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FY27-29 Strategic Plan

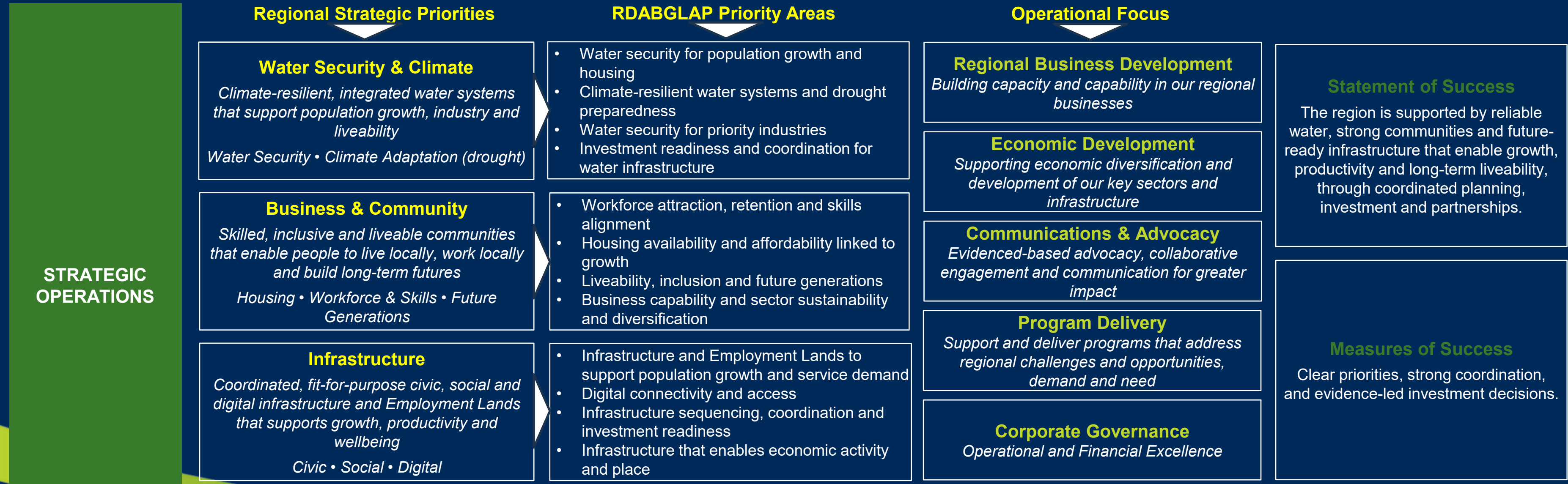
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Strategic Plan: Plan On A Page

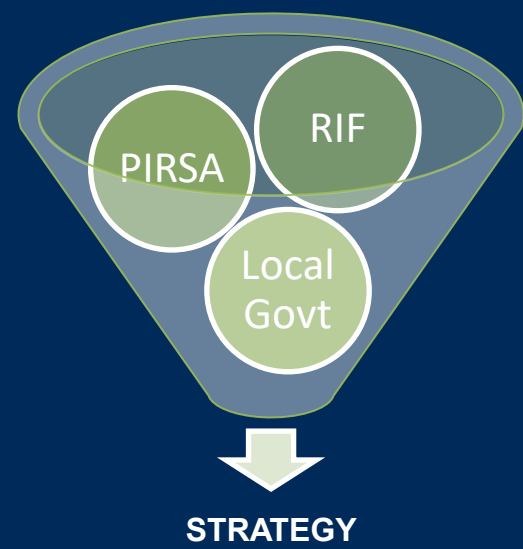
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VISION	A regional economy that is built on our strengths, is sustainable, and supports the changing needs of our communities.
PURPOSE	To actively grow our regional economy to create liveable communities.
OUR ROLE	Leading, advocating and coordinating regional action in close collaboration with partners.



Guiding Principles

First Nations | Gender Equality | Inclusion | Innovation | Sustainability | Evidence-led decision making
 Cross-Government Co-Ordination | Support for Local Economic Development Plans | SME and Business Hub Development



