



Dear Chamber Member,

Well, what an exciting start to the New Year!

February saw the announcement by Brendan Grylls that Collie was to become a "Super Town" (something that Collie residents have known for years!), more progress on Perdaman, news that Collie was to have a trial of carbon capture storage and the discovery of a cane toad. Any more excitement and I will have to start taking valium.

What this says to me is that once again Collie is on the map as a place to live and work in a future that recognises the need to adapt to a changing world.

Lake Kepwari and the Collie Motorplex are key to our growth as a tourist destination and your Chamber is working with other interested groups to ensure that these opportunities come to fruition sooner rather than later.

You will soon be hearing about "Spring in Collie" an initiative of your Chamber to coordinate the many events that attract visitors to our community.

We hope that you will support these actions by showing those visitors what a welcoming community Collie is.

Richard Jackson,

Chief Executive Officer

Collie Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Tel.(08)9734 4817 or email admin@colliechamber.asn.au

In This Edition...

2	Chamber Executive Meeting Diary; Six Top Students Win Worsley Scholarships; Shopping Hours
3 - 4	South West Region Industrial Land Survey; Safe Work Australia
4	\$120million for emergency service & mobile network
5	Perdaman Signs Rail Agreement; Wageline Watch
6	Volunteer Active Support Training
7	SCAMwatch

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Collie Mowers & More are holding a Business-After-Hours at their premises 152, Throssell Street on Wednesday 16th March at 6pm. There will be equipment demonstrations and the opportunity to play as well. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided. Members \$10 and non-members \$15, pay at the door. Proceeds to will be used to support a local initiative. Come and join your fellow business people for some fun and banter. Drive to the door – not through it!

Motoring South West are holding a Business-After-Hours at the Collie Motorplex on Wednesday 13th April at 5pm with entertainment starting at 6pm. I'll leave you to work out what the "entertainment" will be but I'm sure that Simon will not disappoint! More will be revealed in our next newsletter.

CHAMBER EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee of the Collie Chamber of Commerce & Industry normally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The following dates are for the next two months;

WEDNESDAY March 9th – Collie Ridge Motel, 6.00pm
WEDNESDAY April 6th – Collie Ridge Motel, 6.00pm

Please note that these dates and the venue are subject to change. All members of the Collie Chamber are most welcome to attend the meetings. Call either Richard, Kylie or Rebecca at the Chamber office to discuss.

SIX TOP STUDENTS WIN WORSLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

Six students from high schools across the South West have each been awarded \$20,000 scholarships from BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina to support their university engineering studies.

The winners were presented with their awards at a lunch in Bunbury last week. Carolyn Bernard and Kendall Ferraro of Gelorup, Samuel McCleery of Dalyellup, Jaxon Mumme of Collie, Jeremy Plumb of Leschenault and Nathan Vivers of Dardanup will begin their first-year engineering studies at Curtin University in Perth next week.



Jeremy Plumb, Nathan Vivers, Kendall Ferraro, Samuel McCleery, Carolyn Bernard and Jaxon Mumme collect their certificates at the Engineering Scholarship Luncheon held last Friday (Feb 11).

The Worsley engineering scholarship program, now in its fourth year, assists talented local students to pursue a career in engineering by provide income support for their four years of study. There are already 12 South West students completing their studies in Perth as part of Worsley's scholarship program.

Toni Oliva, BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina's Manager of Human Resources and Public Relations said the company's mining and refinery operations required a high level of engineering skills. "There is a lot of competition in the jobs market for professional skills, and particularly for engineering skills," Mr Oliva said. "We believe that by supporting local students we increase our chances of attracting graduates back to the region.

"Worsley is a very attractive option for graduate professionals because the South West offers a great lifestyle as well as the opportunity to pursue a professional career."

For more information on Worsley's Engineering Scholarship program, please contact Lisa Chegwidan, Training Specialist, on 9734 9442.

SHOPPING HOURS-Should they be longer?

Thank you to those of you who responded to our survey. The results are being collated at this moment and we will let you know the result in our next newsletter.

SOUTH WEST REGION INDUSTRIAL LAND STUDY

The South West Region Industrial Land Study continues to move forward, with the successful completion of the study's first stage and the commencement of Stage 2. This study will guide the future of industrial land supply in the South West region during the next 20 years.

If you have been involved in the study to date, your contribution has been vital. In the coming months we look forward to providing you with a comprehensive update and an opportunity to comment.

To read about the study's progress so far [click here](#).

For more information about the study, please visit www.southwestindustrial.com.au or email info@southwestindustrial.com.au.

If you feel that this information will be relevant to others within your organisation please forward it to them.

