

# Quarterly Report to the Region

January to March 2019

# RDA Illawarra Strategy

## Vision

We will grow a strong and confident Illawarra regional economy that harnesses competitive advantages, seizes on economic opportunities and attracts investments.



## Infrastructure

## Purpose

We are neutral brokers who collaborate across all levels of government, community and business for the growth of the Illawarra's economy. We value our people, culture and sustainable development.



## Industry



## Integration



STRATEGY	Enabling infrastructure to improve <b>connectivity</b> and unlock investment opportunities	Supporting development and <b>capability</b> of industry growth sectors from our Regional Plan	Leveraging a <b>collaborative</b> regional culture and working together on innovative solutions
ECONOMIC ASSETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity to Western Sydney</li> <li>Future Western Sydney &amp; Illawarra Airports</li> <li>Port of Port Kembla</li> <li>Smart Cities (ICT)</li> <li>Road and Rail corridors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shell Cove Marina</li> <li>Wollongong Harbour</li> <li>iAccelerate</li> <li>Leaders in:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health &amp; Aged Services</li> <li>Advanced Manufacturing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Wollongong</li> <li>Highly skilled workforce</li> <li>Leading Health Alliances</li> </ul>
PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for improved road and rail connectivity</li> <li>Business development for airports, Port of Port Kembla and Western Sydney synergies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support tourism catalyst projects (eg WEC, Mt Keira, Cruise)</li> <li>Blue Economy development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen inter-regional/city alliances (eg Sandstone Mega-Region, NUW Alliance)</li> <li>Foster a collaborative leadership culture and grow the next generation of leaders (eg LIP)</li> </ul>

The 2018 RDA Illawarra Strategy can be found on our [website here.](#)



### TOP 5 ACTIVITIES

- 1) Fast Rail – Federal Government announcement includes Wollongong
- 2) Port Kembla, NSW next Container Terminal
- 3) Port Kembla gas fired power station shortlisted
- 4) Building Better Regions Fund – Round 3 recipients announced
- 5) Aged Care & Disability Employer Toolkit goes national

# Q3 FY19 Activities

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# Fast Rail – Federal Government Announcement

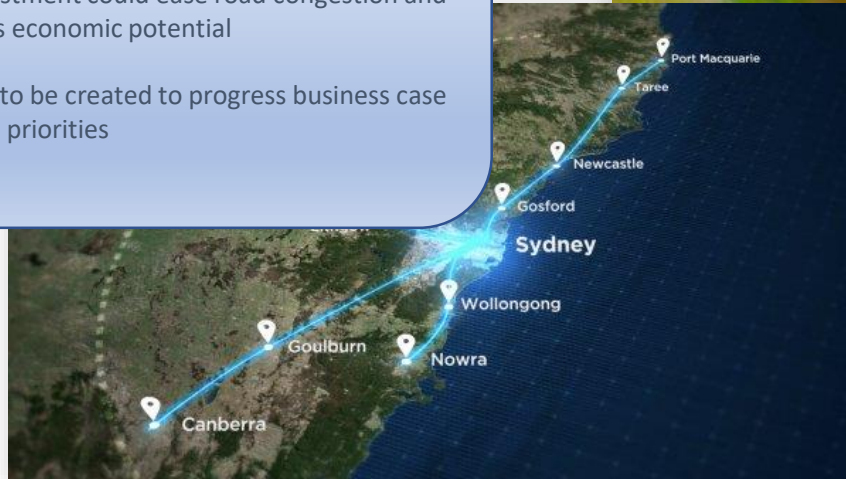
*Activity: Advocate for enabling infrastructure to improve connectivity between Illawarra and Sydney/Western Sydney*

## Wollongong to Sydney Fast Rail business case is promising

In March 2019 the Federal Government committed to additional Fast Rail businesses cases, including one for Wollongong to Sydney.

