

Working to common goal

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TWO organisations involved in the development of the Great Southern have signed a historic agreement, pledging to work together for the betterment of the region.

The Great Southern Development Commission and its Federal counterpart, Regional Development Australia Great Southern, signed a memorandum of understanding last week.

The agreement committed both agencies to continued collaboration on the economic and social development of the Great Southern.

GSDC chairman Peter Rundle said the new agreement should improve the Federal and State funding identification process required for future infrastructure projects.

He said the two agencies shared many common goals.

"The GSDC coordinates and promotes regional development opportunities from a State Government perspective and the RDA-GS represents Federal interests in the development of the region," he said.

"We will work together on joint projects where we can achieve strategic outcomes for the region.

"(But) we will continue to acknowledge and respect each other's contributions and claims to intellectual property rights."

The agreement requires quarterly meetings to be held in order for the agencies to update each other on their plans and activities. The agencies are also working together on a regional planning process to be undertaken over the next three to four months.

RDAGS committee chairman Milton Evans said he was pleased to formally recognise the role that each organisation had in contributing to strategic planning for the region.



DC chairman Peter Rundle and RDAGS committee chairman Milton Evans sign the memorandum of understanding.