

THE TRANSFORMER

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Welcome to the 26th edition of The Transformer - an update from the Smart Transformation Project.

Smart Transformation works to future-proof the communities of Dysart and Moranbah and build their sustainability.

Smart Transformation operates independently, with support from BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), and is driven by the two towns' Smart Transformation Advisory Councils (STACs) and the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). 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 and Isaac Business Chamber

The Isaac Business Chamber ('the Chamber') is excited to host and support the Smart Transformation initiative from July 2025.

BMA has approached the Chamber to take part in supporting Smart Transformation —and the opportunity to support the region was accepted without hesitation.

"We're grateful for this unique opportunity to support and advocate for Smart Transformation across the Isaac Region," said Nathan Corbett President of the Isaac Business Chamber.

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Smart Transformation continues to drive community-prioritised projects that support and strengthen the community ecosystem, and this aligns with the Chamber's purpose of Making the Isaac region greater."

"This structure maintains strong community ownership while aligning seamlessly with the Chamber's strategic direction.

"A special mention to Mitchell Innes for his drive and dedication to supporting the region through Smart Transformation. We are grateful to be able to continue this initiative forward but acknowledge we have big shoes to fill. Thanks Mitch."

The Chamber is currently searching for the next right person to facilitate and plan Smart Transformation improvement projects. If you are interested - or know someone who might be - get in contact by emailing admin@isaacbusinesschamber.com. Scan the QR code or visit www.seek.com.au/job/85566013?ref=hirer-jobs-list



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With support from BMA and the Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3), the Chamber is now working closely with the STACs and local community groups to refine the priorities outlined in the Smart Transformation Roadmap 2025 and begin project planning.



GW3's Cindy Baker talks through the new hosting arrangements for Smart Transformation with Moranbah STAC members Brianna Baggow and Ash Dowd.



Smart Transformation develops new objectives for Roadmap 2025

Smart Transformation has eleven new critical objectives for its forward work plan, forming the base of Community Roadmap 2025 to help build the sustainability of the local communities of Dysart and Moranbah.

The objectives are grouped around the pillars of Community Wellbeing, Skills and Training and Business Development, and came about through extensive community consultation.

Roadmap 2025 Objectives

Community Wellbeing Pillar

1. We need access to better government services aligned with demand from both resident and non-resident workers
2. We must be aware of and manage any local health issues (e.g. water quality, dust)
3. We need to create a greater sense of community through increased connection in our towns, to support both community wellbeing as well as the attraction and retention of our residents
4. We need to ensure the mental health of our residents, particularly youth, is supported through proactive strategies and opportunities
5. We must increase our housing and accommodation options and opportunities for both current and potential residents
6. We need to pursue improvements in liveability to attract and retain residents

Skills and Training Pillar

7. We need our primary and secondary schools to deliver quality educational outcomes for existing and potential residents and to be recognised for this
8. We need to ensure our youth along with the broader community understand and can access future educational and employment opportunities
9. We need to give local businesses the opportunity to develop the skills and capability to survive and thrive

Community Roadmap 2025 is in draft form now, with further consultation to be undertaken with government and local organisations to ensure it is fit for purpose.

STAC Dysart member Sandy Moffat said “Roadmap 2025 followed Smart Transformation’s key focus “by the community, for the community”.

“We’ve done a great deal of work in the last six years, and you can see what we have achieved,” Sandy said.

“But there is still a lot of work to do as the Roadmap Review consultation indicated, with community members raising new issues and opportunities.

Business Development Pillar

10. We need to ensure we are maximising the current opportunities for existing and new businesses
11. We need to enable opportunities in future business development.



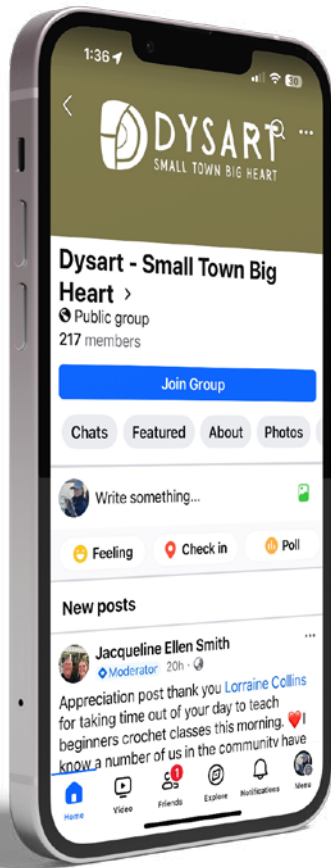
We’ve got new people on the STACs with new perspectives which will help drive Roadmap 2025 and its projects – I’m looking forward to what is to come for Smart Transformation.”

Members of the STACs and the YAC will now prioritise the objectives and develop and implement projects designed to deliver on the community-identified needs according to STAC Moranbah’s Angela Petersen.

“From the Community Workshops, the consultation, the surveys we did – it was clear the community has very strong ideas about what needs to happen,” Angela said.

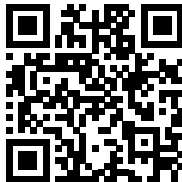
“Education, health – these are areas we have to focus on, and will be priorities. “We need to tackle these things to really deliver positive change for the community.”





The new Small Town Big Heart campaign aims to bring the Dysart community closer together.

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100 Dysart residents supported, pilot program extended

One hundred Dysart residents have received support through Smart Transformation's Community Wellbeing Project over the past twelve months, a result which has seen the pilot project extended for another year.

Delivered by Outback Futures, the Project has seen the strong uptake of allied and mental health services, the launch of the Small Town, Big Heart Campaign uniting locals around a strong sense of connection and community, and focused support for Dysart State High to improve wellbeing at the student and staff level.

Outback Futures CEO Brent Sweeney said the team was looking forward to building on the program and supporting even more people in Dysart, thanks to funding from BMA.

"Our team has really enjoyed getting to know the Dysart community, building some strong relationships and bringing a positive contribution," Brent said.

"The second year of the program will see us expand our allied health service output with some additional capacity in that space, as well as continuing to support the roll out of the public campaign.

"We are also keen to see if there are other helpful ways we can support the great local community leaders who are doing a remarkable job in building connection and liveability in Dysart."

Dysart Smart Transformation Advisory Council member and BMA Saraji Mine General Manager Dane Nielsen said Outback Futures played a vital role in supporting mental health in regional communities and BMA was committed to helping ensure that support was accessible and ongoing.

"Strong, healthy communities are built over time," he said.

"Our continued support for Outback Futures reflects BMA's long-term commitment to the wellbeing of the people who live and work in the regions where we operate."



Outback Futures CEO Brent Sweeney presents plans for the next stage of the Dysart Community Wellbeing Project to Dysart's STAC members.

YAC sees future of mining today



GRM General Manager Vaughn Abrams encouraged the YAC members to "find their passion".

YAC members saw firsthand autonomous operations at GRM.

Autonomous trucks, computer control rooms and the future of mining were all on show when members of the Smart Transformation Youth Advisory Council (YAC) toured BMA's Goonyella Riverside Mine (GRM) recently.

STAC Skills and Training Project Lead and Moranbah State High Principal Michelle Pole attended GRM with the YAC members, and said the visit provided on the ground insights to the students.

"It was an amazing opportunity to see the inside of a working mine – the kids saw the reality of how everything works," Michelle said.

"The big takeaway was the extraordinary number of different jobs and areas they could work in."



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