre right: RDA Mid West Gascoyne The Esplanade in Geraldton  
Top right: RDA Wheatbelt Youth Connections staff Kaye McGleew and Denese Smythe with Larissa Daniel, Chair of Youth Connections NSW Network, at The Future for Young Australians: Beyond 2014 National Conference Awards  
Centre left: RDA Wheatbelt The Innovative Outreach Award for the Wheatbelt Heritage Rail Alternative Learning

# ANZAC ALBANY

Centre right : RDA Great Southern Artists impression of the National ANZAC Centre



## ANZAC Commemoration RDA GREAT SOUTHERN

November 1, 2014 marks 100 years since the departure of the original convoy from King George Sound, Albany carrying Australian and New Zealand Navy troops to Gallipoli and the Western Front. Albany will be the curtain raiser with a range of events and ceremonies to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary from 30 October to 2 November.

The ANZAC Centenary is a milestone of special significance to Australians. The First World War left an enduring legacy, defining us as a people and a nation. The Federation of Australia was only seventeen years old when the war ended in 1918, and the sacrifice and service of Australian and New Zealand armed service men and women shaped our national identity. Australian and New Zealand troops departed in convoy initially bound for Europe. Germany's invasion of Belgium precipitated decisive action from Britain with war being declared on August 4, 1914. The conflict would become known as the Great War. Unreserved support from British colonies was offered with commitments of available men.

Albany's Padre Arthur Ernest White started a tradition at dawn on ANZAC Day 1930 that grew to become Australia's most renowned and enduring commemorative ceremony. Padre White was a war Chaplain who spent two years performing last rights for his slain countrymen. He simply wanted to honour the men he hadn't been able to save, not knowing his dawn service would later be replicated all over the country each April 25.

### Infrastructure and support

The Commonwealth and State Government and the City of Albany have contributed approximately \$25 million to new and upgraded infrastructure including the ANZAC Peace Park, Desert Mounted Corps Memorial and the new National ANZAC Centre. The Heritage Council also contributed \$865,000 on conservation and restoration to revitalize 12 buildings along Stirling Terrace for the commemorations. Located within the Princess Royal Fortress Military Museum Precinct on Mt Adelaide,

the National ANZAC Centre will be a showpiece for the ANZAC Centenary. This unique interpretive Centre will provide a special opportunity for people to experience an emotional connection with the men and women who were involved in the First World War. The Centre will be accessible not only physically, but also virtually via the internet, and will highlight the significant role Albany played in the creation of the ANZAC Spirit.



RDA Great Southern Chairman Mr Milton Evans has been the RDA delegate on the ANZAC Events Committee and has made a valued contribution to the City of Albany to gain support for the events and infrastructure, having been involved with the Albany RSL over many years and four years as the immediate past Mayor of Albany.

### Events and programs

An exciting program of events presented by local community groups in Albany will complement the ANZAC Albany commemorative and community events in Albany this October and November. Each of the events carries the themes of *Commemorate, Contemplate and Educate* and will be held over the commemorative period.

Open throughout for breakfast, lunch and dinner on every day of ANZAC Albany, the Stirling Terrace Mess Hall will be home to pop up restaurants, coffee stands and market stalls. Offering the best of Great Southern produce it is anticipated to be the meeting place for ANZAC Albany visitors. These events have been endorsed by the Great Southern ANZAC Centenary Event Committee and many have been funded by Royalties for Regions program, administered by Tourism WA.

FOR EVENT INFORMATION AND UPDATES VISIT

[www.anzacalbany.com.au](http://www.anzacalbany.com.au) or   



## Commemorative & community events

**ANZAC Projections and Storytelling** Fri 30/10/14 – Sun 2/11/14  
From sunset daily. Various venues around central Albany. Using modern projection technology, images and personal accounts preserved from the First World War will be projected onto various buildings around central Albany

**Stirling Terrace Mess Hall** Thurs 30/10/14 Noon–10pm. Fri 31/10/14 - Sun 2/11/14 9am–10pm at Stirling Terrace. An eclectic food and arts destination, feat the best of the region's produce.

**Royal Australian Navy Ceremonial Sunset** Fri 31/10/14, 6.30-7pm at ANZAC Peace Park. A Naval Ceremonial Sunset, one of the world's oldest naval ceremonies, will be held in ANZAC Peace Park.

**Princess Royal Harbour Lights** Fri 31/10/14, 7pm at Albany Foreshore. An interpretive sound, lighting and pyrotechnic display following sunset taking place outdoors, around the Albany Entertainment Centre. Listen to the live broadcast on 783AM RadioWest.

**Troop March** Sat 1/11/14, 9-10am at York Street. Troop March with representatives from the Australian and the New Zealand Defence forces, cadets, the Royal Australian Navy Band, and the ex-service community.

**Commemorative Service** Sat 1/11/14, 11-12 noon at ANZAC Peace Park. A Commemorative Service will be held in ANZAC Peace Park commemorating and remembering the individuals of the first convoy departure.

**Symbolic departure of Naval Ships** Sat 1/11/14, 1.30pm at King George Sound. Naval ships will depart King George Sound representing the original convoy departure.

