

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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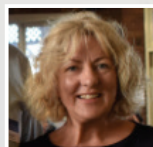
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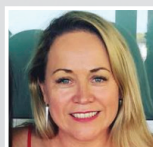
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Darling Downs and South West Snapshot



GRP - 8%
growth since
June 2016

31,010 local
businesses

GRP
\$19.80
billion

Population
271,163

Population
density 0.01
persons per
hectare



2031
expected
population
376,000



5.09%
Unemployment

133,303
employed
residences

Local Jobs
140,909

Largest
Industry –
Health Care
and Social
Assistance

Land Mass =
23% of Qld



397,204
square
kilometres



DDSW
produces one third
of Queensland's
agricultural output

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 an Australian Government Initiative

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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AND SOUTH WEST INC

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.



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