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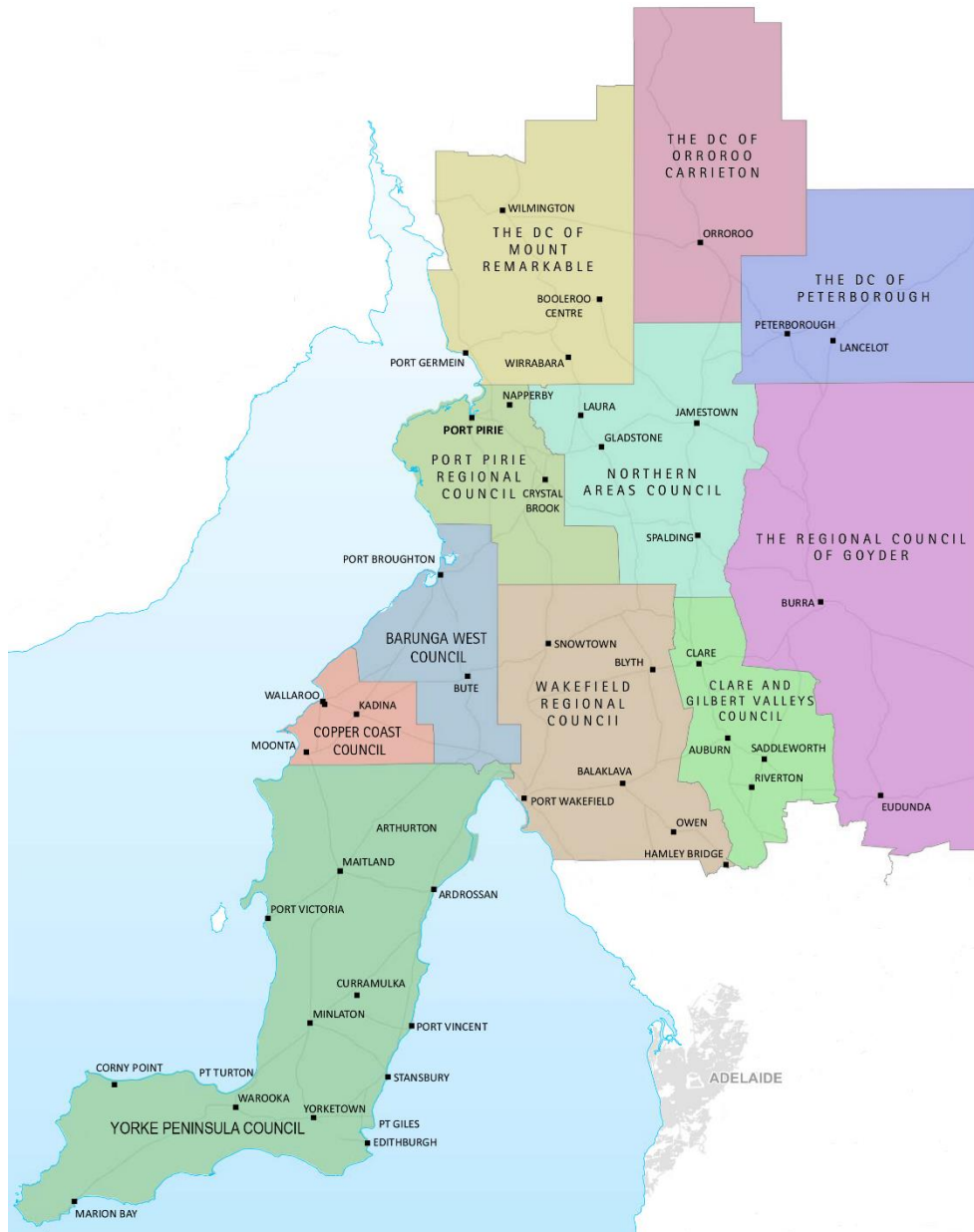
Business Plan

2025-28

July 2025

Acknowledgement of country

Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North would like to acknowledge the Nukunu, Ngadjuri, Narungga (Nharangga) and Kurna people of whose ancestral lands and waters we live and work from, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.



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Chair's Message

The communities and industries of the Yorke and Mid North continue to achieve success despite significant challenges and uncertainty, with this success a testament to the significance of the opportunities present in our region and the resilience of our people.

This business plan continues the Board's strategy of taking a longer-term, more wholistic approach to growing prosperity and enhancing liveability of the Yorke and Mid North region by setting out the organisation's priorities and activities over a three-year period from July 2025 to June 2028.

This approach, enabled by strong partnerships with our funding partners across Commonwealth, State and local governments, allows our organisation to support our stakeholders to plan and deliver strategic opportunities as well as solve intractable problems over the medium-term.

These priorities include:

- a. Creating a larger, more diverse and responsive housing stock to accommodate our growing regional population and shifting demographics.
- b. Addressing how water and sewer infrastructure is provisioned, planned and delivered to ensure water infrastructure enables growth, rather than lagging behind once it has occurred.
- c. Supporting economic diversification within, and beyond, our traditional strengths in agriculture, manufacturing, tourism and renewable energy.
- d. Improving access to the services needed to enhance the liveability of our communities, with a particular focus on childcare, health services and education.

