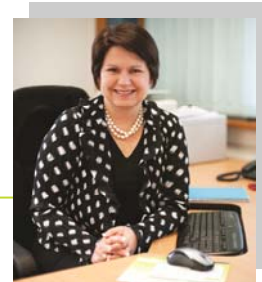


*Developing the long term
sustainability of our region*

Update from the CEO



Welcome to Issue 46 of Community Connections

As we approach Christmas and the close of the year, it is a time to reflect on 2013 and look forward to the year ahead.

The Year in Reflection

On Page 2, we reflect on the past year and our key areas of focus and activities as linked to our Top 10—"Transformational Engine Starter Priorities". These are in our [Draft Regional Roadmap for 2013-16](#) supported by data in the [Appendix](#).

Northern Australia Development

RDA has contributed input to initial discussions about the process for the White Paper for developing Northern Australia. The input focussed on recommending (1) the establishment of an Advisory Council or Councils that consist of a broad range of stakeholders from economic, social and environmental perspectives; (2) a Northern Australia forum (we recommended Townsville be the host city); and (3) the opportunity to avoid duplication of effort by tapping into the vast amount of information from community engagement and research that RDAs have already done across the north

RDA Regional Roads Forum — follow up

Presentations from the RDA Regional Roads Forum held in Longreach earlier this month are now available on our website: <http://www.rdanwg.org.au/projects> Work has begun on collating more roads related planning information, writing to elected Members of Parliament and Senators within regional Queensland to inform them of the outcomes of the forum and a draft terms of reference for the on-going Working Group. Our thanks to our Part-Time Project Officer Anne Neil for managing the Forum preparation and follow up so well and our best wishes for her new role with the Dept of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

Tender opportunities

In this issue we are adding some new information on tender opportunities that are available.

On behalf of our Chairman Paul Woodhouse, Committee members and Shannyn, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of RDA throughout the year and wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year!

Glenys Schuntner
Chief Executive Officer

RDA Committee

<p>Mr Paul Woodhouse Chairman</p>  <p>Paul joined RDA in 2012. Retiring from local government after serving 12 years as Mayor and Councillor of McKinlay Shire Council to follow other interests, Paul is a primary producer in north west Queensland.</p>	<p>Ms Lyn McLaughlin Deputy Chair</p>  <p>Lyn joined RDA in 2009. She is a former Mayor and Councillor of Burdekin Shire Council and represents the region on several committees. Lyn is a primary school teacher.</p>	<p>Mr Jeff Jimmieson Treasurer</p>  <p>Jeff Jimmieson is the Manager of Performing Arts, Events and Protocol for Townsville City. He has had an extensive career in event management, public relations and the performing arts, both in local government and private enterprise. His community service includes board memberships of PCYC and Rotary..</p>	<p>Mr David Kippin Secretary</p>  <p>David is CEO at Townsville Enterprise Limited, North Queensland's peak economic development and destination marketing organisation. David has previously held senior positions in Financial and Professional Services and Corporate Advisory.</p>	<p>Cr Rick Britton</p>  <p>Rick was elected to Boullia Shire Council in 2007 and has served as Mayor since 2008. Rick and his wife Ann own and operate the cattle station Goodwood Pastoral Company.</p>	<p>Dr Scott Crawford</p>  <p>Based in Townsville, Scott is CEO of NQ Dry Tropics, the natural resource management body for the Burdekin region. Originally from Brisbane, Scott has lived in Townsville for 13 years.</p>
<p>Mr Trevor Goldstone</p>  <p>Trevor is the Director, Business Development and Operations at the Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts at James Cook University. Trevor moved from Adelaide to Townsville in 2009.</p>	<p>Cr Greg Jones</p>  <p>Greg is the Mayor of Flinders Shire where he has served as a Councillor since 1994. Greg and wife Carole operate an Electrical, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning business in Hughenden.</p>	<p>Prof. Sabina Knight</p>  <p>Sabina is the Director of the Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health and is an internationally recognised rural health leader with an extensive career in remote and rural primary health care, public health and education, and community development.</p>	<p>Mr Jeremy Moffat</p>  <p>Jeremy is the Director of NQ Telecom and a passionate advocate for regional Queensland. Jeremy moved his family from Sydney in 2003 to start up North Queensland Telecom.</p>	<p>Mr Mike Westerman</p>  <p>Mike is the General Manager, Xstrata Mount Isa Copper Operations and has more than 20 years' experience as a mining engineer in underground and open pit environments.</p>	<p>Position Vacant</p> <p>People interested in nominating for the Committee can find more information at http://rda.gov.au/node/15</p> <p>Also please do not hesitate to call Glenys Schuntner, CEO on 07 4760 1612 for a discussion about the role.</p>

2013—RDA's year in reflection

RDA has been facilitating and advocating, and leading or supporting a wide range of initiatives that will underpin the future sustainability of our region. With input from our extensive regional engagement and consultation across 15 Council areas, we updated the Draft Regional Roadmap for 2013-16. The Top 10 "Transformational Engine Starter Priorities" focus on issues that broadly affect our large region. The following is a summary of the Top 10 and major activities to support the region.

