

Quarterly Report to the Region

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Industry



Infrastructure



Integration

TOP 5 ACTIVITIES

1. Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Prospectus launched
2. Leadership Illawarra Program – MoU signed for 3 years
3. Leadership Illawarra Program – 3 ½ scholarships available for 2021-22 cohort
4. Future of Work Thought Leadership Project endorsed by Board
5. RDA Illawarra FY21 Business Plan approved by Board and Federal Government

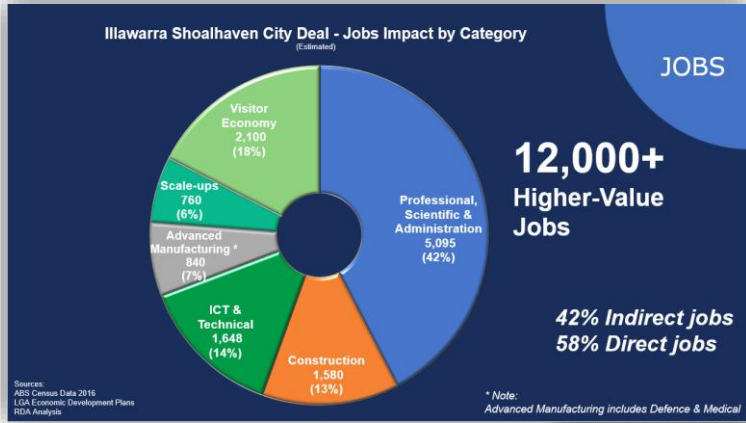


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Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Prospectus launched

Activity: Provide evidence-based advice to Government on critical regional development issues



IT'S HERE!

After 3 years of engagement and collaboration, The **Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Prospectus** was launched by the Chair of RDA Illawarra and Mayors of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils on Friday 16 October. The Prospectus generated great interest from media and major stakeholders. We are now seeking funding from NSW & Federal governments to this opportunity for long term regional economic development. Visit the Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal [website](#) to view the Projects our download a copy via the link below.

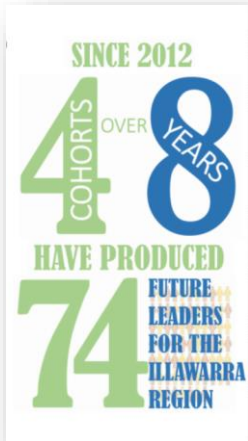




Leadership Illawarra Program – 3 year MoU signed

Activity: Support Investment Attraction activities to grown private sector investment in the Illawarra Region

RDA Illawarra, the University of Wollongong's Sydney Business School and The Illawarra Connection have renewed their commitment to encourage our emerging generation of leaders by committing for another 3 years to the program.
3 ½ new scholarships for the next Leadership Illawarra Program intake are on offer, for commencement in 2021.



Left to right: Graham Lancaster (President, The Illawarra Connection), Daniel Rowan (Chair LIP Steering Committee), Debra Murphy (CEO RDA Illawarra). Video Link: Collin Picker & Sue Matthews of UOW



Leadership Illawarra Program – next intake

Activity: Support Investment Attraction activities to grown private sector investment in the Illawarra Region

The 2019-2020 cohort are nearing the end of their 2-year leadership journey and applications are now being taken for the 2021-2022 intake.

This experiential program is designed for emerging leaders and will produce inspired and well-connected visionaries who will lead our region into the future.

3.5 scholarships for the 2021-2022 program are available

Applications close 1 November 2020





Future of Work Thought Leadership Project endorsed by Board



Activity: Undertake a watching brief on critical issues and risks, especially those of importance to the Illawarra region