We will pursue these opportunities and overcome these challenges whilst navigating a period of significant uncertainty globally. Our staff and the Board will do this by bringing facts, evidence, expertise, and relationships together to support, enable and leverage the work being done by our partners and stakeholders.

In doing so, I want to acknowledge the importance of the continued support of our funding partners across State, local and Federal governments. This ongoing support is critical to our ability to service and support growth in our local economy and local communities.

I commend this business plan to you, and invite you to engage and work with our organisation to continue making our region a more prosperous and liveable place for our communities.




Bill Vandeppeer
Chair, RDA Yorke and Mid North


Regional Profile




Total area
34,849 km²



Resident population
79,407
ABS 2024



Population density
2.3 people per km²



Population median age
52



Gross regional product
\$5.123 billion
NEIR 2024




Local businesses
7,707
ABS 2024



Employment
28,702 jobs
ABS 2024




Labour force
34,458
Small Area Labour Markets - Q424




Labour force participation
49.9%
ABS Census 2021

Key employment sectors:



Agriculture, forestry and fishing
17.4%



Health care and social assistance
15.3%



Retail trade
10.1%



Local Government Areas
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The Board

Our Board and staff are dedicated to making the Yorke and Mid North region an even better place in which to live, work, experience and invest. Our team bring their local knowledge and relationships together with economic, business and community development expertise to work collaboratively with industry, community and government to deliver projects and programs that improve the lives and livelihoods of those living and working in our region.

Table 1: Current Board Members

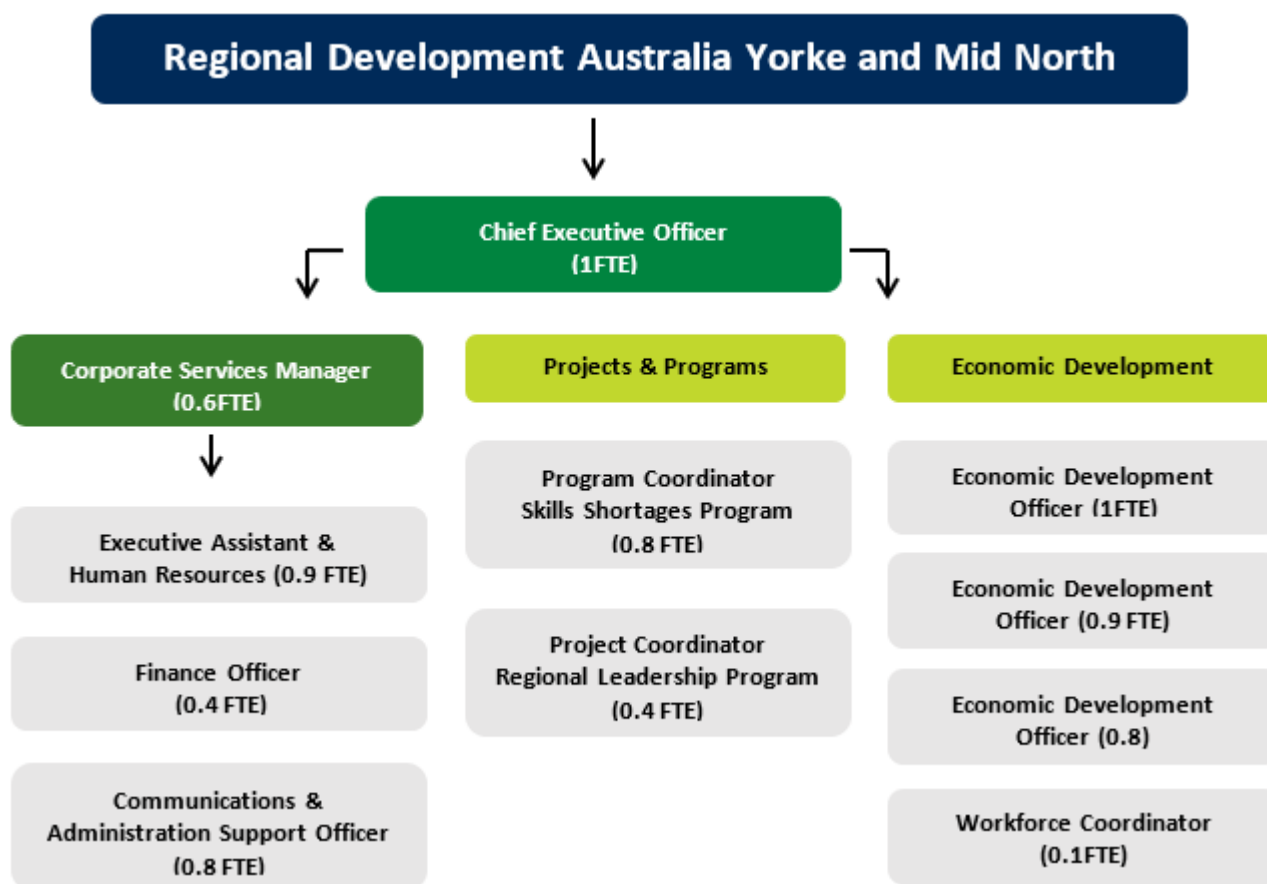
Bill Vandeppeer	Chair	Manoora
Dr Helen Macdonald	Deputy Chair	Clare
Paul Thomas AM	Treasurer	Wallaroo
Gail Bartel	Secretary	Wallaroo
Lindsay Crouch	Board Member	Merriton
Lyndsey Jackson	Board Member	Moonta
Peter Ackland	Board Member	Crystal Brook
Mayor Sue Scarman	Board Member	Beetaloo Valley
David Stevenson	Board Member	Burra
Mayor Roslyn Talbot	Board Member	Kadina
Dr Gerry Considine	Board Member	Stanley Flat



