



The Peel Development Commission Newsletter  
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# Peel Projects Benefit from \$533,000

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls recently announced \$533,929 in new funding for 26 projects in the Peel Region through the 2008-09 Regional Development Scheme. This State Government funding will leverage project outcomes with a total value of \$2.2 million.

The Scheme, now in its eighth year, is part of an ongoing commitment to assist with the economic and social development of regional Western Australia.

A total of 26 diverse community projects were awarded funds through the latest round of Regional Development Scheme grants. These projects, listed below, will make a significant contribution to the development of communities across the Peel Region.

- Allambee Counselling - \$24,282 trauma counselling for women from war-torn areas and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Bluearth Institute - \$20,000 toward the Peel partnership and roll-out within Peel schools
- Boddington Old School Inc - \$13,000 to employ an administration trainee
- Boddington Old School Inc - \$10,000 for the Youth Arts 'Restart' program
- Challenger TAFE - \$34,769 for the Seniors Supporting Juniors Mentoring Program

- Canoe Trail Friends of Mandurah and Pinjarra Inc - \$8,985 to print canoe trail guides for the region
- City of Mandurah (on behalf of the representative working party for the Peel Region) - \$30,000 to review and update the Regional Sporting and Recreation Facilities Plan
- City of Mandurah with Shire of Murray - \$27,500 towards the Active Ageing Employment Project, securing opportunities for seniors
- Event Assist Inc - \$5,000 towards two tourism events in Waroona for 2009
- Fairbridge WA Inc - \$10,000 to establish the Fairbridge Caravan Park Business Case
- Festival of Youth Inc - \$9,000 for the Peel Career and Employment Expo and Road Show
- Forest Heritage Centre - \$20,000 to commence works for the Educational Walk Trail and Interpretive Signage
- Landcare SJ Inc - \$15,000 to assist in hosting the Peel Great Gardens series in 2009
- Moorditj Foundation Pty Ltd - \$15,000 to assist Gnaala Kaarla Booja to undertake strategic planning and a site assessment in Boddington
- Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc - \$35,000 towards the tourism initiative HATS (Hotel and Tour Shuttle Bus)
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- \$15,000 to establish the new initiative 'PeelFest Expo'
- Peel CLAG - \$25,000 for the new initiatives of the Peel Integrated Mosquito Management Plan
- Peel Community Development Group - \$30,000 toward the Regional Community Development Co-ordinator
- Peel Farmers' Market Inc - \$25,000 towards a Market Manager to establish and operate the Peel Farmers' Market
- Serpentine Jarrahdale Telecentre - \$15,798 to assist the joint partnership with the Tourism Association and establish a Visitor Information Service
- Shire of Boddington - \$8,000 towards the Boddington Youth Centre Assistant
- Shire of Murray - \$20,000 to assist in preparing the Murray Tourism Strategy
- Shire of Murray - \$50,000 for the Community Facilities and Services Plan
- Shire of Murray - \$40,000 for the Pinjarra Town Centre Growth Strategy
- Waroona Bowling and Social Club Inc - \$15,000 to assist in resurfacing bowling greens and providing fencing
- Waroona District High School - \$12,595 for the Families and School Together program

## PIG OUT IN THE PEEL

Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December was the opening day of the first Peel Farmers' Market at McLarty Oval in Pinjarra. It will be held every Saturday from now. The market opened with a ring at 8am sharp. Around 3,000 locals and visitors flocked to the ground to check out the best of local produce and entertainment.

The market was officially opened by the Hon. John Cowdell, Chairman of the Peel Development Commission.

"The farmers' market brings economic and social benefits to the Peel Region," said Mr Cowdell. "Farmers sell fresh, local produce direct to consumers and the community. The local economy will also benefit from the market."

"The diversity of the region's food is on display today and I congratulate all those that were involved in establishing this new venture."

Visitors were entertained by "Bullet" the miniature pig who is the market mascot.

There were over 20 stalls on the day displaying the best in seasonally fresh produce - conventional and organic - vegetables and fruit, beef, lamb, chicken and free range eggs.

Producers attending the market included Hamel Homegrown (organic vegetables), Island Point Olive Grove (Olive oil), Mark Ucich (organic vegetables and stone fruit from Brookhampton, Caraholly Orchards (cherries and nectarines from Dwellingup and Sefton Orchards (citrus fruit from Harvey).

