

Indigenous Employment



Louise Rushforth
Indigenous Employment Officer



Billy Carroll
Indigenous Employment Facilitator

Candidates for the 2008 Indigenous Employee of the Year Award

Don Carrazza, Chair of the Sunraysia ACC is delighted to announce that due to the success of the 2006/2008 Indigenous Employment Program, it has been extended for an additional 12 months.

The 2006/2008 contract was to place 100 jobseekers, 110 were successfully placed into a wide range of employment from landscape gardening to administration.

The Sunraysia ACC Indigenous Employment Program is seen as one of the most successful Indigenous Employment Programs. We thank all Job Network Members, CDEP, New Apprentice Centres and especially the committed employers who have employed Indigenous staff for making this program such a success.

We will celebrate this success with an 'Employee of the Year' dinner at the Quality Hotel Mildura Grand on Thursday 14th of August 2008.



Pictured Left to Right – Tina Kirby (Employee of the Month), Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator), Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC) and Shannon Demir (Mildura Continental Deli)



Pictured Left to Right – Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC) Beverley Thorpe (Employee of the Month), Michael Krieg (Chief Executive Officer – Mildura Base Hospital) and Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator)



Pictured Left to Right – Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator), Peter Goldring (Department of Sustainability & Environment) Michael Stewart (Employee of the Month) and Tom Crouch (Executive Officer – SACC)



Pictured Left to Right – Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC) Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator) Constance Miles (Employee of the Month), Tammy Walliss and Bobby Parker (Juice Bar, Mildura)



Pictured Above Left to Right – Shane Moritz (S.A & M Moritz), Billy Carroll (Indigenous Employment Facilitator), Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC) and Thomas Kennedy (Employee of the Month)



Pictured from Left to Right – Kay Jones (The Motor House), Antonio Polimeni (Employee of the Month), Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC), Alan Jones (The Motor House), Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator)



Pictured Left to Right – Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC), Neil Plumridge (Deputy Principal – Schools in Partnership Coomealla High School), Amanda Johnson (Employee of the Month) Jeffrey Seymour (Principal – Coomealla High School) and Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator).



Pictured Left to Right), Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator), Neil Plumridge (Deputy Principal – Schools in Partnership Coomealla High School), Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC), Jeffrey Seymour (Principal – Coomealla High School) and David Smith (Employee of the Month)



Pictured Left to Right – Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator), Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC) Shayne Carter (Employee of the Month) and Jessica Marciano (United Petroleum, Mildura)



Pictured Left to Right – Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator), Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC) Misty Swift (Employee of the Month) and Bradley Fox (Secretary Manager of the Mildura Club Inc)



Pictured Left to Right – Don Carrazza (Chair – SACC) Casey Clark (Employee of the Month), Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator) and Kris Harrington (Manager Visitor Information & Events)



Pictured from Left to Right – Lyndon Gray (Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation), Jade Griffiths (Employee of the Month), Billy Carroll (Indigenous Facilitator)



For assistance with the Indigenous Employment Program please contact Billy Carroll or Louise Rushforth. Telephone 03 5023 7612 or email iep@sunraysiaacc.com.au



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Regional Development Australia News

Sunraysia Area Consultative Committee (SACC) is currently in transition to a new organisational structure under the Regional Development Australia network.

The role of the new Regional Development Australia network will be to build on the success of the ACC network, but with a broader role to develop strategic input into national programs to improve the co-ordination of regional development initiatives and to ensure that there is an effective engagement with communities.

Regional Development Australia

The Government is establishing Regional Development Australia (RDA) with an allocation of more than \$17 million this year to ensure effective engagement with communities.

The new RDA network across Australia will build on and replace Area Consultative Committees. The new body will take a broader role to provide strategic input into national programs, improve the coordination of the Government's regional development initiatives, link closely to local governments and other regional organisations.

The RDAs final structure will be developed over this year in consultation with regional communities and stakeholders.

Business Excellence Award Winners

Proudly Sponsored by the Sunraysia Area Consultative Committee.

'Home Based Business' Category Winner: EMAROO COTTAGES.

'Small Business of the Year' Category Winner: TRIGGS TRELIS SUPPLIES.



Left to Right: Cathy Edmonds (Emaroo Cottages) Sue Rudd, (Small Business Field Officer)



Left to Right: Don Carrazza (Chair of Sunraysia ACC). Kim & Rodney Trigg (Triggs Trellis Supplies)

The Sunraysia ACC would like to congratulate Emaroo Cottages and Triggs Trellis Supplies and all category winners on their outstanding achievements.



Regional Development Australia News



Don Carrazza
Chair



Tom Crouch
Executive Officer



Jenny Neaves
Project Officer

Board Members



Cr John Arnold
Mayor
Mildura Rural City Council



Ron Broadhead
Community
Representative



Ken Carr
Project Officer
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Nick Cavallo
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Deputy Chair SACC



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Manager
Centrelink Mildura



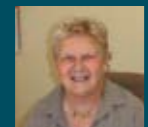
Michael Keenan
Citrus Grower/
Representative



Jeff Milne
Wine Grape Grower/
Producer



Mike Mooney
Area General Manager
Telstra Country Wide



Eileen Pica
Community
Representative



Win Scott
Chief Executive Officer
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE



Cr Margaret Thomson
Mayor - Wentworth Shire
Council

Regional Partnerships program—closed

The **Regional Partnerships** program has now closed for new projects.

