



COLLIE JUST TRANSITION NEWS

Keeping you informed about Collie's future

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A JUST TRANSITION FOR COLLIE

In June this year, the WA Government announced that Collie's remaining State-owned coal-fired power stations will be retired by 2030.

The WA Government is committed to supporting the town during this time, with the Just Transition Plan and Working Group uniting Government agencies with the community, industries, trade unions, and more to help shape the region's bright and sustainable future.

Over \$662m has been allocated to support Collie's transition, with the aim to attract new industries and jobs that support the coal industry workforce. A new Jobs and Skills Centre has opened, and recipients of small and large grants have established or grown their local businesses and created new jobs in town.

Funding has also been allocated to the Throssell Street facades upgrade, the Collie Mural Trail including the Wellington Dam Mural, facilities at Lake Kepwari, and building new mountain bike and walk trails.

Want to learn more about Collie's journey, including where State funding has been allocated in the region?

Visit wa.gov.au/colliejusttransition or pop into our Collie office on 63 Throssell St (the old Post Office building).

SOUTH32 EMPLOYEE WORKSHOPS

South32 recently offered a series of on-site workshops outlining meaningful initiatives on environmental and social leadership, bringing together over 1000 employees.

The interactive workshops offered an up-to-date insight on the efforts of the Just Transition Working Group, and how its initiatives are assisting the Collie community as the town transitions away from coal mining industries.

The workshops raised awareness of the various industry investments planned, providing an exciting look into the possibilities for the community and region both now and into the future.

CELEBRATING THE GROWTH OF COLLIE'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY



Bringing safety to the frontline

Since opening, Frontline Fire & Rescue has reached new heights and become a key operator in the region. As a state-of-the-art facility that manufactures modern firefighting appliances, Frontline Fire & Rescue provide local emergency services with the tools to navigate hazardous situations, and offers the intelligence, support, and logistics that local firefighters need.

Already having manufactured 58 vital appliances, the team is now looking to diversify the business in ways that enhance employment opportunities and support Collie's growing economy.

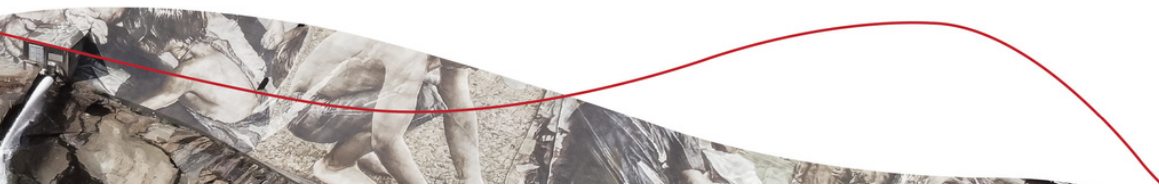
Frontline are grateful for the \$2.5m Government funding, awarded through the Collie Industry Attraction and Development Fund which is managed by the South West Development Commission and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Outback riding school plans to expand

Outback Horse Trails has grown to become a known attraction across the region, having built a strong client base of riders from Perth, Bunbury, Margaret River and beyond, with many even crossing international waters from Singapore.

Awarded a grant as part of the Collie Futures Small Grants Program to establish the business in Collie, they are now looking to expand to offer accommodation that builds on the overall outback WA experience.

With more horses soon to be calling the riding school home, Outback Horse Trails will be turning to the Collie community to fill an additional four positions, providing new opportunities and resources that continue to grow the Collie region.





COLLIE NEW INDUSTRIES FORUM

The South West Development Commission hosted an event to provide insight into the new industries shaping Collie's future, offering the community the chance to hear directly from emerging industries working to bring new jobs to the region.

Guests heard from representatives of International Graphite, Cannaponics, Quantum Filtration, WesTrac, Frontline Fire and Rescue, and more, on the upcoming opportunities soon to be available as well as the expected benefit to the local economy.

Joined by Premier Mark McGowan, Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan, and Local Member Jodie Hanns, those in attendance were treated to the first look at the next chapter for Collie, following the \$200m Collie Industrial Transition Fund declared open only that morning.

The Fund is designed to target sectors in green manufacturing and minerals processing, as well as energy intensive and future clean energy industries to leverage Collie's highly skilled workforce.

To learn more about the Fund, visit wa.gov.au/citf.

ENERGY TRANSFORMATION COMMUNITY FORUM

In September, Collie residents came together to discuss the State's energy transformation.

Hosted by Local Member Jodie Hanns, the commitment to net zero emissions by 2050 was discussed including what this means for the Collie community. The State-wide transformation to date was presented, with attendees provided an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the region's future.

In June, the WA Government announced a capital works program with a combined total of \$3.8 billion, which will help expand renewable energy across the State over the next seven years and support the Just Transition plan aimed at keeping Collie's future front of mind in the push for a greener WA.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE REGION?



South32 Hello Summer Concert

Collie came together to enjoy a whirlwind of activities, food trucks, local market stalls, and incredible Aussie entertainment at the recent South32 Hello Summer Family Concert. As part of the Kaya Collie program, the event showcased Collie's community spirit and offered an enjoyable weekend celebration for all!

Wellington Dam Quarry Gala Dinner

Collie was dressed to impress for the spectacular Wellington Dam Quarry Gala Dinner, hosted by the Shire of Collie as part of the Kaya Collie program of events. Residents and visiting guests stunned at the black-tie event and were proud to come together to recognise Collie's past and celebrate its future.



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