

# Mid North Mutterings



MID NORTH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD INC

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## New Board Announced



At a Special General Meeting held on 1 December 2005, new Board members were welcomed onto the board;

Jeff Burgess (Jamestown)

Gary Adkins (Robertstown)

Espeth Radford (Burra)

Phillip Ireland (Sevenhill)

David Penley (Clare)

Steve Harrison (Armagh)

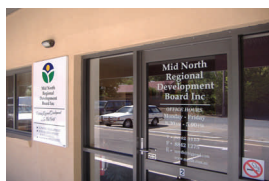
Kay Matthison (Watervale)

with Council representatives, being CEO Mark Goldstone (Clare & Gilbert Valleys),

CEO Steve Kerrigan (Regional Council of Goyder) and CEO Paul McInerney (Northern Areas Council) continuing.

The Board's CEO Geoffrey Gray said "With the new board now in place plus new staff members, the Mid North Regional Development Board, is well placed to achieve real economic outcomes for the region".

The new Board will also be meeting throughout the Region. The next meeting, scheduled for 23rd February will be held in Burra.



The new Board Premises at 2/17 Lennon Street Clare

## New Website Launched

The Board has re-launched a new and improved website. The address is still [www.mnrdb.com.au](http://www.mnrdb.com.au) and has been designed to become a portal for local business and economic information.

Whilst the website has information on the Board and its projects, it also has many links to other websites and

information relating to the region.

Users can also view or download documents and reports that the Board has either commissioned or relate to activities in the Region. The full set of Bizfacts from the Department of Trade & Economic Development are able to be ac-

## New Office Opened

The Board's new Offices at 2/17 Lennon Street were Officially opened on 10th February by the Hon Paul Holloway.

Approximately 50 guests attended the opening and had the opportunity to view the new Office premises and speak to staff and Board Members.

In his address the Minister outlined the achievements of the Board over recent years. He said "South Australian regional development remains a top priority for State Government and we are very grateful to have in place a network of Regional Development Boards that are able to provide much of the drive for the economic and social development of local regions."

cessed through the site.

Chair of the Board, Jeff Burgess said " Our website will hopefully become the first place the local community will go to source any business, economic or training information".

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## Special points of interest:

- NEW BOARD PREMISES OFFICIALLY OPENED ON 10TH FEBRUARY
- NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED
- NEW BOARD TO MEET THROUGHOUT REGION
- REGISTER ONLINE FOR FUTURE PUBLICATIONS [WWW.MNRDB.COM.AU](http://WWW.MNRDB.COM.AU)
- FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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## Regional Transport Forum

The Mid North Regional Development Board (MNRDB) acts as a facilitator and works in partnership with local government and industry groups to canvass and promote the needs of the region to various government departments and industry organizations. As part of its economic development program the Board in association with the SA Freight Council presented the Mid North Regional Freight Forum. Thirty seven stakeholders attended the forum held at the Burra Town Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006 with strong representation from local government and transport operators as well as some representation from community interest groups and individual residents.

The South Australian Freight Council [SAFC] is an industry association charged with facilitating improvements in freight logistics in this State. General Manager of the SAFC Neil Murphy, gave an insight into the structure and operations of the SA Freight Council and how it plays an

advocacy role in building capacity and enhancing efficiency in the freight and logistics industry. The Council is also pro-active in promoting and participating in many key freight and transport research projects and has played a pivotal role in developing Australia's "National Cold Chain Standards".

Len Wilton from the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure – Transport Services Division – based at Crystal Brook gave an update on the department's regional road maintenance programs and presented an overview of the procedures relating to B-Double road approvals and permits.

Chair of the Mid North Regional Development Board, Jeff Burgess spoke about the role that the Central Local Government Region Association, Regional Development Boards and Councils, played in both lobbying Government on the region's

transport needs and priorities and their respective roles in keeping the local community well informed on freight and transport related matters.

Questions from the floor during the open discussion session highlighted the issues of most concern for the region as being increased spending by Transport Services Division on road maintenance for the arterial road network and the need for a re-evaluation of commitment from both state and federal government for a substantial increase in capital works spending on new routes needed to service growth in the grain & fodder and livestock industries. Upgrading of the Bower Boundary Road was considered to be the most important priority and improved connectivity from Burra & Jamestown to National Highway One was also considered as a high priority.



Participants at the recent forum in Burra

## Business Workshops

Two Workshops for business people in the Region are scheduled to be run on the 20<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March. The topics being covered are "How to attract and Keep Good Staff" - facilitated by Bridget Hogg of HR Development.

The other workshop is 'Life & Business— How to Have it

all" - facilitated by Shelley Rogers from Individual and Organisational Development.

Both Workshops are being held in the Barbara J Long Room, adjacent to the Clare Town Hall, from 5-30pm until 8-30pm.

To book for these Workshops you can either ring the

Office on 88423115, or book on-line at [www.mnrdb.com.au](http://www.mnrdb.com.au)

Keep an eye on the website for further workshops coming to a town near you.

These Workshops are being provided by the Department of Trade & Economic Development through their Better Business Workshops.

FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS ON TOPICS "HOW TO ATTRACT & KEEP GOOD STAFF & LIFE & BUSINESS –HOW TO HAVE IT ALL"

### SA Strategic Plan (SASP)

On April 27 the public will be able to attend a meeting and have the opportunity to have their say on the SASP as well as receiving feedback on achievements to date. Further information will be provided when venues and times are confirmed



Recent workshop at Jamestown

**“Fostering Economic Development in our Region”**

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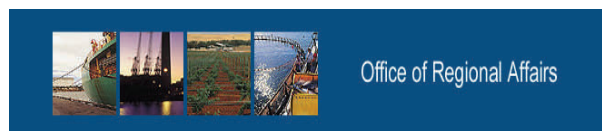
The Board is structured as an independent incorporated body with its own Board of Directors and operates at a strategic level to facilitate economic development and deliver enhanced employment opportunities for the region’s rural and tourism based economy.

The Board’s vision for economic development is founded on building an economy which is diverse, sustainable and appropriate for the region. Board activities focus on delivering economic and social benefit to the region by increasing the profile of the Mid North and enhancing the regions national competitiveness to provide ongoing employment opportunities for the region’s rural community.

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