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# RDA Moreton Bay E-Newsletter

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*Engaging with Our Region in Building Prosperous Inclusive Communities*



## DATES FOR THE DIARY!

### MidiCities Conference 2012

Over 4 million Australians live in cities that are not major capitals...join civic leaders, policy makers, academic and industry professionals to explore what can be done to help our medium-sized cities reach their full potential.

The MidiCities Conference will be held in Logan from 11-12th July, 2012 for further information visit: [www.midicities.com.au](http://www.midicities.com.au)

The MidiCities Conference is supported by Regional Development Australia.

### Joint EDA/EDANZ International Economic Development Conference 2012

Driving Economic Leadership in the Asian Century – Leveraging Local prosperity and economic wellbeing.

17th – 20th September, 2012 at the Sebel Hotel, Cairns.  
For further information please visit: [www.nedc2012.com](http://www.nedc2012.com)

## Men's Shed Conference a great success!

On 20th April, a successful "Shed Ahead" Men's Shed Conference was held at the Caboolture Hub.

Regional Development Australia Moreton Bay supported this event as a way for Men's shed devotees and those interested in starting a Shed, to hear best practice cases, learn how to develop and to be sustainable.

It was also an opportunity for them to meet and discuss ways to network across the region.

The Australian and Queensland Men's Shed Associations both sent speakers, as well as, speakers from sheds at Bundaberg and the North Coast of N.S.W.

There was consensus from the conference attendees that a regional Men's Shed cluster or network would be valuable for the region. The Pine Rivers Men's Shed will facilitate this process and anyone wanting information on Men's Sheds, the conference outcomes or the network, can contact **Kevin Van Katwijk, Pine Rivers Men's shed, on Mobile 0407 052833.**

## Dr Tim Williams – Connecting to the Future

Dr Tim Williams provided an excellent masterclass and lunch on Friday 20th April, 2012 at an event sponsored by RDA Moreton Bay and Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Dr Williams addressed over 40 delegates on the roll out of the NBN and the challenges and opportunities for local government, community and business resulting from the new technology.

Dr Williams is also the author of 'Connecting Communities' – The impact of broadband on communities in the UK and its implications for Australia. Dr Tim Williams was a former top government advisor in the UK and now advises all three levels of government in Australia on digital strategies.

## Pastures New!

Julie Bruynius left RDA Moreton Bay on Tuesday 1st May, 2012 to take up a new position with the Department of Community Safety on the Sunshine Coast.

Andrew Quain and the RDA Moreton Bay Committee wish Julie well with her new role and would like to recognise the contribution Julie made to the organisation.





## Moreton Bay Business Innovation Centre

RDA Moreton Bay recently appointed Strategic Economic Solutions to undertake the development of a feasibility study and a business plan to identify the opportunities to develop a sustainable business innovation centre for the region.

During May, the inception meeting of the Advisory Group to assist this process was held and supported by the three levels of government.

The services provided by a business innovation centre will enable entrepreneurs to establish business concepts and grow business activity before expanding into premises outside of the centre.

It is anticipated that such a centre will be a location of high value businesses, generating demand for high level skills and further developing the regions 'knowledge' economy.

The development of a business innovation centre will also improve the regions capacity to support business innovation, and R&D activity through improved linkages with universities and public and private sector organisations supporting this type of activity.

The business innovation centre will support the attainment of several priorities contained within the RDA Moreton Bay Regional Roadmap, including investing in infrastructure, promoting an innovative and smarter region, employment creation and supporting economic growth.

## The Moreton Bay Food & Beverage Industry Survey

A survey was undertaken during February / March, 2012 by the Australian Catholic University to identify the capacity and capability of the food and beverage industry within the Moreton Bay region.

To encourage participation a prize draw was included – those completing the survey had the opportunity to enter the draw to win an IPAD2. Following the close date for the survey the draw was made and was won by Wendy Bush of the Caboolture RSL.



Wendy is pictured (above) receiving the IPAD2 from (left) Neil Hoddinett, Chair of RDA Moreton Bay and (right) Dr Nasir Butrous, Australian Catholic University and RDA Moreton Bay Committee Member.

The results of the survey will enable the region to:

- Better support the industry
- Improve the promotion of the region as a location for food and beverage manufacturing and related industries
- Identify opportunities to attract food and beverage businesses to invest in the region
- Attract new related investment to build regional capacity and to grow the industry within the region
- Build regional supply chains and improve local purchasing.

Project partners also include RDA Moreton Bay, Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Qld Government.

