



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – WESTERN AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE

CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE

Chairperson: Malcolm Osborne

Malcolm was born in Bridgetown Western Australia. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Esperance. Malcolm has previously had eight years experience in local government in the Goldfields area before moving to Esperance in 2008. This experience has provided him with a sound understanding of regional issues including the importance of the mining, agricultural and transport sectors.

Malcolm has extensive experience in strategic planning and helped focus the Shire of Esperance and Coolgardie and the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder on adopting a strategic planning philosophy. He has also engaged and fostered partnerships between the Katanning, Kalgoorlie Boulder and Coolgardie communities to plan and project manage major capital projects.

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 Petroleum and local government authorities. Robert established the Goldfields-Esperance Workforce Development Group and the Goldfields-Esperance Transport Upgrade Program.

GREAT SOUTHERN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Chairperson: Milton Evans JP

Milton served as a Councillor for the former Shire of Albany and was elected to the inaugural Council of the City of Albany in May 1999. He was elected Mayor in 2007.

Born and raised in Perth, Milton holds qualifications in small business management and has undertaken law studies at Murdoch University. He is a Justice of the Peace. Milton has lived in Albany for 35 years, is the current chairman of the Albany Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank, and the City of Albany Financial Assistance Committee. He is a board member of the Library Board of WA, a member of the Executive Committee of the Friends of University of Western Australia (UWA) Albany and a patron of the City of Albany Band.

Milton is also a committee member of the Great Southern Employment Development

Committee.

Deputy Chairperson: Dr Julia Fry

Julia is the Head of Academic Programs for the Institute for Regional Development, University of Western Australia. She has worked in research with the Department of Agriculture for 15 years. Julia has also held the position of District Leader for the Albany Hinterland region, and managed projects on farming systems analysis and sustainable rural development in the Great Southern Region of Western Australia. Julia graduated with a BSc (Hons), PhD and DipEd from the University of Western Australia and a Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management from Flinders University. Julia's research interests are regional analysis and incorporating natural resource management into regional development.

KIMBERLEY

Chairperson: Michele Pucci

Michele is a Manager of Stakeholder Relations at Wunan Foundation which aims to unlock the potential of Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley to develop a better life for themselves and their families. As well Michele has held key positions on a number of boards and committees, including the Kimberley Development Commission, Kimberley Area Consultative Committee, Ord Valley Events Board and Community Sport and Recreational Facility Fund Advisory Committee.

With over seven years of involvement with the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley, three of these as Shire President, Michele has a solid understanding of the issues impacting on residents, businesses and the non-government sector in the Kimberley.

Deputy Chairperson: Glen Chidlow

Glen is the Chief Executive Officer of Australia's North West Tourism (ANW) – the regional marketing body for the Kimberley and Pilbara regions. Through his role at ANW, Glen champions the region at various events across Australia and overseas.

Glen holds tertiary qualifications in Business and has also served as Deputy Chairman of the Broome Visitor Centre and Board Member of the Kimberley Tourism Association.

MID WEST AND GASCOYNE

Chairperson: Vickie Petersen

Vickie is a consultant and small business owner in Geraldton. Vickie's previous roles include Owner of Boss Transport and Services from 1983 – 2006, President of the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry from 2000 – 2001 and Mayor of the City of Geraldton from 2001 – 2006.

Currently Vickie is a:

- Board Member of the Mid West Development Commission;
- Director of Garden Mart Pty Ltd;
- Consultant for Employment Directions Network;
- Project Manager – Midnight Basketball with the City of Geraldton-Greenough; and

- Senior Youth Outreach Officer also at the City.

In 2003 Vickie was a State Finalist in the Telstra Business Woman of the Year Award.

Deputy Chairperson: Leonie Noble

Leonie worked for the Department of Fisheries as the Abrolhos Island Coordinator. Leonie is passionate about the environment, Abrolhos Island and the sustainability of the regional fishing industry. This passion has led Leonie to take a lead role in voluntary representation on numerous committees, including Friends of the Abrolhos and Abrolhos Islands Management Advisory Committee. Leonie is the WA Director of the Women's Industry Network Seafood Community.

Leonie is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Education at Murdoch University.

PEEL

Chairperson: Coral Richards

Coral has extensive experience in community development activities. Coral was instrumental in establishing charitable organisations such as FinUCAre, a financial counselling service and Uniting Outreach Mandurah, a community agency which provides services to the local community.

Coral has been a member of the Peel Region Planning Committee since 2001 and is also a teacher with broad ranging experience across the Primary and Secondary schools, including working with indigenous students and their families.

