



# Collie Just Transition News



See what's powering Collie's future

## Collie Jobs and Skills Centre

The WA Government and South Regional TAFE announced the establishment of a new Jobs and Skills Centre in the heart of Collie. This is part of transitioning the Collie workforce towards new jobs.



The Jobs and Skills Centre will be up and running from the TAFE campus by September/October with the aim to have a permanent location in Collie's town centre in early 2023.

The Jobs and Skills Centre will be there for anyone in the community, young and old. It will help connect jobseekers with employment opportunities, provide basic training and will even help with job applications.

South Regional TAFE have also employed four Transition Training Coordinators who will work with employers and coal industry workers to identify skills gaps and training needs for both current and future jobs.

## Industry Initiatives

The WA Premier Mark McGowan announced a \$1 million Government contribution to the expansion of the **WesTrac Training Centre** in Collie. By expanding their cutting-edge facility, WesTrac will be able to offer new courses and apprenticeship pathways.



**International Graphite** announced that installation of pilot scale micronising and spheroidising equipment at its Collie downstream processing facility has been completed. This electrifying announcement is one of the first steps in International Graphite's plan to become a major supplier of graphite for high end batteries.



## Small grants, Big impacts

The Collie Futures Small Grant Program has allowed small businesses in Collie to grow and expand the local economy.

One initiative has received a grant of \$100,000 towards creating a recreational flying school in Collie.

The grants have also assisted Busy Bee Dry Cleaners to upgrade their laundry equipment.

The Program has helped spark Collabs Scientific Services business case into the viability of establishing scientific services in Collie.



If you think your business could benefit from the Program visit the the South West Development Commission [website](#) for more information



## Business After Hours

There was a huge turnout at the Collie Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event on 25 August 2022. People were keen to hear about the Collie Futures Small Grant Program. It was hosted by Jodie Hanns MLA and featured speakers from the South West Development Commission and IPS Business Advisory.



## Save the Date

Come down to a community forum about WA's energy transformation on 8 September 2022. The event will be hosted by Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA and will feature Jai Thomas, Coordinator of Energy at Energy Policy WA.

The flyer features a header with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet logo and the text 'Collie Delivery Unit'. Below this is a decorative banner with a historical scene. The main text reads: 'Join us for a COMMUNITY FORUM ON ENERGY TRANSFORMATION with host Jodie Hanns MLA Member for Collie-Preston and Jai Thomas, Coordinator of Energy EPWA Thursday, 8 September 2022 6:30pm - 7:30pm Collie Mineworkers Institute, 75 Throssell Street, Collie'. The bottom of the flyer has a stylized illustration of industrial buildings and power lines.

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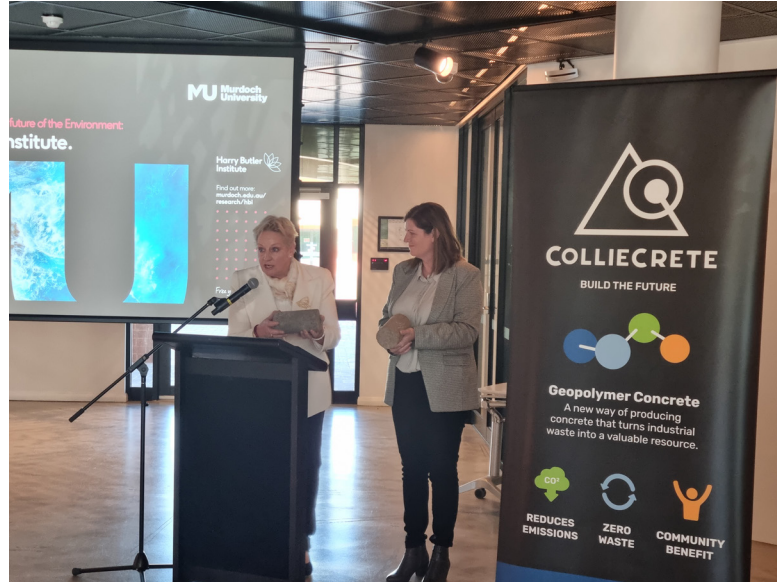


## Cementing Progress

In some riveting production news Murdoch University released its feasibility study into a new concrete manufacturing process which would see low carbon concrete or 'Colliecrete' being created from fly ash. Fly ash is fine powder that is a by-product of burning coal, so this is a great way to recycle! Murdoch University is now looking at commercialisation opportunities.



More information can be found on the Colliecrete [website](#)



## Kaya Collie

The Collie Festival Committee is putting together Festiv Arty from 9th to 18th of September - a 10 day event of art inspired fun celebrating Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. There are fun craft workshops on offer for those who want to have a go and even a visual arts competition for the serious arties.



Check out the Kaya Collie [website](#) for updates on events!



## Pedal Power

All you cycling fans will be pleased to know that the Kylie Trail has officially opened in Collie.

This 10 kilometre mountain bike trail is part of the Collie Adventure Trails project. It is a loop trail that starts adjacent to the Koorliny Djinang Lookout and runs through the Westralia Conservation Park.

Watch this space because more trails are being built to make sure all avid cyclists have a wheelie good time in Collie.