Back: Mayor Sue Scarman, Gail Bartel, Mayor Roslyn Talbot, David Stevenson, Dr Gerry Considine. Front: Paul Thomas AM, Dr Helen Macdonald, Bill Vandeppeer, Lindsay Crouch, Peter Ackland. Not pictured: Lyndsey Jackson. Photo courtesy of YP Country Times.

Our organisation

Our organisation is governed by an experienced, independent, skills-based board with members drawn from across the region, sectors and industries in the Yorke and Mid North region, led by Bill Vandeppeer as Chair. Executive leadership is provided by our Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Willson, who heads our dedicated team across our Port Pirie, Clare, and Kadina offices. The organisational structure of our small but dedicated team is illustrated below, comprising 11 staff in 8.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.



Our values

Our values provide the context for how we work collaboratively with others. They are the standard against which we hold ourselves and others accountable. We are committed to building a high performing, inclusive and sustainable workplace for the future that is based on these values which are integral to our culture.

Respect and honesty - to our colleagues and stakeholders, through our responsible and accountable actions taking into regard the feelings, wishes and rights of others.

Supportive and reliable - providing positive encouragement and sharing of knowledge and maintaining consistency in quality and performance.

Lead by example - empathetic and responsible, valuing all people, displaying understanding, consideration, and care for each other. Professional behaviour that delivers impactful results.



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development,
Communications and the Arts

Regional Investment Framework

The Australian Government's approach to supporting strong and sustainable regions.

Purpose

The Framework is a new approach to how the Australian Government delivers regional investment – valuing local voices and priorities, being informed by and building the evidence, operating with flexibility, integrity and transparency, and coordinating across governments to make investments work better for regions. It provides an integrated and coordinated framework for regional development regardless of a region's economic circumstances.

Guiding Principles – applied across all Australian Government investments in all regions

- ✓ Realising the Government's ambition of "no one held back and no one left behind" requires specific regional investment across all portfolios.
- ✓ Australia's regions and their economies are diverse, with each having unique strengths and challenges.
- ✓ Delivering on the potential of regional Australia requires building on each region's unique strengths, including helping regions undergoing significant economic change to transition or adapt to specific structural challenges.
- ✓ Place-based decision making that draws on the experience of local government alongside regional bodies must guide investment in our regions.

Priority Focus Areas – our investments in regions will have key objectives across all Australian Government portfolios

- ✓ Meeting the needs of, and providing opportunities for, First Nations people.
- ✓ Supporting the transformation to a net zero economy and decarbonisation.
- ✓ Achieving gender equality.

Investing in People	Investing in Places	Investing in Services	Investing in Industries and Local Economies
<i>Putting people at the forefront of growth, with local voices influencing decision making.</i>	<i>Targeted and place-based investment that enables communities to thrive.</i>	<i>Investment in regional services with a focus on improving quality and accessibility.</i>	<i>Ensuring regional industries and economies are positioned for sustainable growth.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Listening to local voices and partnering with communities. ✓ Targeted investment in skills, education, training and local leadership capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supporting adaptive, accessible, sustainable and liveable regions. ✓ Delivering infrastructure where and when it is needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enhancing connectivity, accessibility and equity of services. ✓ Investment including across communications, health, water, and transport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Investment to help activate economic and industry growth. ✓ Supporting the conditions needed for industries to diversify and grow.

Implementation



The Framework guides the Government's approach to design and delivery of regional initiatives. It will influence decision making in Budget processes, drive meaningful collaboration across and between governments, embed data and evidence to support better outcomes, and ensure local voices are heard and influence responses.

Informed Investment

- The Commonwealth's Budget and Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook processes will ensure the Framework is influencing Government decision making.
- Agencies across the Commonwealth will embed the Framework's principles and priorities in their proposals, with the support of a refreshed Regional Australia Impact Statement process.

Coordination and Collaboration

- A new and regular forum for engagement and collaboration between Australian Government agencies will ensure investments are complementary and coordinated.
- The Commonwealth will work in genuine partnerships with local and state and territory governments through refreshed, regular forums - supporting joined-up outcomes.

Insights and Intelligence

- Local insights, data and intelligence will be central to decision making, drawing on a broad range of groups and networks, such as local government and Regional Development Australia committees.
- Local insights, data and intelligence will contribute to evidence-based decision making and delivery of regular State of the Regions reports.

RDA Yorke and Mid North Strategic Plan 2024 – 2033

Our Purpose

To grow prosperity and enhance the liveability of our communities

Prosperity describes having both the means and ability to choose.