Sarah Wise, a country folk singer and Amanda Oliver entertained the crowd while freshly brewed coffee was available as well as a sausage sizzle.

Regional Development Coordinator for the Peel Development Commission, Colleen Yates said that the opening of the Peel Farmers Market was a very exciting time for local producers.



The Opening Bell (left to right): Mr Murray Cowper MLA, Mr David Templeman MLA, and Hon. Nigel Hallett MLC prepare to officially open the Peel Farmers' Market

"The farmers and producers have worked hard to get to this stage," she said. "Now the producers and the community can reap the benefit of the opening of the farmer's market."

The project was developed as part of funding provided under the Pinjarra Brunswick Sustainability Strategy through the Peel Development Commission and with the assistance of Department of Agriculture and Food, Harvey Water, Shire of Murray and Pinjarra Community Bank @ Branch of Bendigo Bank.

# From little seeds big things grow

Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School is an excellent example of how persistence and hard work can pay off. Despite many setbacks, Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School opened its doors in 2006 in two relocatable buildings and the Shire Hall in Paterson Street, Mundijong. Today, the school employs 24 staff and teachers and has 220 students. The school has an annual turnover of \$3.1 million.

When all other avenues had failed, seed funding provided by Peel Development Commission through the Regional Development Scheme enabled school supporters to create an independent community school in Serpentine Jarrahdale.

In 2003, Peel Development Commission provided funding for an independent study to explore the feasibility of establishing a high school in the Town of Mundijong. The successful feasibility study enabled the School's management committee to attract support and funding for the eventual establishment of the school.

Until the Grammar School opened, there was no high school in Serpentine Jarrahdale. Students had to travel out of the Shire to a number of different schools in Perth and elsewhere. An active group of community members, supported by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, realised that this had a negative impact on their rapidly-growing community. A high school would

enable their young people to transition from primary to secondary school together, give a focal point for community activities, shorten commuting times for students and give the many new residents an opportunity to have their children educated locally.

Next year, there will be four Year 8 classes and four Year 9 classes.

The new school buildings will cater for 600 students and will be completed by April 2009.

The school does not have a traditional structure, being built along an internal street with three villages that will each house a year level, a light industrial area - consisting of a small market garden - as well as a design studio and a woodwork shop, and a town square complete with a shop, café and internet lecture room.

Principal Dr Lorraine Scott said that she is 'very excited about the development'.

"The school provides a meeting place for students and parents in the community and, anecdotally, the school appears to be attracting people to the area."

"There is a lot of interest in the school, people are constantly calling. We are getting some three or four enquiries a day," said Dr Scott.



Students from Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School stand in front of the school's classrooms.

"Peel Development Commission is proud to be involved in assisting these kinds of projects where there is such strong community and local government support," Peel Development Commission CEO Maree De Lacey said. "The energy and commitment shown by Dr Scott, her staff, and her very active Board is shown by the result."

## Waroona Students Get to Try –A –Trade

Challenger TAFE, in conjunction with the Building Construction Industry Training Fund, has developed a short course for high school students to experience the variety of trade qualifications available in the building industry.

The Try-a-Trade program was held at Waroona District High School from November 10-14, and students embraced the opportunity to build tables for school use, as well as gain experience building a free-standing brick wall.



TAFE Lecturer Shane Williamson with the trailer at Waroona District High School

The program has previously visited other schools in the region, including Boddington District High School, Halls Head Community College, and Pinjarra High School.

Challenger TAFE lecturer, Shane Williamson, said a number of students were keen to pursue apprenticeships as a result of Try-a-Trade.

Contrary to common perceptions that building and construction trades consist solely of bricklaying and carpentry, there

are over 20 different trade qualifications, including metal fabrication, plumbing and gas-fitting, roof tiling, electrical, mechanics, wall and ceiling fixing, tiling, cabinet making and many more.

The week-long intensive interaction with the industry is funded by the Peel Development Commission and the Pinjarra Brunswick Sustainability Strategy, which means students or schools do not pay a fee.

## Time for a Summer Escape? Try Your Own Back Yard!

Escape for a While tourism packages within the Peel Region are now being sold online through BookEasy ([www.bookeasy.com](http://www.bookeasy.com)). A total of 14 regional businesses are involved in the promotion. This includes 2008 WA Tourism Awards finalists Bouvard Cruises, Café Pronto and Forte Mandurah Quay.