Deputy Chairperson: Elizabeth Hoek

Elizabeth is a long time resident of Boddington and is the Coordinator of the Boddington Old School Community Centre. She has a strong interest in community development and has worked with volunteers at the Boddington Old School Community Centre to help develop their skills. She has also assisted volunteers to improve local grounds and buildings and worked in partnership with the local Peel TAFE to deliver Horticulture and e-learning programs.

Elizabeth has been a Councillor with the Shire of Boddington since 1998 and is also an active Board Member of the Peel Development Commission.

PERTH

Chairperson: Peter Schneider

Peter is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council, which predominately operates in the areas of Engineering/Waste Management, Risk Management, Environmental Consulting and Regional Development. The Council encompasses six local government authorities covering one third of the Perth metropolitan area and accounts for approximately 350,000 residents.

Peter has 11 years experience in local government, having held senior management positions in the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council and the City of Joondalup. This experience has provided Peter with a good understanding of the challenges

facing regions in the Perth metropolitan area including communities in fast growing urban environments.

Deputy Chairperson: Felicity Faranda

Felicity is currently the Manager of Financial Services at the City of Subiaco and previously worked for the City of Gosnells. Felicity has also had extensive experience in the private sector. Felicity's experience in local government finance covers a broad range of businesses and community services, including infrastructure, planning and building development, recreational services, aged care services, and youth services.

PILBARA

Chairperson: Collene Longmore

Collene is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire of Roebourne and was previously the CEO of the Pilbara Area Consultative Committee. While working with the Pilbara ACC, Collene successfully facilitated the development of the *Pilbara Plan* with community consultation across four Shires.

Collene is also a member of a number of community organisations, including the Hedland Women's Refuge Inc, Regional Domestic Violence Council, Pilbara Advisory Forum on Disabilities and Karratha Youth Housing Project. Collene's also holds qualifications in Psychology and Business.

Deputy Chairperson: Kelly Howlett

Kelly is currently Mayor of the Town of Port Hedland. Since coming to live in Port Hedland, Kelly has worked to raise the awareness and the profile of the natural environment in Port Hedland and the Pilbara.

Kelly was the founder of the local Care For Hedland Environmental Association. She is a qualified environmental scientist and is passionate about environmental awareness and climate change; the empowerment of female youth; and building sustainable and resilient regional communities.

Kelly is actively involved in the local community, through various service and sporting groups.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SOUTH WEST

Chairperson: Jacqueline (Jackie) Jarvis *(on leave until end of August 2010)*

Jackie is a successful Managing Director of Jarvis Wine Estate in the Western Australian South West region. Jackie has extensive board membership experience. She is currently a member of the South West Region Planning committee. Previously she was the Director of the Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women and she was a representative on the National Rural Women's Coalition Advisory Board.

In 2004, Jackie was presented with the 'New Exporter' International Business Award by the International Business Council of Western Australia, in recognition for an outstanding contribution in the area of exporting goods. Jackie is also involved in community, local sports and school organisations.

Deputy Chairperson: Posy Barnes (*Acting Chair until end of August 2010*)

Posy Barnes has a Masters of Business Administration and is Chief Executive Officer of Jobs South West Inc. in Bunbury. Prior to this Posy managed the State's second largest training provider, SMYL Community Services. She has a strong background in management, public relations and marketing and has worked extensively throughout Western Australia and in London. Posy brings a wealth of experience to the Committee in employment and training matters.

WHEATBELT

Chairperson: David White

David held the position of Chair of the Wheatbelt Area Consultative Committee from 2003 to 2009. David has a Bachelor of Business, majoring in Accounting and Law, and is a Fellow of the CPA Australia.

David was a farmer in Esperance for twelve years, before moving to Beverley, where he is now an agribusiness consultant. He has had extensive board experience and has held Chair and Treasurer positions on a range of community and agricultural boards, including the Board of Parkerville Children and Youth Care, Treasurer of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA, Wesfarmers Ltd Audit Committee and Beverley Health Services Board.

Deputy Chairperson: Cynthia McMorran OAM

Cynthia has had extensive experience in local government and was previously the Avon /Midlands Zone representative of the Western Australian Local Government Association. She has a strong focus on health issues and worked to ensure that the Moora Hospital received State funding to continue to provide services to the Moora Community. Cynthia has a special interest in the Moora River Catchment and is keen to ensure that this part of the region is maintained and available for future generations.

Cynthia McMorran was named Wheatbelt Senior of the Year in 2003 and was a recipient of the Order of the Medal of Australia in 2004. She is a Justice of the Peace.