- No new **Regional Partnerships** applications will be accepted by the Department and applications currently under assessment will not be considered for funding.
- Minister Albanese announced on 28 May 08, new arrangements for some approved but not contracted **Regional Partnerships**.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government will continue to fund those **Regional Partnerships** projects that have an executed funding agreement in place with the Government.

- Requests for additional funding for **Regional Partnerships** projects with an executed funding agreement in place will not be considered.
- Projects that have sought a Review of the previous Government's decision will not be considered.
- Applicants will be formally notified by letter of the program's closure.

If you require further information please ring the **Regional Partnerships Information Line** 1800 038 160

Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund—transferred

The Administration of the Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund (RMIF) will now reside within the Australian Department of Health and Ageing portfolio.

As the **Regional Partnerships** program is now closed, the Australian Government has decided that the administration of the Fund will now reside within the Australian Department of Health and Ageing portfolio. This will ensure that the Fund is more closely aligned with rural workforce measures and other broader health and medical programs and policy such as the Government's commitment to establish GP Super Clinics.

do not have an executed funding agreement with the Government will be forwarded to the Australian Department of Health and Ageing for consideration.

- Commitments for those RMIF projects that have an executed funding agreement in place with the Government will continue to be managed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

If you require further information regarding the Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund please contact the **Regional Partnerships** hotline on 1800 038 160.

- RMIF projects that are approved for funding but

KENT FARRELL—New Board Member for the Sunraysia Area Consultative Committee



Born and educated at Marist Brothers College Ashgrove in Brisbane, Kent started his working life by joining the Australian Army as an Army Apprentice. Serving at Balcombe Victoria, Kent graduated in 1973, as a Vehicle Mechanic and later transferred to the Military Police. After attending Military Police Training College he was then posted to a military police unit in Sydney where he served for a number of years, including an appointment to the Officer Cadet School - Portsea. On

leaving the military Kent joined the New South Wales Police Department as an operational police officer and served in Sydney as well as regional NSW locations in both uniformed and plainclothes duties. Married to wife Wendy, Kent moved back to Queensland after seven years police service. On returning to Queensland Kent joined a national media company and was rapidly promoted through a number of roles including, sales and marketing executive, sales manager and sales and marketing manager. Kent completed a degree in Journalism and Public Relations and during one of his guest lectures at a local university Kent was invited to join the university as both a student and lecturer. Completing a 1st Class Honours degree in Yield Management Implementation, Kent began teaching as a lecturer and taught with Central Queensland University and Monash University where he was instrumental in the development of high school-to-university transition. Kent was promoted to deputy head of faculty at Monash University in the Faculty of Business & Economics at Gippsland campus and remained in that post until the family moved overseas.

Following the presentation of a paper in the United Arab Emirates, Kent and Wendy were both offered posts in the UAE and for the past seven years they have called the Emirates their home. During this time Kent was awarded a Masters Degree in Education (Leadership & Management). Kent has taught in Singapore, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Oman, The United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom, primarily in the areas of marketing, economics and human resource management. Prior to returning to Australia in 2007 he was the Deputy Director and Head of Academic Programmes at the United Kingdom's International University - Middlesex University (Dubai). Kent has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. His hobbies include, reading, computing, cycling and snow skiing.

Regional Development Australia News

Have your say on the priorities and role of Regional Development Australia

As part of the Sunraysia Area Consultative Committees transition into **Regional Development Australia (RDA)** the Government has asked the **SACC** to consult with the community to gather the views of regional stakeholders and provide advice to Government on:

1. improving the engagement of regional communities, regional development organisations and local governments with the Australian Government.
2. principles and priorities for the new **Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program**, announced in the 2008 Budget: and
3. priorities for the types of local community infrastructure that could encourage economic development in local communities.

A survey document for completion can be found at:
www.sunraysiaacc.com.au

Regional & Local Community Infrastructure program

From next year's Budget, the new **Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program** will be funded to deliver major investments in regional and local community, recreational and environmental infrastructure initiatives.

In line with the Rudd Labor Government's national approach to infrastructure investment, the new program will be accountable, transparent and based on community needs.

To make sure the program is developed properly and reflects the needs of regional communities, we will consult widely with the community. The public consultations are expected to be conducted by the new **RDA** network and the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Through these major investments, the Australian Government will deliver infrastructure investments and promote sustainable economic growth in regional communities.

Small Business News



Sue Rudd
Small Business
Field Officer

Small Business Field Officer Program ceased from Monday 30th June 2008

The Australian Government will provide \$42m over 4 years to fund the delivery of low cost small business advisory services through nominated Business Enterprise Centres (BECs) throughout Australia. Thirty six (36) BECs will be supported through this measure.

The funding will enable BECs to expand and strengthen their capacity to provide low cost advisory services to small business; complementing the Government's overall objective to maximise the growth potential, prosperity and sustainability of small business. It aims to improve the business skills of small business operators, intending operators and independent contractors. If you would like information on the BECs, please contact the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or go to www.ausindustry.gov.au <<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au>>.

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On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Sunraysia ACC, Chair Don Carrazza thanked Sue for her efforts and enthusiasm in her position as Small Business Field Officer and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.



Small Business Field Officers

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