"Peel Development Commission has been pleased to support our local operators to start these packages," Peel Development Commission Acting Manager Colleen Yates said. "Collaborative marketing has been shown to be a major business generator, especially in times when families are being more careful about where they spend money."

During September 2008 the packages were featured on Channel Nine's Winter Escapes. Packages include a fabulous Indulgence Package for \$399 per person which includes two nights stay at a luxury canal home, 1 hour massage, gourmet food delivered to your front door, and dinner at an exclusive restaurant.

Or why not try the sensuous Peel Pleasures Package for \$659 per person? Enjoy a three night stay in a luxury two bedroom spa villa with a three hour couple massage class, 18 holes of golf and champagne and chocolates on arrival.

An Affordable Family Package starts from just \$99 per person and includes tickets for the HATS bus tour, one hour Mandurah Ferry Cruise, entry into Abingdon Village and the Australian Sailing Museum, as well as two nights accommodation at Mandurah Caravan Park. This is a great way to entertain and inform the kids and relax with some of our local family-friendly places.

In 2009, Peel Development Commission is helping coordinate a Tourism Expo for Wholesalers. A series of workshops are planned across the region to assist small tourism businesses in business planning and marketing. A small grants program to assist with better business planning will also be made available. To find out more contact Colleen Yates on 9535 0005.

## Peel Showcased for Chinese Delegation

During October, the Peel Development Commission joined with the City of Mandurah, the Shire of Murray and the Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry to welcome a six member Chinese delegation from the Zhoushan Municipal People's Government.

Coordinated by the City of Mandurah, this visit gave another important opportunity to showcase the Region to potential investors and business partners.

Leading the delegation was Zhoushan Municipality's Deputy Mayor Wan Zhongzhi, who was accompanied by the municipality's Director Putuo District Tourism Bureau Li Junwei, the Deputy Director Finance Bureau Zhu Qunli, the Director Bureau of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Yu Shubo, and the Deputy Chief Putuo District Government Fang Wei.

Maree De Lacey, the CEO of the Peel Development Commission, provided an overview of the Peel Region, including its economic, community and environmental features. The Region's benefits as the third largest mineral producing region in WA, along with its environmental and community assets, were of strong interest to the delegation.

Ms De Lacey emphasised the Peel Region's strong economy which offered many opportunities for investment in business, both small and large.

"China is an important trading and investment partner for the state," Ms De Lacey said. "We appreciate the invitation from the City to be part of this meeting and we take every opportunity to encourage economic and cultural exchange."



Chinese delegation from Zhoushan Municipality – Director Putuo District Tourism Bureau Li Junwei, Deputy Director Finance Bureau Zhu Qunli, Director Bureau of Foreign Trade & Economic Cooperation Yu Shubo, Peel Development Commission Chairman John Cowdell, Deputy Chief Putuo District Government Fang Wei, Deputy Mayor Zhoushan Municipality People's Government Wang Zhongzhi, Mayor Paddi Creevey, and Shire of Murray President Noel Nancarrow.

# Restoration Full Steam Ahead!

Bush fires at Dwellingup on 26 January and 3 February 2007 destroyed track and infrastructure assets of the Hotham Valley Tourist Railway and were later declared natural disasters by the Western Australian State Government. The Peel Development Commission was provided with \$2.1 million by the State Government to fund the restoration through a contract with Hotham Valley Tourist Railway Inc.

In August 2007, Hotham Valley Tourist Railway commenced the task of managing the restorative works program and this work is now drawing to completion.

Mr Ian Willis, General Manager for HVTR, said "Major bridge works – at the 3km, 10km, 13km and 16km points - are complete and all 7,000 damaged railway sleepers have been replaced, along with some 43 burnt out culverts."

"Signage, track ballasting, aligning and level crossing installations are still to be finalised, but we are almost there!"



16km bridge – After being ravaged by bushfire

"The 2007 bushfires caused extensive damage and we could only restore the railway with the available funds through a fantastic team of workers and wide community support. I would like to recognise and thank all those that worked hard to get the line running again and supported us by way of donations of cash and goods, prompt service and discounted supplies."