Strategic Plan: Priority 1 of 3

<p>Priorities</p>	<p>Water Security & Climate</p>
<p>Definition</p>	<p>Enable climate-resilient, integrated water systems that support the population, housing and employment growth envisaged for the region, while sustaining business productivity, agricultural capacity and community liveability.</p>
<p>Statement of Success</p>	<p>Our region has fit-for-purpose, reliable water infrastructure that supports current communities and keeps pace with planned housing, population, and economic growth. Water systems are strategically planned and invested in to enable sustainable development, protect liveability and support industry, while strengthening resilience and preparedness for long-term climate pressures and variability.</p>
<p>Focus Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water security & recycled water infrastructure. • Climate adaptation & mitigation (drought).
<p>RDABGLAP Priority Areas</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water security to support population growth and housing 2. Climate-resilient water systems and drought preparedness 3. Water security for priority industries and value chains 4. Investment readiness and coordination for water infrastructure
<p>Measures of Success</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small, clearly defined set of regional water security priorities is documented and shared, reflecting growth, climate resilience, preparedness, industry needs and investment readiness. • Key stakeholders recognise and reference these priorities in planning discussions, advocacy, funding submissions and partnership activity. • RDA provides evidence and facilitates collaboration that improves investment readiness for priority water infrastructure projects. • Water security considerations are consistently integrated into RDA programs, advocacy and partnerships, particularly where they relate to housing growth, industry and climate resilience. • Cross-sector engagement on water security is sustained, supporting shared understanding and aligned action across government, industry and the community.



Strategic Plan: Priority 2 of 3

Priorities	Business & Community
Definition	Ensure current and future generations can live and work locally by strengthening our businesses and priority sectors, supporting regional economic development, skilling our workforce and housing our community in liveable, fit-for-purpose homes and areas.
Statement of Success	Communities across the region are inclusive, skilled, and liveable, with access to housing, education, employment and business opportunities that enable people to live locally, work locally, invest locally and build long-term futures. Regional growth is supported by aligned planning that connects population, workforce, housing, skills and industry needs.
Focus Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing. • Workforce and education. • Future proof for future generations, businesses and sectors.
RDABGLAP Priority Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workforce attraction, retention and skills alignment 2. Housing availability and affordability to support workforce and growth 3. Liveability, inclusion and future generations 4. Business capability and sector sustainability and diversification
Measures of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared priorities for future generations (skills, housing, liveability, inclusion) are clearly articulated and regionally understood • Community and business perspectives are consistently reflected in RDA(BGLAP) programs and advocacy • Partnerships are facilitated and sustained with organisations contributing to future workforce, housing and liveability outcomes • RDA(BGLAP) initiatives contribute to increased participation and engagement across diverse community and business groups • Evidence and insights are used to inform funding, program design and advocacy related to future generations • Evidence of improved business capability, competitiveness and growth mindset across priority sectors.