Liveability refers to the quality of life supported by a place, which is a function of the amenity, services and opportunities available.

Our Vision

A desirable region with an abundance of opportunity

Our Objectives

- 1. Increased economic diversity** – greater capability and growth in sections of the economy that are growing sustainably.
- 2. Greater economic prosperity** – real growth in economic prosperity for the population, with the benefits widely distributed.
- 3. Better connections between people, places and markets** – stronger networks via improved infrastructure – both physical and digital.
- 4. Sustainable population** –securing the critical population mass needed to support services and opportunities, without compromising environments.
- 5. Better access to services** – improving the level and consistency of access to services and amenities needed for quality of life.
- 6. Greater workforce opportunities** – greater capacity and higher engagement in the labour force.
- 7. Improving outcomes across communities** – facilitating solutions to address disadvantage experienced by different groups within the community.
- 8. Supporting the transition to net zero** – help stakeholders manage the transition to net zero by 2050, and manage costs of adapting to climate change

Our Priority Activities

Connecting people, businesses and stakeholders with relevant peers, projects, programs and networks to enable them to succeed.	Informing stakeholders to enable them to make better decisions by leveraging our knowledge, platforms and data to provide useful and insightful evidence.	Advising stakeholders on how to proceed with their initiatives given the options, resources and constraints available to them.	Planning (and trialling) projects, programs and initiatives with partners to maximise the chances of successful outcomes.
Supporting partners to deliver initiatives by providing technical inputs, third-party reviews and expertise.	Sharing examples and successes to inform stakeholders of new opportunities and to promote our partners and region.	Communicating the activities, outcomes, impact and value of our organisation to build engagement and understanding.	Advocating to ensure policy settings, programs and funding resources meet the needs of our communities and stakeholders within the region.

Progress Indicators

These progress indicators provide measures of progress against the outcomes RDA Yorke and Mid North seeks to achieve. The impact of our activities is reviewed via performance indicators included in our Annual Business Plan.



Approach to working with partners and stakeholders

RDA Yorke and Mid North works with a range of diverse stakeholders and partners to deliver our program of work. We work in partnership with other organisations to deliver positive outcomes for the region together.

Our approach involves working with partners to complement and leverage each other's respective strengths to maximise the impacts we can achieve for local communities, businesses, and industries. We deeply value our relationships with these stakeholders and partners and acknowledge the importance of these relationships (and their contributions) in achieving numerous outcomes for the Yorke and Mid North region.

Table 2: Funding and Delivery Partners



FUNDING PARTNERS

- Commonwealth of Australia
- Government of South Australia
- Barunga West Council
- Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
- Copper Coast Council
- Regional Council of Goyder
- District Council of Mount Remarkable
- Northern Areas Council
- District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
- District Council of Peterborough
- Port Pirie Regional Council
- Wakefield Regional Council
- Yorke Peninsula Council

REGIONAL PARTNERS

- Regional Development South Australia
- Northern and Yorke Local Government Association
- Northern and Yorke Landscape Board
- Workforce Australia

INDUSTRY PARTNERS

RDA Yorke and Mid North gratefully acknowledges the relationships with, and contributions made by, the numerous businesses, industry, and representatives' groups we work with on a daily basis in delivering our program of work across the region.

Communications

Our Goals:

1. Increase brand awareness among, and engagement with, our target audience.
2. Enhance stakeholder engagement and build strong relationships by increasing customer satisfaction ratings.
3. Drive website traffic and conversions by achieving an increase in website visits and an increase in online enquiries.

Key Messages:

- Promoting our brand identity
- Sharing relevant information
- Engaging with stakeholders
- Promoting our purpose
- Highlight our unique value proposition, expertise, services, and solutions

Target Audiences:

- **Decision makers:** RDA YORKE AND MID NORTH Board, Chair, Chief Executive Officer, Minister, Local Government Authorities (Mayors & CEOs), Funding Partners, and Legislators
- **Influencers:** Members of the public/communities, Chamber of Commerce/Business Groups, Local Media and Elected Members
- **Partners:** Local Government Authorities, State Government, Australian Government, Program Partners, other RDAs, local media trainers and stakeholders
- **Participants:** Job Seekers, public/community groups, businesses

Communication Channels:

- Email or letters
- Social media platforms
- Television, print media, radio, podcasts and website

Communication Tactics:

- **Content Marketing:** Develop high-quality content such as blog posts, articles and case studies, to provide valuable information and position our organisation as a thought leader.
- **Social Media Engagement:** Create a social media calendar with engaging and relevant content, including visual assets, videos, and infographics. Encourage user interaction, respond to comments, and actively participate in industry discussions.
- **Media Relations:** Maintain relationships with relevant journalists and media outlets. Develop press releases, media kits, and pitch compelling stories to secure media coverage.
- **Event Participation:** Identify industry events and conferences to participate in as speakers, sponsors, or exhibitors. Leverage these opportunities to network, showcase our expertise, and build brand visibility.
- **Customer Communication:** Implement personalised email marketing campaigns to nurture customer relationships, share updates, and offer value.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Seek opportunities for collaboration with complementary organisations or influencers to expand our reach and credibility.

