

THE TRANSFORMER

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Welcome to the 20th 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 (4IR).

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

Full steam ahead for Dysart wellbeing

Smart Transformation's Dysart Community Wellbeing Project has taken a giant step forward, with BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) providing funding for renowned regional support group Outback Futures to run a twelve-month program in the Dysart community.

Members of Dysart's Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) prioritised community wellbeing as a critical part of their work, seeking to address issues of mental health support and service delivery.

This led to Outback Futures conducting community interviews and a forum to assess the challenges, and provide draft recommendations which the STAC members endorsed, following which BMA delivered for a pilot program.

Outback Futures CEO Brent Sweeney will be taking the lead on the project, which STAC members hope will help strengthen and future-proof the community.

"We'll be developing the forward plan and its priorities with the STAC leads – and assessing how to really deliver tangible benefits for Dysart residents," Brent said.

"From July, we will be bringing members of our allied health team to town – including speech and occupational therapists and counsellors – to provide sessions with local people."

Dysart residents can make an appointment by following this link:



outbackfutures.org.au/get-support#upcoming-clinics



Future mining jobs on show for YAC

Members of the Smart Transformation Youth Advisory Council see the future of mining – see page 3

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New groups join Volunteering Project



Moranbah Playgroup is one of five new local organisations joining the Smart Transformation Volunteer Project.

Five new community organisations have joined Smart Transformation's Volunteer Project which is celebrating existing volunteers and working to build the volunteer cohort in the community.

Smart Transformation's declaration of 2024 as Year of the Volunteer is building momentum, and Moranbah Bowls Club, Moranbah Community Garden, Moranbah BMX Club and Moranbah Playgroup will now feature in Phase Two of the campaign, along with Hinterland Community Care.

Hinterland Community Care General Manager Anne Ahern is keen for the new campaign to attract volunteers to her organisation.

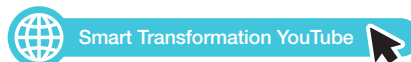
"We need volunteers to help go into people's homes and just have a chat. There are a lot of people that live in the communities that don't have any family or friends, so they're very isolated," she said.

"So they just need people to go and communicate with them, have a cup of

coffee, maybe take them shopping or out for lunch, whatever they want."

Phase One of the Volunteer Project featured volunteers from the Moranbah Highlanders swim club, Moranbah Miners junior rugby league, Moranbah Arts, Radio 4RFM and the Moranbah Bulldogs AFL in a series of videos that have been shared widely on social media this year.

The videos, available on YouTube (links below) have been viewed over 1,000 times, while TV ads have also aired on Channel Seven, thanks to the Moranbah Workers Club.



youtube.com/@smartransformation6824

Local clubs and not-for-profit groups can also access free training modules, covering topics from running meetings to using social media, available on the Smart Transformation website:



smartransformation.com.au/category/community-training/

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ANNE AHERN
– HINTERLAND COMMUNITY CARE
GENERAL MANAGER

Future of mining captures students' imagination

Members of Smart Transformation's Youth Advisory Council saw tomorrow's mining operations today during their recent visit to BMA's Goonyella Riverside Mine.

YAC members come from Dysart and Moranbah State High Schools, and learn about the Fifth Industrial Revolution, technological changes and how to access the jobs of the future.

Moranbah State High YAC Co-ordinator Gretchen Bucher said while living in a mining region, the students hadn't previously visited an actual site.

"To see the workplace in action was really beneficial and gave them valuable insights," she said.

Goonyella General Manager Vaughn Abrams and his team hosted the group, presenting the history of the iconic mine as well as current operations and future plans.

"The YAC members saw first-hand how our autonomous fleet operates – from the control room through to the pit itself," Vaughn said.

Not surprisingly, work opportunities came up during discussions.

"I told them we recruit for attitude – we can teach skills, but we are looking for people who are eager and motivated to join our team," Vaughn said.

In the years to come, it's something Dysart State High's Jacob Nitschke will be considering.

"They were really cool – I'd work for them!!" Jacob said.

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GRETCHEN BUCHER – MORANBAH STATE HIGH YAC CO-ORDINATOR



BMA's Damien O'Sullivan showing members of the Youth Advisory Council autonomous operations at Goonyella Riverside Mine.

STAC Profile – Angela Petersen



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ANGELA PETERSEN – STAC MEMBER

Since arriving in Moranbah to take up a teaching position in 2000, Angela Petersen has become a community champion, actively involved in clubs and organisations which are the lifeblood of the town.

“It’s not a question of ‘why would you’, its more ‘why wouldn’t you?’” she said.

“It’s a no-brainer to me.”

Angela is well known to many through her volunteer roles with junior sport and Moranbah Arts, and is on the Board of the recently announced Country University.

As the newest addition to the Moranbah Smart Transformation Advisory Council, is keen to help future-proof the community she and her family call home.

“I love this town – what it gives is way more than what it takes.

“Everyone gets behind everyone and it’s a tight community once you’re in it.”

Her focus, like other STAC members, is to grow the town and its population, by celebrating the many things which are unique to living in a smaller community, outside of larger towns and cities.

“I’d like to see more families here – starting and staying. We have to show people what it’s like to live here, what it’s like to raise a family here,” she said.



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