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Quarterly Report to the Region

October to December 2020



TOP 5 ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1) Eddy De Gabriele, RDA Illawarra Chair reappointed by Minister till 2025
- 2) Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal advocacy kicks goals – with 8% of funding achieved
- 3) Leadership Illawarra Program secures 27 participants for 2021-2022 cohort
- 4) Thought-provoking new remote work models discussed at RDAI Future of Work Roundtable
- 5) RDAI Submissions to Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional & Transport Plans (NSW)

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Assistant Minister for Regional Development & Territories, the Hon Nola Marino MP



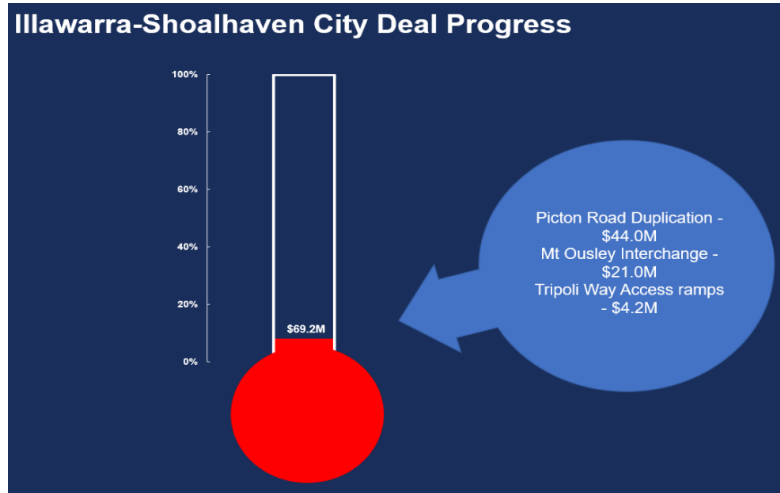
Assistant Minister for Regional Development & Territories, the Hon Nola Marino MP reappointed Eddy de Gabriele Chair of RDA Illawarra, resulting in 20 years of community service

Eddy's strong leadership of RDA Illawarra during his time as Chair has successfully steered the organisation through the challenges of 2020 and beyond. Eddy's leadership and collaboration with board members and staff has ensured committed support for the region's community and future economic development.

Eddy will remain Chair and lead RDA Illawarra until 2025 and he will continue to focus on driving investment, creating jobs and economic growth within the region.

Read more about Eddy's journey and the future of RDA Illawarra [here](#).

Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Advocacy kicks goals with 8% of funding achieved

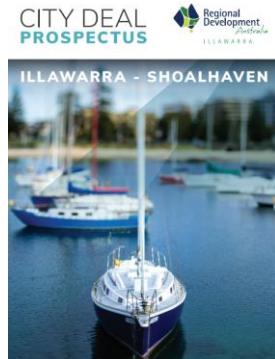


The Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Prospectus was launched by the 4 Mayors and Chair of RDA Illawarra on 16 October 2020.

Since the launch, we have continued our advocacy by disseminating the prospectus to **>100 stakeholders** and holding **>30 meetings** with stakeholders outside of the region including federal and state governments.

We are tracking funding progress through a barometer, and have so far **secured \$69.2m in funding** across 3 City Deal projects – or 8% of the total funding sought - a great achievement in a short 6 week period!

Find out more about the Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Prospectus [here](#).



Leadership Illawarra Program secures 27 participants for 2021-2022 cohort

9th Year running – 27 participants

In December 2020, the 2018-20 Leadership Illawarra Program (LIP) cohort rounded out their 2+ year program and the next cohort (9th year running) recruitment concluded.

The 2018-20 cohort finished their program with 21 participants graduating at the TIC dinner meeting in December.

The incoming cohort (2021-22) were selected:

- 34 EOI's, with 27 successful candidates accepted
- 4 scholarship winners congratulated:
 - Amanda Nedeski – UOW
 - Hayley Rodd – Colliers International Wollongong
 - Robyn Dawson – Sustainable Buildings Research Centre
 - Natalie Allan – Natalie Allan Consulting/MMJ.

This cohort of 27 participants is the largest to date, highlighting the success and growth of the LIP program.

Visit the LIP website to find out [more](#).



Thought-provoking new remote work models discussed at RDA Illawarra Future of Work Roundtable

On 29 October, RDA Illawarra hosted a round table event which kicked off the Future of Work project. Three inspiring leaders were called upon to speak at the webinar:

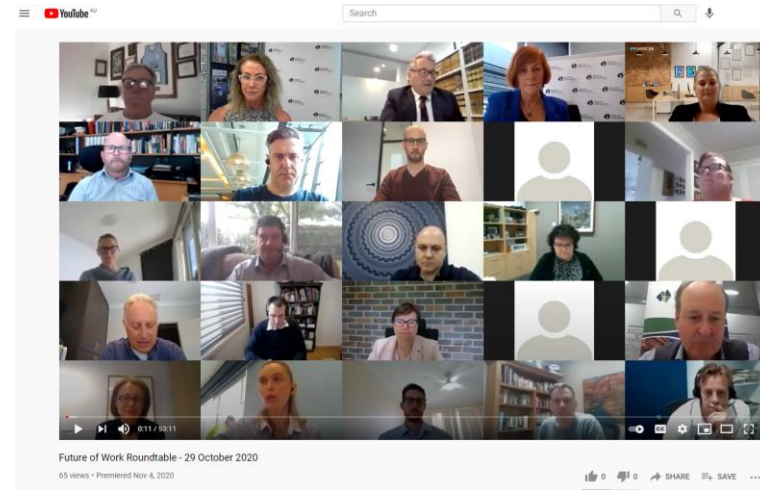
- **Craig Osborne:** Managing Partner of RMB Lawyers, Director of Unison Outsourcing (and RDA Illawarra board member)
- **Greg Doyle:** General Manager of Wollongong City Council, (and RDA Illawarra board member) and
- **Renee Whiteside:** People & Culture Leader of Mercer Wollongong.

45 people attended the webinar, and the discussion was focused on our experiences of remote working (Fad vs Future), the challenges and opportunities for managing employees, and the regional development and commercial risks, models and opportunities.

The Future of Work round table was a great way to share insights, expertise and the future opportunities that remote work models will bring to the Illawarra region.

To subscribe for Future of Work Project updates – email admin@rdailawarra.com.au

To watch the Future of Work webinar, click [here](#).



RDA Illawarra Submissions to NSW Government for Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional & Transport Plans



RDA Illawarra put forward **two submissions** to the NSW Government over the last quarter including:

1. **Draft Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan:** responded to land use, population and travel demand across the region over the next 20 years. To review submission, visit our [website](#).
2. **Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041:** responded to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) with focus on regionally significant employment lands. To review submission, visit our [website](#).

TNSW ILLAWARRA-SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN (DRAFT) – 2021 to 2041

A Submission by Regional Development Australia (RDA) - Illawarra



DRAFT ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL PLAN 2041

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RDA Illawarra Board

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

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