



# Collie Just Transition News

Keeping you informed about Collie's future

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## Collie plating up for Telethon

The Shire of Collie is calling on the Collie community to let their generosity and community spirit shine by coming together to raise funds for this year's Telethon Weekend (Oct 21 - Oct 22).

You may have heard the unique fine dining experience Feast at the Quarry has announced its special silent auction for this year's event, becoming the first local fundraising effort to help create better and brighter futures for WA kids.

The [online auction](#) is live now, and features a number of prizes and experiences, including a world-class, private in-home dining experience for 6-8 people with internationally renowned chef Scott Hallsworth. Proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to Telethon.

Now it's time for Collie to get involved, make a difference, and help put Collie on the map as one of the most caring regional towns in WA!

Whether it be big or small, the Shire of Collie invites all local businesses and the community to get involved and see Collie's community spirit shine. It can be as big, or as small as you make it!

Community Fundraiser page



Collie has a [Community Fundraiser page](#), and everyone can participate. Simply scan the QR code and add your fundraiser, donate to someone else's, or share. All funds raised from individual fundraisers will contribute toward the total tally reflected on the main Collie community page.

### Need some ideas?

#### Schools

- Gold coin donation:
  - Dress up day
  - Mini fun-run
  - Disco
  - Teacher VS student games
  - Movie night

#### Local businesses

- Donate a \$1 or more for each sale
- Sausage sizzle
- Bingo / Quiz night

#### Locals

- Birthday donation
- Bake / craft sale
- Yard sale
- Dog walking



## COLLIE'S NEW INDUSTRIES

### Cementing next steps for Collicrete

A new type of concrete that incorporates Collie fly ash is now taking the next steps toward commercialisation.

Supported by \$100,000 from the WA Government's Collie Futures Small Grants Program, Murdoch University will demonstrate a low carbon product called Collicrete as part of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road. The project follows an investigation into the feasibility of using coal power station ash waste, industrial by-products and waste materials as ingredients in geopolymer concrete.

Local jobs will be created when Collicrete, backed by commercialisation partner Suvo Strategic Minerals, pours for footpaths and kerbing on Discovery Road.



Above: Minister for Regional Development Hon. Don Punch MLA, Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA, Martin Anda (Collicrete), Aaron Banks (Suvo Strategic Minerals), and Andonis Missikos (Sustainable Waste Alliance).

### Net Zero: Federal eyes on Collie

As part of the Australian Government's commitment to reach Net Zero emissions by 2050, consultation has commenced with regions most significantly impacted by the transition away from emission-intensive industries, including Collie.

This month, having recognised Collie as a leader in its commitment to transition, the Australian Government's Department of Employment and Workplace Relations visited Collie to learn more about the town's extensive progress toward its Just Transition. The federal agency met with the Just Transition Working Group (JTWG), gaining an insight into the experience to date, the region's workforce transition plans, and to understand the region's future needs. Representatives from the Federal Government's Net Zero Economy Agency were also in attendance.

Federal Government engagement has been a priority for the JTWG as part of committing to a Just Transition. The JTWG will continue to welcome the federal engagement as Collie's industrial future continues to evolve, and looks forward to the region's journey contributing to the nationwide progress towards net zero.

## Quantum's ground-breaking manufacturing plant

Collie's bright future continues to power ahead, with construction on Quantum Filtration Medium's new manufacturing plant officially underway since July.

Once complete, the state-of-the-art factory in Collie's Light Industrial Area will enable Quantum Filtration Medium to supercharge production of its in-demand water treatment systems. The expansion will unlock growth opportunities through the production of Quantum Filtration Medium's signature DMI-65 water filtration media, which will continue to be exported internationally.



Collie Shire President Sarah Stanley, South West Development Commission CEO Mellisa Teede, Minister for Regional Development Hon. Don Punch MLA and Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA break ground for construction with Quantum Managing Director, Clive Hawkes.

Following the WA Government's \$2 million investment in the project, the facility will have capacity to manufacture larger product volumes and to ramp up its market presence, creating additional jobs and engaging local contractors.

## Collie's next-generation skills shine

In early September, the first ever Industry Showcase at the South Regional TAFE Collie Campus displayed the local skills and training in action for the jobs of the future.

Showcasing the training of students working in autonomous operations, electrotechnology, engineering trade and more, the event brought together local students and industries to network and discuss the training, skills and industry needs for Collie's future.

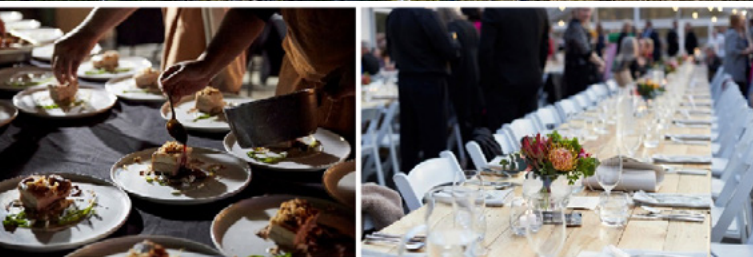
Industries were also invited to speak with lecturers to learn more about the training developments in these areas, offering new insights into the future skills currently being developed by today's students.

The open day also featured two of Collie's Transition Training Consultants, who spoke with students and industry representatives on the opportunities of Collie's future industries as the town continues to transition and secures new sustainable, long-term jobs.



Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA, Transition Training Consultant Jacqui Shiosaki, and Collie Jobs & Skills Centre Manager Natalie Cook with students Sheehan Stallard and Judd Rinder.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE REGION



### Feast at the Quarry

Feast at the Quarry is back for 2023! Promising an unforgettable weekend that's all about indulging in nature's beauty and savouring exquisite dishes, this year's event will host not one, but two unique culinary events.

On Sat, 14 and Sun, 15 October at Wellington National Park's breathtaking Quarry, food enthusiasts and nature lovers will come together for a world-class fine dining experience under the stars, and a special cocktail-style lunch in one of Collie's most exquisite natural landscapes.

After a sell-out event in 2022, internationally renowned guest chef Scott Hallsworth will come home to Collie to plate up for both Feast at the Quarry events, offering a memorable, Japanese-inspired multi-course menu with paired beverages.

Secure your seat now by visiting [feastatthequarry.com](https://feastatthequarry.com)

Feast at the Quarry is made possible with support from the WA Government, and forms part of the wider efforts to boost tourism and economic activity in Collie, as it transitions toward a more diversified economy.

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