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SEGRA Regional Best Practice Showcase

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

1. Regional Success Stories



Steven Bowman, Manager Economic Development at Bathurst Regional Council will discuss “*The Bathurst Economy & Council’s Leadership in Economic Development*”.



Debra Howe, Manager Economic Development at Mackay Regional Council presents on “*Economic Development is Everyone’s Business*”.



Todd Williams, Chief Executive Officer, RDA Hunter presents on “*The ME Program: building a skilled workforce for the future*”.

Abstract

The ME Program has become Australia's most innovative workforce development initiative since

introducing Phase One of the project in 2010. Its initial goal to increase the workforce capacity of the Defence Industry remains as important today as it did then. Through five years of management RDA Hunter has worked with the Defence Materiel Organisation to ensure that the Program achieves its strategic goals and in doing so, has generated unprecedented support from local industry and education bodies.

The driving objective of the ME Program is to increase the pool of students studying Mathematics, Science, Engineering Studies, and Physics. This outcome has been accomplished through the employment of the following outputs and related activities.