



SMART TRANSFORMATION

Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

25 August, 2025 – Meeting 31

ATTENDEES

- Nathan Corbett (IBC President – Facilitator)
- Cindy Baker (IBC, Interim Facilitator – Online)
- Jasmine Cadd (BMA – Online)
- Leah Scheepers (BMA, Manager for Community)
- Royce Bailey
- Sueanne Gregg
- Jackie Smith
- Elizabeth Fox

Apologies

- Dane Nielsen (BMA – on parental leave)
- Donna Gilvarry
- Sandy Moffat
- Chris Cowan
- Kath King
- Seamus Taylor
- Richelle Toshack
- Carley McDonnell

Secretariat

Cindy Baker

MEETING NOTES

Meeting opened at 6:05pm with Nathan welcoming members, acknowledging apologies, and reiterating STAC's purpose, values, and guiding principles.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting 30 (16 June 2025) were confirmed as true and correct.

Moved: Jackie

Seconded: Sueanne

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Isaac Business Chamber (IBC) & Governance Update

- Two-year funding proposal submitted to BMA, with annual review checkpoints, includes a Special Projects Facilitator and Community Support Coordinator role.
- Funding proposal for additional transitional support from GW3 also submitted to BMA
- All Smart Transformation collateral transitioned to IBC and documents transferred to SharePoint for easy access.
- Phase 5 roadmap draft under refinement with priority areas identified.

2. Recruitment

- 15 applications received; 3 strong candidates shortlisted after scoring by Donna, Elizabeth and Kath as well as Interim Facilitator. Cindy thanked the STAC members who put time and effort into the shortlisting process.
- Panel interviews to proceed.
- Community Support Coordinator role developed and sent to members for input and will be uploaded later in the week. Previous facilitator applicants may be approached based on skills alignment. Members to promote where they can.

3. BMA Update (Jasmine Cadd & Leah)

- Transition to new contractual arrangements with IBC underway.
- BMA's commitment confirmed with two-year funding agreement.
- Jasmine thanked IBC, particularly Nathan and Cindy for the work in facilitating a smooth transition of the STAC.
- Jasmine transitioning to new global role; Leah introduced as interim community manager with strong Dysart connections.

4. Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Update

- YAC September Meeting and visits to Mackay (Resources Centre of Excellence – Future Fit) and Brisbane (IROC and other cultural visits).

5. Smart Transformation Celebration Event

- Discussion on format: options of single event vs multiple displays/social campaign.
- Consensus to hold one main event in 2026, supplemented by community displays and online content.
- Proposal to nominate project leads from each STAC to liaise on event planning.

6. Around the Grounds – Community Updates

- Dysart Library offering 3D printing workshops (13+).
- Positive engagement at Dysart schools with new leadership sessions for students.
- Outback Futures leadership program progressing well, trusted by local families.

- General unease noted in community around coal industry royalties, mergers, and job security.
- High participation in regional pop-up events and tours (280–300 attendees across May–June).
- Ongoing demand for youth and social services.

7. Project Status Review

- Digital Connectivity – Telstra service issues remain unresolved; agreed to seek update via GW3/advocacy.
- Freight & Logistics – closed.
- Industrial Land – closed.
- Skills & Training – monitoring (YAC, Outback Futures).
- Childcare – high priority; CLA outcomes achieved in Moranbah, with urgent Dysart needs still a priority (esp. after-school/vacation care).
- Community Services Advocacy – ongoing, linked to roadmap priorities and advocacy to address census undercount and resourcing gaps.
- Housing – monitor via Affordable Housing Trust.
- Innovation – continue monitoring; suggestion to invite GW3/RCfE for updates.
- Attraction & Retention – close out previous project, transition to new IBC model.
- Mining & Ag Roundtable – monitor, potential links with ST Celebration event.
- Transport Options – free bus service - closed.
- Small Town, Big Heart campaign – closed.
- Community Wellbeing / Mental Health – monitor (Outback Futures Phase 2).

8. Roadmap Priorities

- Members discussed focus areas for next six months while recruitment finalises.

Top priorities emerging:

- 1. Childcare solutions (esp. outside school hours care).
- 2. Community wellbeing and Outback Futures support.
- 3. Digital connectivity advocacy (black spots, Telstra service).

ACTION ITEMS

- Recruitment – Proceed with interviews for shortlisted facilitator candidates (Cindy/Nathan).
- Support Coordinator Role – Members to review draft advert and return feedback by end of week (All).
- ST Celebration Event – Nominate project leads from each STAC to liaise on planning (All).
- Digital Connectivity – Collate black spot issues and provide to GW3 for follow-up (Nathan/Cindy).
- Childcare Leadership Alliance – Seek Dysart-specific update before next meeting (Cindy).
- Outback Futures – Brent to provide formal leadership program update at next meeting.

- Housing – Request written update from Affordable Housing Trust (IBC).
- GW3/RCOE – Invite Kylie and/or Stephen Box for updates in upcoming meetings (Cindy).

CLOSING

Nathan thanked all members for their ongoing commitment and reaffirmed the importance of community ownership during the transition to Phase Five.

Meeting closed: 8:10pm

Next meeting: Date to be advised (October 2025).