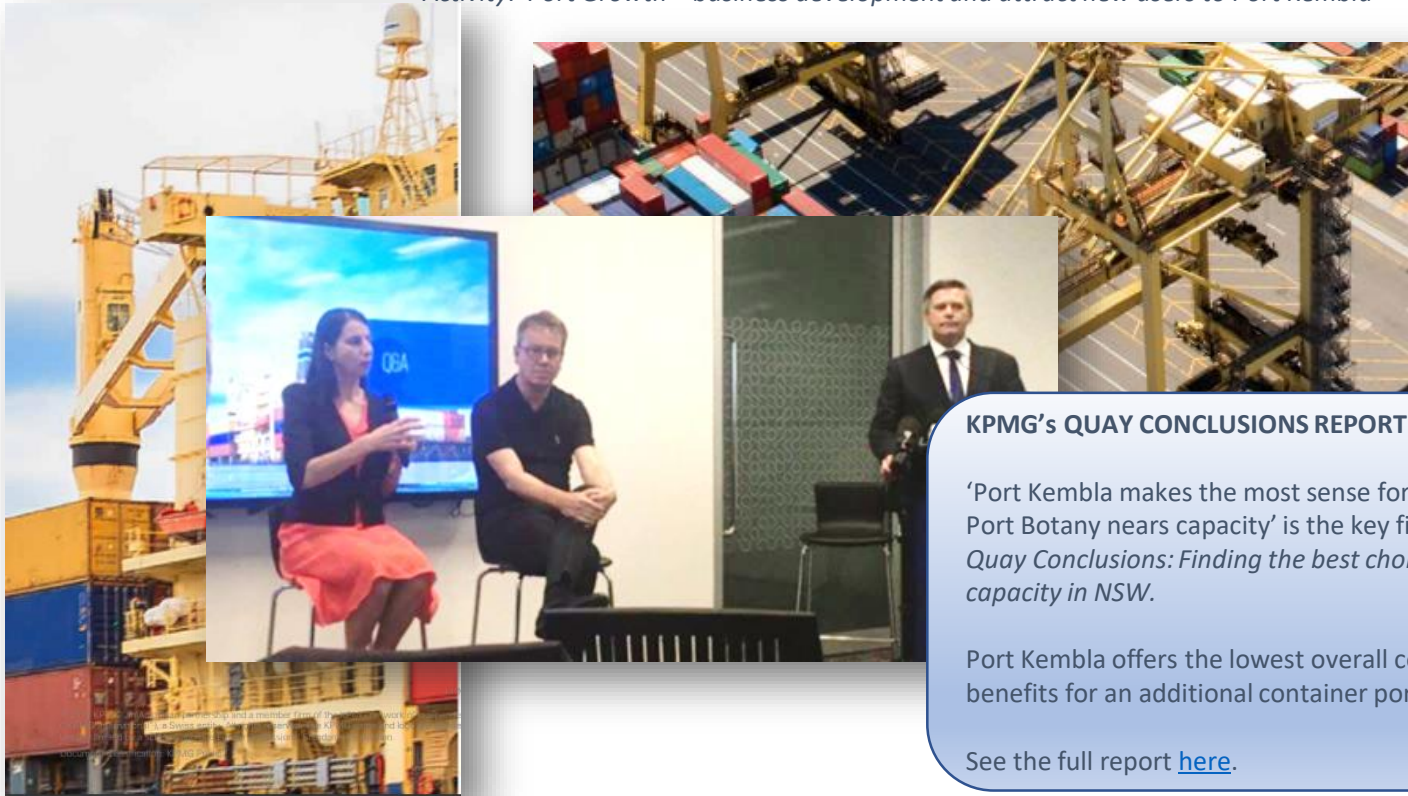
Congestion-busting rail investment could ease road congestion and unlock the Illawarra region's economic potential

National Fast Rail Agency is to be created to progress business case assessments and determine priorities



# Port Kembla, NSW next Container Terminal

Activity: Port Growth – business development and attract new users to Port Kembla



## KPMG's QUAY CONCLUSIONS REPORT

'Port Kembla makes the most sense for containers, but only once Port Botany nears capacity' is the key finding of KPMG's report *Quay Conclusions: Finding the best choices for additional port capacity in NSW*.

Port Kembla offers the lowest overall costs and highest overall benefits for an additional container port

See the full report [here](#).

# Port Kembla Gas Fired Power Station shortlisted

*Activity: Advocate for growth at the Port of Port Kembla*

## PORT KEMBLA SHORTLISTED

In March 2019, the Federal Government announced AIE's proposal to construct an 800MW gas-fired power station in the Illawarra is one of 12 projects shortlisted for its Underwriting New Generation Investments program.

This project has an estimated capital cost of \$750M.

The shortlisted projects deliver a balance which includes renewable, affordable and reliable power for families and businesses and ensure the government meets the 2030 targets.

