

# 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**

Based in Townsville, Trevor is the Director, Business Development and Operations at the Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts at James Cook University.



**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.

### Good Afternoon!

#### Here is an update and reminder on 2 Australian Government Programs

##### E-learning for workforce development in regional areas

Regional partnerships are invited to submit an expression of interest to implement e-learning for workforce development in regional areas. Funding of \$100 000 (plus GST) from the initial round is still available.

Partnerships should focus on regional employers and their common workforce development needs, and formulate e-learning strategies or models for implementation. Due to the limited timeframe (February to June 2012) there is little scope for content development. EOIs may consider a small or large scale project that best suits the number of partners and scale of impact.

EOIs received from the following will be considered favourably:

- states/territories not funded directly or which received less funding through the initial round (Western Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania);
- priority industry sectors not funded directly through the initial round (tourism); and
- regional areas which are part of the NBN pilot sites.

All potential EOI applicants must contact the Industry System Change team on (02) 6207 3262 before submitting an EOI. Two page EOIs are due by no later than **9am AEDST Monday 30 January 2012**, and they will be reviewed by the Industry Advisory Group on **Wednesday 1 February 2012**.

**For further information visit the E-learning for Industry [website](#). To subscribe to the National VET E-learning Strategy Flex eAlert visit the Australian Flexible Learning [website](#).**

##### Call for proposals for the NBN-Enabled Education and Skills Services Program

The NBN-Enabled Education and Skills Services (NBN-EESS) Program is now open for online registration and applications for funding. The new Australian Government initiative is aimed at supporting the development and trialing of online education and skills services that take advantage of the high speed broadband connections being made available through the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The four-year, \$27.2 million program seeks to develop and trial services that have the potential to provide more interactive and effective learning opportunities for all Australians, no matter where they live. It will leverage the potential of ubiquitous access, made possible by the NBN, together with the efficiencies achieved using online and interactive education, to reach students and trainees in new and innovative ways. This includes delivering the program in regional or remote locations.

The program will focus on proposals that conduct NBN enabled projects within, connecting to, or preferably between NBN early release sites.

Potential applicants are required to register online prior to accessing and submitting an application to the NBN-EESS Program. There is no obligation for a registered potential applicant to then submit an application for the program.

The call for proposals will close on **Friday 3 February 2012**. For further information, including the program guidelines, visit the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) [website](#). To register and apply for funding, visit the DEWR Education Program Entry Point [website](#).

### Glenys Schuntner

*Chief Executive Officer*