"The train services at Dwellingup were back to normal earlier this year and it is anticipated the railway line west of Dwellingup will be functional by the end of the year with steam services recommencing from Pinjarra in May 2009."

The *Dwellingup Forest Train* runs Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays at 11am and 2 pm, and every day during school holidays. In addition, the *Etmylin Forest Diner Restaurant Train* runs out of Dwellingup at 7.45pm on Saturdays and selected Fridays. Bookings can be made on 9221 4444.



16km bridge – Restorative work by Hotham Valley Tourist Railway nears completion

## Pinjarra Industrial Estate on the Move

Keen interest is being registered for lots in the new industrial estate at Pinjarra with five of the sixteen lots having been sold since the estate opened.

"There are so many positives about this estate," said Frank Lawrence, sales representative for Landcorp.

"The lots are fully serviced and the Shire of Murray have adopted development guidelines that will result in a high quality estate."

"In addition, the lots are well located and in close proximity to the New Perth to Bunbury Highway, just one hour south of the metropolitan area."

"The available lots range in size from 2097m<sup>2</sup> to 1.04ha and are competitively priced from \$420,000."

With a 5.4 hectare lot, Murray Engineering Pty Ltd, an affiliated engineering company of Byrnecut Mining, is the anchor tenant for the estate.

Martin Abbott, General Manager of Murray Engineering, said that the company had been busy with development plans for the site.

"It's all systems go," said Mr Abbott.

"A Development Application with site plan has been approved by the Shire of Murray and building plans will be submitted for approval this month."

"We hope to commence building in January," said Mr Abbott.

"The site will comprise a heavy vehicle workshop, boiler maker fabrication workshop, warehouses, electrical workshop and office complex."

Murray Engineering is a mechanical and electrical service provider to the mining industry.

Other lot owners in the estate are: Haulmore Trailers, a privately owned Western Australian company; Westerfeld Engineering, a multi-discipline engineering and contracting organisation; and Buckley's Earth Works and Paving, a Mandurah and Derby based company.

Further information can be obtained from either Frank Lawrence on 0412 903 375 or Michael Van Leeuwen on 0401 787 818 at H & N Perry or visit [www.landcorp.com.au](http://www.landcorp.com.au).

# BOOMING BODDINGTON

Boddington has entered into a period of rapid change and growth due to decisions by Newmont and Worsley to expand their gold and bauxite mines respectively. These developments will bring accelerated population growth to the region and it is predicted that within four years the populations of Boddington and nearby regions are likely to double.

expansion of the district high school, sought expressions of interest from commercial providers to develop a 38 unit Retirement Village, commenced concept designs for a new Recreation Centre, and initiated upgrades to townsite storm water drainage. In addition, State Government funds will assist in planning and approval for new residential and larger lifestyle lots.



Main street in Boddington

This small country town will become the district's residential and commercial hub.

To address the urgent need for upgraded and new local community facilities associated with this growth, the Western Australian Government has allocated \$9 million, primarily to the Shire of Boddington, for specific infrastructure development projects many of which are currently underway.

In addition to these funds, State Government agencies have so far spent or committed in excess of \$29.5 million, bringing the total to over \$38.5 million to priority infrastructure projects in Boddington and surrounds, including within the Shires of Murray and Wandering.

In Boddington, a new Medical Centre is being designed and a 50 place Childcare Centre is planned. The Shire have also agreed to provide additional land for

Wandering recently received \$100,000 from the Boddington Community Infrastructure Package. These funds will assist with office extensions to accommodate additional staff as well as increasing the floor area of the library; providing for more efficient customer services, particularly postal services; and new Council Chambers.

In the Shire of Murray, \$300,000 of funds have been accessed for pre-planning of the Pinjarra southern bypass, and \$25,000 toward a strategic planning review for Dwellingup. A further \$200,000 is earmarked for upgrades to Dwellingup's main street.

In addition to shire managed projects, State Government agencies are working to together on various works including refurbishments to the Boddington Hospital, upgrade of water supply to Boddington, and road improvements to the Pinjarra-Williams Road.

Maree De Lacey, CEO for Peel Development Commission, said "The local economy has been revitalised by the reopening of the gold mine and continued development of the bauxite mine. These projects offer stable, long term employment opportunities and greater scope for new and expanded industry and commercial pursuits."