Priorities and Activities 2025-28

The Board has endorsed the Annual Business Plan for 2025-28 (Table 4). The plan adopts a strategic focus on using evidence, data and information gathered through our regional intelligence activities that enable us to provide insights to stakeholders in a number of different areas, for a range of different purposes. This focus on information is consistent with, and supportive of, the priority and regional focus areas being pursued through both the *Regional Investment Framework* and *RDA Yorke and Mid North Strategic Plan*.

The intent is to provide a clear reflection of the region’s priorities and to enable stakeholders to make better informed decisions via place-based approaches. This focus also supports the delivery of our core functions of supporting businesses, community groups and (local) government to investigate, plan and deliver projects, and to promote and facilitate engagement with government programs.

The outcomes being sought through the implementation of the Annual Business Plan will be measured through the key performance indicators (KPIs) listed in Table 5.

Table 3: Priorities and outcomes 2025-28

<p>Top 5 strategic priorities</p>	<p>1. Increased economic diversity Greater capability and growth in sections of the economy that are growing sustainably.</p>	<p>2. Greater economic prosperity Real growth in economic for the population, with the benefits widely distributed.</p>
<p>3. Better connections between people, places and markets Stronger networks via improved infrastructure – both physical and digital.</p>	<p>4. Sustainable population Securing the critical population mass needed to support services and opportunities, without compromising environments.</p>	<p>5. Better access to services Improving the level and consistency of access to services and amenities needed for quality of life.</p>
<p>Top 5 key business activities</p>	<p>1. Integrated land use and infrastructure planning to deliver the infrastructure required to unlock housing development.</p>	<p>2. Business capability strengthening through supporting business plans, diversification, product development and sourcing funding.</p>
<p>3. Fostering growth in childcare and health services by supporting stakeholders to work with partners.</p>	<p>4. Supporting the integration and development of precincts to grow clustering effects, unlock new sources of funding and delivery change that benefits the region.</p>	<p>5. Developing the local offering for skills training in the region.</p>

Priorities and Activities

Outcome 1: Facilitate regional economic development outcomes, through investment.			
Housing	Initiative Type	RDA's role	Timeframe
<p>Activity 1.1:</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 4 'Sustainable Population'.</p> <p>Housing development projects aligning with various projects in the region, RDA Yorke and Mid North to provide a supportive role in housing development to encourage landowners and developers to bring forward plans for development including worker and aged care housing projects.</p>	Infrastructure	Contribute	2025-27
Childcare	Initiative Type	RDA's role	Timeframe
<p>Activity 1.2:</p> <p>Flying Start Professional Network</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 5 'Better access to services'.</p> <p>Purpose of the program is to establish a new network or expand an existing network of local early childhood education and care, allied health, and community services to collaborate in the delivery of high-quality preschool and reduce child developmental vulnerability in their community.</p>	Industry growth	Led	2025-27
Skills, capability and workforce	Initiative Type	RDA's role	Timeframe
<p>Activity 1.3: Industry Outreach Program</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 5 'Better access to services'.</p> <p>This will enable us to understand and meet the needs of businesses, provide policy and decision-makers with quality, quantitative information to make decisions, and provide channels for promoting programs and opportunities.</p> <p>Engage with a broad range of businesses across industries and communities to obtain data, information and insights to inform trends, business needs and generate referrals.</p>	Industry Growth	Led	Ongoing
<p>Activity 1.4: Business to Business (B2B)</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 2 'Greater economic prosperity'.</p>	Skills and local leadership	Led	2025-27

Providing direct assistance to businesses in communities affected by drought to build their fundamental business knowledge and capabilities across a range of key business functions by working with partnering providers to deliver targeted support functions which meet different needs in local areas.			
<p>Activity 1.5: ACE program</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 6 ‘Greater workforce opportunities’.</p> <p>The proposed ACE+ initiative will offer three intakes of each program, supporting a target of 126 students. With a focus on foundation skills, employability, and learner engagement, this proposal represents a strategic and community-focused continuation of RDA Yorke and Mid North’s commitment to regional growth through skills development.</p>	Skills and Local Leadership	Led	2025-28
<p>Activity 1.6: Regional Development Leadership Program</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 7 ‘Improving outcomes across communities’.</p> <p>The Regional Leadership Development Program offers emerging and established leaders in the Yorke and Mid North three unique opportunities to build their leadership skills: Emerging Leaders, Empowering Leaders, Inspiring Change and Leadership Masterclass.</p>	Skills and Local Leadership	Led	2025-26
Renewables and Climate Change	Initiative Type	RDA’s role	Timeframe
<p>Activity 1.7: LEAP Program Project</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 8 ‘Supporting the transition to net zero’.</p> <p>The project aims at supporting local businesses to explore and develop circular economy opportunities in order to strengthen the breadth and depth of the region, diversify the economy as well as deliver positive outcomes for the environment and local community.</p>	Decarbonisation	Led	2025-26
<p>Activity 1.8: Climate Change Sector Agreement</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 8 ‘Supporting the transition to net zero’.</p> <p>Supporting initiatives under the Northern and Yorke Climate Change Sector Agreement, working in conjunction with Alliance partners, Department of Environment and Water (DEW) and Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEWW).</p>	Decarbonisation	Assist	Ongoing
<p>Activity 1.9: Regional Drought Resilience Plan</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 8 ‘Supporting the transition to net zero’.</p>	Decarbonisation	Led	Ongoing