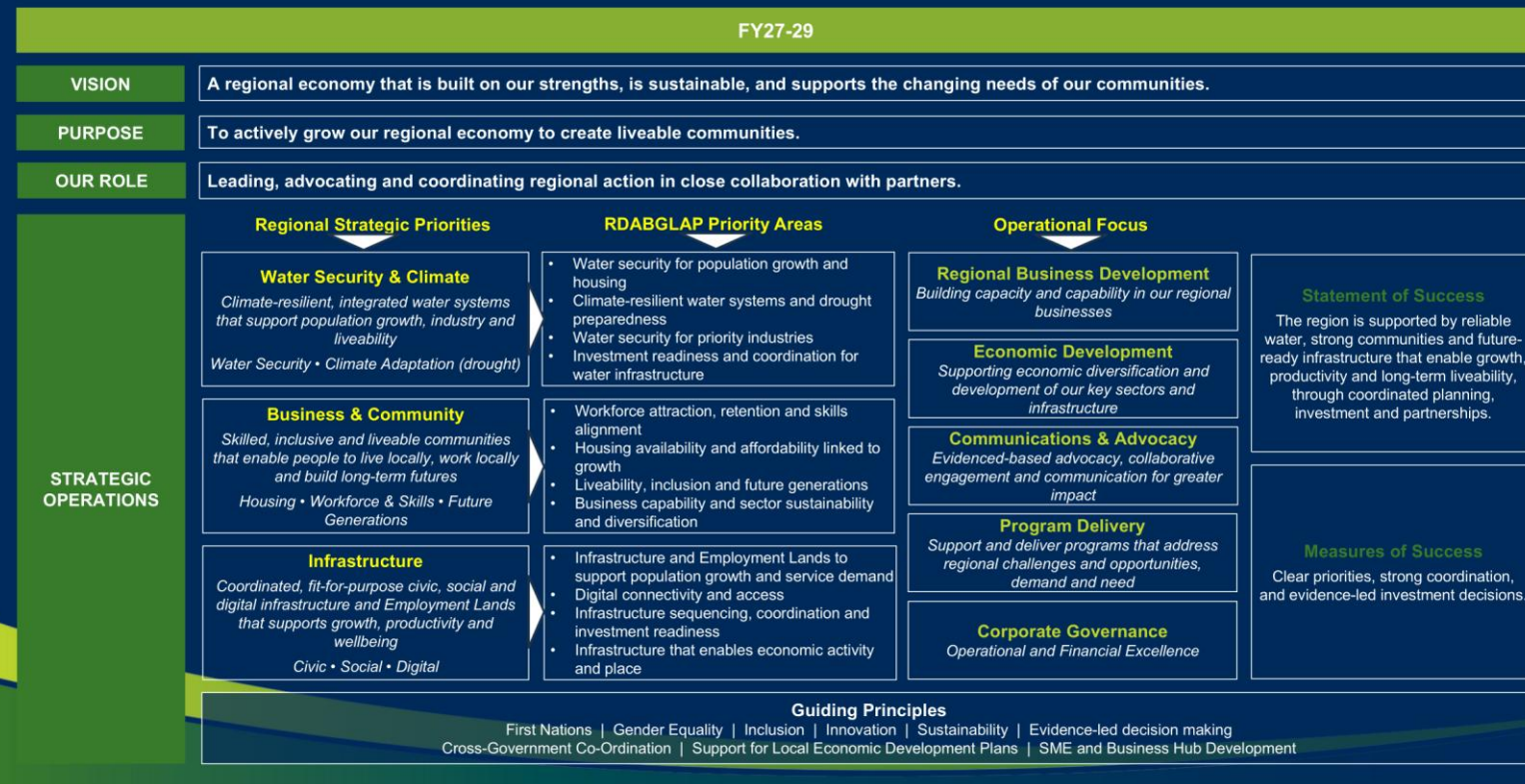
Strategic Plan: Priority 3 of 3

Priorities	Infrastructure
Definition	Enable regional growth and productivity through coordinated, timely and fit-for-purpose infrastructure and Employment Lands that supports businesses, communities, investment and long-term development.
Statement of Success	The region is supported by well-planned, future-ready civic, social (including strong health and education services), and digital infrastructure that enables productivity, connectivity, workforce participation and community wellbeing. Infrastructure planning and investment are aligned across governments and reflect regional growth, service access, and economic priorities.
Focus Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic • Social • Digital
RDABGLAP Priority Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infrastructure and Employment Lands to support population growth and service demand 2. Digital connectivity and access for businesses and communities 3. Infrastructure sequencing, coordination and investment readiness 4. Infrastructure that enables economic activity in place
Measures of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority infrastructure needs are clearly identified, documented and communicated to stakeholders and funding bodies • RDABGLAP contributes evidence and facilitates collaboration that improves infrastructure planning and investment readiness • Stakeholder engagement supports shared understanding of infrastructure priorities and sequencing • Digital, civic and social infrastructure considerations are integrated into RDABGLAP advocacy and program delivery • Partnerships support aligned approaches to Employment Lands and infrastructure development across the region

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INDICATIVE OPERATIONS – CORE FUNDING & PROJECT FUNDING

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Day to Day Activities (Core Funding)

Activities we do day to day, with a strong lens to our Regional Strategic Priorities

Operational Focus & Roles	Headlines (not exhaustive)
Corporate Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO Finance & Administration Manager 	Strategy, Operations, Budgets and Finance, Compliance, Board & Committees, Team Management, Reporting, Stakeholder Engagement and Management, Project Management
Communications & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing & Communications Manager 	Supports communications for Day-to-Day Activities (website, newsletters, grants bulletin, social media, ++), as well as Program Delivery, plus Regional Communications, Advocacy, Stakeholder and Media Engagement
Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Manager 	Strategy, Policy, Economic Modelling / Impacts, Investment Attraction Profiling, Grants and Funding Support, SME and Large Business Capacity and Capability
Regional Business Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Development Manager (RDM) Business Engagement Officer (BEO) 	Business Support activities, B2B Support Program delivery, SME Business Capacity and Capability
Program Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRUC: Manager, and Student Success & Engagement Mentor RDLP: CEO, and external delivery partner OSFB: RDM, BEO, and external delivery partners RDRP: CEO, and external delivery partner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barossa Regional University Campus (BRUC) Regional Leadership Development Program (RDLP) Business Fundamentals Program (Office for Small & Family Business; OSFB) Regional Drought Resilience Plan – Northern & Yorke – Regional Water Study (RDRP)

Program Delivery x Regional Strategic Priorities (Project Funding)

Activities we do with thanks to additional funding, with a direct focus on addressing our Regional Strategic Priorities

Water Security & Climate	Business & Community	Infrastructure
Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Water Working Group (Y1) Climate Security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern and Yorke Regional Drought Resilience Plan – Regional Water Study (Y1) 	Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Audit similar to RDADDSW (Y2) Workforce & Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRUC (Y1-Y3) Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSFB Business Fundamentals (Y1) Leadership (Y1-2) 	Civic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy: TBC (Y2) Roads: TBC (Y2) Social: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood: TBC (Y1) Aged Care: TBC (Y1) Digital: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD (Y1 or Y2)