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Regional Development

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The Community Builders Program
North Midlands and Surrounds

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**Who is the Department of
Primary Industries and Regional
Development (DPIRD)?**

What does it do?



Who is DPIRD?

- Machinery of Government - 2017
 - Amalgamation of Department's of Fisheries, Agriculture and Regional Development
 - Leads the sustainable development of Western Australia's regions and agriculture, aquaculture, food and fisheries sectors.
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DPIRD delivers



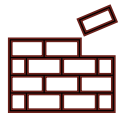
Public investment

Regulation and compliance



Policy, strategy and
advocacy

Engagement and
partnerships



Capacity building programs
and infrastructure

Research, development
and innovation



Organisational Structure

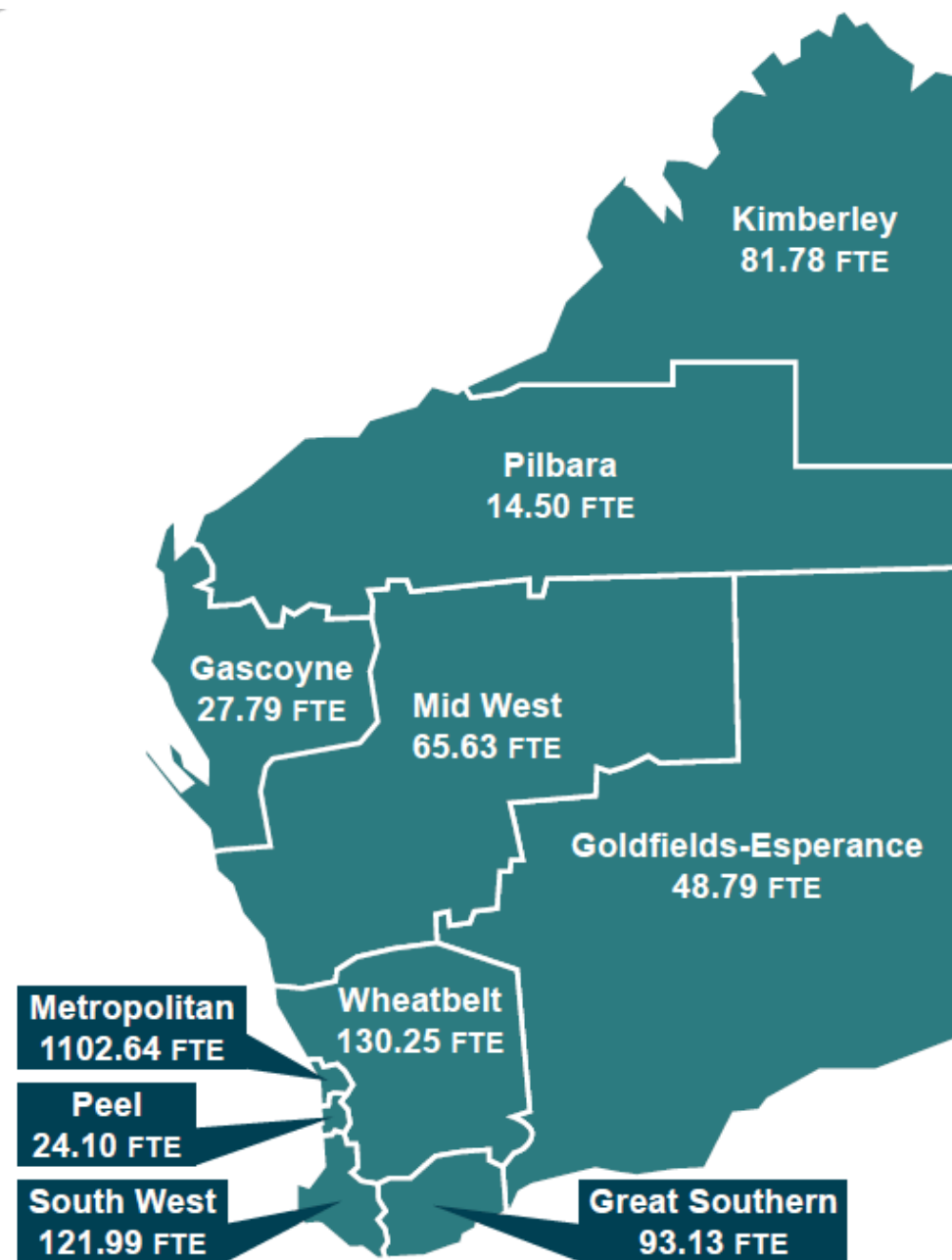
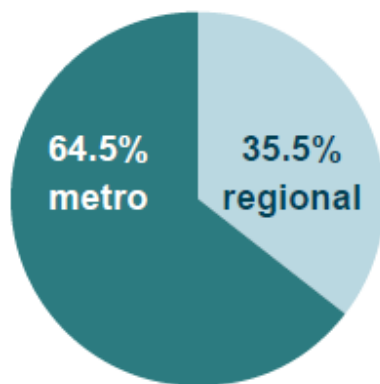
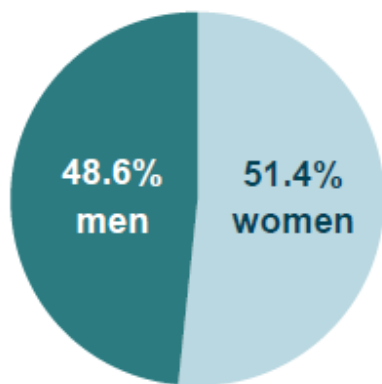


