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RDA Tasmania Update

RDA Tasmania has continued to develop our Regional Plan.

The focus for RDA Tasmania encompasses the priority areas: economic, social (health and well-being), environmental and skills/education.

As part of RDA Tasmania's role, we are required to develop a Regional Plan, which will also comprise of a Strategy for Economic Development and Jobs Creation. Within this economic development strategy, we anticipate covering such initiatives as the National Broadband Network (NBN) project, strategic tourism investment opportunities, as well as other strategic investment opportunities that can demonstrate longer term economic benefits at both a local and regional level. Our focus will be on the type and extent of investment required, the appropriate locations for such investment, and the expected employment outcomes.

Brigid Rawlings, who recently commenced in the role of Community and Strategic Development based in Launceston, is focussing on the economic priorities, these include gathering information in relation to:

1. The NBN Project

Geographic locations or precincts, industries, projects or organisations within your local government area that require (or have the potential to) provide strategic economic advantage to the region if they were to access high-speed broadband technology.

2. Tourism Industry

Gaps in the market (with the objective for us to undertake a tourism product audit) or identified investment opportunities that would provide strategic economic benefit to the region.

3. Strategic Infrastructure Opportunities

Investment opportunities in key infrastructure projects that have the capacity to provide longer term economic benefits and jobs growth. These projects ideally will be commencement ready in the next two years.

Greer Sakul, who is based in Hobart in the role of Community and Strategic Development, is focusing on the social and skills/education priority areas. Please contact Greer if you have any projects, issues or strategies relating to affordable housing and public transport, or training and skills development programs that you wish to discuss.

RDA Tasmania's Regional Plan and Strategy for Economic Development and Jobs Creation is due to be completed in May 2010, and will be presented to both the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and the Tasmanian Minister for Economic Development once completed.

National Awards for Local Government - Entries Open

Nominations have now opened for the 2010 National Awards for Local Government.

These prestigious awards, now in their 25th year, reward local governments for the innovative and important work they do in supporting local communities.

This year, the National Awards have been revamped to recognise local governments' efforts in delivering local infrastructure, collaborating with neighbouring councils, improving their asset and financial management planning and building their capacity to serve communities.

The national winners will be judged by an independent panel and announced at the third Australian Council of Local Government meeting at Parliament House in June.

Award entries will close on 31 March 2010.

For further information on the National Awards for Local Government contact the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on free call 1800 065 113, or visit the Department's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au/local/awards/

Taskforce - Australia's Resources Industry Workforce Needs

The National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce has released a public discussion paper titled *Resourcing the Future* which will assist in generating discussion about ways to address the workforce needs of major resources projects in Australia over the next five years and beyond.

The discussion paper is designed to gather information about resources companies' specific skills needs and elicit views from a wide range of stakeholders.

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Working with an Industry Reference Group and a Skills Reference Group, the Taskforce is examining ways of meeting the resources sector's increasing demand for skilled labour. Around 80 major new projects are proposed to commence operations in Australia by 2015.

It is estimated that these projects will lead to an increase of around \$92 billion in real GDP and create direct and indirect jobs across Australia. The projects represent a lifeline for unemployed young people, retrenched workers and job seekers with the necessary skills.

The Taskforce is led by the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia. It will report to the Government by mid 2010 with initiatives to address the resources sector's workforce needs.

The Taskforce will meet with stakeholders in most capital cities and some regional locations.

Submissions should be lodged by close of business 9 April 2010 by email to nrset.submissions@deewr.gov.au.

For more information about NRSET or to download a copy of Resourcing the Future, visit www.deewr.gov.au/nrset.

Events

Below is an invite to attend **free Lean Manufacturing** workshops being held in **Burnie, Hobart and Launceston** commencing next week - Tuesday March 9th. These workshops are presented by the Queensland Manufacturing Institute (QMI) and provide an excellent opportunity to hear practical, relevant advice from leading consultants in Lean Manufacturing.

The seminars will run for approximately 90-120 mins each, with lunch provided between sessions and an opportunity to meet with the presenter and Enterprise Connect Business Advisers. The presentations are aimed at factory/production supervisors, management and key staff and businesses should be encouraged to send more than one participant where practical.