<p>The Northern and Yorke Regional Drought Resilience Plan (NYRDRP) is designed as a strategic document to inform, plan and prioritise future investment that will help farm businesses, agricultural supply chains and the broader community to build resilience to drought. The document is living and is used to identify, prioritise and coordinate resilience building priorities and actions.</p>			
<p>Activity 1.10: Supporting renewable generation and transmission projects</p> <p>This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 8 ‘Supporting the transition to net zero’.</p> <p>Collaborative procurement opportunities to work with key projects in the region while establishing and maintaining community relationships and assist in sourcing local content, workforce and housing solutions during construction and commencement phases of their operations.</p>	Infrastructure	Assist	Ongoing

Outcome 2: Support regional stakeholders, including local government and the not-for-profit-sector, to seek grant opportunities that advance strategic regional priorities.

Contribute advice and assistance to facilitate \$10m in inward investment into the Yorke and Mid North region

Activity 2.1

RDA Yorke and Mid North will be assisting community, government and private developers through facilitating planning, business cases, potentially grant and other activities.

This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 3 ‘Better connections between people, places and markets’ and is being Led by RDA Yorke and Mid North.

This activity is being conducted on an ongoing basis from July 2025 until June 2026; this activity will typically correlate with rounds of grant activity.

- This will occur with a target of \$10m investment will be realised per year (or be deemed to be realised) during this period.
- The facilitation required under these circumstances are facilitation, i.e. using the skills and experience of staff to match and develop businesses including workforce and product development advice
- We will also be conducting a series of Grant workshops throughout the region.

Outcome 3: Contribute to, and where appropriate, drive local economic development planning and strategy development.

Placed-based economic development strategies

Activity 3.1

RDA Yorke and Mid North will continue to support the development and implementation of place-based economic development strategies, such as those of local government as well as regional plans industry, as well as workforce strategies.

This activity aligns with Strategic Priorities 1 and 2 and is being Otherwise assisted by RDA Yorke and Mid North.

RDA Yorke and Mid North will be assisting community, government and private developers through facilitating planning, business cases, potentially grant and other activities.

Outcome 4: Contribute relevant data and local intelligence to support the evidence base to inform regional development strategies, program design and policy responses.

Regional Policy Analysis

Activity 4.1

To assist Commonwealth regional policy analysis one of the key attributes of RDA Yorke and Mid North is the knowledge and data that we gather, commission, analysis and share. The Board has recognised the importance of this role in its forward planning and has tasked the operations to focus on using, promoting and sharing this knowledge for benefits or our region, businesses, funding partners and stakeholders.

This activity aligns with Strategic Priority 3 ‘Better connections between people, places and markets’ and is being Led/Contributed by RDA Yorke and Mid North on an ongoing basis.

Initially RDA Yorke and Mid North has identified the following sources of knowledge that we will focus on.

- Yorke and Mid North Investment Pipeline (published quarterly);
- Jobs Board (published in real time);
- Infrastructure Audit (published biannually);
- REMPLAN Economic and Community Profiles (published in real time);
- Industry Outreach program and Sentiment Index (gathered in real time and managed via our Customer Relationship Management system);
- RDSA Regional Blueprint (published annually across Regional South Australia);

- YMN Regional Priorities (provided to State Government annually);
- Investment Prospectus (published biannually).

Table 4: Activities Annual Business Plan 2025-28

Project	Primary area	RDA involvement	Strategic objective	Strategic timing
Barunga Village master plan	Barunga West	Assist	5. Better access to services	2026-27
Port Broughton childcare	Barunga West	Contribute	5. Better access to services	2026-27
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Economic Development Plan - implementation	Clare and Gilbert Valleys	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Clare Valley Water Infrastructure	Clare and Gilbert Valleys	Contribute	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	2025-26
Clare Town Hall	Clare and Gilbert Valleys	Contribute	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	2025-26
Clare workers accommodation - scoping and support	Clare and Gilbert Valleys	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2026-27
Project Hestia	Clare and Gilbert Valleys	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2026-27
Helping Hand - Clare housing proposal	Clare and Gilbert Valleys	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2026-27
Copper Coast Council Growth Strategy - implementation	Copper Coast	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Moonta Mines master plan	Copper Coast	Lead	2. Greater economic prosperity	2025-26
Kadina Chamber of Commerce	Copper Coast	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Moonta Traders Association	Copper Coast	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Copper Coast Child and Family Centre	Copper Coast	Contribute	5. Better access to services	2026-27
World's End Gorge	Goyder	Assist	2. Greater economic prosperity	2025-26
Hallett Battery Energy Storage Scheme	Goyder	Assist	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	Ongoing
Goyder Renewables Zone_Robertstown	Goyder	Assist	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	Ongoing

