

**Minutes of the Yorke Region *Employment and Skills Formation Network* meeting held on
Wednesday 8 August 2007**

VENUE: TAFE SA Kadina Campus

MEETING COMMENCEMENT TIME: 10.35am

Present:

Bridget Sara, Economic Development Officer/SA Works
John May, SA Works Coordinator, DFEEST,
Peter Stockings, Economic Development Officer, YRDB
Peter Egel, Manager Training, TAFE (Kadina)
Janette Hirschausen, LCP Coordinator, Yorke Local Community Partnership
Beth Cock, Yorke Local Community Partnership
Rhia Vines, Project Manager, Employment Direction
Angie Tucker, Project Manager, Yorke Peninsula Employment
Carol Mitic, Senior Project Officer, DFEEST Adelaide
Rosemary Goode, VET Coordinator DECS
Warwick Welsh, CEO YRDB
Sherrie Simms-Farmer, YP Training Solutions
Michael Kroon, Australian Apprenticeships Field Officer
David Venning – Venning Engineering
Robyn Hoare, Rehabilitation Consultant, CRS Australia,

Apologies:

Michelle Appleton, Greg O'Connor, David Hutchinson, Angela Bruhn, Geraldine Habils, Anne Bridge and Chris Fergusson.

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair (Rosemary Goode) offered acknowledgement of the Indigenous people and their lands and welcomed all present.

2. Minutes of the last ESF meeting - 13 June 2007

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Peter Stockings

Seconded: Peter Egle

Carried.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Agriculture/Horticulture training

John May advised that a cross regional Agriculture/horticulture project was being investigated with Northern Futures.

MOTION:

That the Yorke ESF Network work with Northern Futures and Employment Directions to fund an Agriculture/horticulture project for the Yorke region.

Moved: John May

Seconded: Peter Stockings

Carried.

ACTION:

Bridget Sara and John May to liaise with Northern Futures on the development of the project.

b. Employment and Skills Consultation Survey (YLCP)

Beth Cock gave a brief overview of the Employment and Skills Consultation Survey being completed by the Yorke Local Community Partnership. She said that 44 surveys had been completed and 28 had been received back with other surveys being mailed out to people.

Common themes from the survey already were:

- Lack of skills in certain areas
- Schools needed to not only focus on university further education options
- The effect of the mining boom on the reduction of workers
- That body piercings are offensive
- Employees needed to have more enthusiasm

c. Business Up skilling Program

Bridget Sara spoke about the 06/07 Ticket to Train – Part B individual business up skilling program and that \$8,000 is left in the project fund. Peter Stockings noted that the project should run again in 07/08.

d. New Process for Ticket to Train - ED and YPE

John May outlined the new Ticket to Train process for the Work to Work project and how it allowed for flexible delivery by the project managers.

e. SA Works Destination Survey

Carol Mitic advised that the name on the Work to Work destination survey has been changed from “Target 140” to “Work to Work”.

f. ESF Network Marketing Material

Bridget Sara advised that the flyers and banner will be available on August 10th and that the new ESF Network link on the YRDB website will be “live” in one week at www.yorkeregion.com.au.

4. 06/07 Project Update

The 06/07 project status report which was distributed with the agenda was reviewed and discussed.

a. YLCP Employment and Skills Consultation Survey Update

See 3.b.

5. 2007/08 Project Update

a. Recommendations – Work to Work Program

Discussions were held about the 06/07 Work to Work project. John May noted Yorke Peninsula Employment and Employment Directions had achieved their employment and participant targets, established good processes and infrastructure to support clients, met all reporting and contract requirements. He noted that the Yorke ESF executive endorses the continuation of the project.

MOTION:

That the Yorke ESF Network and the Yorke Regional Development Board support the continuation of the Work to Work project in 07/08 and provide Employment Directions with \$32,000 (\$25,000 to case manage the project and \$7,000 to provide training).

Moved: John May
Seconded: Peter Stockings

Carried.

MOTION:

That the Yorke ESF Network and the Yorke Regional Development Board support the continuation of the Work to Work project in 07/08 and provide the District Council of the Yorke Peninsula with \$150,000 (\$115,000 to case manage the project and \$35,000 to provide training).

Moved: John May
Seconded: Peter Egle

Carried.

b. Revise 2007/08 Budget Allocations

John May explained the reallocation of the \$75,000 attraction and retention project and that \$25,000 to a community services project (\$10,000 of the attraction and retention project as \$15,000 was already allocated to community services), \$30,000 to a food processing project in a cross regional project with Northern Futures with \$35,000 remaining to be allocated.

The Network discussed other options as:

- A project involving indigenous people
- A building trades project
- Issues surrounding the training of Primo workers
- The skills shortages at Balco

ACTION:

The ESF Executive to review the 07/08 budget.

c. Suggested Forum Topics

ESF Network members to email Bridget Sara with their forum topic suggestions.

ACTION:

All ESF members email forum topics to Bridget Sara.

d. Careers Expo

A general discussion was held about the September 2006 Jobs 4 U careers expo. Comments included:

- Planning needed to start earlier.
- The Yorke region is not big enough for a careers expo every 12 months, maybe more beneficial to run it every two years.
- There needed to be a lot more consultation with Schools.
- It was difficult to get members of the general public to attend
- Workshop sessions were valuable

MOTION:

A sub-committee be formed of Janette Hirschhausen, Peter Egel, Rosemary Goode, John May, Bridget Sara, Peter Stockings, Rhia Vines and Angie Tucker to discuss career expo options.

Moved: Bridget Sara
Seconded: Carol Mitic

Carried.

ACTION:

Bridget Sara to facilitate the meeting of the careers expo sub-committee.

6. Next Meeting

The next Yorke ESF Network meeting will be held on October 17th at 10.30am (location to be confirmed).

7. Close

Rosemary Goode closed the meeting at 11.30am.