

RDA Illawarra

Quarterly Report to

the Region

April to June 2018

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Top 5 projects → Actions and Outcomes

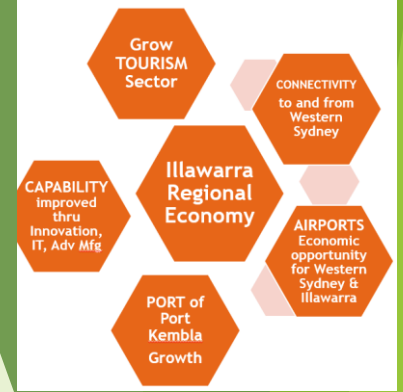
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Top 5 strategic priorities



1. Improve **connectivity** between the Illawarra and Western Sydney through advocacy for transport and enabling infrastructure
2. Economic development for Western Sydney's Badgerys Creek **Airport** and the Illawarra Airport, both to and from the Illawarra region
3. Grow the **Port** of Port Kembla through enabling infrastructure to attract new users and optimise the Port's value
4. Improve **capability** of Illawarra economy through innovation, IT and Advanced Manufacturing
5. Grow the **Tourism** industry sector

Connectivity to Sydney/W. Syd RDAI outcomes /actions (Apr-June 18)



CONNECTIVITY:

- ▶ Supported the Sandstone Mega Region - *Uniting Newcastle, the Central Coast, Sydney and Wollongong*:
 - ▶ Report launched by Committee for Sydney - June 18
 - ▶ Collaborating with Committee for Sydney and other RDAs, incl Hunter, Central Coast & Sydney on economic development plans
- ▶ Joint submission with Illawarra Business Chamber to the Senate Standing Committee on Economics Inquiry into the indicators of and impact of regional inequality in Australia - May 18



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Illawarra Business Chamber and Regional Development Australia Illawarra



Port growth RDAI outcomes/actions (Apr-June 18)

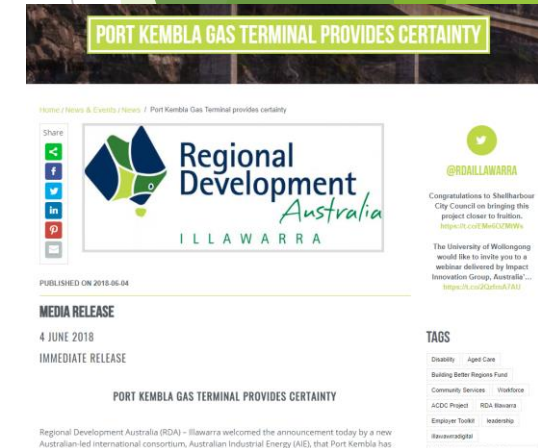
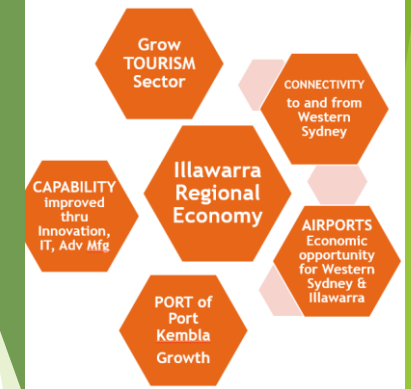
PORT:

- ▶ Supported and advocated for LNG Import Facility at the Port of Port Kembla
- ▶ Australian Industrial Energy (AIE) consortium, incl Squadron Energy, Marubeni and Jera, announced investment in Port Kembla - June 18



- ▶ Port Kembla Gas Terminal Project awarded Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CCSI) status by NSW Government

AIE Media Release: Mr Forrest said: "Today's announcement of CCSI status for AIE's Port Kembla Gas Terminal is a powerful demonstration of the Berejiklian Government's commitment to solving the State's critical gas security challenges. "Australian manufacturers have asked us to work with them to solve their future gas supply issues and skyrocketing prices, which threaten their viability. "We look forward to smartly overcoming those threats to business by developing the gas terminal in the shortest possible timeframe," Mr Forrest said.