**Community Concert** Sat 1/11/14, Park opens from 4.30pm, concert starts at 5.30pm at Centennial Park. A Community Concert featuring the West Australian Symphony Orchestra with The Waifs, Dan Sultan and Katie Noonan, The Royal Australian Navy Band and NZDEF Maori Cultural Group.

**Naval Ship Open Day** Sun 2/11/14, 9am - 3pm at Albany Port. Docking at the Albany Port, some of the visiting naval ships will be open for the public to tour. Time allocated ticketing for the Ship Open Day will be available from late September.

**Official Opening of the National ANZAC Centre** Sat 1/11/14, Invitation only at the Albany Heritage Park. Located within the Princess Royal Fortress Military Museum Precinct, the National ANZAC Centre will be a show piece for the ANZAC Centenary. The Centre will provide a unique opportunity for people to experience an emotional connection with the men and women who were involved in the First World War, understanding the sacrifice that they, their friends and families, made on behalf of their nation and its allied nations. The Centre will be accessible not only physically, but also virtually via the internet and will highlight the significant role Albany played in the creation of the ANZAC Spirit. Invited guests will attend the official opening. Tickets to visit the National ANZAC Centre during the weekend of ANZAC Albany events can be booked in advance, through [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) from 25 Aug.

### Transport and traffic

*There will be a free shuttle bus service from a number of Park and Ride facilities around Albany to the events area. Road closures will be in place and there will be some disruption.*

*Local patrons are encouraged to plan their movements and mode of transport well in advance and consider walking, cycling, car-pooling or using the free shuttle service.*

*Full details will be announced closer to the event. Registering for the ANZAC Albany e-newsletter via [www.anzactalbany.com.au](http://www.anzactalbany.com.au) is highly recommended.*

*The ANZAC Albany Public Transport Network is supported by the RAC.*

All events are subject to change. For more information and updates please visit [www.anzactalbany.com.au](http://www.anzactalbany.com.au) or call 1300 765 531.



## Local supporting events

**Sculpture in the Harbour 'Reflections'** Tues 28/10/14 - Sat 8/11/14 at Princess Royal Harbour. An exhibition of sculptural works by notable WA artists, displayed in the waters of the Harbour.

**Spencer Park Primary School Art Exhibition 'Our Sunburnt Country'** Wed 29/10/14 - Wed 12/11/14 at WA Museum. Spencer Park PS is proud to hold an exhibition celebrating art and community featuring artworks from 400 students.

**The ANZAC's: 100 years on** Sat 18/10/14 - Wed 29/10/14 & Mon 3/11/14 - Wed 12/11/14 at RSL Club Rooms. The 90 minute audio-visual presentation incorporates 200 images, sound and historical commentary from Dr Ted Egan AO.

**Movie night** Thu 30/10/14 - Sun 2/11/14 at Great Southern Distillery. Join the community for the screening of the acclaimed Australian movie Gallipoli in an outdoor cinema in the grounds of the Great Southern Distillery.

**Westralian Great War Living History Association 1AIF Encampment** Thurs 30/10/14 - Sun 2/11/14 at Stirling Terrace Mess Hall. An interactive historical display of WW1 uniforms and equipment located within a period military encampment.

**My War?** Thu 30/10/14 - Sun 2/11/14 at Vancouver Arts Centre. A performing arts experience and exhibition inspired by veterans. My War? provokes a fresh view of war and its influence on our culture.

**Letters to Evie** Thu 30/10/14 - Sun 2/11/14 at Southern Edge Arts. A performance with projections, gramophone and sound, based on a chronological account of letters to Evie Percy of Geraldton between 1914 -1918.

**Desert Mounted Corps Memorial Service** Fri 31/10/14 at Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, Mt. Clarence. This annual service commemorates the all Australian Mounted Divisions, Australian Flying Corps and other Australian and New Zealand units and formations that served in Egypt, Palestine and Syria.

**PRSC Diggers and Sailors Dance** Fri 31/10/14 at Princess Royal Sailing Club. A dance to honour the yacht club members who left home for war in the first convoy.

**Middleton Beach Group 'Beach Poppies Tribute'** Thu 30/10/14 - Mon 3/11/14 at Middleton Beach. Poppies in the Sand will feature 30,000 poppies on Middleton Beach & Lest We Forget, a display of 10,000 wool poppies at the Albany Entertainment Centre.

**In Conversation with First World War authors** Sat 1/11/14 at Albany Entertainment Centre. A group discussion between leading authors in their particular area of expertise offering vast insight into the First World War era.

**Two Up** Thu 30/10/14 - Sat 1/11/14 held at RSL Stirling Club.

**One hundred postcards** Sun 2/11/14 at WA Museum. This exhibition features over 100 postcards sent to a nurse back home during the WWI by six soldiers serving in the AIF.

**War House at the Racecourse** Sun 2/11/14 at Percy Spencer Race Course. An acknowledgement of the equine involvement in our early wars. The day will include bush poets reciting war theme yarns and poems with links to our gallant horses.

**Souls of ANZAC reflective walk and mass** Sun 2/11/14 at St Josephs Church. A walking pilgrimage led by the Catholic Community of Albany, will depart St Joseph's Catholic Church, Aberdeen Street, and conclude with a Catholic Mass at 4:30pm.

**Katanning Commemorative Display** Mon 3/11/14 – Fri 21/11/14 at Katanning Gallery. The 10th Light Horse Display will include photos and memorabilia.

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