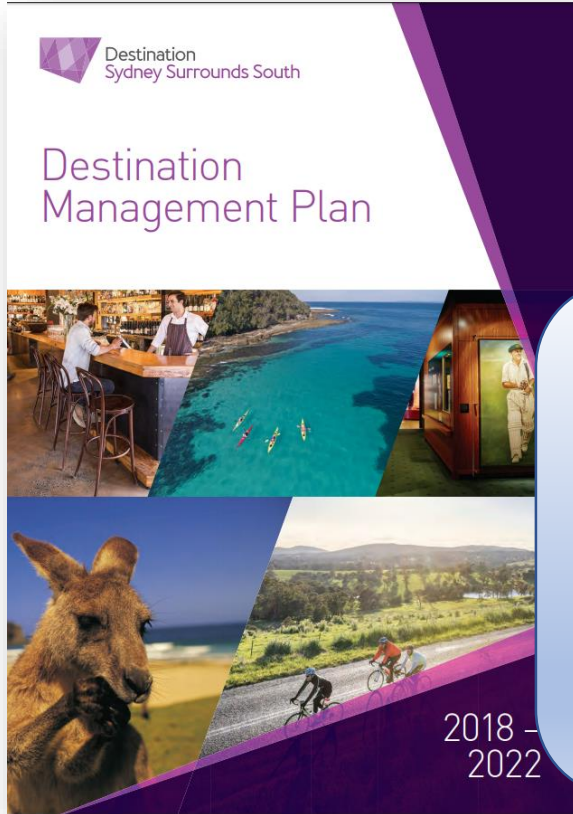




# BBRF – Round 3 recipients announced



*Government Programs: - promote grants, support community organisations with proposals*



Round Three recipients of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) were announced on 11 March with 2 Illawarra organisations receiving grants:

- Destination Sydney Surrounds South Ltd received \$30,00 for the Inaugural Destination Sydney Surrounds South Tourism Symposium, and
- SCARF Incorporated received \$19,967 for the Business of Welcome: A strategy for refugee employment initiative.

In the April 2019 Federal Budget, a further \$200M for a fourth round of the BBRF was allocated, bringing combined total funding including the National Stronger Regions Fund to \$1.5B



# Aged Care & Disability Employer Toolkit goes national

*Activity: Support Health, Aged Services, Disability and Community Sectors growth and to meet future workforce demands*

## Aged Care and Disability Employer Toolkit

We are pleased to report that the resources RDA Illawarra developed as part of the Aged Care, Disability and Community Sectors Workforce Development Project have been rolled out nationally.

The Career Opportunities and Qualification Pathways information produced by RDA Illawarra will be useful tools to promote the wide range of pathways to diverse careers within the aged care and disability sectors. These tools will be used by the Boosting the Local Care Workforce Program

The Aged Care and Disability Employer Toolkit is available on our website [here](#).



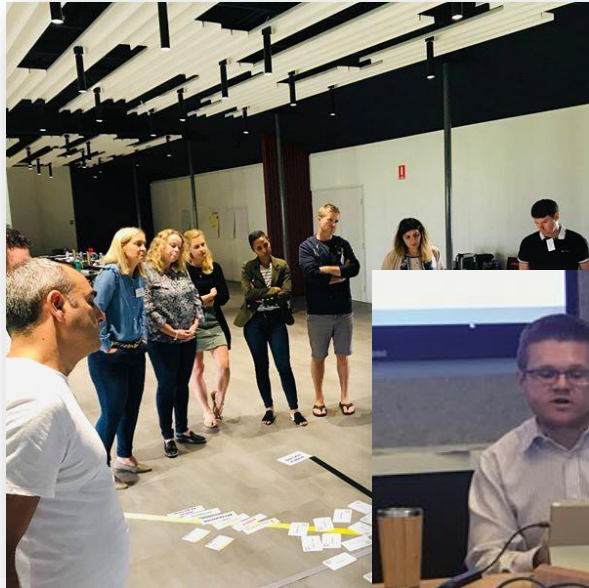


Leadership  
Illawarra  
Program

# Leadership Illawarra Program (LIP)



*Activity: Leadership Illawarra Program managed by RDA Illawarra in partnership with University of Wollongong, Sydney Business School & The Illawarra Connection*



*DISC Profile Workshop*



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*iTree Site Visit*

The LIP cohort of 22 continue to be committed to the program, with strong engagement and excellent feedback confirming the program continues to exceed/meet expectations.

Two site visits and two Saturday workshops have been well received, as well as a number of networking events to enable the group to be cohesive and connected.

The Steering Committee continue to offer direction, and have expressed an interest in attending more events.



# Health and Wellbeing Precinct \$500M Contract

*Liaise with University and continue to be engaged with future activities*



The University of Wollongong and Lendlease have signed contracts for the first stage of a \$500M state-of-the-art Health and Wellbeing Precinct.

The agreement will see the partners jointly design, develop and deliver a 7.5 hectare Precinct at the southern end of the Innovation Campus which will be centred around the University's 'intoHealth' Primary and Community Health Clinic, alongside a 126-bed residential aged care facility, 199 independent retirement living units, an 80-place childcare centre and recreation facilities.

## RDA Illawarra Board

More information on the RDA Illawarra Board members can be found [here](#).

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