

Quarterly Report to the Region

October to December 2019



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Projects



Activities



Our Business Plan on a Page was launched in July which highlights our top 5 projects for this year, along with our activities and strategic priorities.

RDA Illawarra's Overarching Strategy can be found on our [website](#)

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Industry



Infrastructure



Integration

TOP 5 ACTIVITIES

1. Wollongong City Deal progresses
2. Port Kembla Gas Terminal awaiting modification approval
3. Regional Development Australia - National Forum political discussions
4. Dr Tom Measham presents on Future Illawarra – creating a Regional Renaissance
5. Leadership Illawarra Program 2018-2020 cohort go past half-way of 2 year journey



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Wollongong City Deal progresses



Activity: Leverage a collaborative regional and inter-regional culture and work together on innovative solutions

There has been much progress of the Wollongong City Deal Collaborative over the last quarter, including:

- Narrative signed off by all Collaborative members (on RHS of slide)
- Embedded City Deal in Collaborative members' business and strategic plans
- Discussions progressed with Federal Government

We are on the right path to get a City Deal for Wollongong and our stakeholder engagement will ramp up in early 2020.



Gateway to Greater Sydney

Wollongong City Deal

Wollongong, as the regional capital of the Illawarra, is the second major trade gateway for Greater Sydney. To achieve jobs and growth within our region we need to expand export and import trade links and enhance connectivity between Western Sydney, regional NSW and Wollongong.

The Port of Port Kembla is an asset of national significance, critical to the economic growth and development of NSW. Port Kembla is currently underutilised and is deemed by NSW Ports as the state's second container port and 'NSW port of growth'.

Freight in Greater Sydney is set to double in the next 40 years, the majority of growth is in the West and South West of Sydney. The Maldon-Dombarton corridor would be developed through the City Deal investment in the South West Illawarra Rail Link, known as SWIRL. This would also result in a reduction of freight on the south coast rail line and enable increased passenger movements to and from Greater Sydney, which is a significant commuter corridor for over 25,000 people in the Illawarra.

Population growth in South West Sydney will see an additional 121,000 households by 2031 within 50 kilometres of Wollongong. Enhancements to major road corridors, such as duplication of Picton and Appin Roads and upgrades to Mount Ousley/M1, could be part of the City Deal framework. Visitor economy opportunities could be derived through unlocking tourism and social infrastructure in the region, such as upgrades to the Wollongong Entertainment and Convention Centre, the region's Shellharbour Airport, and electrification of the rail line between Kiama and Nowra. The Illawarra offers not only lifestyle benefits but could also be the 'beach' for people from Western Sydney.

Failure to commit infrastructure to meet the growing freight and population challenges will condemn future generations in Greater Sydney to increasingly congested and costly import-export network. Waiting until the south coast passenger and freight line hits capacity, or until congestion worsens on Sydney's already pressured road network is not the answer.

Wollongong is part of a network of cities across the Sandstone Megaregion and plays an important role in supporting the future growth of Greater Sydney. This inter-regional City Deal is a win-win as it can create jobs and growth for Wollongong and enable trade growth for NSW.





Port Kembla Gas Terminal

Activity: Support the capability of our existing industry and development of growth industry sectors

The Port Kembla Gas Terminal project has expanded. After receiving planning approval by the NSW Government, the Project is now awaiting a modification to the approval for higher flexibility and volumes of LNG. RDA Illawarra supported this project through two submissions, both available on our [website](#). This \$250m project is just the beginning, with a potential gas fired power station (\$750m) and the new Port Kembla to Wilton pipeline (\$150m) also in the concept state, details [here](#).



Port Kembla Gas Terminal Project Submission of support Critical State Significant Infrastructure Application No. CSSI 18_9471

10 December 2018

*A Submission to the NSW Government
– Department of Planning & Environment
for Environmental Impact Statement*

by Regional Development Australia – Illawarra



Port Kembla Gas Terminal Project Proposed Modification

Submission of support
17 December 2019

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RDA National Forum 2019

Activity: Leverage a collaborative regional and inter-regional culture and work together on innovative solutions



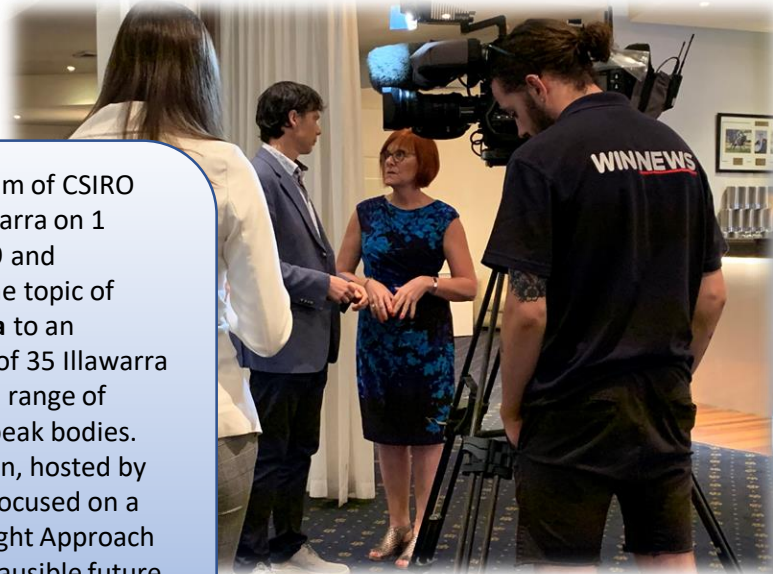
The Chair, Deputy Chair and CEO of RDA Illawarra attended the RDA National Forum in Canberra in November, where several high calibre speakers presented, including Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon Michael McCormack, Assistant Minister Regional Development, Nola Marino and Dr Brendan Nelson. Leadership Illawarra Program (LIP) Project Officer Susan Wallis also presented at the Forum and highlighted that leadership development is critical to regional development.



Tom Measham presents on 'Future Illawarra'

Activity: Leverage a collaborative regional and inter-regional culture and work together on innovative solutions

Dr Tom Measham of CSIRO visited the Illawarra on 1 November 2019 and presented on the topic of **Future Illawarra** to an intimate group of 35 Illawarra leaders across a range of industries and peak bodies. The presentation, hosted by RDA Illawarra, focused on a Strategic Foresight Approach and explored plausible future outcomes for the Illawarra region depending on a range of fixed and changeable factors.



Next steps:

The Future Illawarra conversation will be continued, with a themed workshop taking place in early 2020 exploring 2040 and beyond.....





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



Last quarter of the Leadership Illawarra Program was action packed with 7 events, including a UOW Masterclass on Leadership, a workshop on the Illawarra Economy, as well as an interactive Networking for Success workshop presented by Debra Murphy. Christmas drinks were hosted by Buckaroo Leather Works where a hands-on leather workshop was a great way to end the year, along with annual awards were presented to outstanding LIP. LIP 2018-2020 cohort are now over half way through their 2 year leadership journey.



RDA Illawarra Board

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

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