

VIC Regional Engagement Forum - 8 September 2004



Co-hosted by the Business/Higher Education Round Table and La Trobe University

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

A forum to bring together all stakeholders within the regional context –

- Universities, Post-secondary Education Providers (public and private), Research Organisations
- Community Leaders, Community-based Organisations
- Regional Businesses and Industry, Chambers of Commerce, Policy Makers
- Shire Councils, State and Regional Development Agencies
- Regional School Administrators, Student Representatives
- Regional Development Managers, Business Development Managers, Strategic Planners

Your participation in this **VICTORIAN REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM** is crucial to the ongoing development of linkages between regional business/industry and post-secondary education. Such linkages will invariably lead to appropriate skill enhancement of regional youth, greater entrepreneurial endeavour, accelerated commercial awareness and increased economic activity, resulting in mutually beneficial opportunities.

Please complete and return the Registration Form with payment of \$55 incl. GST (incl. refreshments and lunch) to the Business/Higher Education Round Table by 5pm, Monday 06 September. B-HERT reserves the right to alter the programme where necessary. **NO REFUNDS**, substitute delegates welcomed.

Venue: The Capital – Bendigo Performing Arts Centre, 50 View St, Bendigo

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Forum Program includes

Background & Objectives – Professor Ashley Goldsworthy, Executive Director, Business/Higher Education Round Table

Keynote Addresses: Growing our Regions – Hon. John Brumby, Treasurer & Minister for Innovation, Industry & Regional Development (Invited)

Education Plays its Part – Hon. Jacinta Allan, Minister for Education Services, Member for Bendigo East

The Idea of a Regional University – Professor Michael Osborne, Vice-Chancellor, La Trobe University

The Key Local Government University Partnership – John McLean, CEO, City of Greater Bendigo

The Community as Stakeholders

Chair: – Professor Peter Sullivan – Pro Vice Chancellor (Bendigo)

David Admans, Executive Officer, Central Victoria Area Consultative Committee

Professor Ruth Endacott, Head of Department of Nursing, School of Health & Environment

Kathy Byrne, CEO, Bendigo Healthcare Group; Member, Regional Advisory Board

Networking the Networks

Chair: - David Ensor, Director, Office of Business Development, La Trobe University

Derek DeVrieze, Chair, Central Victorian Business Network

Barry Ellis, Chair, Bendigo Manufacturing Group

Chris DeAraugo, CEO, Lead On Australia

Business & Industry Panel – it makes good business sense

Chair: - Professor Rhett Walker, School of Business & TEchnology

Andrew Cairns, CEO, Community Telco Australia

Lindsay Short, Economic Development Officer, Deniliquin

Matthew Nichol, Coordinator, Economic Research Unit, Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities

Infrastructure for a Region – creatively using infrastructure

Chair: - Gordon McKern, Chairman, Regional Advisory Board

Andrew Cairns, Central Victorian Innovation Park

Michelle Pryde, Director, Commonwealth Youth Games (Bendigo 2004)

Perspective – solving issues in fostering regional engagement

Professor Peter Sullivan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, La Trobe University

Post forum drinks

NB: (program duration 0845 – 1530, program subject to change without notice)

OUTCOMES

- There must be support for an increased level of engagement between all stakeholders
- There must be sustained support for the regional communities' need for and access to high quality post-secondary education
- There must be explicit support for collaborative initiatives between business/industry and post-secondary education providers which provide a socio-economic benefit to the region
- There must be clearer identification and communication of the benefits for increased engagement between business/industry, the community and post-secondary education in regional Victoria
- There must be an increased awareness of the pivotal role the relationship between business/industry and post-secondary education plays in the retention of youth in regional areas and the importance of career pathways

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