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Goldfields-Esperance Community Update

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Goldfields Esperance Community Update which has been prepared to provide the community of the Goldfields-Esperance region with information on grants and assistance available from Government and other organisations.

We will also from time to time be featuring articles about local Not For Profit organisations to raise the profile of those organisations and help build community awareness to assistance that is available locally.

RDA Goldfields Esperance – Roles & Functions

From 1 November 2009 the Goldfields Esperance Area Consultative Committee Inc. (GEACC) changed its name to Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance Inc. (RDAGE) to become part of the Regional Development Australia National network.

The new role for RDA GE focuses on 5 areas:

- 1. Advice, consultation and community engagement**
- 2. Contribute to regional planning**
- 3. Whole of government activities**
- 4. Promotion of government programs**
- 5. Community development**

For more information please refer to our website www.rdage.com.au

Does Your Group Need Assistance With:

Finding a Suitable Grant or Funding Opportunity?

Contact us and arrange a meeting where we can discuss your project or initiative.

Writing a Funding Submission or Grant Application?

Contact us to make an appointment so we can assist you with your application on a one-on-one confidential basis.

Regional Development Australia Committee Appointments

On December 7, 2009 the Australian Government appointed 93 local leaders to be the voices of WA's regions on Regional Development Australia committees.

Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development, Maxine McKew, and Parliamentary Secretary for Western Australia, Gary Gray, announced the appointments of the committee members, including Chairs and Deputy Chairs, for the nine WA RDA committees.

A full list of appointments is available at www.rda.gov.au

Ms McKew and Mr Gray congratulated the appointees. Ms McKew said the committee members were chosen for their local leadership, their dedication to and understanding of their communities. "I look forward to working with all RDA Western Australia committee members on regional development issues close to their communities," Ms McKew said. "RDA Western Australia will be a first point of call to promote regional initiatives and partnerships and make sure that they respond to local needs."

Mr Gray said the Rudd Government was listening to WA's regional communities. "WA has unique needs across a vast array of different communities. We want the people on the ground across the state to tell us the challenges they face," Mr Gray said. "RDA is a direct link between these local communities and government."

Ms McKew and Mr Gray said the appointments would help to create new opportunities in regional communities across Western Australia. "We urge all the new WA RDA committee members to provide a strong voice for their regions," they said.

Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance Inc. Committee Members are:

Chairperson: Malcolm Osborne

Malcolm has extensive experience in strategic planning and has focussed on this area during his employment with the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder and the Shires of Coolgardie and Esperance. He has also engaged and fostered partnerships between the community, government and industry in planning, developing and project managing major capital projects in Katanning, Kalgoorlie Boulder, Coolgardie and Kambalda.

Deputy Chairperson: Robert Hicks

Robert is the Chief Executive Officer of the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission. In that role he has been instrumental in developing strategic partnerships with key regional stakeholders including the former Area Consultative Committee, the Chamber of Minerals and Energy and local government authorities. Robert established the Goldfields-Esperance Workforce Development Group and the Goldfields-Esperance Transport Upgrade Program.



L-R Robert Hicks & Malcolm Osborne

Other Committee Members:

Mr. Keith Adams
Mr. Ian Goldfinch
Mr. Graham Dawes
Mr. Peter Grubb
Ms. Colby Crane
Mr. Edward (Ted) English
Mr. Scott Manners

Available Grants & Funding Opportunities

RDA Goldfields Esperance holds information on many hundreds of grants available to community groups. The following are just a few current Grants & Funding opportunities available, however if your group needs funding for purposes other than general administration costs and overheads, please contact us to discuss your situation.

Please use the links for more information and relevant grants guidelines and applications:

Volunteer Grants 2010

Volunteer Grants 2010 recognises the valuable work of Australia's volunteers and is part of the Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers, assisting disadvantaged communities and encouraging social inclusion to assist vulnerable people within our society. Volunteer Grants 2010 provides funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help non-profit organisations to:

- ◆ contribute towards the costs of training courses for volunteers and/or undertaking background screening checks for volunteers; and/or
- ◆ purchase portable, tangible, small equipment items to help volunteers; and/or
- ◆ contribute towards fuel reimbursement for their volunteers, including those who use their cars to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need.

Funding is limited and applications will be assessed and prioritised according to how strongly they meet the selection criteria. The selection criteria, eligibility criteria and other essential information about Volunteer Grants 2010 are provided in the: [Volunteer Grants 2010 Application Guidelines](#)

Closing Time and Date

Applications close Friday 16 April 2010 at 2 pm AEST. Applications submitted or postmarked after this date may not be accepted.