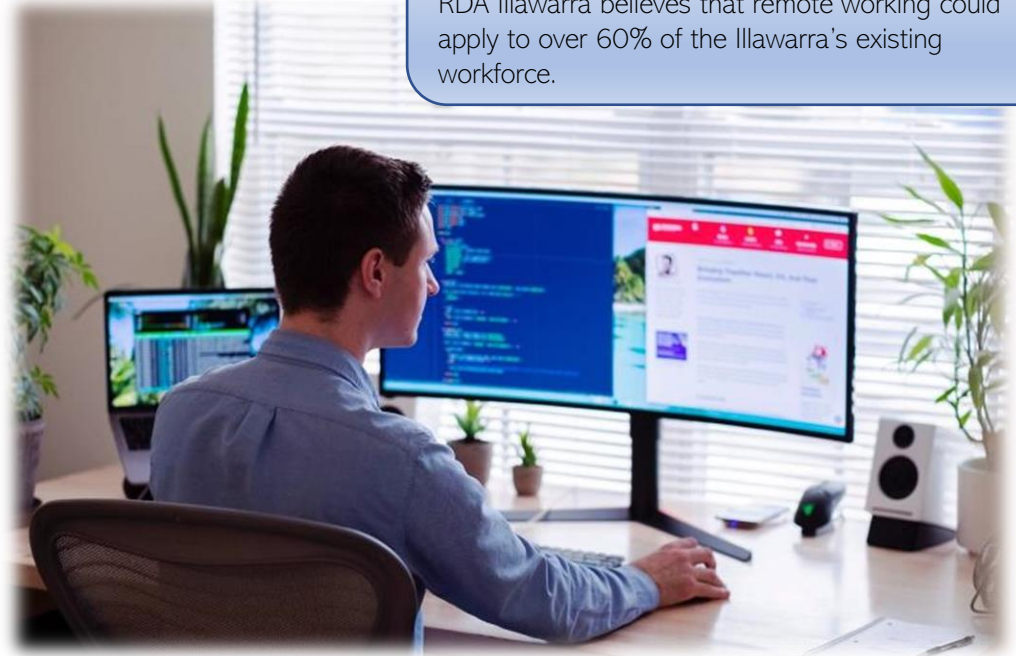
RDA Illawarra is undertaking ongoing research and assessing the current trends and how they apply to the Illawarra region

Join us on 29 October for a **Future of Work Round Table** where you will hear from three inspiring speakers who will share their experiences of managing a remote workforce and the opportunities it presents to organisations and the Illawarra region:

- **Craig Osborne** - Managing Partner of RMB Lawyers, Director of Unison Outsourcing and RDA Illawarra board member
- **Greg Doyle** - General Manager of Wollongong City Council and RDA Illawarra board member
- **Renee Whiteside** - People & Culture Leader of Mercer Wollongong

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83% of businesses believe that remote working will form some part of our future working environment, especially for those of us in the service industry. RDA Illawarra believes that remote working could apply to over 60% of the Illawarra's existing workforce.





RDA Illawarra FY21 Business Plan approved by Board and Federal Govt



Projects and Activities to be delivered by RDA Illawarra in FY21

Regional Development Australia Illawarra Business Plan FY21

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

Enabling Infrastructure to improve Connectivity between Illawarra & Sydney/Western Sydney to unlock investment opportunities

Support tourism catalytic projects and infrastructure development

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

Economic Development related to Western Sydney and Illawarra Airports



Activities:

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

Support Investment
Attraction activities to grow private sector investment in the Illawarra region

Support Government Programs through promoting grant opportunities and supporting community organisations with proposals

Undertake a watching brief on critical issues and risks, especially those of importance to the Illawarra region's sustainability

Provide evidence-based advice to Government on critical regional development issues

Projects:

Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal supported by State and Federal Governments

Leadership Illawarra Program 4th Cohort graduate 2020 and 5th Cohort commence 2021 with extended program

COVID-19 evidence based economic recovery project initiative supported

Future of Work thought leadership program creates investment interest

Regional Renaissance supports regional economic recovery

Our Business Plan on a Page was launched in August 2020 which highlights our top 5 projects for this financial year, along with our activities and strategic priorities:

1. Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal
2. Leadership Illawarra Program – 5th cohort commencing in 2021
3. COVID-19 evidence based economic recovery initiative - NEW
4. Future of Work program - NEW
5. Regional Renaissance

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

RDA Illawarra Board

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

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