

# Collie Just Transition News

Keeping you informed about Collie's future

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## NEW PODCAST EPISODE:

**The local industry putting Collie on the map**



Quantum Filtration's Collie production facility

Be sure to tune in to the latest episode of the Collie Just Transition Podcast, where host and Just Transition Working Group representative John speaks with James Glaskin, General Manager at [Quantum Filtration](#); one of the new companies in town working to maximise the operations of their new production facility and create jobs in Collie.

James touches on the story behind Quantum's new facility in the Light Industrial Area, how the company is now catering for global demand, and what the next chapter could bring for the economy and community here in Collie. The episode also offers an insight into the company's plans for the next phase of operations, as well as the types of jobs and opportunities that might soon become available for the Collie workforce and community.

The episode is a must-listen for anyone in town looking to learn more about one of the new and emerging industries shaping Collie's future as the town continues to move away from its economic dependence on coal and hear how Quantum is working alongside Collie's wider transition plans.

Quantum established its production facility in Collie to boost production of its in-demand water treatment systems and export it directly from town to locations across the globe.

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## Strong start for new mountain bike adventure trails

The third and final stage of the town's adventure trails is now open, making Collie the home to WA's largest mountain bike trail network. The new status was off to a strong start, with the 2024 AusCycling MTB National Championships hosted in town in October, bringing in hundreds of adventure-seekers from around the country.

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Mountain bike enthusiasts now have almost 100 kilometres of national park trails to explore in Collie's Wambenger Trails network, linking Wellington Dam, Honeymoon Pool, Mount Lennard and Collie River Valley. The newly completed trails cater for mountain bikers of all levels, with trails suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced or competition riders.

Showcasing Collie's natural landscapes, the trails have become one of the centrepieces for tourists visiting the town and will continue to boost Collie's reputation as a premier adventure destination in WA.



## Collie unpacks the WA energy transition

Community members, workers, and local business owners in Collie recently came together to learn more about the energy transition underway in Western Australia, and the local impact the transition has on Collie.

Over 100 guests turned out to hear from Energy Policy WA and Synergy representatives on the key energy updates and current projections, the role of battery storage systems and the significance of the Collie Battery Energy Storage System (CBESS), as well as what it all means for Collie's future.

The community were offered an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and share perspectives on the transition underway both across WA and in Collie, sparking conversations on Collie's role in the state's energy future.

If you missed your chance to ask a question, get in touch with the Collie Delivery Unit at [collie@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:collie@dpc.wa.gov.au)



Collie Information Evening on WA's Energy Transition



## New training facilities launched at WesTrac

Collie's [WesTrac Technology Training Centre](#) has recently launched its stage two expansion to market, offering new training capabilities to clients from around the world.

The centre is the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere that offers training for the technical skills needed to operate autonomous equipment used in the resources sector. Stage two has added a new remote dozer training area and expanded facilities, including an additional five training rooms, a virtual reality room, and a Remote Operating Station room.

The training offers opportunities for Collie workers looking to upskill, and also accepts students from around the world, creating flow-on benefits for the local economy with students staying in town for the duration of their training.



Students use the new training facilities at WesTrac Technology Training Centre.

## Focus on unlocking Collie's industrial land

Collie's Coolangatta Industrial Estate will receive essential infrastructure upgrades to power and transport servicing. The upgrades will support the activation of industrial land to help secure job-creating industries in Collie, and deliver safer roads for the community and future workers to access the area.

The Estate, located a few minutes from town, is a location of high interest for businesses looking to establish in Collie, and is already home to new major industries such as WesTrac Technology Training Centre and [Synergy's Collie Battery Energy Storage System \(CBESS\)](#).



## New resort status catering for busy tourist season

[Collie Ridge Resort](#) has celebrated its new resort status following upgrades to cater for growing demand and increased tourism numbers in town. Previously known as Collie Ridge Motel, the accommodation provider has expanded from 53 rooms to 134 rooms, with refurbishments to the restaurant and function rooms. The resort now features a new wellness centre, gym, rooftop function area, swimming pool and children's playground.

The town has experienced significant growth in accommodation demand following investment in tourism experiences and attractions and strong demand from the construction workforce.



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