"The Commission is coordinating government planning for the upgrade of facilities and essential services in Boddington and the surrounding area to meet the needs of the growing population associated with the mines" she said.



Mining Equipment on the Move

"The Commission has been delighted with the level of collaboration from all agencies in state and local governments and we look forward to seeing further results with our partners on this important project."

## BGM Update

More than 7.7 million man hours have been worked during the past two-and-a-half years to bring the Boddington Gold Mine Expansion Project to 85 per cent completion.

With a construction workforce which peaked this month at approximately 2500 contractors, plans are on track for plant start in early to mid 2009.

The BGM Expansion Project, 110km east of Mandurah and 130kms south east of Perth, is a joint venture between Newmont Australia Limited (66.6%) and AngloGold Ashanti Limited (33.3%).

When fully operational, BGM will be the largest gold mine in Australia producing an average 850,000 ounces of gold and 30,000 tonne of copper a year for more than 20 years.

Recruitment of the permanent workforce is underway with about 450 of the anticipated 650-strong workforce now on staff. Many live within 50km of Boddington.

Boddington Gold Mine management is working with local governments and agencies on infrastructure and service needs to support anticipated growth in the population. It is expected that Boddington's population could double in the next five years as land and accommodation becomes available.

# Blocks Comings and Goings

## for Sale

To cater for the population influx in Boddington, a variety of block sizes and lifestyle lots are being developed quickly, with up to 900 lots coming on stream during 2009.

The Commission has been working hard with our partners in local and State government, BGM, BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina, developers and others to deliver infrastructure priorities as quickly as possible into this popular part of our region.

Infrastructure issues - such as water - have been resolved with excellent collaboration by all agencies and this will enable a greater variety of lot sizes and areas to be developed.



Chris Schauble

October was a month of comings and goings in the Boddington Project team.

During that month, Chris Schauble joined the Commission as our new Project Coordinator. He has a background in business and the real estate industry. Most recently, Chris was Ockerby Mandurah's Licensee and Auctioneer.

Our "old" Project Coordinator, Greg Robertson, remains in Boddington but has taken up a position with Worsley Alumina in their Community Relations Department.

Stephen Cummins (Manager of Policy and Research) left Peel Development Commission to join the Department of Treasury and Finance as Principal Policy Analyst.

Maree De Lacey, CEO for Peel Development Commission said "We thank Greg and Stephen for their fantastic contribution to the Boddington Project while, at the same time, welcoming Chris, who we know will continue on with the good progress previous team members have made."



Stephen Cummins (standing) and Greg Robertson at the farewell lunch

# HATS OFF TO A GREAT START!

The Hotel and Tour Shuttle (HATS) has been given a boost recently receiving a \$35,000 grant from the Peel Development Commission through the State Government's Regional Development Scheme. The HATS bus showcases a number of local attractions starting and finishing at the Mandurah Transit Station.

Funding was provided to the Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry to support this service, with the Commission encouraging the consideration of further site visits including Pinjarra Visitor Centre and Hotham Valley Tourist Rail.

Ian Klopper, owner of Abingdon Village Miniature Village and co-owner of the HATS bus believes the bus's importance in terms of economic growth for the area cannot be overestimated. Mr Klopper said the service is 'showing visitors from Perth, the region's growth and potential, as well as giving passengers the opportunity to see things they wouldn't normally if they drove down.'

The grant money will be used to continue and expand the service through advertising and marketing, as well as to maintain its five regular departures a day.

The need for such a service was recognized by Ian Klopper who during meetings with Peel Development Commission's CEO Maree De Lacey two and half years ago, identified the need for a transport service in the Mandurah area. The HATS service has been running since July and ferries up to two hundred passengers a week. Mandurah Ferry Cruises and the Mandurah Quays also own a part share in the business.

"Peel Development Commission is pleased to assist this service in its start-up phase", said Ms De Lacey. "It's a great example of the collaborative marketing we have been encouraging, and I congratulate Ian and his partners for bringing it together and putting in so much of their own resources to make this a viable and ongoing service for visitors to our region".

The HATS bus is not just a bus ride around town. It stops at some of Mandurah's great attractions and accommodation destinations – it is a scenic tour. These stops include Abingdon Miniature Village, Dolphin Quays, Miami Bakehouse and the Atrium Hotel. The bus allows flexibility of getting on and off when visitors like. The service runs regularly on a daily basis, with an informative commentary on the way.



