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

Smart Transformation works to future-proof the communities of Dysart and Moranbah and make them sustainable, 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 direct resources and effort into projects important to local residents.

Housing Summit looks for solutions to availability

Key housing industry stakeholders are now working on solutions to housing availability and affordability through the Smart Transformation Housing Project.

Smart Transformation held a Housing Summit in November which brought together representatives from the resource sector, local, state and federal Governments, banking, developers and community leaders.

In opening the Summit, Smart Transformation Advisory Council Member Richelle Toshack said housing was a major issue which had to be addressed if the towns were to be sustainable.

"It's (Housing) impacts are felt in every sector – public servants, retail and hospitality workers, our youth, and it has been an issue for way too long," Richelle said.

"We who live here know what the problems are ... and it will take everyone working together, working collaboratively, working openly, honestly and respectfully to identify our options and develop a forward plan."

Smart Transformation engaged experts AEC to lead the work, with funding from BMA, with AEC Senior Economist and Summit facilitator Jonathan Pavetto congratulating attendees for the approach they had taken on the day.

"All participants engaged constructively and provided their perspectives on the major issues and the potential solutions

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Isaac Mayor Anne Baker welcomes participants to the Smart Transformation Housing Summit.

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across seven different topics,” Jonathan said.

These topics are:

1. Future Demand
2. Land Use and Planning
3. Land Development
4. Housing Construction
5. Finance
6. Ownership
7. Liveability

“The next step is to take the feedback received from the first Summit to working groups to formulate a series of actions that can be taken forward by summit participants,” Jonathan said.

“Actions we hope, when implemented, will make major steps towards resolving the housing issues in Dysart and Moranbah.”

The working groups will be convened from December with the Action Plan presented in early 2023.

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JONATHAN PAVETTO - AEC SENIOR ECONOMIST AND SUMMIT FACILITATOR



STAC member Richelle Toshack calls for collaboration at the opening of the Smart Transformation Housing Summit.



One of two new towers taking shape in Dysart.

Construction begins on new mobile tower sites

Construction has begun on new mobile phone tower sites as part of Smart Transformation’s \$3.5 million Digital Connectivity Project for Dysart and Moranbah.

The flagship project represents an incredible achievement for both Smart Transformation Advisory Councils along with partners BHP, Telstra, Isaac Regional Council and the Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3), with weak mobile internet issues identified as a major problem to address when Smart Transformation began in 2019.

In all, the Digital Connectivity Project is expected to triple the network capacity in Dysart and double it in Moranbah.

Attraction videos a hit

New videos produced by Smart Transformation to encourage new residents to make the move to Dysart and Moranbah have now been viewed thousands of times on YouTube.

Smart Transformation prepared two videos – one for each of the towns - highlighting the lifestyle and work opportunities on offer, showcasing the services, shopping and schools of the two communities, and the incredible people who call the towns home.

The videos are available through the links below:



Dysart

Scan or visit:

www.smarttransformation.com.au/transform-in-dysart/



Moranbah

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www.smarttransformation.com.au/transform-in-moranbah/

New members appointed to Youth Advisory Council

Members of 2023's Smart Transformation Youth Advisory Council have now been selected following an extensive application process at Dysart and Moranbah State High Schools.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) provides a youth voice into Smart Transformation, assisting with the prioritisation of projects to support the towns become sustainable and future-proofed as well as learning about the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)

Karissa Bailey is joining the 2023 YAC as one of the Year 12 members from Dysart High.

"I'm just excited to learn about the 4IR – everything's changing and evolving and I'm just excited to see where it goes," Karissa said.

The first meeting of the new YAC will be in February 2023.



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KARISSA BAILEY - YAC MEMBER

New members join Dysart STAC

As we wrap up an incredible year for the STACs in 2022, it's time to look forward to new challenges in 2023.



Chris Cowan

Two new faces have joined the Dysart STAC, although they're already familiar to the local community.

Chris Cowan owns the local newsagency, while Seamus Taylor is the owner of Taylored Automotive.

Both Chris and Seamus are looking forward to contributing to the Dysart STAC and creating real change.

"We need better facilities in Dysart to help us make sure the people we have, want to stay here," Seamus said.

"I'm really interested in helping because anything that benefits the community in Dysart is great for all of us," Chris said.

Chris named the construction of the new Dysart communications towers to improve

digital connectivity as the STAC's best achievement to date, and said the success of that project had encouraged him to come onboard.

"In 2023, I'd like to help with the childcare project that's already underway. I'm keen to continue the work that's started on all the STAC projects, and contribute any way I can," he said.

Seamus said his business' biggest challenge was attracting staff to Dysart and encouraging them to stay long term.

"We've had 10 great years running our business and I plan on being here quite a while yet, so anything that's of benefit to the town is going to be good for us," he said.



Seamus Taylor

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CHRIS COWAN - DYSART STAC MEMBER



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