

Quarterly Report to the Region

July to September 2019



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ILLAWARRA



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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TOP 5 ACTIVITIES

1. Western Sydney Roadmap to Collaboration launch
2. Wollongong City Deals Stakeholder forum
3. Dendrobium Mine submission
4. NSW Cities Alliance
5. Leadership Illawarra Program





Western Sydney and Illawarra Shoalhaven Roadmap to Collaboration

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



RDA Illawarra was pleased to support the [Western Sydney and Illawarra Shoalhaven Roadmap to Collaboration](#) project. The launch was held at NSW Parliament House on 19 September. We look forward to continuing our super-collaboration with Western Sydney on this initiative.



Wollongong City Deals Collaborative re-invigorated

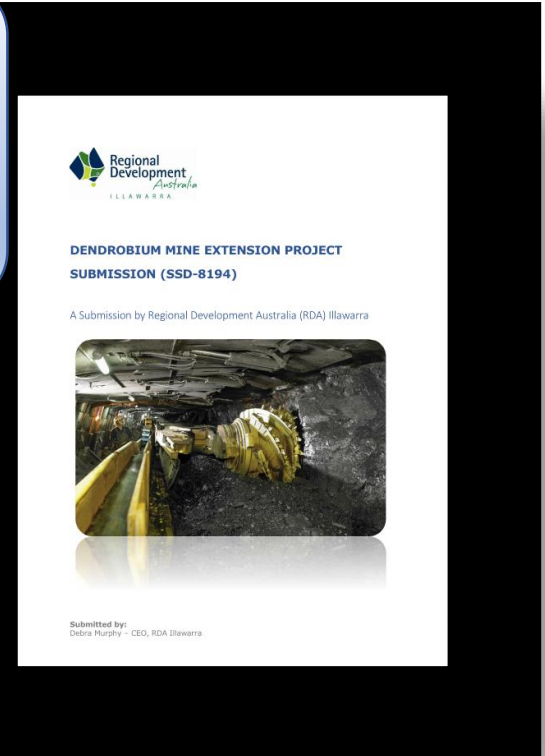
Activity: Leverage a collaborative regional and inter-regional culture and work together on innovative solutions

A “Greater Wollongong City Deal Stakeholder Engagement” event was held on Tuesday, 6 August at the WEC to share what the collaborative have discussed to date and seek input from the attendees. The day was very productive and reinforced that the objectives identified by the collaborative were in fact aligned with the needs and wants of broader stakeholder representatives.



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

RDA Illawarra was pleased to provide our support for the approval of the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project – Plan for the Future: Coal for Steelmaking through a submission, available here. The extension of the Dendrobium mine would provide not only an economic benefit of over \$1billion and 500 high paid jobs but is also consistent with the Wollongong Economic Development jobs strategy. Furthermore, the approval to South32 for Dendrobium Mine Extension is equally important to the Illawarra's steel and associated manufacturing industry as it provides economy-wide benefits and certainty for the Illawarra as well as the economy of NSW.





Integration

NSW RDAs Cities Alliance

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

The inaugural NSW RDA Cities Alliance meeting was held in August at RDA Sydney. This alliance involves four RDAs, namely Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter and Illawarra, and will focus on exploring the linkages and areas for economic opportunities to be strengthened between Hunter, Central Coast, Sydney and Illawarra.





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 highlight of the quarter was a full day in Sydney for
- A site visit to Atlassian and a visit to NSW Parliament House
 - A meeting with all Illawarra Members of Parliament, and
 - A lunch with Good360

RDA Illawarra Board

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

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