Staff and locations

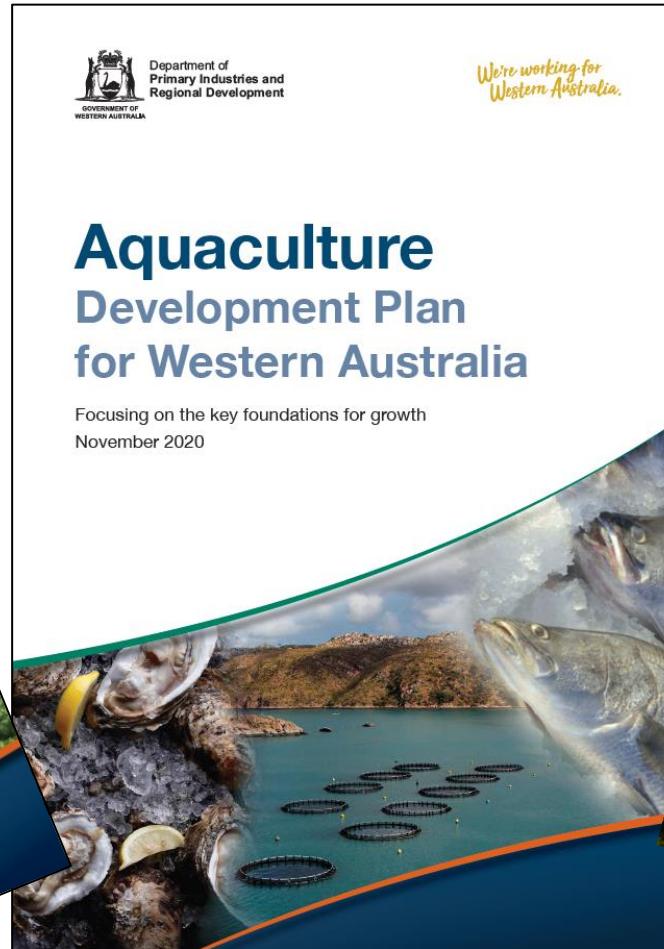
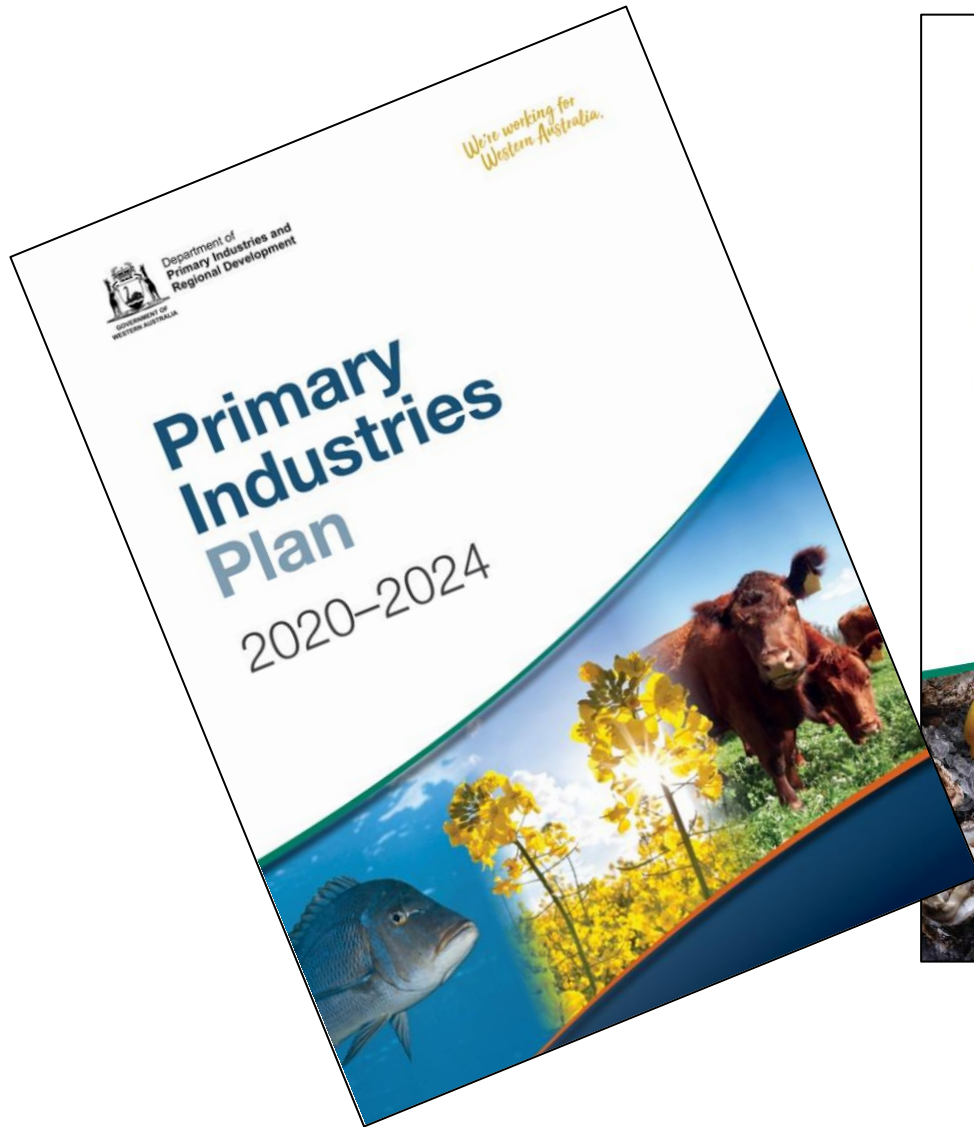


