

Collie Just Transition News

Keeping you informed about Collie's future

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Short film to celebrate iconic Mural Trail

Local historical tales that inspired the mural artworks featured around the Town will soon be celebrated with the release of the Collie Mural Trail short doco-style film. Inspired by the creative journey behind the mural artists, the film will shine the light on the powerful stories behind the characters depicted in the artworks and honour the rich history of the families and community members that helped shape Collie into the town it is today. Be sure to stay tuned on where you can watch the film!

Above: Timber Workers by Job (Shakey) Butler, as part of the Collie Mural Trail.

Scan using your smart phone's camera to stay up-to-date!



Securing a bright future for Collie

In November, the WA Government announced the opening of the \$200 million Collie Industrial Transition Fund, inviting companies to submit an expression of interest to establish operations in Collie. This year, the WA Government has kicked off new efforts to put Collie on the global map, working to attract large-scale industrial projects in targeted sectors to directly support the Collie workforce by securing new, sustainable jobs. These sectors include green manufacturing or minerals processing, clean energy, and energy-intensive industries.

The WA Government is committed to diversifying the Collie economy and bringing long-term job opportunities to the region.

Learn more about the Fund and what it might bring to Collie at www.wa.gov.au/citf

CELEBRATING THE GROWTH OF COLLIE'S COMMUNITY



Jobs and Skills Centre prepares for opening

Collie's Jobs and Skills Centre is preparing to officially open its doors and offer new training and upskilling opportunities to the region. The new establishment in the heart of Collie is expected to enhance the support, information and advice offered to local jobseekers, graduates, and employees looking to upskill, retrain, or learn about new career pathways.

In the meantime, be sure to pop into the temporary Jobs and Skills Centre at the South Regional TAFE Collie Campus for any assistance with training or career advice.

Above: Collie Jobs & Skills Centre Career Advisors Jess Ashcroft, Deb Franks and Ann Wheeldon, and Manager Natalie Cook.

Iconic Replica Coal Mine reopens

The Collie Visitor Centre is thrilled to be welcoming explorers once again, with the underground mine now featuring extensive audio and visual upgrades that provide an enhanced and memorable experience for all ages.

The improved attraction features new, interactive technology showcasing Collie's mining history, replica bell wires, its very own pit pony, and an explosion simulation with life-like sounds of coal blasting from the coal face. Participants can see the intense labour roles miners endured and kids can use torches to hunt for the replica mice scurrying around the hidden underground spaces.



Supported by the Shire of Collie, Collie Rotary Club, and funding through the Collie Industry Attraction and Development Fund, the WA Government and the Collie Visitor Centre are excited to see the Underground Mine upgrades further highlight the important role that coal mining has played in the region's history.



Collie Just Transition Podcast

Good news! The latest episode is out now, and programming for our second year of the show is underway!

Throughout the journey of working to diversify Collie's economy, the Just Transition Working Group is thrilled to be continuing its partnership with Collie Community Radio to discuss what the latest Just Transition news means for you – and we want YOU to help us shape the conversations in 2023.

If you have a burning question or know of a topic that you or your wider community might like to learn more about, let us know by visiting wa.gov.au/justtransitionpodcast.

Below: Local Member Jodie Hanns with Collie Community Radio volunteer Nola Green.

Game-changing industries shaping Collie's future

Late last year, the WA Government announced Quantum Filtration Medium will receive \$2m to build a new manufacturing facility in Collie, to supercharge production of its in-demand water treatment product.

This follows a \$100,000 Collie Futures Small Grant to Quantum in 2020, which supported the company to establish a research laboratory in Collie. The additional funding for expansion is now expected to almost double Quantum's local workforce.

A further investment of almost \$2 million from the Collie Industry Attraction and Development Fund will support Magnium Australia to move forward with a detailed feasibility stage for its proposed carbon neutral magnesium refinery.

Magnium is working to establish the world's most energy efficient and low emissions magnesium metal refinery in Collie. At full scale, the Magnium refinery could employ up to 350 permanent workers and generate more than 400 jobs in construction.

Above: : Former Minister for Regional Development Alannah MacTiernan, Premier Mark McGowan and Local Member Jodie Hanns with representatives from Quantum Filtration Medium.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE REGION



Collie Labour Day Festival is back

Join your community and enjoy an array of recreational activities and competitions, while locals and visitors come together to make the most of Collie's natural assets.

Whether you prefer the excitement of mountain bike races, or a relaxing stroll through market stalls, you won't want to miss this two-day event!

The WA Government is proud to have supported the Collie Cycle Club with a small grant through the Collie Futures Small Grants Program, to bring the interactive Labour Day Festival to life.

Visit collielabourdayfest.com to see the program!

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