



# Newsletter

September 2011



Prime Minister with Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance Chair, Mal Osborne

## Prime Minister's visit to Esperance

Prime Minister Julia Gillard was invited to the Goldfields-Esperance region by the Federal Member for O'Connor, Tony Crook MP.

The Prime Minister attended a breakfast meeting with community and business leaders on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The RDA Goldfields-Esperance Chair, Deputy Chair, Board member and Executive Officer were in attendance at the meeting and had the opportunity to raise critical regional issues with the Prime Minister.

A tour of Esperance port provided the Prime Minister with information into the infrastructure needs of the port and demonstrated the pivotal role of Esperance in the proposed PortLink project.

The Prime Minister said she wanted to ensure WA's export markets could operate with reliable supply from its big producing regions as they are vital to the national economy and described the port expansion as an important piece of nation building.

During her visit the Prime Minister was also briefed on the redevelopment of the Esperance foreshore, another significant regional infrastructure project.

Mal Osborne, the Chair of RDA Goldfields Esperance, said it was a privilege to have the Prime Minister in the region and to have the opportunity to brief her on key projects as well as outlining assistance being sought from the Federal Government to implement vital infrastructure for the region.

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# Grant Writing and Management Workshops

**Regional Development Australia Goldfields-Esperance** and the **Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission** are presenting a series of workshops aimed at developing the skills of individuals and organisations in writing grant applications and managing grant funding.

If you want to improve your chances of success with grant submissions then this workshop is for you. The workshop will provide you with tips, common mistakes, tools and terminology of grant funding, plus question & answer time. The workshop will also present vital information on how to manage your grant funding financial obligations and will cover some key public relations activities to promote your organisation, project, and funding body.

**COST:** \$16.50 (including GST) per attendee, per workshop/meeting. No refunds are available, however you may substitute delegates. This includes the cost of lunch.

For further information regarding the workshops please contact our partners:

## **In Kalgoorlie, Leonora and Warburton**

*Small Business Centre – Goldfields*

Phone: 9021 7708

Email: [admin@sbcgoldfields.com.au](mailto:admin@sbcgoldfields.com.au)

## **In Esperance and Ravensthorpe**

*Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre*

Phone: 9072 0346

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Date	Time	Venue
Monday 19 Sept.	9am to 3pm	<b>KALGOORLIE</b> Quality Inn Railway Motel Cnr Forrest and Wilson Street
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Wednesday 21 Sept.	9am to 3pm	<b>RAVENSTHORPE</b> Ravensthorpe CRC Old Fitzgereald School building, Dunn Street
Thursday 22 Sept.	9am to 3pm	<b>ESPERANCE</b> Esperance Civic Centre Council Place
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Monday 26 Sept.	10am to 4pm	<b>LEONORA</b> Recreation Centre Tower Street
Wednesday 28 Sept.	10am to 4pm	<b>WARBURTON</b> Shire meeting room Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre

# Consultation on rural and remote health workforce strategy



Health Workforce Australia (HWA) is seeking input from community leaders on its Rural and Remote Health Workforce Innovation Strategy. The strategy aims to provide national guidance on future needs, reforms and initiatives to improve the health care services of those in rural and remote communities. The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government is providing support to HWA in developing the strategy.

The Strategy will complement HWA's National Health Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategic Framework for Action and National Training Plan, and will seek to:

- promote better utilisation of existing workforce
- support optimal use of skills and workforce adaptability, and
- build workforce capacity for responding and adapting to changing demands in rural and remote communities.

Consultation sessions will be conducted in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote locations during September and October 2011. Those unable to attend a session are able to submit written feedback.

The *Invitation to Consultation Sessions* background paper and the *National Consultation Registration Form* template can be downloaded from the HWA website.

**A consultation session will be conducted in Kalgoorlie from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Quality Inn Railway.**

**For more information on the strategy and consultation process, please visit the HWA website at: <http://www.hwa.gov.au/work-programs/workforce-innovation-and-reform/rural-and-remote-health-workforce>**

## **URGENT: Remote Health Workforce Innovation Strategy**

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) is seeking input from community leaders on its Rural and Remote Health Workforce Innovation Strategy.

**The consultation session to be held in Kalgoorlie on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October may be cancelled if minimum attendance is not achieved**

**To register your attendance, please visit the HWA website**

## Review of remote participation and employment services consultations

On 29 June 2011, the Australian Government announced a review of remote participation and employment services. The review will look at a new model for Job Services Australia and the Community Development Employment Projects program in remote areas of Australia. The new arrangements are due to be in place by July 2013.

Consultation forums with people in remote communities, service providers, employers and other stakeholders will take place during August and September 2011. Submissions from the consultation will close in October.

Consultations took place in Kalgoorlie and Warburton on the 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August. Written submissions will close in October.

For more information visit the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations website at: <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous/News/Pages/RemoteServicingReviewConsultations.aspx>

## National Workforce Development Fund

The Australian Government has launched a \$558 million fund which will provide 130,000 Australians with the opportunity to learn new skills for jobs in sectors suffering from critical skill shortages.

The 2011-12 round of the National Workforce Development Fund will make \$73 million available across all industry sectors. Of this funding, \$50 million will focus on the priority industry sectors of Construction (civil and general) and Aged Care, and \$23 million will focus on skills areas of local and national demand.

Under the fund, enterprises can identify their current and future business and workforce development needs and apply for funding to support the training of existing workers and new workers in the area of need.

Skill sets eligible for funding are those relating to occupations listed on the Priority Occupations List at: <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/SkillTraining/nwdf/Pages/Contacts.aspx>

Further detail on the National Workforce Development Fund can be found on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations website at: <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Pages/Default.aspx>

## RDA Fund Round One Announced

The results of the first round of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) have been announced by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP.

Up to \$150 million was approved for investment-ready projects that supported the growth of local communities across the country. Communities needed to demonstrate a direct and measurable benefit through business cases, a cost-benefit analysis, feasibility studies and detailed project plans.

Western Australia received funding of about \$33 million for the following projects:

- **\$15 million** to the Shire of Roebourne for the new \$65 Million Karratha Leisure Complex
- **\$5.57 million** to the City of Rockingham for the new \$11.15 million Baldivis Library and Community Centre
- **\$7.42 million** to the Shire of Katanning toward a \$25.47 million project to construct a new state-of-the-art sheep saleyards in Katanning
- **\$4.9 million** to the Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation for the \$14.59 million purpose-built Kimberley Land Council Office Project in Broom.

Round Two of the RDAF program will be valued at \$150 million, with applications to open in November 2011. Further details around criteria will be available at [www.regional.gov.au](http://www.regional.gov.au) or by emailing [rdaf@regional.gov.au](mailto:rdaf@regional.gov.au) in November.