1. **Energy**— Chairman Paul Woodhouse is a Member of the North and North West Queensland Sustainable Resource Feasibility Study Committee (the "Pentland" – energy and agriculture study); Advocacy support to help secure the funding for the above \$ 2 million study; submissions to the Queensland 30 year electricity planning process and Australian Renewable Energy Program
2. **Roads**—Led the Regional Roads Forum in December to address inland regional roads prioritising and funding; Providing research, engagement and secretariat services for the Interim Working Group to take road issues forward; advocated for Bruce Highway funding leading up to the Federal Election including travel to Canberra to meet with Government and Opposition Senators and Members
3. **Rail/ intermodal, port, airport infrastructure**—Submission to the Queensland Ports Strategy; support to Cloncurry Shire Council to attract funding under Royalties for Regions for the airport upgrade; support to Cloncurry Shire Council for their advocacy to attract Virgin Australia to fly Brisbane—Cloncurry
4. **Communications**—Initiated a workshop for regional Mayors and CEOs on communications, and especially high speed broadband infrastructure and services in the region with guest speakers from a range of communications organisations; Submission to the Queensland Digital Economy Strategy; CEO Glenys Schuntner is on the Broadband for the Tropics Committee
5. **Water**—Chairman Paul Woodhouse is a Member of the Northern Queensland Irrigated Agricultural Strategy (Flinders and Gilbert Rivers study) Committee
6. **New mining and minerals processing opportunities**—RDA is a financial contributor and CEO Glenys Schuntner is a Member of the North West Queensland Strategic Development Study (Carpentaria Minerals Province Study) Committee
7. **Tropical Knowledge and Expertise**— Inclusion of a range of significant regional projects including the Tropical Knowledge and Innovation Centre, Pacific Reef waste water bioremediation and aquaculture feed project and Be-Engulfed Monsoon Centre projects in the Northern Queensland Strategy; Advocacy to the Federal Government for these and other projects including travel to Canberra
8. **Improve education attainment levels** – participation in a range of workshops focussed on labour force and skills issues; initial discussions with some stakeholders for dialogues to continue in 2013
9. **Land tenure security** – prioritisation of this issue in the Northern Queensland Strategy and advocacy to the Federal Government
10. **Community Infrastructure** - the opening of RDAF Round 1 Walkway project on Magnetic Island in March; construction began on RDAF Round 2 Act for Kids Child and Family Centre of Excellence project in March; Approval and works commenced on RDAF Round3 projects – (1) the new floating pontoon for Palm Island and (2) new office accommodation for the Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre; Approval of funding for RDAF Round 4 project at Tec-NQ for new accommodation facilities for regional students; letters of support to a range of community projects across the region; regular advice on funding opportunities through the distribution of *Community Connections*

The above gives a sample of our work this year, and while not complete, gives you an indication of our focus areas. We note that participation in several of the committees is at a financial cost to RDA to travel to meetings and is a major time commitment for our volunteer Committee members.

We look forward to continuing to focus on the Top 10 in the year ahead and collaborating with regional stakeholders to achieve results and outcomes that make a positive difference to our region's future.

Programs, Grants and Initiatives

Gordon Darling Foundation Grant

The Foundation provides funding for a range of Visual Arts projects Australia-wide. Funding may be provided for:

- catalogues and publications that are scholarly
- that provide a permanent record of an exhibition, collection or project
- the Foundation does **not** fund souvenir or promotional publications
- exhibition development
- marketing or promotional costs will **not** be funded
- professional education initiatives including individual professional development
- purchase or commission of artworks of unique national/local importance
- research projects
- symposia

Closes: 31 December 2013

Website: <http://www.gordondarlingfoundation.org.au/guidelines.php>

James N Kirby Foundation Grants

The objectives of the James N. Kirby Foundation have been formulated on a broad charitable and community welfare basis. The Foundation's overall goal is to distribute grants to charitable, educational and technical bodies throughout Australia in the areas of health, education, technology and science, art, and literature. In addition we are seeking to aid the conservation, maintenance and development of Australia's natural resources.

Particular attention is given to technical education projects to assist young Australians achieve their highest standards.

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available.

Closes: 28 February 2014

Website: <http://www.kirbyfoundation.com.au/registration/eligibility-criteria.php>

ACE Sponsorship Program

ACE sponsorship program provides in-kind services to make a project, event or initiative accessible by the deaf, hearing or speech impaired community, up to the value of \$20,000.

