

Newsflash

from the CEO's desk



RDA Committee



Mr Ronald (Ron) McCullough AM
Chairperson

Ron is based in Mount Isa and is the Treasurer of North and North West Queensland Primary Health Care and currently a Consultant advising Indigenous Gulf Councils on local government issues.



Cr Lynette (Lyn) McLaughlin,
Deputy Chairperson

Lyn was elected to the Burdekin Shire Council in 1994 and became Mayor in 2004.



Mr Jeff Jimmieson
Treasurer

Based in Townsville, Jeff owns and operates an events management business Access All Areas Event Management.



Cr Greg Jones

Based in Hughenden, Greg was elected to the Flinders Shire Council in 1994 and is currently the Deputy Mayor.



Cr Eric (Rick) Britton

Rick was elected to the Boulia Shire Council in 2008 and became Mayor in the same year.



Mr David Glasson

Based in Mount Isa, David is the Chairman of the Mount Isa Townsville Economic Zone economic development organisation.



Mr Trevor Goldstone

Trevor's most recent role was as CEO of Townsville Enterprise.



Dr Farvardin Daliri OAM

Based in Townsville, Farvardin is the CEO of Tabarsi Pty Ltd, a small business focussed on arts, events and community consulting.



Cr Tracy Forshaw

Tracy has lived and worked in the Gulf for over 20 years and has been a Councillor on the Burke Shire Council since 2008.

RDAF ROUND TWO OPENED RDA TOWNSVILLE AND NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND TO PLAY KEY ROLE

Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees have a key role to play in shaping regional infrastructure investment to meet regional needs during Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP today announced the opening of Round Two, worth \$200 million.

Key aspects of Round Two include a two-stage application process that will reduce costs for applicants, local decision making is embedded in the process, and provide early certainty for proponents about their application.

As part of this new role, RDA committees will review Expressions of Interest (EOI) from all potential applicants and select three viable priority projects for their region to progress to full application.

The new process for RDAF Round Two is:

- Interested applicants are required to email an EOI form to their RDA committee by Thursday 1 December 2011.
- RDA committees will review each EOI and select three viable priority projects for their region that will proceed to full application.
- Full applications will be assessed by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government against the eligibility and selection criteria, risk, and value for money.
- Applications will be considered by the RDAF Advisory Panel which will provide advice to the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP. The Minister will make decisions on projects to be funded.

In prioritising our three viable priority projects, the Minister has asked RDA committees to take into account the priorities of our **Regional Roadmap**, the capacity of the project to address needs in the region, the level of community support for the project, impact of the project on the region and neighbouring regions and readiness to proceed.

The RDAF is worth almost \$1 billion over five years (some of which is subject to the passage of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax) and will boost economic and community development as part of the Australian Government's commitment to regional Australia. A total of \$200 million has been provided in Round Two.

More information about RDAF Round Two, including the Guidelines for Round Two, key dates and full details on the EOI process can be found at www.regional.gov.au. Early next week we will send out information on RDAF workshops and teleconferences.

Glenys Schuntner
Chief Executive Officer