Driver Colin Knight with HATS bus.

The HATS bus costs \$8 for adults and \$4 for children for an all day pass. One destination is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Information can be obtained from the Mandurah Visitor's Centre on 9550 3999 or at [www.hatsbus.com.au](http://www.hatsbus.com.au).

## Freeway Extension on Track

Peel Development Commission and Southern Gateway Alliance (SGA) organised a tour by Peel representatives of the New Perth Bunbury Highway in October 2008

Tammy Mitchell, Community Relations Manager for SGA, outlined two key benefits of the project: improvement of transport connectivity and road safety between the metropolitan area and the growing Peel Region; and provision of a safe, free flowing alternative route for

regional traffic – relieving traffic pressure on the existing coast road and South Western Highway.



The Pinjarra Road Interchange and Murray River Bridge

"This is Western Australia's largest road infrastructure project," said Ms Mitchell. The \$705 million project is being delivered using an alliance contract methodology, which has seen three industry leaders work in partnership with Main Roads, our State road authority."

"The project team has been supported by a large number of local businesses with over 100 contracts, valued at almost \$91.5 million, being awarded locally since the project's inception."

The trip to Bunbury in 2011 will be around 30 minutes quicker than using Old Coast Road as there will be no traffic signals or reductions in speed limit through urban areas.

"Construction of the New Perth Bunbury Highway is proceeding well," said Ms Mitchell. "As at the end of October, the project was around 67% complete and on track to open ahead of scheduled completion of December 2009."

Peel Development Commission has been instrumental in supporting State and Federal funding for the construction of the Highway and of Mandurah's Entrance Road.

"The tour was very enlightening and informative," said John Matthew, President of Peel Chamber of Commerce & Industry. "I was very impressed with the innovative, efficient construction techniques that are being used."

"The tour highlighted to me that the benefits of the New Perth Bunbury Highway project will realise their full potential when complemented by the future Mandurah Entrance Road (Road A)."



On Tour (left to right): Ian Curley - CEO, Shire of Waroona; Delys Gebert - Manager, Peel Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Christine Germaine - Deputy Chairman, Peel Development Commission; Laurie Tilbrook - Deputy CEO, Shire of Waroona; Deon Van Der Linde - Senior Strategic Planning Officer, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale; John Matthew - President, Peel Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Peter Reading - SGA; Colleen Yates - Peel Development Commission; Brenda O'Neill - Peel Development Commission; Paul Buckley - Manager, Small Business Centre Peel; Syd Wilson - Councillor, City of Mandurah; Christin Smith - Peel Development Commission; and Lindsay Ginbey - Business Development Manager, Peel Economic Development Unit.

## Art Project Brings Community Together



The Peel Community Development Group (PCDG) was formed in 2003 in response to a Peel Development Commission study "Peel Away the Mask" that showed that the community held serious concerns about the overall well being of the region.

The PCDG Board is comprised of representatives of the five local areas and members of the Peel community as well as a Regional Community Development Coordinator. The group is supported and hosted by Peel Development Commission who are working with the PCDG to review "Peel Away the Mask". This review, along with other community indicators, will guide the development of the five year strategic plan.

One PCDG objective is to improve coordination of community development initiatives and a project currently facilitated by the PCDG and supported by Southern Gateway Alliance (SGA) and Main Roads (Western Australia) is the New Perth to Bunbury Highway – Peel Regional Art. This project is developing a framework for community engagement in public infrastructure with the aim of creating "a sense of place".

A team of community experts from various parts of the region and Bunbury has been formed to guide the project. Using the common thread of 'Water' and how it is valued in each community, local artists and young people will work together to develop a brief that will engage community to develop artworks at rest stops along the highway.

Peel Regional Placemaker's Forum was held at the Fairbridge Farm in November. The forum was launched with a presentation by SGA/Main Roads on their Sustainability Partnerships Program, from which the idea of a community art project arose. At the forum, 17 community artists and experts participated in a skills sharing program and their vision for the project was formulated. Artworks will include two entry statements within the Rockingham and Waroona localities plus two sites for major projects. The remaining rest stops will create a journey through Peel signified by iconic public artwork.