



THE TRANSFORMER

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Welcome to the ninth edition of The Transformer - an update from the Smart Transformation Project.

Smart Transformation works to future-proof the communities of Dysart and Moranbah, as we face the rapid technological changes being brought about by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (or 4IR for short).

Smart Transformation operates independently, with support from BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), and is driven by the two towns' Smart Transformation Advisory Councils and Youth Advisory Council. Council members capture feedback and advice from the communities they call home, to direct resources and effort into projects important to local residents.



Smart Transformation wins the SMW Community Initiative Award at the Queensland Mining Awards – full story page 2.

LeadIN boosts Innovative Futures Study

Futuristic ideas and ground-breaking concepts presented at the Moranbah LeadIN Conference will be incorporated into Smart Transformation's Innovative Futures Study which is investigating future development opportunities for the region.

The Resources Centre of Excellence (RCoE) LeadIN Event, supported by Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3) and Isaac Regional Council, featured globally recognised speakers discussing everything from community transformation and resilience through to the importance of innovation.

"These conversations are about us reimagining a pathway to our future," Isaac Mayor Anne Baker told the conference.

Hosted by GWI's Neil Glentworth, LeadIN attendees included some members of Smart Transformation's Advisory Councils and Youth Advisory Council, as well as local community and business representatives.

GWI is conducting the Innovative Futures Study for Smart Transformation, looking at future economic and business opportunities with a longer term timeframe, giving consideration to the existing resources and infrastructure of the Isaac region with a particular focus on the townships of Dysart and Moranbah.

The study is overseen by a steering committee which includes representatives from GW3, Central Queensland University, BHP, Isaac Regional Council and the RCoE.



GWI's Neil Glentworth opening the LeadIN Conference in Moranbah.

BHP's Vice President Procurement Robyn Dittrich spoke to LeadIN delegates from Singapore.



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Smart Transformation wins state award

The Smart Transformation Project took out the Community Initiative Award at the 2022 Queensland Mining Awards.

BMA has supported Smart Transformation since 2019, through both active participation along with financial support for Smart Transformation Projects including Childcare, Digital Connectivity and Community Skills and Training.

In accepting the award, Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Moranbah member Carolyn Fritz said being on the STAC had been a great experience.

"It's an opportunity to bring ideas to the table and really be involved with planning for the future for our towns," Carolyn said.

"I'm grateful for the chance to be doing this important work, so I'd also like to

thank BMA for instigating the Smart Transformation Project, because it's made a huge difference to us as a community, already."

Dysart STAC member Sandy Moffat said Smart Transformation tackled issues that are important to ensure our communities are sustainable into the future.

"It was very humbling to receive recognition from the resource industry for the hard work the STACs in both Moranbah and Dysart are undertaking and the goals being achieved," Sandy said.



Moranbah STAC member Carolyn Fritz accepting the Community Initiative Award on behalf of Smart Transformation.

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SANDY MOFFAT - STAC DYSART MEMBER



Inside the cold room of the multi-million dollar abattoir just outside Moranbah.

Ag 'meats'



Smart Transformation's Youth Advisory Council with Josie Angus (centre front).



New blood for both STACS

Two faces familiar to locals have joined the Smart Transformation Advisory Councils in their respective towns, and both have big plans.

Jackie Smith works at the Dysart Library and is looking forward to taking on fresh challenges with her fellow Advisory Council members.

“It will be great to be on a committee where these conversations about the future are being had. We need to plan for more inclusion for everyone in Dysart, not just mining families or just locals.

“If we want to achieve it, we can.”

Amanda Raymond may be well-known to Moranbah locals as a nurse at the hospital, but it’s her passion for the town’s arts scene that’s led her to accept a role on the Moranbah STAC.

“I’ve been living in Moranbah for 18 years and if I can help in any way, I will,” Amanda said.

Amanda feels especially honoured to have been asked to join the STAC, because it’s an organisation she’s admired since its inception.

“The STAC has been a real success in Moranbah. I’m just amazed at how they’ve inserted themselves everywhere! That just blows me away, they’ve come in and they’re standing in the picture.

“I love how the STAC is a cross-section of our community. Everyone’s views are taken into account.

“It’s good to have a say in the future!”

Jackie is also keen to publicise the STAC and its work.

“I’m hoping to really spread the word through my work in the library - I’m confident we can help make a difference!” she said.



Jackie Smith

tech at new abattoir

Smart Transformation’s Youth Advisory Council (YAC) experienced the vision and ingenuity within the local rural sector when they visited the Angus family’s new \$37m on-farm abattoir just outside Moranbah recently.

It was a particularly poignant visit for Dysart State High’s Bella Whittington, whose father worked at the Sondella property decades ago.

“My dad grew up there – he used to go mustering with Blair (Angus),” Bella said.

“When I came home from the visit, I told Dad there’s been a few changes since he was last there!”

Built by Blair and Josie Angus, the state-of-the-art facility impressed the YAC members who all got an insider’s tour from Josie herself.

Moranbah High YAC Co-ordinator Rebecca Huggett said the students were most impressed with the ways in which technology was being applied at the abattoir.

The Youth Advisory Council is made up of students from Dysart and Moranbah State High Schools and conducts a number of activities to increase members’ understanding of the future of work and the Fourth Industrial Revolution while also providing a youth voice into Smart Transformation.

STAC Profile – Sean Milfull



Sean Milfull, STAC
Moranbah member

BMA's Goonyella Riverside General Manager Sean Milfull is looking to the future as one of opportunity.

Having worked at many of the company's sites in the Bowen Basin, Sean is now also working outside the mine gate as a member of the Moranbah Smart Transformation Advisory Council.

"No one person or entity has all the answers as to what the future looks like – Smart Transformation brings everyone together and that combined brain power and community driven direction around the table is working, and the results to date speak for themselves," Sean said.

Sean lists the \$3.5m Digital Connectivity Project as a key achievement, along with the skills and training programs operated

in partnership with Moranbah Traders Association.

"Another big one is childcare – we have a real shortage in town – and the way that everyone

has banded together through Smart Transformation, we will soon start to see some real benefits," he said.

BMA is the principal partner to Smart Transformation, providing funding for Smart Transformation's operation as well as its projects where it can.

"In time we expect other funding bodies to come on board to progress Smart Transformation's community driven agenda," Sean said.

"There is an increasing complexity in the issues our communities face and the only way to address them is if we work as part of a team, built of community leaders and representatives.

"Communities have a right to determine their own futures, to have a seat at the table where decisions are being made – we must continue to be at that table with them."

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SEAN MILFULL - MORANBAH STAC MEMBER



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