This project is a joint initiative involving the Department of Planning, the Department of State Development, the South West Development Commission, the Department of Agriculture and Food WA and LandCorp.

SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA

Is seeking public comment on a package of work health and safety regulations and twelve codes of practice. All States and Territories have committed to introduce the package on 1 January 2012.

The regulations and codes will support the harmonised Act provisions released earlier this year that extends the application of work health and safety laws in Western Australia. The public consultation stage provides the opportunity for employers to have a say on what will and won't work for them.

The package will provide some relief for multi state employers whilst creating additional burden for small business.

CCIWA represented the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Safe Work Australia in the development of the package and has a number of concerns regarding the enormity and content of proposed regulation.

As an example a new concept for Western Australia is the linking back of a number of regulations to penalties under the Act. It has the potential to artificially inflate the level of penalty imposed. CCIWA opposed the concept arguing that if a regulatory requirement is seen to be sufficiently critical to attract an Act penalty then it should be in the Act not the regulations.

The reporting, record keeping and notification requirements far outstrip current requirements and in many cases are not justified other than to demonstrate compliance to the regulator. The regulations require a person conducting a business or undertaking to ensure specific requirements are met 288 times within the package. Only 90 of the requirements are conditioned by 'reasonably practical'.

CCIWA encourages members to review the package and in particular parts that apply to business operations and respond to Work Safe Australia. **Safe Work Australia is currently loading the package online. This will be available from <http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>**

CCIWA also welcomes comments on the package. Further information on the package and how to respond is available from CCIWA. Contact the OSH team on 9365 7415 or email osh@cciwa.com

\$120MILLION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES & MOBILE TELEPHONE NETWORK

Premier Colin Barnett has unveiled a \$120million plan to deliver improved mobile telephone and emergency service coverage to regional Western Australia.

The Premier, along with Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls, Police and Emergency Services Minister Rob Johnson and Commerce Minister Bill Marmion, announced the Royalties for Regions funding that would deliver two essential regional communications projects.

Mr Barnett said the building of communication towers and upgrading of services in strategic areas of the State would dramatically improve mobile phone coverage as well as emergency services for WA Police and the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA).

Mr Grylls said the project was announced in the 2010-11 State Budget and tenders would now be sought for both projects so they could start as soon as possible.

“Priority areas under consideration include the Pilbara, Mid-West, Gascoyne, Kimberley and Wheatbelt regions and benefits will also extend to the Goldfields-Esperance, Great Southern, Peel and South-West regions,” Mr Grylls said. “\$40million will go towards eliminating phone black spots, while the remaining \$80million will be spent on improving communications for police and emergency services.”

Mr Johnson said the \$80million Community Safety Network Project would replace the current police regional radio network with a purpose-built, secure and reliable radio communications network that would allow police and other emergency services to better serve regional WA.

“The new network will ensure that WA Police and FESA have access to a secure and reliable network, significantly improving the ability of police and fire officers to communicate during an emergency or incident.”

“These regional communications projects represent a significant investment by the State Government to ensure everyone in Western Australia benefits from improved telecommunications,” Mr Marmion said.

PERDAMAN SIGNS RAIL AGREEMENT

Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers have reached a significant milestone for the Perdaman Collie Urea Project, finalising rail transport arrangements for the \$3.5 billion urea manufacturing plant today.

The partnership between Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers, WestNet Rail and QR National via its bulk freight subsidiary Australia Railroad Group will enable up to 2 million tonnes of urea per annum to be transported from the plant site at Shotts Industrial Estate near Collie to Bunbury Port.

WestNet Rail will provide access to the rail network and rail infrastructure support services, while QR National will provide above rail services to transport the urea product. The 25 year access agreement with WestNet Rail, due to commence in 2014, will see two 3,000 tonne train loads of urea per day travel on the rail network for shipment by Incitec Pivot, Perdaman's Urea offtaker.

WestNet Rail Chief Executive Officer Paul Larsen said, "Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers is a substantial new customer for WestNet Rail. Not only will this partnership provide significant growth and revenue opportunities for WestNet Rail, but it supports continued investment and development in the south west of WA."

Executive Vice President & CEO QR National Freight Ken Lewsey said a separate 20-year rail haulage agreement confirmed QR National's strong capability in Western Australia's resource and export sectors. The rail access and haulage agreements are conditional upon Perdaman obtaining project finance. "This agreement marks a significant milestone for the Perdaman Collie Urea Project", PCF Chairman and Managing Director Vikas Rambal said. "Securing access to the rail network and finalising rail services is vital to the project's success."

WestNet Rail and Australian Railroad Group have concurrently executed a rail operations access agreement to give operational effect to these arrangements.

PCF is still in negotiations with Bunbury Port Authority regarding final details of agreements for Port arrangements.

