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Great Southern: A Region in Profile released

The details of Western Australia's nine regional economies have today been highlighted with the launch of the Regions in Profile series of publications, developed by the Department of Regional Development and Lands in conjunction with the Regional Development Commissions.

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the publications illustrated the key industries in each region as well as population and employment trends.

"The publications give a great snapshot of what has been happening in the regions and reveal some interesting and positive statistics and trends.

"Many regions have reported unemployment lower than the State average, with others showing an increase in the labour force and mean taxable income for example," Mr Grylls said.

This publication showcases the region, highlighting that it is a great place to live, work and invest, said Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) Chairman Peter Rundle.

"It shows the continuing primacy of agriculture in the regional economy, a steady rise in the value of building approvals and low unemployment," Mr Rundle said.

"The booklet outlines a region with a solid core to its economy and good grounds for businesses and investors to expect a productive future," he said.

Minister Grylls said the State Government, under the Royalties for Regions initiative, will see a total of \$4.27billion reinvested into the State's regional areas by 2013.

"The statistics highlighted in these publications are encouraging and strengthens our commitment to further developing the region's economies and improving the quality of life for residents," Minister Grylls said.



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