

Quarterly Report to the Region

October to December 2018

RDA Illawarra

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

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

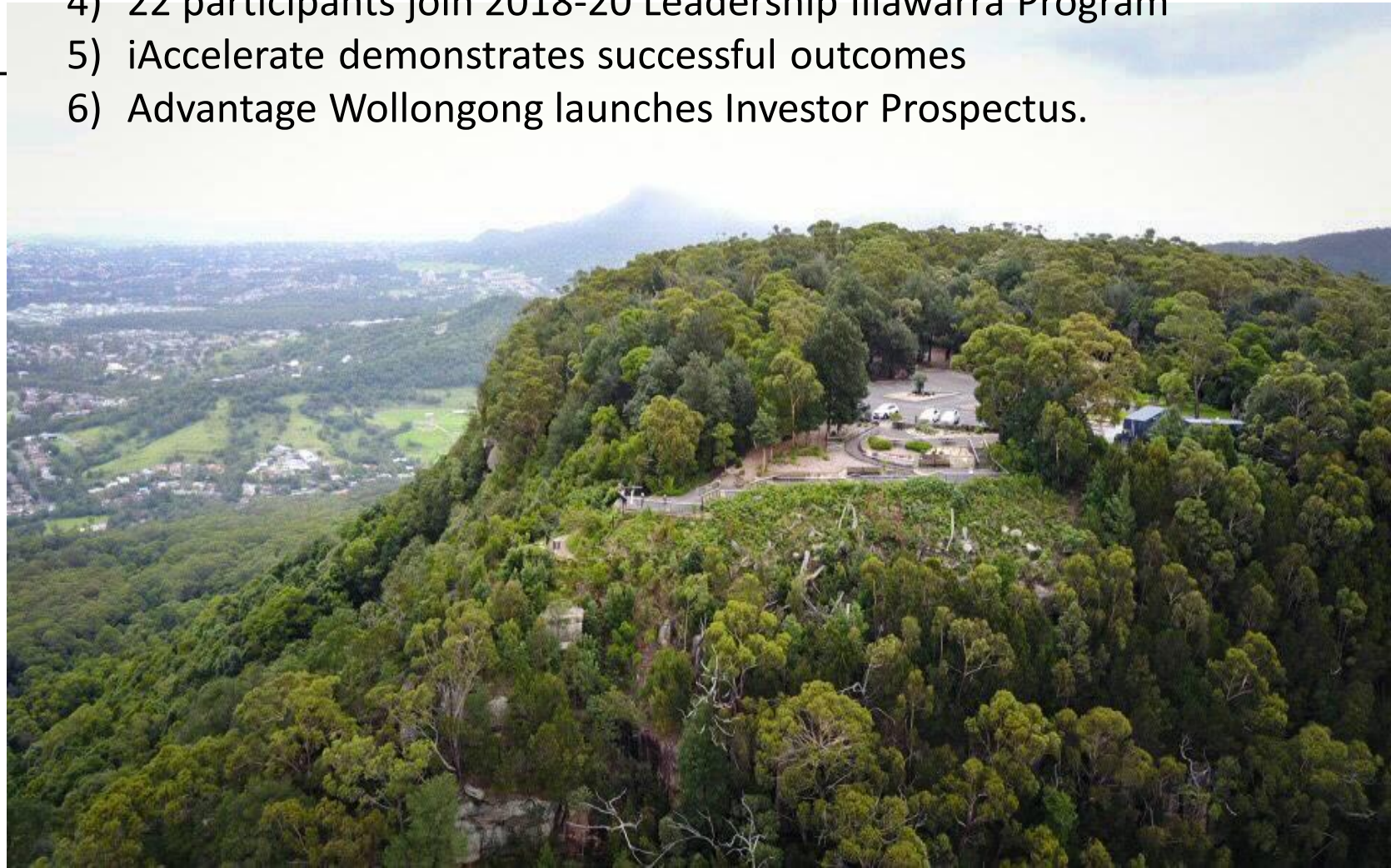


Top 6 activities:

- 1) 2 submissions support Mount Keira Mountain Bike activity
- 2) Stormwater Project funded by Federal Government under Smart Cities Program and Regional Strategy
- 3) 1 submission supports Port Kembla Gas Terminal Project EIS
- 4) 22 participants join 2018-20 Leadership Illawarra Program
- 5) iAccelerate demonstrates successful outcomes
- 6) Advantage Wollongong launches Investor Prospectus.