Closes: Ongoing

Website: http://aceinfo.net.au/index1c45.html?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&Itemid=9

Honda Foundation Grants

The Honda Foundation draws on voluntary contributions from Honda's Australia-wide network of dealers, from Honda Australia itself and from private donors.

Established in 1992, the Foundation has disbursed over \$8.1 million in grants to a wide range of applicants from the Australian community.

The Honda Foundation operates independently and aims to engender goodwill for the benefit of Australian communities. Operating as a charitable trust, The Honda Foundation provides financial assistance to:

- Deserving charities - approved bodies that focus their activities on the disadvantaged, disabled or those suffering from long-term, life threatening illnesses
- Approved humanitarian bodies
- Approved bodies who provide ad-hoc relief to victims of natural disasters
- Approved bodies who promote inventions and the development of new technology
- Approved bodies who promote the development and preservation of Australian culture.

Closes: 4 February 2014

Website: <http://www.hondafoundation.org.au/how-to-apply.aspx>

Local Sporting Champions Program

The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state, national and international level sporting championships as either an athlete, coach or official.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant, young people must meet the following criteria:

- Be between 12 and 18 years of age (inclusive) at the time of the nominated sporting championship.
- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia.
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee
- Be living more than 125km from the championship venue, and travelling greater than 250km return to participate in the nominated championship.
- Must complete and submit application to the ASC prior to the nominated championship commencing.
- Must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant (individual grant or as a member of a team grant) for an application submitted in the same allocation year (1 March - 28 February).
- Must not have received \$500 or more in federal government funding for the nominated championship.
- Must not be participating in a professional competition that involves prize money greater than \$500.

Closes: 28 February 2014

Website: http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions

Programs, Grants and Initiatives

Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Trial—Funding Round 2 now open

The Queensland Government will contribute \$15 million in capital funding over the three-year trial period, commencing from 2012-13, to address the unmet need of elderly parent carers and their adult son or daughter with a disability.

The objective of the trial, through contributing one-off capital funding to innovative projects, is to provide sustainable living arrangements for adults with a disability who are cared for by their elderly parents.

The key outcomes proposed from the trial are:

- more adults, 25 years and over, with a disability in the care of their elderly parents will have sustainable living arrangements established
- a wider range of living arrangements and options will be created to provide more choice for elderly parent carers and their adult son or daughter with a disability

Up to \$10.3 million in capital funding is now available, with submissions currently being invited for one-off capital grants up to \$1 million and smaller grants up to \$50,000.

Closes:	6 February 2014
Website:	http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability/key-projects/elderly-parent-carer-innovation-trial

Australian Communities Foundation Funding

Australian Communities Foundation supports a range of charitable organisations and projects each year.

Grants are made locally, Australia wide and internationally through Australian registered charitable organisations.

These fall broadly into the areas of arts & culture, community development & advocacy, community services & welfare, disability, education, training & employment, environment, health & medical research, overseas aid & development.

Australian Communities Foundation primarily makes grants to the community in two ways:

- through requests from donors on the basis of their areas of interest;
- and through Australian Communities Foundation's identified strategic initiatives, such as MacroMelbourne, Youth at Risk, and Indigenous Education and Capacity Building.

There is no formal submission process for organisations seeking funds from Australian Communities Foundation. Eligible organisations can submit a request for a grant via the on line submission form.

Closes:	Ongoing
Website:	http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/grantmaking

Indigenous Social Enterprise Fund

The Indigenous Social Enterprise Fund will provide investment and business support to Indigenous social enterprises. All investments will be made with a view to develop and nurture Indigenous social enterprises with a commercial focus so that they can successfully access further investment (such as SEDIF funds or mainstream finance) in the future.

In partnership with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and Reconciliation Australia (RA), SVA is managing a two year pilot of the ISEF. IBA have allocated \$1m for the pilot fund.

The ISEF will offer investment packages tailored to the needs of each individual investment. Each investment will be made up of a combination of:

- Grant funding
- Patient capital funding - 0% p.a. interest, unsecured, flexible terms, terms of up to 5 years

The ISEF will be open to social enterprises that are:

- Indigenous owned
- Non-profit organisations, or owned by a non-profit organisation
- At start-up or growth stages, and
- Have a board and management in place with the right qualifications, skills, experience and reputational standing to manage the business

Closes:	Ongoing
Website:	http://socialventures.com.au/work/isef/

Queensland ANZAC Centenary Grants Program

The Queensland Anzac Centenary grants program is designed to assist and encourage Queenslanders to commemorate the service and sacrifice of men and women during the First World War. Projects may include commemorative events, exhibitions, research, community education activities and the restoration or enhancement of memorials and honour boards.

This program is one of the key elements of Queensland's commemoration, with grants of up to \$80,000 available. \$1 million will be available in the first round, with additional funding available throughout the course of the Centenary.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for funding within the round most suited to their project. In exceptional circumstances, applications for projects or activities with long lead times (to be completed after 30 June 2015) may be considered in round 1.

