

Our own "go to"
organisation for regional development

Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West (RDA DDSW) is an independent not-for-profit organisation partly funded by the Australian Government. It consists of local leaders volunteering their time and skills to support economic development.



Darling Downs and
South West Snapshot

What is Regional Development Australia?

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a partnership between Australian, State, Territory and Local Governments to strengthen regional communities. RDA consists of a national network of 55 committees, which are made up of local leaders to work with all levels of government, business and community groups to help coordinate resources and actions to develop our regional communities.

Priorities for RDA
Darling Downs and South West

The new board of RDA DDSW focuses on the following priority portfolio areas to develop our region:



Investment Attraction



Employment and Skills



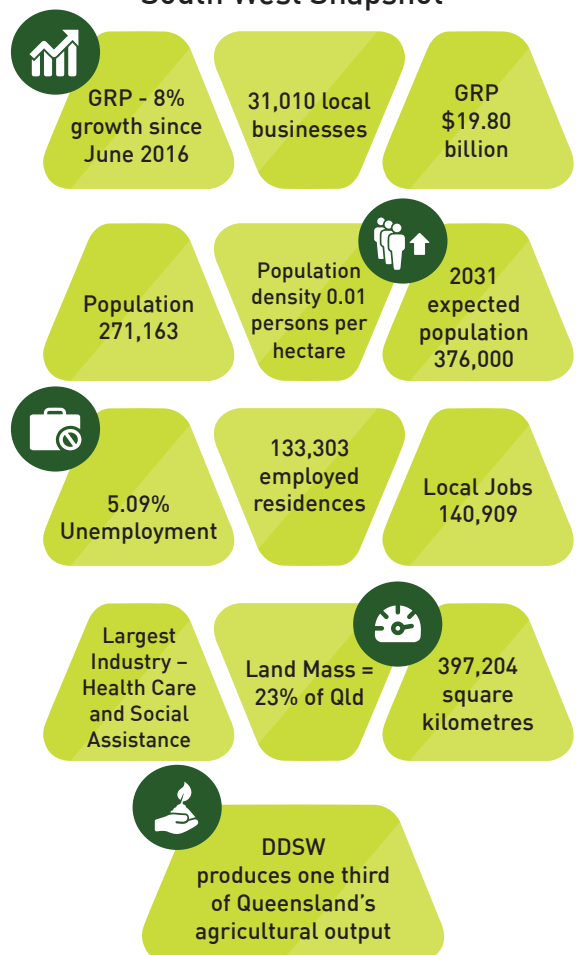
Value Chains, Market
Development and Logistics



Innovation, Entrepreneurship
and Disruption

RDA DDSW also has three over-arching priorities:

1. Improving stakeholders' access to funding
2. Assisting stakeholders in progressing priority projects
3. Communicating issues to and from the Commonwealth Government



THE RDA DDSW TEAM

Local people developing local solutions

Each RDA DDSW board member has a portfolio and supports a local government



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RDA DDSW Chair
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RDA DDSW Board Member
Value Chains, Market Development and
Logistics Portfolio
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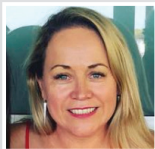
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Co-funded by RDA DDSW



Strong, Confident and Vibrant Regions

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a national network of Committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the economic development of their regions.

RDA Committees have an active and facilitative role in their communities and a clear focus on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages, seize on economic opportunity and attract investment.



Regional Development Australia is
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Do you have a project you would like to progress?
Need to connect with other stakeholders?
Want to find out more about grants and funding?

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