

Collie Just Transition News

Keeping you informed about Collie's future

Partners in Safety helping protect Collie's workforce

For more than 20 years, Collie was without a dedicated safety supply store, leaving local businesses and workers relying on suppliers outside the region for essential equipment and support. That changed when local couple Alecia and Peter Swan opened Partners in Safety, a business built on experience, community and a passion for keeping people safe at work.

Backed by support through the Collie Futures Small Grants Program, Partners in Safety has quickly become a valuable local resource for tradespeople, contractors, mining operators, and small businesses across Collie and surrounding areas.

The family-owned business offers a one-stop solution for workplace safety, supplying safety-certified products, PPE, workwear, signage, and practical safety support tailored to regional industry needs.

For Alecia, a mechanical fitter by trade with a background in safety consulting, the business was born from identifying a clear gap in the local market and wanting to make a difference in her hometown.

"Safety became a real passion of mine because at the end of the day, you just want people to go home safe," Alecia said.

The Collie Futures Small Grants Program funding helped fast-track the business setup, including the establishment of the retail shop.

"The grant made a huge difference for us," Alecia explained.



"It allowed us to move forward much quicker and gave us confidence that we could bring the vision to life sooner."

As a born-and-raised Collie local, Alecia says the support from the community has played a major role in helping the business grow.

"A lot of people walk into the shop and say this is exactly what Collie needed," she said.

The business reflects the broader goals of Collie's transition - supporting economic diversification, strengthening local services, and creating opportunities for sustainable local business growth.

Looking ahead, Partners in Safety hopes to continue growing alongside Collie's evolving industries while remaining committed to supporting local businesses, workers, and the wider community.

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Green steel project marks next step in Collie's industrial transition

Collie's transformation into a clean energy and advanced manufacturing hub has taken another step forward with new funding to help progress a proposed green steel mill in the town.



The WA Government has committed \$9.8 million to support Generation Steel (formerly Green Steel of WA) as it advances plans for what could become Australia's first low-emissions steel mill and Western Australia's first steel recycling facility.

The funding will support the completion of the project's pre-construction phase ahead of a final investment decision.

The project is expected to generate up to 500 construction jobs, with more than 200 ongoing operational roles once the mill is running. These jobs support opportunities in Collie as the town continues its transition beyond coal-fired power generation.

The steel mill would also help build a more circular economy in Western Australia by recycling scrap steel locally, strengthening supply chains and providing greater support for local manufacturing.

Importantly, the development aligns with the broader Made in WA strategy which focuses on attracting new industries that deliver sustainable jobs and economic resilience.

Collie Futures Small Grants Program – now open!

The Collie Futures Small Grants Program is now open - with businesses and organisations able to apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to support projects that deliver economic and community benefits for Collie.

Aligned with the Collie Just Transition Plan 2026 –2030, the program supports initiatives that create new opportunities, strengthens local industries, and assists workers transitioning from coal-related sectors.

The program has also been updated following a review aimed at improving accessibility and helping applicants put forward stronger funding proposals as Collie continues to plan for the future.

The program, delivered by the South West Development Commission, has supported more than 56 projects since launching and continues to play an important role in supporting Collie's economic diversification.

Applications remain open while funding is available. For more information and to apply, visit:

swdc.wa.gov.au/grants-funding/collie-futures-fund



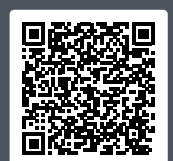
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