WAGELINE WATCH

Wageline often gets calls from employers who have acted before asking if what they are doing is in breach of employment laws. Examples include employing children, not paying annual leave loading, terminating employees and closing businesses when the employer takes leave.

One telephone call to Wageline could save you money or in extreme cases your business as penalties for breaches of employment laws may be incurred.

Wageline offers employers a range of services and tools including:

- Information on State employment laws via the telephone;
- Publications on relevant, practical employment issues;
- Templates to assist employers keep employment records;
- Employer Packs - specialised packs containing key information every employer should know; and
- Access to free seminars and workshops for specific industries in both the metropolitan and regional areas.

Take advantage of these - simply call **Wageline** on **1300 655 266**



Volunteer South West
the heart of our community

VAST

VOLUNTEER ACTIVE SUPPORT TRAINING

Funding, Risk Management and Strategic Planning

Facilitated by:



Neil Carver Smith

Neil has been worked in the area of training, development and management consultancy for over 25 years. Having managed training services in both the UK and in Australia, he has considerable experience in writing, presenting and evaluating training within government departments and non-government agencies. Since arriving in Australia, Neil has undertaken a number of projects as a freelance trainer and consultant.

A combined topic training day to enhance your role as a volunteer or working in a Not For Profit organisation. This day is designed to accommodate participants learning needs- with an organic approach to the structure of the day!

You will learn more about:

Funding

- Effective fundraising methods
- Types of grants
- Processes for applying for funding

Strategic Planning

- Capacity building
- Planning to achieve, planning for the future
- Marketing- getting your message out and enhancing membership

Risk Management

- What is risk management and why it is important
- Understanding your responsibilities
- The importance of incorporation and having appropriate insurance
- The importance of developing risk management plans for events

DATE: Friday April 1st 2011

TIME: 9am-4.00pm

VENUE: Old Church Building at the Community Resource Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street MARGARET RIVER

COST: This valuable workshop is FREE for volunteers and people working in the Not For Profit sector.

RSVP: by Monday 28th March

Registrations are essential for catering, so please RSVP to Rochelle Booth at the Shire of Augusta - Margaret River. E| rochellebooth@amrsc.wa.gov.au or P| (08) 9780 5233

SCAMwatch

Don't let scalpers spoil your sporting events and festivals

SCAMwatch is warning consumers to be vigilant when buying 2011 Rugby World Cup tickets and festival tickets online. Tickets sold by official event organisers and authorised sellers often carry conditions that restrict their resale or transfer above face value.

While official event organisers and their authorised ticket sellers have a strong online presence, so too do ticket 'scalpers', engaging in unauthorised reselling of tickets at higher prices. If you arrive at an event with a ticket bought from a scalper, be warned. Not only do you risk being turned away at the venue, you may not get the seats you've ordered, or you may not even get your ticket.

The ACCC recommends you check if a website is an authorised seller before making any online ticket purchases. Be alert to scalpers who use official looking logos and trademarks to lure you into thinking that they are authorised ticket sellers.

Major sports events may also attract scam operators seeking to take advantage of the strong demand for tickets. Fans should also be on the lookout for fake ticketing websites or email scams that falsely claim to be part of a Rugby World Cup 2011 lottery, prize draw or competition.

Victims of a ticketing scam may find their ticket never arrives, or they receive a counterfeit ticket. Scammers pocket the victim's money and could also use the victim's personal details to commit identity fraud. SCAMwatch issued similar warnings about online ticket scams for the FIFA World Cup in 2010 and the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, as well as a warning about online flight ticket scams in November 2010.

Warning signs:

- Look closely at websites, many scalpers use official looking logos and trademarks to mislead you into believing they are authorised ticket sellers.
- Be on the lookout for fake ticketing websites or email scams that make false claims about being part of an official event ticket lottery, prize draw or competition. These scams will often request additional payments or personal information to secure tickets.

Protect yourself:

- Before you buy tickets, check whether the seller is authorised by the organiser to resell tickets. Contact the event organiser or promoter, or visit the official event website to find authorised sellers and whether tickets are still available.
- Read all the terms and conditions online before purchasing tickets. Tickets often carry conditions that restrict their resale. If you buy these tickets from an unauthorised website you may be refused entry to the event. Some websites will mention this in their terms and conditions of sale.
- Never enter your personal, credit card or online account information on a website that you are not certain is genuine or secure.
- If you are unsure about the legitimacy of a website, check if the ABN quoted on the website is genuinely registered to the trader named on the website. You can look up an ABN on the [Australian Government's business.gov.au website](http://www.business.gov.au).
- If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

Report

You can report scams to the ACCC via the [report a scam](#) page on SCAMwatch or by calling 1300 795 995.