

Roles and Responsibilities of LCRDB

The Limestone Coast Regional Development Board is one of thirteen regional boards established in South Australia and funded in partnership between the South Australian Government and Regional Local Government. The Board provides a cohesive economic development framework for the region. It is a source of regional intelligence for Governments and provides leadership and assistance to community organisations. Funding is linked to five year Resource Agreements and for the purpose of LCRDB operations the current agreement expires on 30th June 2007.

The funding partners expect that the key objective of the Boards is to "grow the economic base of the various regions within South Australia"

Within the Limestone Coast Region this objective will be achieved by the Board, as it delivers services and carries out a range of activities associated with economic development including:

- Employment creation and/or retention and skills development
- Industry attraction
- Infrastructure development
- Business assistance and expansion
- Capital investment attraction
- Regional promotion
- Community development
- Community leadership
- Support for entrepreneurial activities.

BOARD STRUCTURE

The Board is made up of Members representing business, industry, community and local government from across the whole region. A "target team" approach is used where links to other key regional organisations or industry bodies, are formalised through to Board representation. It is this approach to structure, that captures the range of representation and expertise, which makes the Board a powerful regional organisation.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To grow the economic base of the Limestone Coast Region of South Australia by effectively implementing the 2004-2007 Strategic Plan.
- To satisfy the requirements of the Board's funding partners.
- Manage the conduct and financial affairs of the Board in a professional manner.
- Provide effective regional development leadership within the community.
- Provide agreed "shopfront" services for the South Australian Government.
- Create strategic links with other agencies and organisations to achieve our objectives.
- Effectively market the role of the Board and services it can provide.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Small Business Advisory Service

A key element of the Board's service is to support existing and new small businesses with start-up advice, business planning, assistance with cashflow and budgeting, licencing information and access to mentoring.

TradeStart

The Board is funded by Austrade and the South Australian Government, to deliver hands-on support to local businesses seeking to enter or build new export markets. This support can include overseas market intelligence and advice in relation to documentation, insurance, payment for goods etc.

Employment & Skills Formation

Working in partnership with the Department for Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology the Board

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delivers elements of the South Australia Works program, specifically focused on support for programs leading to employment and building the skills capacity of individuals and regional industries.

Regional Skilled Migration

The Board supports South Australian and Australian Government initiatives to increase skilled migration, by delivering the Regional Skilled Migration Program, to support local employers who are unable to fill a range of skilled job vacancies.

Small Business Answers Program

The Board has been funded by the Department of Industry Tourism & Resources to deliver this program, which aims to increase the viability of small business by providing information about Australian and other Government programs and general support in providing answers to address common issues faced by small business owners and operators.

Food Industry Development

With the support of the South Australian Government, the Board employs a Food Industry Development Officer, who works closely with the Limestone Coast Food Group and the food industry more generally, as we focus on further value adding and product development to increase the region's contribution towards implementation of the State Food Plan.

The Board also:

- Effectively markets the role of the Board and services it can provide
- Initiates projects and assists with access to funding
- Provides local knowledge and contact information for new investors and businesses
- Provides access to State and Australian Government economic development programs
- Manages the delivery of selected Government programs in line with the Board's objectives
- Gathers and makes available, upon request, statistics and information on the region's economic performance.

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