

a. Business Ticket to Train Advertisements

Bridget Sara advised that the Business Ticket to Train project will be advertised in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times and Plains Producer SA Works column next week.

b. Aboriginal School Based Apprenticeship Project

Bridget Sara advised, in John May's absence, that an email has been sent to all Council CEO's in the Yorke Region seeking their support and feedback. The feedback will be reported at the December meeting.

ACTION: John May to provide updated information at the December meeting.

c. SA Works Forum and Dinner

All positions for the SA Works forum and dinner to be sponsored by the Yorke ESF Network have been filled. Additional network members are encouraged to register through the www.saworks.sa.gov.au website.

4. 2007/08 Project Update

Bridget Sara reported that job outcomes have exceeded targets. Training for the retail project is completed with the graduation ceremony held in the last week of term. Anne Bridge reported on Food Processing project for the Northern and Yorke regions.

Angie Tucker reported on the Build Your Career project. All training is on track with one participant employed and one has been offered an apprenticeship. Behaviour Management is to be picked up on. David Hutchinson reported on the Equine Project advising that they are half way there. John Letts helped launch the training project with great media coverage. One participant is from Edithburgh and all is running well.

5. 2008/09 Project Update

a. Hospitality Project

Bridget Sara reported that tenders for the Hospitality project closed 23/9/2008. The District Council of the Copper Coast was approved to manage the project. The project will involve delivering accredited hospitality training in Yorketown and Kadina.

Moved: Bridget Sara

Seconded: Janette Hirschausen

That the ESF Network ratify the ESF executive and YRDB executive decision to fund District Council of the Copper Coast \$25,000 (exclusive of GST) to deliver the Hospitality project in 2008/09.

Carried

b. Engineering Project

Peter Egel reported on the engineering project – all placements for semester 2 have been filled. The mining industry will be seeking participants who have undertaken training in this area.

c. Work to Work

Angie Tucker reported on the Work to Work project where there are over 70 participants. Training on computing, OHS&W, personal presentation (depending on participants needs). TAFE courses – Build your career participants have received their "white card" which is of a National Standard. Work to Work monthly newsletter can be emailed with stories on the website.

ACTION: Bridget Sara to email Work to Work newsletter to network members for information.

Anne Bridges from Employment Direction reported that the Work to Work project at Adelaide Plains is on target. Word of mouth is spreading from the impact of last year's project.

6. Any Other Business

Committee members gave a brief report on their organisations and projects:

Janette Hirschausen - Yorke Local Community Partnership

A workshop is being arranged to assist parents to be engaged and have a better understanding of the career development process focusing on year 8 – 9 students in the future.

Karin Bolton - National Disability Coordination Officer

Disability forum held in Kadina on October 14th. Issues raised from a forum were; Transport is a barrier, mental health is the most common disability and education and employment issues.

Henriette Norde – Coordinator Carers Link YP.

There are 350 carers in the region with 30 young carers. An application for funding to assist young carers is needed as they are busy being engaged in caring for their family and may be forced to leave school early. Working on trying to relieve the isolation and look beyond their families to have a life of their own by being offered a transition to further education and training. Encourage community participation where young people will be less isolated and more aware of opportunities.

Ellannie Kemp - Australian & International Industry Training

Nine girls and one boy will complete hair, makeup and beauty course in December. 1 position is a school based apprenticeship.

Anne Bridge – Employment Directions

'Get that job, keep that job' work ethics training course has been developed to address employers concerns that work ethic is a vital skill.

Neil Sommers-Gain – TAFE SA (Gawler & Roseworthy)

Reported there is a federal contract for numeracy program and literacy skills. Participants interested can register with TAFE to improve skills to gain employment.

Peter Stockings – Economic Development Officer YRDB

Reported that the training site at Port Victoria will commence in December. TAFE at Point Pearce have funding to employ staff for three weeks. A community bus has been made available to transport people 1 – 2 days per week.

Peter Egel - TAFE SA (Yorke Peninsula)

Reported that there have been funding for innovative alternatives learning programs to be introduced at Harvest Christian School, Moonta and Kadina schools.

Ulrike - TAFE SA Aboriginal Access Centre

Reported TAFESA – Yorke Peninsula, Peterborough and Terowie looking forward to New Certificate 2 – Working on a Country Plan for participants to work in the community. Seeking tutors and mentors with skills who are interested to assist. Point Pearce is celebrating 140 years therefore cemetery upgrade in the community will invigorate employment in the area.

Reg Dennis – Statewide Group Training
Reg said they have 19 apprentices in the Yorke region.

Lesley Rachwal – AEI – DFEEEST
Reported on school based traineeships. One participant is from Port Pirie and none from Kadina. There are vacancies available and students to 28 years of age can apply on the web.

Andrew Oakes and Grant Manners – Primo
Reported that Primo are proud to have won the “Employer of the Year Award” for their commitment to training including participants with a disability. They are currently undertaking their largest recruitment drive since the plant was built in Port Wakefield in 1994. They are currently developing a network of professionals who will source prospective employees from the region. They are seeking contributions from the community to have more involvement and to create partnerships. The February 2007 fire disrupted progress at a cost of \$35 million to repair. Primo will commence construction at the beginning of the year and will require reliable staff. Encourage school leavers and looking forward to reliability and therefore contribute to the community. Travel is an issue and rental in Port Wakefield is difficult to obtain.

Carol Mitic – DFEEEST
Reported that the new Chief Executive Officer is Raymond Garrard. There will be a strong focus on industry. DFEEEST has created a new directorate to oversee and manage the significant contestable funds arising from Commonwealth and State policy changes. Productivity places Program was advertised recently. A report and action plan regarding adult literacy has been launched recently. A brochure is available through SA Works website. The new 5 year funding deeds are now in place with the 9 industry Skills Boards. Future Program Development - work is beginning on the program direction and resources for SA Works in the Regions 2009 and beyond.

Michael Kroon – Regional Australian Apprenticeships Centre (RAAC)
Reported RAAC is employing new person to assist in developing a network to source prospective employees i.e. help Primo gain trainees.

Rosemary Goode – DECS
Reported next strategy for education Department in the Yorke and Mid North. She discussed the impact the transition throughout schools for school leavers having to be 17 years of age.

7. Next Meeting

Meeting at 11am followed by a Christmas lunch provided by the ESF Network
Wednesday 17th December 2008, Wakefield Regional Council Chamber, Balaklava

8. Close

Rosemary Goode closed the meeting at 12.10pm.