Project	Primary area	RDA involvement	Strategic objective	Strategic timing
Whyte Yarcowie windfarm	Goyder	Assist	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	Ongoing
Willogoleche North Wind Farm	Goyder	Assist	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	Ongoing
Aberdeen Oval workers accommodation	Goyder	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2026-27
Goyder Business Chamber	Goyder	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
DC Mount Remarkable Economic Development Plan	Mount Remarkable	Contribute	1. Increased economic diversity	Ongoing
Worker housing - Mt Remarkable	Mount Remarkable	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2027-28
Wilmington childcare	Mount Remarkable	Contribute	5. Better access to services	2025-26
Northern Areas Council Economic Development Strategy - review	Northern Areas	Lead	1. Increased economic diversity	2025-26
Worker housing - Jamestown	Northern Areas	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2027-28
Orroroo Business Group	Orroroo Carrieton	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Orroroo childcare service	Orroroo Carrieton	Contribute	5. Better access to services	2025-26
RDSA Infrastructure Audit	Out of region	Contribute	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	2026-27
Investment prospectus	Out of region	Lead	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Water regulatory reform	Out of region	Lead	4. Sustainable population	Ongoing
Regional childcare advocacy	Out of region	Lead	5. Better access to services	2025-26
Regional housing advocacy	Out of region	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	Ongoing
Skills training advocacy	Out of region	Lead	6. Greater workforce opportunities	2026-27
Peterborough Community Plan	Peterborough	Lead	1. Increased economic diversity	2025-26
Peterborough Community Plan - implementation	Peterborough	Assist	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Port Pirie Fisherman's Wharf	Port Pirie	Contribute	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	2025-26
Port Pirie South West Housing	Port Pirie	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	Ongoing

Project	Primary area	RDA involvement	Strategic objective	Strategic timing
Port Pirie City masterplan	Port Pirie	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2025-26
Business Port Pirie	Port Pirie	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Crystal Brook childcare project	Port Pirie	Contribute	5. Better access to services	2027-28
Wakefield Growth Strategy - implementation	Wakefield	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Pt Wakefield childcare	Wakefield	Contribute	5. Better access to services	2026-27
Asset recycling - highest and best use support	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
South Australia's Mid North and Yorke - implementation support	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	1. Increased economic diversity	2026-27
Australian Cornish Mines World Heritage	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	1. Increased economic diversity	2026-27
Remarkable Southern Flinders	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	1. Increased economic diversity	2026-27
Gorges Walk project	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	1. Increased economic diversity	2025-26
Regional Drought Resilience Plan	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	Ongoing
Brinkworth Solar Farm and Battery	Yorke and Mid North	Assist	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	2025-26
LEAP program study	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	2026-27
Circular economy projects (derivative of LEAP)	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	2027-28
Barn Hill windfarm	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	2026-27
Collaborative procurement opportunities	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	6. Greater workforce opportunities	2026-27
Northern and Yorke Climate Change Sector Agreement	Yorke and Mid North	Assist	8. Supporting the transition to net zero	Ongoing
Braemar Infrastructure Corridor	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	2027-28
SA Water 2028 - 2032 regulatory determination	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	2025-26
Connectivity monitoring	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	Ongoing
Razorback Iron Project	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	2027-28