At more than 60 locations


- 8 metro offices
- 25 regional offices
- 11 research and aquaculture facilities
- 4 quarantine/checkpoint locations
- 15 RDC offices




Key strategies



Regional Development Portfolio

- DPIRD – Statewide focus on building vibrant regions with strong economies through creating jobs, economic growth and capable people.
 - Regional Development Commissions - focus on long-term social and economic growth within each region
 - Regional Development Council – DPIRD and RDCs working in collaboration
 - Regional Development Trust – focus on strategic use of Royalties for Regions funding
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State funds for regions - Royalties for Regions

- Established under the Royalties for Regions Act – which aims to promote and facilitate economic, business and social development in regional and remote Western Australia
 - 25% of royalties income from mining and petroleum – up to a maximum of \$1.0 billion per year
 - Underpins the State Governments long term commitment to developing regional areas into strong and vibrant regional communities
 - Most of the \$1.0 billion annually is committed into forward estimates towards long term strategic project/programs – regional health, emergency response (Cyclone Ellie), infrastructure (roads etc), cap on regional airfares etc.
 - Strategic oversight provided by the Regional Development Trust.
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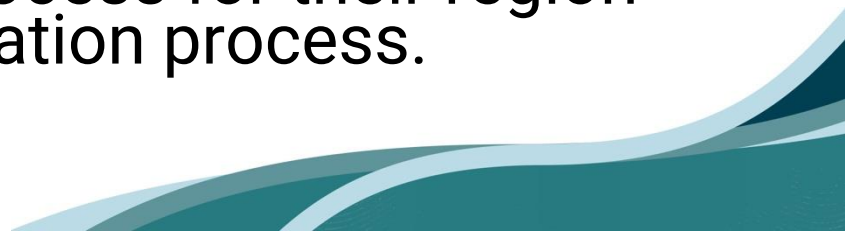
Regional Development Commissions - RDCs

