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New RDA Regional Plan Launched for Great Southern

After six months of consultations with Local Government Authorities and community organisations, the Regional Development Australia Regional Plan 2013 -18, is being launched at a function at the Cranbrook Sporting Club on Wednesday 23rd April by Dean Smith Senator for WA.

RDA Chairman Milton Evans said the new Regional Plan was a valuable planning reference for all stakeholders in the Great Southern and expected Local Government, community groups and State and Australian Government agencies to use the latest Plan in their own research, project prioritisation and needs analysis in the region. “The new Regional Plan has been updated with essential ABS data including population, employment, industry and economic growth trends which currently impact the sustainable growth and general health of the Great Southern region” said Mr Evans.

The Plan, which also lists agreed priority projects across the region provides a comprehensive snapshot of the Great Southern and will assist the RDA in its business planning and other organisations in future funding applications where maximising leverage from multiple funding sources is critical.

RDA Chief Executive Simon Lyas said “The Regional Plan is an important planning guide for all stakeholders and previous Plans had been used as the basis for the RDA Committee and the Australian Government in determining the successful funding applications for the Katanning Saleyards, the Centennial Park precinct in Albany, the Sounness Park sporting complex in Mt Barker and the Riverside project in Denmark which combined had delivered just over \$17 million of Commonwealth funds into the Great Southern since 2011.

Limited hard copies of the Regional Plan are available at the RDA office in Albany or can be downloaded at the following link: www.rdagreatsouthern.com.au

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