Q2 FY19 Activities

October – December 2018



Transport Infrastructure Forums

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

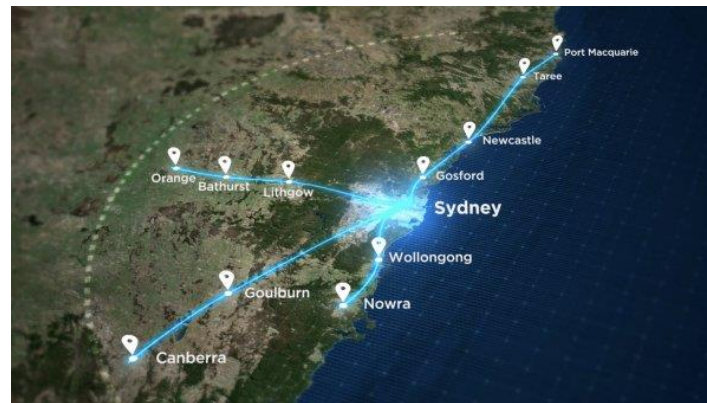
RDA Illawarra contributed to the **National Freight & Supply Chain Strategy Industry Focus Group** session in Sydney, 22 Nov 18



Inquiry into **National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities**



RDA Illawarra welcomed the Premier of NSW announcement that **fast rail links to the South Coast will be investigated**, 4 Dec 18



RDA Illawarra contributed to the **Princes Highway Corridor Strategy Workshop**, 10 Dec 18



Smart Cities – Stormwater Project Success

Thursday November 22, 2018 ILLAWARRA MERCURY 15
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Region flood water ready

BY GREG ELLIS

THE Illawarra is set to benefit from the installation of data sensors that can provide real time flood risk information during extreme weather.

Federal Government funding for the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Smart Water Management Project will help the region respond to such events.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Illawarra chief executive Debra

Murphy welcomed the announcement of \$400,000 from the Smart Cities and Suburbs Program.

The announcement was made by Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population minister Alan Tudge.

"The Smart Water project will bolster resilience in our region and enable more effective emergency and environmental management systems and responses," Ms Murphy said.

"This project will deliver innovative technological Smart Water solutions for the region and is supported by the Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils, along with the University of Wollongong, SMART Infrastructure Facility and private sector."

Ms Murphy said the project was one of the lighthouse projects for RDA Illawarra's Illawarra-Shoalhaven Smart Regions Strategy.



Activity: Advocate for Smart Cities grant for Regional Stormwater Project

- Illawarra-Shoalhaven Smart Water Management Project funded by Federal Government (>\$400,000) under Smart Cities program
- Smart Water Management Project will install data sensors to provide real-time information on flood risks during extreme weather events
- Innovative technological solution for innovative region
- One of the lighthouse projects of our [Illawarra-Shoalhaven Smart Regions Strategy](#), developed in collaboration with Illawarra-Shoalhaven Joint Organisation (ISJO), regional Councils and RDA Illawarra
- *Illawarra gets water smart thanks to Smart Cities Grant, see media clip Illawarra Mercury, 22 Nov 18*



Port Kembla Gas Terminal Project

Activity: Advocate for growth at the Port of Port Kembla

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



- RDA Illawarra made a submission to the NSW Government on the Port Kembla Gas Terminal Project - Critical State Significant Infrastructure – Environmental Impact Statement, 10 Dec 18
- The submission supported the Project as it:
 - Is a capital investment of \$200-\$250 million
 - Provides 130-150 construction jobs, and 40-50 operational jobs
 - A need for the project was demonstrated, as it can put downward pressure on gas prices in the east coast gas market
 - Provides a cost-competitive and certain supply of gas to high-energy intensive manufacturing in the region
 - Effectively utilises Berth 101 in Port of Port Kembla
 - Addressed all the potential hazards and risks in the EIS
 - Provides a new industry to NSW, based in the Illawarra.
- *RDA Illawarra submission is available on our website [here](#)*

Mount Keira Mountain Bike Strategy

Activity: Advocate for Tourism catalyst projects

- RDA Illawarra made 2 submissions in support of Mountain Biking on Mount Keira:
 - Mount Keira Summit Park Plan of Management submission to Wollongong City Council, 14 Dec 18
 - Illawarra Escarpment Mountain Bike Strategy submission to National Parks and Wildlife Services and Wollongong City Council, 14 Dec 18
- The RDA Illawarra submissions supported the development of Mount Keira for Mountain Biking:
 - As it is an Illawarra tourism catalytic site with significant economic development opportunity
 - Considers the Aboriginal, cultural and sustainability of site, alongside private sector development
 - Enables Mountain Biking that is well planned and managed
 - Supports economic development of a significant Illawarra economic site, the Illawarra escarpment.
- *RDA Illawarra submissions are available on our website [here](#) as well as [here](#)*



A Submission to National Parks and Wildlife Service and Wollongong City Council

by Regional Development Australia – Illawarra



Mountain Biking on Mount Keira



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by Regional Development Australia – Illawarra



Mount Keira Summit Park

WIN Entertainment & Sports Centre

Activity: Advocate for Tourism catalyst projects

- RDA Illawarra has long-supported the development of the WIN Entertainment & Sports Centre
- We continue to support a Project working with Venues NSW, KPMG and regional stakeholders to develop a Concept Plan for the Precinct
- We attended Venues NSW Forum in Wollongong on 29 Oct 18, and heard the community and Amy Duggan's call for *'Future investment in Wollongong sports and entertainment centre precinct needs to be spectacular'* [here](#)



Small Business/Entrepreneur support

Activity: Promote initiatives which support small business development in the region



RDA Illawarra supports **iAccelerate** through promoting its activities and intakes. Our Deputy Chair, Joanna Kubota, is a Mentor in Residence/Adviser, lectures in Sales & Marketing and has provided mentoring & coaching to iAccelerate residents since 2012.

iAccelerate celebrated since inception (as Dec 18):

- **517** new jobs to region
- **156** companies supported
- Currently **410** people employed in iAccelerate companies
- In 2018, iAccelerate outcomes include:
 - **131** jobs created
 - **74** companies supported
 - **>\$38** million total revenue
 - **40** Intellectual Property applications submitted
 - **210** new products launched.