- Nine Regional Development Commissions in Western Australia -defined by groupings of Local Government Authorities.
 - Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne, Mid West, Wheatbelt, Peel, South West, Great Southern and Goldfields Esperance
 - The Commissions focus on long-term social and economic growth within each region.
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Regional Development Commissions Map



RDC - Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants Program

- The RED Grants Program is a State Government initiative investing \$50.58 million over nine years (2018-19 to 2026-27) in local projects to stimulate economic growth and development in regional Western Australia.
 - RED grants are delivered locally by RDCs, with up to \$250,000 available for individual projects that promote sustainable jobs and workforce solutions, productivity, skills and capability building, as well as stimulating new investment and industry diversification across the region.
 - The grants boost investment in regional projects that contribute to population and economic growth initiatives and innovative pilots, and importantly, are driven by the community.
 - Each of the nine RDCs manage the grant round process for their region and provide advice to applicants during the application process.
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Other funding opportunities

- Many grants provided by all levels of government, not-for-profit and philanthropic organisations
 - Need to be active in looking and applying for grants
 - Develop grant writing skills to be competitive!
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Community Resource Centres

- Unique to Western Australia
- Operating since 1991 – previously named Telecentres and rebranded in 2010 to CRCs.
- 103 CRCs – 101 on mainland WA and two in the IOT.
- Community owned and operated community hubs that deliver services and activities that are valued by their community, training and access to internet and services.
- CRCs are contracted by DPIRD to deliver outcomes across the following:
 - Provision of WA Government and Community Information
 - Business and/or Workforce development
 - Social Capacity Building
- Community services contract with an end date of 30 June 2027.
- CRCs receive income from other sources, including fee for service, grants, sponsorship etc

Community Resource Centres (cont)

- Not a McDonalds franchise – each CRC is different and operates different!
 - Don't take your local CRC for granted – you don't want to lose them!
 - Support CRCs to ensure they continue to be viable and relevant – use services.
 - Engage with your CRC to ensure it knows what the local community wants/needs it to deliver.
 - Be involved in the running of the CRC – volunteer in the CRC or join the management committee.
 - Be an active leader and networker in your community through your CRC to help build your community and its economy.
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Community Stewardship Grants(CSG) Program

- CSGs are project-based grants that support communities to protect and restore the local environment and promote sustainable use of Western Australia's natural resources.
- \$7.0 million is available for CSGs
- CSGs support community-based projects that serve to protect and restore the local environment.
- They enable local community groups to undertake stewardship of natural resources in their local area.
- CSGs offer two funding options:
 - “small” grants valued between \$1,000 - \$50,000 - typically for simpler, shorter projects,
 - “large” grants valued between \$50,001 - \$450,00 – for more complex projects over a longer period.
- Be an active leader and networker in your community through environmental initiatives via CSGs.

Rural Women's Award (RWA)

- The RWA is Australia's leading award empowering and celebrating the inclusive and courageous leadership of women involved in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities, now and into the future.
 - The Award showcases the important contribution of regional women throughout Australia, who support and influence their communities in positive ways.
 - Award applicants must have an existing project, business or program which is live and up and running at time the application is submitted.
 - A \$15,000 grant is awarded to each state/Territory winner, providing the financial resources to support a project, business or program that will benefit rural industries, businesses and/or communities.
 - 2024 applications opened last Wednesday and close on 15 October.
 - Are you the next Western Australian RWA winner, or do you know someone who should be?
 - Nominate now by going to the Agrifutures website at <https://agrifutures.com.au/>
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2023 Western Australian RWA Winner



- Michelle Moriarty
- Bunbury businesswoman and social worker from Bunbury.
- Michelle was widowed at 38 with two (2 and 4 years old).
- She is the founder of Grief Connect and helps widowed people across Australia reduce social isolation and improve mental health outcomes.
- Her work is also advocating to normalise conversations about grief in the wider community with The Grief Language Project.
- She received the WA award in March and used her State bursary to expand on support services and develop resources for the Grief Connect WA Young Widowed Support Group and Over 55s Widowed Support Groups.

Thank you

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