Community Grants Program

The Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) vision is an inclusive and cohesive society drawing on the cultural and linguistic diversity of its people to enhance the social, economic and development of the State.

The Community Grants Program (CGP) objectives support the OMI strategic plan by encouraging participation, equity and promotion of all Western Australians in projects and events that remove barriers and enhance cross cultural engagement.

Grant Categories

1. Community Empowering Projects (up to \$15,000)
2. Cross Cultural Festivals Events and Celebrations (up to \$5,000)

Examples of applications that have received funding include: cross-cultural festivals, concerts and plays, seminars, workshops, forums, exhibitions and conferences, community education projects such as training programs, information sessions interfaith cultural exchanges, publications with a multicultural focus, including books, manuals, information kits and projects targeting racism and discrimination in all its forms.

Funds are NOT available for fund raising or projects expected to realise a profit, interstate or overseas travel, (including airfares) the purchase of land and buildings, capital equipment (computers, cars) or works projects.

Projects should commence at least three months after the closing date of that funding round to allow us time to assess your application, notify you of the result and process your grant payment.

Community Grants Closing Round Dates
4pm Thursday 20 May 2010
4pm Thursday 19 August 2010
4pm Thursday 11 November 2010

For more information go to; http://www.omi.wa.gov.au/OMI_Grants.asp

Community Heritage Grants

The 2010 program is now open. The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program aims to preserve and provide access to nationally significant, Australian cultural heritage material held by community groups across the country. Grants of up to \$15 000 are available for preservation projects and training through community based workshops.

Community organisations such as historical societies, museums, public libraries, archives, Indigenous and migrant community groups which collect and provide public access to their cultural heritage collections are eligible to apply.

For more information <http://www.nla.gov.au/chg/>

REACH - Rural Early Childhood Program 2010

The Rural Early Childhood Program is a source of funds up to \$20,000 for not for profit community groups in rural and remote Australia that offer early childhood services

The REACH program has been established, with the support of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation (VFFF) in response to the level of need for an independent and flexible source of funding of up to \$450,000 each year for community groups such as community based pre-schools or kindergartens, not for profit long day or occasional care centres, playgroups, neighbourhood houses and toy libraries.

What can be funded?

- Interior and Exterior refurbishment
- Educational resources
- Training and Professional Development
- Heating / Cooling
- Water (tanks, irrigation, drinking supply)
- Indoor equipment
- Information technology
- Outdoor equipment
- Community gardens

What can't be funded?

- Fee Subsidies
- Operational and administration costs
- Social Activities

Closing Date: 14 May 2010

For more information: <http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=5>

Don't forget that if you are writing a funding submission or Grant Application, you can contact us to make an appointment so we can assist you with in formation to enhance your application on a one-on-one confidential basis.

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Workshops

Intensive Community Fundraising Seminar – hosted by RDA Goldfields Esperance

This course provides an overview of the strategies every community organisation should put in place to provide for a practical, workable, integrated, sustainable fundraising strategy. Learn how the Six Pillars of Raising Funds – donations, grants, community-business partnerships, alumni/membership, special events, and earned income – can bring in valuable funds for your group. You will learn how to ask for money – most people give in cash or in-kind because they have been asked.

- ◆ Learn how to successfully ask for money using a range of mediums;
- ◆ How to raise secure, unattached and predictable income – untied money to use for your group's own priorities and decisions;
- ◆ How to run great events – eliminate loss-making, energy-sapping events for good;
- ◆ How to rally the troops – instilling a fundraising culture in your organization;
- ◆ How to win grants for project funding – an overview of the grants landscape;
- ◆ How to get businesses to support your community group – the secrets to successful, and profitable, community business partnerships.

This workshop will be held on two dates and at two venues (Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Esperance)

- ◆ **Forest Room, Railway Motel, Forrest Street Kalgoorlie on Monday 3 May 2010**
- ◆ **St John Ambulance Hall, 54 Windich Street, Esperance on Tuesday 4 May 2010**

Time: 8.45 for 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Catering: Morning Tea and a light lunch will be provided

Cost: FREE

Bookings: Places are limited, so please register your intention to attend stating which preferred venue/date, participants name and organisation to Jan Pennell at RDA Goldfields-Esperance via email

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More info: Contact RDA Goldfields-Esperance on 9091 6051

