

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast

2016 - A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY AND CELEBRATION FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA LIMESTONE COAST

On the 4th February at the City Hall, Mount Gambier, eighty invited guests turned out to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Career Development Centre (CDC) and to learn about the new programs, resources and data available through Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (RDALC). Guests to the event included representatives of funding and project partners and RDALC Manager Business and Economic Development Barbara Lightburn was the Master of Ceremonies.

This inaugural event, paid tribute to the service the CDC has offered to the community over the past 10 years. A project initiative of the RDALC and established by Helen Strickland in 2006, the CDC has been providing a service in the Limestone Coast Region for anyone who needs support in considering what they want to do in their working life. Working with school leavers, under employed, unemployed, retrenched workers and people looking to change jobs, the CDC empowers people to take charge. Staff at the CDC have a combined 20 years' experience in career development, and nationally, the CDC is recognised as a best model of practice.

CEO of RDALC, Mike Ryan also showcased new initiatives to attract investment and promote the region.

- A new RDALC website will go live in early 2016, with news and events on the homepage so people can connect within the region with ease. There will be a Business Lounge portal, which will be the first port of call for regional businesses, entrepreneurs and innovators to access a library of information.
- RDALC will also provide the region with a data source, combining spatial, demographic and economic data for the generation of reports and economic projections.
- There will also be regional prospectus modules available on key industries in the region. This is a much sought after resource for the region; helping investors discover business opportunities in the Limestone Coast - one of the most beautiful regions in Australia.

Screened at the event was a film developed by RDALC in collaboration with Potatoes SA under the Primary Industries in Regions South Australia Premium Food and Wine Co-Innovation Program. The film, "Paddock to Plate: How do your potatoes grow?" debunks the myth that potatoes are fattening and unhealthy, showcases a key industry within the region, and provides a resource for promoting the region and the industry to a wider audience. This engaging and informative film can be found on You Tube or through a link on the RDALC website.



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Professor Lucie Walters of Flinders University Rural Clinical School was a guest speaker for the event, sharing her experiences and successes in developing sustainable models of rural workforce training. Other key speakers included RDALC Chair Richard Vickery, CEO Mike Ryan, and previous manager of the CDC Helen Strickland.

The RDALC also launched upcoming events in the region, including the upcoming Fork and Cork Food and Wine Festival on February 27th and 28th.

For further information on any of the RDALC initiatives or the services offered by the CDC visit:

www.rdalimestonecoast.org.au

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From Left: RDALC CEO Mike Ryan, Ann Mulraney, Helen Strickland, Maree Beale, Charmaine Lawrie, RDALC Chair Richard Vickery



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Guest Speaker Professor Lucie Walters

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