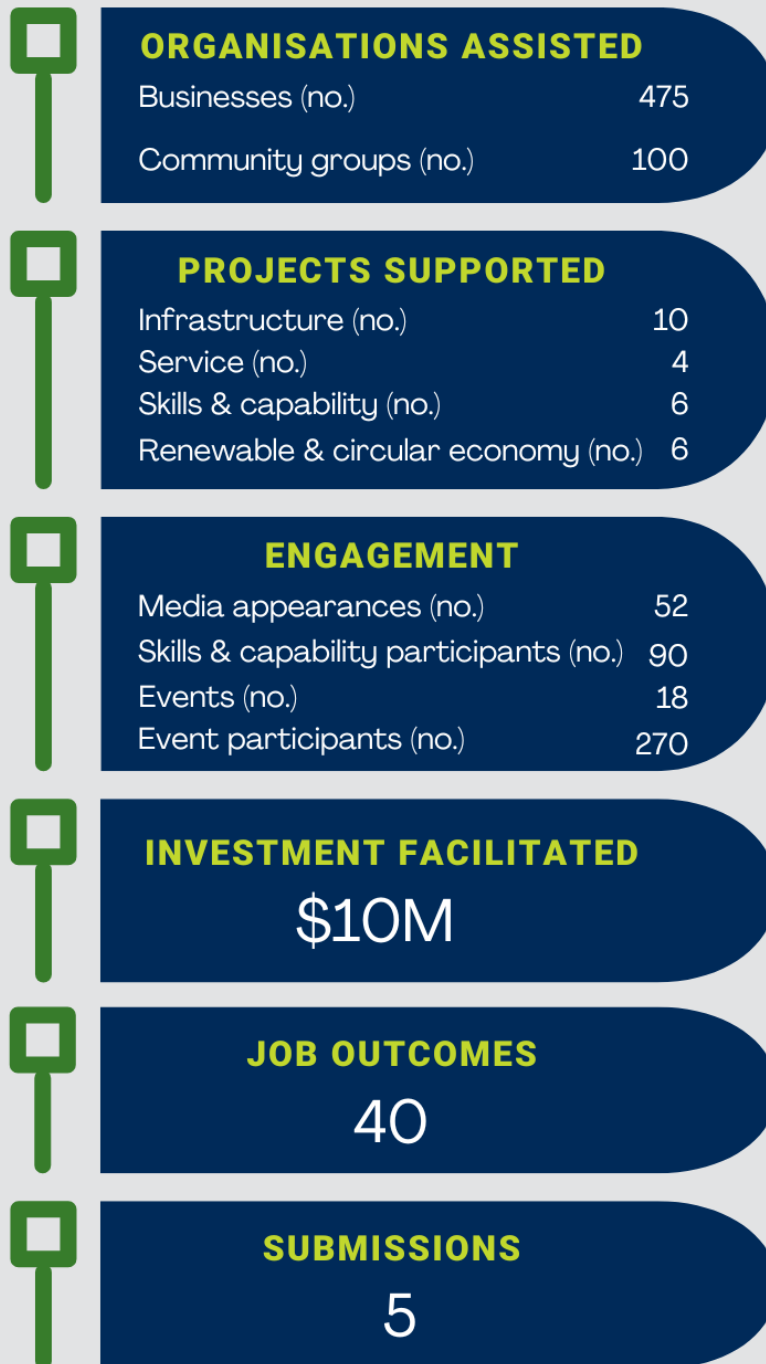
Project	Primary area	RDA involvement	Strategic objective	Strategic timing
Northern and Yorke LGA Roads and Transport Committee	Yorke and Mid North	Assist	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	Ongoing
Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	4. Sustainable population	2025-26
Business event	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	2. Greater economic prosperity	2026-27
Podcast Series	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
E-newsletter	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	7. Improving outcomes across communities	Ongoing
Grants bulletin	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	5. Better access to services	Ongoing
Jobs and Skills e-newsletter	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	6. Greater workforce opportunities	Ongoing
Flying Start Professional Network	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	5. Better access to services	2026-27
Flying Start Workforce Planning	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	6. Greater workforce opportunities	2026-27
Ageing economy workforce	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	6. Greater workforce opportunities	2025-26
AI in business series	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	2. Greater economic prosperity	2025-26
Regional Leadership Development Program	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	7. Improving outcomes across communities	Ongoing
Industry Outreach Program	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	6. Greater workforce opportunities	Ongoing
Community Connector extension	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2025-26
ACE program extension	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	6. Greater workforce opportunities	2027-28
Jobs and Skills Network	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	6. Greater workforce opportunities	Ongoing
Grant Writing Workshops for Community Groups	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	7. Improving outcomes across communities	Ongoing
Economic Fundamentals Series	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Collaborative training program for renewables	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	6. Greater workforce opportunities	2026-27
Skills training capacity - Mid North	Yorke and Mid North	Contribute	6. Greater workforce opportunities	2026-27
B2B Program_Drought program	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	1. Increased economic diversity	2025-27

Project	Primary area	RDA involvement	Strategic objective	Strategic timing
Connectivity advocacy program	Yorke and Mid North	Lead	3. Better connections between people, places and markets	Ongoing
Engaging with Aboriginal corporations	Yorke and Mid North	Assist	7. Improving outcomes across communities	Ongoing
Yorke Peninsula Council Economic and Tourism Development Plan - implementation	Yorke Peninsula	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	Ongoing
Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Plans	Yorke Peninsula	Contribute	2. Greater economic prosperity	2025-26
Hillside Mine	Yorke Peninsula	Contribute	1. Increased economic diversity	2025-26
Worker housing - Yorke Peninsula	Yorke Peninsula	Contribute	4. Sustainable population	2027-28
Ardrossan childcare	Yorke Peninsula	Contribute	5. Better access to services	2025-26

Table 5: KPIs Annual Business Plan 2025-28

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2025-28

TARGET PER YEAR



Budget forecast 2025-28

Table 6: Budget Annual Business Plan 2025-28

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA YORKE AND MID NORTH

Income			
	Budget 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	Budget 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027	Budget 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028
Funding for this period	\$784,082	\$803,684	\$823,776
Interest on Commonwealth funds	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other Funding Sources	\$451,851	\$472,308	\$484,115
Other Income (Rent)	\$28,048	\$28,749	\$29,468
Other Operating Income	\$35,900	-	-
Total RDA program income (A)	\$1,308,881	\$1,305,741	\$1,338,359
Expenditure - major budget items ^			
Employee salaries	\$768,628	\$787,843	\$807,540
Employee entitlements	\$90,175	\$92,429	\$94,740
Other employee expenses	\$16,734	\$17,153	\$17,582
Office lease and outgoings	\$106,298	\$107,755	\$110,449
Vehicle costs	\$79,825	\$81,821	\$83,866
Operational	\$131,908	\$126,205	\$141,861
Financial, legal and professional	\$18,489	\$18,926	\$19,374
Marketing	\$13,000	\$10,700	\$10,905
Committee costs	\$15,256	\$20,637	\$16,028
Honorarium/Sitting Fees	\$35,458	\$35,458	\$35,458
Total RDA program funding expenditure (B)	\$1,275,770	\$1,298,928	\$1,337,802
Surplus / Deficit of RDA program funding (A - B)	\$33,111	\$6,813	\$557



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