Round 1 Program Guidelines, Application Guide and Frequently Asked Questions can all be located on the below website.

Online applications open in February 2014.

Closes:	14 March 2014
Website:	http://www.qld.gov.au/about/events-awards-honours/events/anzac-centenary/grants/index.html

Tenders

Tender—Enterprise Energy Management System (EEMS)

Offers are invited for the implementation of an Enterprise Energy Management System (EEMS) and a Centralised Dashboard for Building Management Systems (BMS).

This includes software and hardware applications that capture data from various sources, generates metrics, reports and provides overall control for BMS.

Closes:	10.00am 5 February 2014
Enquiries:	Facilities Supervisor, Property Ph: 1300 878 001 Documents: www.townsville.qld.gov.au

Tender—Demolition of Ayr Aged Care Facility

Offers are invited from suitably qualified and experienced contractors with the capacity to demolish the existing Ayr Nursing Home Located on the grounds of the Ayr Hospital.

Closes:	17 January 2014
Enquiries	Paul Wise Phone: 07 4796 0920

Events - If you have an event that will support the development and sustainability of our communities, please forward information to info@rdanwq.org.au (RDA reserves the right to assess what information can be published.)

Click [here](#) to visit our website for details of previously promoted events.

ABARES Outlook 2014 Conference

Join the conversation at ABARES Outlook 2014 conference as the opportunities for our agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries are examined.

The theme for Outlook 2014 is *realising the opportunities*. It reflects the evolution of conversations in agricultural communities from identifying innovations and export opportunities, to positioning our industries to take advantage of those prospects.

ABARES annual Outlook conference is Australia's leading forum for decision-makers from across industry and government to discuss the key domestic and global issues affecting Australia's key portfolio industries - discussion that is underpinned by ABARES sound economic and scientific research and analysis.

ABARES has confirmed leading national speakers and producers, plus international speakers from the G20, Peking University, the European Commission, United States Department of Agriculture and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Date:	4-5 March 2014
Venue:	Canberra's National Convention Centre
Register:	http://www.daff.gov.au/abares/conferences-events/outlook

Equal Not the Same

Progressing LGBTI Inclusive Practice for
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Professionals



National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender and Intersex
Mental Health and Suicide Project

TOWNSVILLE

This workshop is designed for mental health and suicide prevention workers on providing accessible, inclusive and effective support to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex clients. This workshop will include the following topics:

- Recognising the importance for inclusive services beyond 'treating everyone the same'
- What is meant by inclusive practice for LGBTI people?
- Creating safe, accessible and inclusive organisations.
- Frameworks for effective practice in supporting LGBTI mental health and wellbeing

Thursday 20th March 2014, 9am to 4pm
Relationships Australia Queensland, 745 Riverway Drive, Thuringowa Central

Bookings required by 7/2/14

www.qahc.org.au/mindout
www.facebook.com/MindoutQueensland

Registrations essential
Contact Sally Morris
smorris@qahc.org.au
or (07) 3017 1777



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANS

Cost \$50

In other news

The Queensland Plan—Working draft now open for review

[The Queensland Plan: a 30-year vision for Queensland – our working draft](#) has been released for public review until 7 March 2014.

This working draft brings together the collective ideas and aspirations voiced by more than 78,000 Queenslanders during the largest [engagement process](#) ever undertaken in Queensland and the outcomes from the [Brisbane Summit](#) held on 9 and 10 October 2013.

The working draft includes nine foundation areas, each representing a particular focus in actioning our future vision. The draft describes what success in each area should look like and includes preliminary targets and indicative measures that have been designed to invite community feedback and discussion and will be revised following the review process.

This is your opportunity to provide feedback on whether the working draft reflects Queenslanders' feedback to date. In providing your feedback, you may wish to consider if there are points missing, or if certain points have been given unwarranted prominence.

Feedback on the working draft will be used to refine the final plan, which will be released mid-2014.

Raw Report Data

All submissions to *The Queensland Plan's* community engagement phase (responses to Queensland's six questions) are also available on the [project website](#). They are listed subject to legal obligations.

If you have any questions about the development of the plan or the review process, please contact the project team at queenslandplan@qld.gov.au

New helpline for small business

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a new helpline for small business. Small business people who call the Ombudsman will now receive priority service to help them efficiently improve their understanding of workplace laws. Employers can call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 between 8 am and 5.30 pm weekdays.

There are also a range of tools and resources available on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website at www.fairwork.gov.au/smallbusiness.



*The Committee and Staff of RDA
Townsville and North West Queensland
wish you and your family a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year*

The RDA office will be closed from 1:00pm Tuesday 24 December to Wednesday 1 January (inclusive). For any urgent matters, please contact the CEO, Glenys Schuntner on 0417 198 284

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