## Investment Attraction

RDA Moreton Bay partnered with Moreton Bay Regional Council to promote the region and the opportunities to invest at the Australian Logistics Council Forum held in Sydney during March, 2012. The forum is the leading event for the industry in Australia and provided the ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the region; to identify the challenges and opportunities facing the Australian Logistics Industry, and to make contact with industry leaders.

RDA Moreton Bay also supported the regions presence as part of the Qld Government exhibition stand at National Manufacturing Week held in Sydney from 9 - 11th May, 2012



## National Broadband Network!

### Residents in parts of the Moreton Bay region are set to be the first to get the National Broadband Network (NBN).

Dakabin, Griffin, Kallangur, Mango Hill, Murrumba Downs, North Lakes and Petrie are among those suburbs which will have work start on the NBN this year.

Godwin Beach, Ningi and Sandstone Point will see work starting in December 2013, with Caboolture, Caboolture South and Upper Caboolture to follow in 2014.

The first work will start later this year with service expected to be ready for use 12 months after work has started.

In the plan, it is stated the rollout will cover 54,000 premises in the Moreton Bay region by the end of 2015.

*The planned NBN roll out plan for the Moreton Bay region is as follows:*

#### WORK TO START IN OCTOBER 2012

Dakabin, Griffin, Kallangur, Mango Hill, Murrumba Downs, North Lakes and Petrie.

#### WORK TO START FROM DECEMBER 2013

Godwin Beach, Ningi, Sandstone Point

#### WORK TO START FROM JUNE 2014

Caboolture, Caboolture South, Upper Caboolture

#### WORK TO START FROM SEPTEMBER 2014

Banksia Beach, Bellara, Bongaree, White Patch, Woorim

#### WORK TO START FROM JUNE 2015

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### New housing developments listed as NBN ready (work has started):

One Mile Country Club, Joyner; Leitchs Rd, Brendale; Freshwater Estate, Griffin; Alma Heights, Dakabin; Kerr Rd, Kallangur; Southern Golf Residential Precinct, North Lakes; Fairway Chase Estate, North Lakes; Woodvale Estate, Burpengary; Berkley Close Estate, Caboolture; The Reserve Estate, Caboolture.

The Federal Government announced 238 regional centres across Australia which will be part of the three-year fibre rollout plan for the National Broadband Network (NBN). The NBN is one of the great enablers of the regions for economic diversification, growth and service delivery.



## Independent Broadband Testing:

**RDA Moreton Bay is working in partnership with Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Digital Economy Group to undertake Independent Broadband Testing across the Moreton Bay region to identify regional black spots.**

To support this process, RDA Moreton Bay would welcome details of locations where mobile phone or smart phones cannot connect or drop in or out for the black spot testing and the following information is required:

- Street Number or description from and to:
- Street Name
- Locality
- Carrier (eg Telstra, Optus, Vodafone etc.)
- Phone or Mobile Broadband (or both)

**If you could please email details to: [andrewq@rdamoretonbay.org.au](mailto:andrewq@rdamoretonbay.org.au) this information would greatly assist the process.**



## Moreton Bay Economic Leaders

RDA Moreton Bay is working with Alan Blair to identify and meet with the region's top 100 businesses. Alan will be responsible for contacting the businesses to:

- ❑ Gain an insight into the business, including the issues and opportunities they face
- ❑ Raise awareness of the NBN
- ❑ Promote RDA Moreton Bay and the Moreton Bay Economic Leaders Forum.

For further information and to contact Alan please call 0409 264722 or email [alanb@rdamoretonbay.org.au](mailto:alanb@rdamoretonbay.org.au)

## Moreton Bay Leadership Exposed

It is with great pleasure that RDA Moreton Bay can announce that Mission Australia has kindly agreed to support the 2012 - 2013 Moreton Bay Leadership Exposed Breakfast series.

This fantastic news follows on from the success of the 2011 - 2012 series with international renowned speakers designed to explore, investigate and promote key business leadership themes.

RDA Moreton Bay, Mission Australian and the Australian Institute of Management will be designing the breakfast series with the first breakfast planned to take place during August, 2012.

## The 'MY REGION' website now online!

**myregion** is an Australian Government operated website designed to provide information based on Australia's 55 Regional Development Australia regions and the three external territories of Christmas Island, Norfolk Island and the Cocos Keeling Islands.



It provides opportunities for people to hold discussions within their communities and with all levels of government that help inform regional policies and national solutions.

**myregion** is an important commitment within the Australian Government's regional alignment aimed at empowering each region and local community to be their best.

**myregion** will continue to be developed as a central place for Australians to explore, understand, discuss and influence the future of their regions.

Visit: [www.myregion.gov.au](http://www.myregion.gov.au)



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