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Brisbane Linkages

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Welcome to the first edition of Brisbane Linkages

Brisbane Linkages is the new newsletter of Regional Development Australia Brisbane Inc. or RDA Brisbane. RDAs are an Australian Government initiative which bring together all levels of government, business and the community to grow and strengthen the nation's regions. There are 55 RDA Committees around Australia, including 12 in Queensland. RDA Brisbane is responsible for the Brisbane Local Government Area and its role is to:

- support regional planning across all levels of government
- work with the community to identify and take action on critical economic, social and environmental issues
- provide advice to local communities and government on programs and services which will help develop new opportunities in the region
- contribute to workforce skilling and participation strategies, innovation and technology opportunities and social inclusion strategies.

RDA Brisbane's Committee – drawn from local government, education, the private sector and the community – are local people providing local solutions to local problems.

RDA BRISBANE LAUNCH EVENT IN 2011

RDA Brisbane is planning an official launch for early 2011. The event will introduce the organisation and its Committee as well as encourage engagement with the Regional Roadmap. Watch for more info in upcoming newsletters.

RDA Brisbane is federally funded by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development & Local Government and is supported by the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation.

The Chair John Shepley, members and staff of RDA Brisbane wish you a safe and happy festive season.

The RDA Brisbane office will close on 24 December 2010 and reopen on 4 January 2011.

Regional Roadmap sets RDA priorities for action

RDA Brisbane has developed its strategic plan – a "Regional Roadmap" – which identifies priorities for action in 2010–2011. The Roadmap, completed this year, has arisen from an extensive research process including community consultation and analysis of existing plans, reports and statistical evidence.

Using evidence-based methodology, five priority themes emerged: Transport, Future Workforce, Emerging Enterprise & Innovation, Liveability and Carbon. These themes will be addressed through a wide variety of mechanisms, such as:

- developing and driving cross-sector working groups and strategic partnerships
- leveraging business and community networks to add value to existing initiatives and programs
- developing action plans for specific problems and using local networks to progress them
- raising awareness of critical issues and holding community forums to explore solutions
- promoting new opportunities through local networks
- advocating for the Brisbane community to help obtain necessary programs, services and infrastructure to address identified needs.

While the Roadmap provides a strategic framework for action, it is intended to be a living document and will be updated and renewed frequently in response to changes in the economic and social environment or in government priorities.

To download a copy of RDA Brisbane's Regional Roadmap, go to www.rdabrisbane.org.au



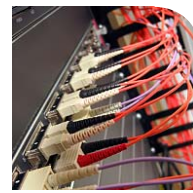
TRANSPORT

A connected city with appropriate transport infrastructure and transit efficiency.



FUTURE WORKFORCE

High workforce participation and workforce skilling to foster social inclusion, productivity and competitiveness.



EMERGING ENTERPRISE & INNOVATION

Diversification of the economy through growth and development of emerging enterprise and innovation.



LIVEABILITY

High quality of life and social sustainability promoting social inclusion and wellbeing.



CARBON

Effective greenhouse gas management and transition to promote economic growth, resilience and opportunity.

Upcoming Events

SOUTH-WEST WORKFORCE FUTURES FORUM

RDA Brisbane will hold a workforce forum to help align education and training in the south-west of Brisbane with the current and future needs of local industry.

The event, planned for early 2011, will bring together schools, training providers, employment

service providers, business and industry, and will explore ways to improve the skills base in high unemployment areas, to better match the available opportunities. This could include strategies such as brokering more school-industry partnerships, developing new VET courses or encouraging more school-based apprenticeships. **For more information contact Margaret Blade on 0419 751 846.**

