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Local Jobs

Barwon



Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce Meeting Summary

Thursday 1 September 2022

Attendees

Tracey Jeffery, Barwon Region Employment Facilitator (Chair)
 Carley Brennan, Barwon Region Employment Facilitator (Co-Chair)
 Rhona Pedretti, Manager of Connected Communities, City of Greater Geelong (CoGG)
 Matthew Luttrell, Senior Jobs Victoria Coordinator, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR)
 Richard Johnson, Head of Commercial Programs, genU
 Wayne Elliott, CEO, Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network (GRLEN)
 Jan Lewis, Assistant Director, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)
 Greg Haynes, Service Delivery General Manager, Gforce
 Brooke Hyland, GROW Employment and Community Lead, Give Where You Live Foundation
 Andrea Pearman and Maria Cardinali, Generation Australia
 Lisa Doyle and Natasha Miles, DEWR
 Adam Fratantaro, Support Officer, Barwon Region Local Jobs Program (BRLJP)

Talking Points

- Welcome to new member Richard Johnson, Head of Commercial Programs at genU.
- **Workforce Australia** – The transition period from jobactive ends on 30 September. Participants can receive in-person or digital support. LJP continues to support the transition by connecting employers with providers, including Barwon Health.
- The [Jobs and Skills Summit](#) to be held on 1-2 Sep and key priorities in connection to the Local Jobs Program.
- The Victorian Skills Authority have released the [Victorian Skills Plan](#), forecasting industries which will have high workforce demand.
- The [Social Services Jobs Guarantee](#) is a new State Government employment initiative for students graduating from the Diploma of Community Services.
- Members highlighted labour force shortages leading to existing staff experiencing burnout, employers offering more flexibility, and having to expediate recruitment process to secure staff appointments.

Current Activities and Programs

- The **Barwon LJP website** is now live at www.barwonregionlocaljobs.org.au.
- Generation Australia's **Disability Support Worker Program** is the first Local Recovery Fund activity in the Barwon region and commenced on Tue 30 Aug. 40 individuals will complete the 7-week program before 30 Jun.
- The final version of the **Barwon Region Local Jobs Plan strategies** was approved by the Taskforce and has been sent to DEWR for approval, including five key priorities and actions to be delivered.

What's Coming Up

- **Mon 19 Sep to Tue 20 Sep** – Workforce Australia National CEO Forum
- **Thu 13 Oct** – Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce Meeting

Attachments

- Labour market dashboard-Barwon – Aug 2022.pdf
- Barwon Employment Regions - Skills Profile - Aug 2022
- Generation Australia_Disability Support _FLYER_Barwon (VIC)

For more information

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