Capability outcomes/actions (Apr-June 18)

CAPABILITY:

- ▶ Supported development of Illawarra - Shoalhaven Smart Region Strategy - completed June 18
- ▶ Supported Illawarra - Shoalhaven Regional Smart Cities (Round 2) application for Smart Water Management Project
- ▶ Illawarra Economic Gardening program, seeded by RDA Illawarra over 10 years ago, started 20th Program delivery - April 18
- ▶ Attended Dr Alex Frino UOW views on Budget & impact on Illawarra region
- ▶ Supported JCI Illawarra focus on United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals



Economic Gardening



RDA Illawarra - Top 5 projects

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1. Manage **Leadership Illawarra Program** (with partners UOW & TIC) to grow the Next Generation future leaders of the Illawarra region
2. Support and educate micro and small businesses through the **Wollongong Small Business Club**
3. Collaborate to identify **Blue Economy** opportunities and a develop a Cluster of marine and related industries
4. Co-ordinate a **Wollongong City Deal** collaborative to demonstrate we are ready for the whole of government City Deal
5. **New RDA Illawarra** organisation, New Chair, New Deputy Chair, New Board Members, New Director of Regional Development

Leadership Illawarra Program outcomes/actions (Apr-June18)

- ▶ Greenacres site Visit
- 5 April 18
- ▶ Mercer site Visit
- 8 May 18
- ▶ MentorMe Program speed
networking
- May - Sept 18
- ▶ Visit to NSW Parliament,
hosted by Gareth Ward,
MP, Parliamentary
Secretary for the
Illawarra and South Coast
- 20 June 18



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Wollongong Small Business Club outcomes/actions (Apr-June 18)

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- ▶ Dr Neryl East - keynote speaker re PR and communication strategies - 35 attendees - 3 April 18



- ▶ Speed Networking Event - 30 attendees - 5 June 18



Wollongong small business club
Speed Networking Event

We have all heard the saying "It's not what you know, but who you know" and this is certainly true with business networking. At our next Wollongong Small Business Club meeting we will be holding a **Speed Networking Event** creating an environment where you can connect with lots of potential customers and clients, in a short period of time.

Speed networking is like speed dating for professionals. It evolved from the speed dating model of meeting a lot of people in a short amount of time. It is a structured process for facilitating introductions and conversation between people who don't know each other and a creative way for small business operators to meet substantial business contacts, secure referrals and network in a friendly, uplifting environment.

Should be lots of fun so don't forget to bring lots of business cards and have your 1 minute business introduction pitch ready.

Workshop Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Workshop Date: Tuesday 5th of June 2018
Venue: Illawarra ITeC 1-5 Miller Street, Coniston
Cost: Free
RSVP: Eventbrite Wollongong Small Business Club
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/wollongong-small-business-club-june-meeting-tickets-450339874857>

Contact ITeC to find out more!
Illawarra ITeC 1 - 5 Miller Street, Coniston 2500
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City Deals outcomes/actions (Apr-June18)

- ▶ Wollongong City Deals Collaborative has continued to meet quarterly and discuss how we could be 'tethered' to Western Sydney
- ▶ Attended Illawarra Business Chamber's Executive Forum where Dr Tim Williams shared his views on the future of the Illawarra as part of a 5 city region
- ▶ 360 Illawarra - Shoalhaven Economic Outlook prospectus published



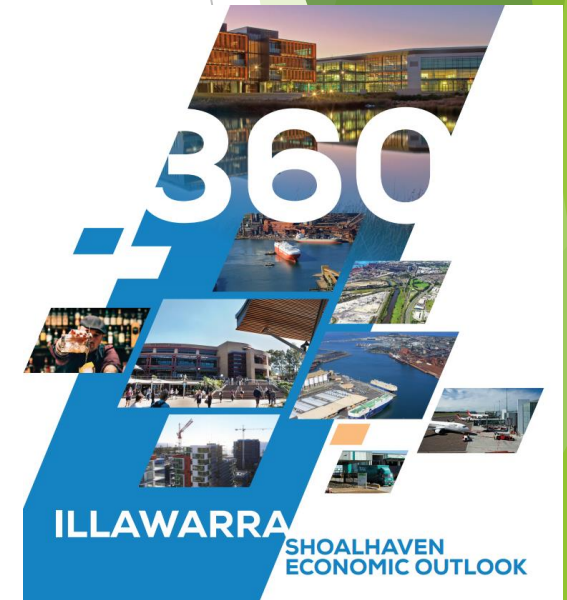
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New RDA Illawarra Board and CEO