Please see invite and brief rundown of topics below. RSVP to Dee-Anne Kapene Enterprise Connect Manufacturing Centre – Tasmania Ph: 6433 8003 or email dee-anne.kapene@innovation.gov.au



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| <p>5S and Sustainability</p> | <p>5S has long been a foundation practice of Lean Manufacturing and while the 5th "S" is dedicated to sustaining the program, our product goes further to ensure its sustainability from an environmental perspective.</p> | <p>Burnie 09/03/2010 10am - 12pm</p> |
| <p>Factory Layout</p> | <p>The nature of a growing business is such that with all the time pressures, new (or old) equipment tends to get put in a spare corner rather than finding its most logical place. And there it remains until the mess and inefficiency affects productivity. This Factory Layout clinic will show you how to reorganise your workplace to become more efficient and how you can keep it that way.</p> | <p>Burnie 09/03/2010 1pm - 3pm</p> |
| <p>Introduction to Sustainable Manufacturing</p> | <p>Sustainability is a “state or process that can be maintained at a certain level indefinitely”. Similarly, Sustainable Manufacturing looks at the manufacturing methods that can be employed to ensure the long-term sustainability of a particular business and ultimately the industry as a whole. It focuses on achieving a balance on the triple bottom line – people, planet and profit.</p> | <p>Hobart 12/03/2010 10am - 12pm</p> |
| <p>Introduction to Supply Chain Management</p> | <p>The principles of best practice manufacturing are no longer limited to only your manufacturing efficiency. The efficiency of your supply chain directly affects your ability to deliver to your customers regardless of your own capability. This clinic will show you how to integrate your supply chain into your own continuous improvement program.</p> | <p>Hobart 12/03/2010 1pm - 3pm</p> |
| <p>Enterprise Resource Planning</p> | <p>The software market is awash with business management software systems offered by vendors who tend to believe their solution is always the best. This clinic will help ensure your company does not become a statistic among the many ERP failures, and how you can take the luck factor out of finding software that best meets your company's needs.</p> | <p>Launceston 29/03/2010 10am - 12pm</p> |
| <p>Lean Product Development</p> | <p>Lean Product Development is about removing the waste from your product development processes, providing you with tools and concepts to ensure you can develop products quickly and they have the greatest chance of success in the marketplace.</p> | <p>Launceston 29/03/2010 1pm - 3pm</p> |

Funding Opportunities

1. **The Moorilla Scholarship 2010.** Conditions of entry and applications forms at www.moorilla.com.au/thescholarship. Enquiries to 03 6277 999 or email lindy@mona.net.au. Entries close 23 April 2010.
2. **Brighton Council Community Grants Program 2010/11.** Criteria and application form can be found at www.brighton.tas.gov.au or Cathy Harper on 6268 7035.
3. **The City of Hobart Art Prize** is open to artists, designers and craftspeople nation-wide. It brings together contemporary visual arts, craft and design practice in a single exhibition. More information is at: http://www.hobartcity.com.au/HCC/STANDARD/CITY_OF_HOBART_ART_PRIZE.html
4. **Cars for Communities – Could a Vehicle help Connect Your Community?** To receive a copy of guidelines and application form or for assistance phone 6232 7064 or email SIU@dpac.tas.gov.au or visit www.dpac.tas.gov.au applications close 20 April 2010.
5. **Tasmanian Community Fund** – Major Funding Opportunity for Community Organisations. Guidelines and information at the website www.tascomfund.org or by emailing admin@tascomfund.org or by phoning Melissa Gunn at 6233 2920. Closing date Wednesday 24 March.
6. **Motor Accidents and Insurance Board** – Injury Prevention and Management Foundation. To request a funding proposal phone 6336 4800, email khumphries@maib.tas.gov.au or visit www.maib.tas.gov.au . Applications close 19 April 2010.
7. **Community Support Levy Charitable Organisations Grants Program 09 – 10** small grants round open. Guidelines at www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/gambling or by phoning 6233 3204. Applications close Friday 26 March.
8. **Huon Valley Health Services Advisory Committee – 09-10 Grants program.** Further information can be obtained from Jacquie Maginnis – 6222 7658 or via email Jacquie.maginnisl@dhhs.tas.gov.au . Grants close 27 March 2010.
9. The primary objective of the **Diverse Australia Program** is to help not for profit community organisations turn plans into reality. If your idea promotes respect, fairness and sense of belonging for everyone, then we might be able to help you. <http://www.harmony.gov.au/funding/>
10. Help for small businesses to become more family friendly - **Fresh Ideas for Work and Family Grants Program.** To apply for a grant, small businesses can go to www.deewr.gov.au/freshideas to complete the online application form or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 (open 8.00am–6.00pm, Monday to Friday) for further information.

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- A profile of the RDA Tasmania Committee members is available from our website.