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#### Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

12 June 2023 – Meeting 18

#### Attendees

Jasmine Cadd  
Chris Cowan  
Brianna Jahnke  
Glenn Kirkpatrick  
Sandy Moffat  
Cherryl Perry

#### Apologies

Sgt Tim Fahey  
Liz Fox  
Rhiannon Rowe  
Seamus Taylor  
Richelle Toshack  
Jacqueline Smith

#### Guests

Steve Boxall, RCOE (via Zoom)

#### Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)  
Melanie Stott

### MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.04pm with apologies advised.

### MINUTES

- Minutes were emailed to STAC members on 14 June 2023 for moving at next meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT / ACTION LIST

- Database is steady at 268 subscribers as at the end of May, following an audit and input.

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- April's local media campaign focused on the Youth Advisory Council, while May featured Smart Transformation's Phase 4 and June will feature the training videos to upskill community organisations.
- Engagement highlights included the official CLA Launch and a meeting of the Innovative Futures Steering Committee in April, the YAC visiting Sondella Abattoir (Signature Onfarm) in May. MI noted that ST received great publicity from Signature Onfarm in their social media posts as well. The YAC is heading to Brisbane in the coming weeks for its annual tour.
- Actions from previous minutes have all been acted on, with further work underway.

## ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity – Dysart's newly-built towers have been switched on and construction work is underway in Moranbah. ST will wait for the whole project to be up and running before planning the official launch. CP suggested an event with the STEM club at Dysart High School could be a possible launch location for Dysart in the future (*see Actions*).
- 4IR Skills & Training Careers Navigator – some changes have been made and all is progressing well.
- Childcare – major industry players attended the launch events and SM said that relationships with Lady Gowrie and C&K have progressed positively. SM also said that feedback from staff is that they feel more valued that effort is going into staff development and retention.
- Housing – MI to make a presentation about progress on this project during this meeting. MI to reconfirm date for Housing Summit roundtable as July 21 and report back (*see Actions*).
- Transport Options – the bus service communications material was widely distributed to inform the community that the service is ending this Wednesday 14 June.
- Community Wellbeing – Local wellbeing challenges discussed.
- Youth Mental Health – an EOI has been put to market for this new project. It has been sent to all local providers including the Mackay Hospital and Health Service but there have been no enquiries or applications so far. The EOI requires a staff member to live in Dysart. MI to follow up with prospective providers and seek feedback (*see Actions*).
- Volunteers – project in early formation stages with survey now completed.. MI to let Dysart STAC know what the Moranbah STAC decides to do re: Volunteering Project in relation to recruiting options to attract more volunteers (*see Actions*).

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### DECARBONISATION IN OUR REGION – Steve Boxall, RCOE

Steve Boxall presented to the meeting via Zoom:

- The subject of decarbonisation has gone from being a high level one to a dinner table conversation. The landscape has changed rapidly since 2021 and we now need to look at decarbonisation as an opportunity, not a threat.
- 'Decarbonisation Accelerated' is the name of the joint information and strategy project being put together by GW3, the RCOE and the Local Buying Foundation.
- It is clear that the road to decarbonisation can't go anywhere without the commercial resources sector being onboard.
- We recognise that there is a need to start to understand decarbonisation and how it is likely to influence changes in our region and what we need to do to prepare for those changes.
- Decarbonisation is also going to drive a range of new economic opportunities. Our region is well placed to secure these new opportunities based on the skills and capabilities we've currently got. We need to embrace the opportunities we've got coming our way.
- All evidence suggests that the metallurgical coal industry has decades ahead of it in this region – we've got to be very confident around that.
- We need to recognise that steel-making coal and decarbonisation have to co-exist because we need steel-making coal to support our way of living.
- We also need to be conducting business in a way that meets societal expectations to reduce impacts on the planet.
- We need to support our region's businesses to be aware, motivated and equipped not only to reduce their carbon footprint but be able to demonstrate and recognise the progress that they are making.
- There are many businesses in the region already working towards decarbonisation and many looking at the costs associated with adopting a decarbonisation strategy.
- This is currently a two-year project but will be a long-term focus for our region.
- There are still many questions about how decarbonisation will work for small to medium businesses across the region.
- 'Carbon Accounting' is one of the first steps for a small business to take.
- At some stage in the future, there will be an international accreditation process, but for now we would just like people to start the conversations about how their business can make changes.
- MI told the STAC members that further information sessions on this subject are "something we could absolutely push for".
- In discussion, SB said "we are the solution the world needs in terms for decarbonisation" because the road to decarbonisation can only happen with metallurgical coal to build steel for wind farms and so on.

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### HOUSING UPDATE

- The next step is to complete a briefing with the IRC before the next round table discussion planned for 21 July.

### INNOVATIVE FUTURES – NEXT STEPS

- Progress includes the development of a consistent narrative/vision because there has been a lack of co-ordination in this space previously.
- MI said one of the biggest benefits of this project is getting people together for discussions – some participants described the steering committee as “the only forum where we all come together”.
- The rest of this discussion was postponed until all STAC members can be present.

### VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

- This new project is being driven in Moranbah but could be adapted to Dysart as well.
- Discussion regarding volunteering survey results.
- Some community groups are so short of volunteers they post for help via Facebook, while other groups are charging fellow groups to use their volunteers because there aren't enough to go around.
- MI to speak to Thiess and Civeo about investigating opportunities for attracting volunteers from within their camps (maybe even just encouraging people to sign up to a site such as Volunteer Australia's <https://govolunteer.com.au/>) (see *Actions*).
- MI to let Dysart STAC know what the Moranbah STAC decides to do re: Volunteering Project in relation to recruiting options to attract more volunteers (see *Actions*).

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### SMART TRANSFORMATION – PHASE 4

- Communications and Engagement Strategy has been updated and new website is progressing well with a new updateable 'Projects' tab to more accurately inform the community how Smart Transformation projects are tracking.
- Discussion of community windows/noticeboards for people to read ST information.

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### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Monday 28th August, 6pm.

Meeting closed at 8.14pm.

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