Australia's
most active
Incubator +
Accelerator

applications
now open

 **iAccelerate**



***iAccelerate** is a unique business accelerator and incubator program run by the University of Wollongong (UOW). It's a thriving community of likeminded entrepreneurs with vision, purpose and passion, growing their impact through exceptional education, mentoring and support among inspiring surrounds.*

Health, Aged Services, Disability and Community Sectors growth

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

Aged Care and Disability Employer Toolkit



RDA Illawarra supports the future growth of the Health, Aged Services, Disability and Community Sectors, especially in meeting their future workforce demands.

In Q2, RDA Illawarra participated in:

- Presentation to **ACSA Aged Care Illawarra Forum**, 11 Dec 18, promoting the past RDA Illawarra project – Aged Care, Disability & Community Sectors workforce development
- Resources available, including the Employer Toolkit, were promoted and are available on our website [here](#)
- Attended **Community Industry Group AGM**, 20 Dec 18





Integration



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

The **2016 – 18 LIP cohort** will graduated on 9 October 2018 at the Illawarra Connection Dinner held at the Novotel, and coverage in the Illawarra Mercury on 11 October [here](#)



2018-20 LIP Cohort Welcome Dinner, 13 November 2018

The **2018-20 LIP cohort of 22 participants** were welcomed to their 2-year Leadership Illawarra Program journey on 13 November 2018 at an expectations dinner at the Lagoon Restaurant.

This meeting also introduced the new participants to the Steering Committee members as well as the LIP Project Officer, Susan Wallis, who will be managing the program.



2016-18 LIP Cohort Graduation Dinner, 9 October 2018



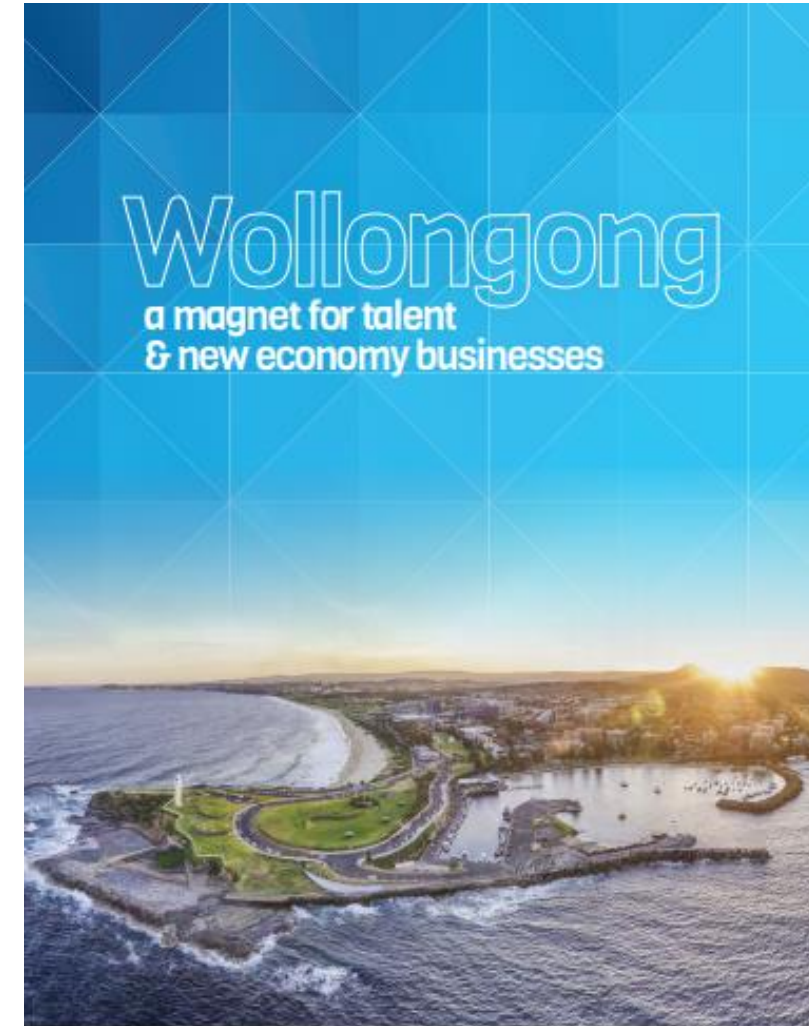
Advantage Wollongong Investor Prospectus

Activity: Regional competitive advantages information provided to potential investors

Advantage Wollongong launched the Wollongong Investor Prospectus at NSW State Parliament House on 20 November 2018.



Advantage Wollongong Investor Prospectus launched 20 November 18, available online [here](#)



Investor Prospectus

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RDA Illawarra Board

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

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