- ▶ Minister for Regional Development, The Hon Dr John McVeigh, endorsed appointment of New RDA Illawarra Board - May 2018
- ▶ 14 Illawarra RDA board members appointed, with 50% refresh of new board members
- ▶ Highly skilled and diverse RDA Illawarra board
- ▶ Debra Murphy, CEO, re-appointed to support New Board until 2020

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NEWS

New RDA Illawarra board

BY GREG ELLIS

THE new Regional Development Australia (RDA) Illawarra board is described as the most diverse one yet.

At the first meeting on Thursday chair Eddy De Gabriele said it was exciting to have such a good cross section of people working in the best interests of the region.

He said the board featured more diversity than any he has been involved in and will use that knowledge and experience to review the regional priorities identified by previous boards.

Mr De Gabriele said there was representation from industry, education, health, information technology, the service industry, local government as well as self employed business owners and an iAccelerate resident. "It is the first time ever we have had a board like this".

He said with such a broad base of knowledge in so many areas the new board would be able to represent the region well in looking at how it can work with one voice to make the most of its future.

"We have such a big reach into the community. And for the first time we have a director of Roads and Maritime Services on our board. Infrastructure, roads and the port have been so important to us. I think we can present practical and real life solutions to the government. We are Federally funded now and Dr John McVeigh has said "go and make a difference in your region."

The three year appointment of the new board takes in the Federal and State elections. RDA Illawarra's quarterly report recently provided an update on five strategic priorities. Mr De Gabriele said the new board would streamline them into three areas of people and culture, infrastructure and services.

Kiama Council environmental services director Linda Davis

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Corporate Governance & Strategy director Jessica De Angelis.

Self employed business owner Eddy De Gabriele.

Wollongong City Council Infrastructure & Works director Greg Doyle.

Global Solutions Strategies co-owner Joanna Kubota.

Transport for NSW Rural & Regional Planning & Development's Trish McClure.

Shellharbour City Council general manager Carey McIntyre.

RMB Lawyers Managing Partner Craig Osborne.

University of Wollongong Strategic Projects senior manager Mark Roberts.

Intermetrix managing director Daniel Rowan.

Destination Wollongong general manager Mark Sleigh.

Community Industry Group chief executive Nicky Sloan.

BlueScope Operations Excellence manager Milco Stojanoski.


UDW vice-chancellor Professor Paul Wellings.

WORKING TOGETHER: The new RDA Illawarra board wants to bring everyone in the region together to seek the best for the region and its future. **Picture: Greg Ellis.**



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 **Greg Ellis**

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New RDA Illawarra Board Inaugural meeting held - 12 July 2018

New RDA Illawarra Board members

Board Members	Organisation	Role
Linda Davis	Kiama Council	Director Environmental Services
Jessica De Angelis	Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District	Director, Corporate Governance & Strategy
Eddy De Gabriele (Chair)	Business Owner	Self-employed
Greg Doyle	Wollongong City Council	Director Infrastructure and Works
Joanna Kubota (Deputy Chair)	Global Solutions Strategies	Self-employed
Trish McClure	NSW State Government – Transport for NSW	Director Rural and Regional Planning and Development
Carey McIntyre	Shellharbour City Council	General Manager
Craig Osborne	RMB Lawyers	Managing Partner
Mark Roberts	University of Wollongong	Senior Manager, Strategic Projects
Daniel Rowan	Internetrix	Managing Director
Mark Sleigh	Destination Wollongong	General Manager
Nicky Sloan	Community Industry Group	CEO
Milco Stojanoski	BlueScope	Manager Operations Excellence
Paul Wellings, CBE	University of Wollongong	Vice-Chancellor



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About us:

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Illawarra has an active and facilitative role in the Illawarra region, with a clear focus on growing a strong and confident regional economy that harnesses competitive advantages, seizes on economic opportunities and attracts investment.

RDA Illawarra Board, its CEO and staff are neutral brokers and collaborators across all levels of government, community, business and stakeholders for the growth of the Illawarra's economy (including Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama LGA's).

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