**Northern Growth Corridor Meetings Minutes 11th October 2011**

Attendees:

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| Andrew Grimshaw | The Hornery Institute | National Skilling and Employment Manager |
| Andrew Quain | Regional Development Australia – Moreton Bay  (RDA) | Executive Officer |
| Greg Thurlow | Office of Higher Education | Executive Director |
| Kevin Tickle | Central Queensland University | Pro Vice Chancellor and Executive Dean |
| Kris McCue | Department of Employment, Education, and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) | Local Employment Coordinator (Caboolture & Sunshine Coast) |
| Margaret Blade | Regional Development Australia – Brisbane (RDA) | Executive Officer |
| Nasir Butrous | Australian Catholic University | Associate Professor, School of Business |
| Ben Breen | The Smith Family | Partnership Broker |
| Geoff Timm | Queensland Youth Industry Links | Regional Engagement Manager |
| Tom McCue | Queensland Youth Industry Links | Senior Partnership Broker |
| Siobhan McGregor | Queensland Youth Industry Links | Community & Education Coordinator |

Apologies:

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| Ed McShea | The Hornery Institute | Community Development Officer |
| Dane McCraken | Australian Trade Coast | Chief Executive Officer |
| Chris Ryder | Department of Education & Training (DET) | Regional Director – Metropolitan |
| Tony Krimmer | Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research | **Innovative Regions Facilitator** |
| Ben Simpson | Stockland | Project Director – Caloundra South |
| Darren Mew | Stockland | Approvals Manager |
| Peter Glasby | Department of Local Government & Panning | Director of Science Precincts |

Agenda Items:

1. Recap on previous meeting.
2. To collaborate a purpose for this partnership.
3. To discuss what strategic approach to take.
4. Focus on Education and Employment.
5. Holistic approach is required to gain momentum.

Meeting opened at 10.15am

**Tom McCue and Geoff Timm:** Welcome and Introductions. Thanks to RDA Brisbane and Moreton Bay for funding today’s lunch and venue.

**Margaret Blade:** Spoke about the Labour Force Capability Study that Regional Development

Australia - Brisbane had just undertaken. This study focussed on the Brisbane Statistical Division (Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Logan & Redlands and the Ipswich Region). The report predicts significant skill shortages with 343,000 new jobs estimated to be created by the year 2021 made up of the following occupation areas: Professionals, Managers, Technicians/Tradespersons, Clerical/Admin and Community & Personal Service Workers will be. Later in the meeting Margaret made a presentation about the recommendations of the Labour Force Study Report to see if any of these could apply to this Partnership. There was discussion around the recommendations which the Partnership considered to be relevant to its focus areas..

A copy of the report will be sent to Tom McCue to distribute to stakeholders once the final copy is completed.

1. Some slides from the previous meeting were again shown for the benefit of the new members at the table.
2. The purpose was spoken about at great length. It was decided that the purpose was too long and did not focus on education/training/employment. The purpose needed to be focussed on the local region. Transport would be a hard place to start. The name of the Partnership and the purpose need to be in alignment with each other with the reference to the Northern Growth Corridor / Northern Transport Corridor. Rio Tinto was spoken about; there are currently 3,000 jobs in Brisbane where Rio Tinto are looking attempting to source up to 8,000 workers in the Brisbane Metropolitan area. If they cannot source these workers from our Region they may look to other capital cities. Brisbane could miss out on a great opportunity for growth if this was to happen. It was mentioned several times about the partnership being an advisory group to RDA or DEEWR.

After the lengthy discussions the purpose was agreed upon.

***Identify and promote labour market opportunities within the Northern Growth Corridor***

***(Across South East Queensland)***

It was then discussed that to support the purpose there would need to have a set of objectives devised. They are:

1. ***Align skill development with future employment opportunities***
2. ***Share knowledge in order to influence decision makers***
3. ***Identify business development opportunities***
4. ***Identify what capacity business needs to pursue that development***
5. ***What skills do they need to develop that capacity.***
6. The strategic approach of this partnership was discussed at length.

* The five I’s were discussed; Identify, Influence, Initiate, Insight, Intelligence
* The partnership needs to take a education based approach
* The level of the strategic approach was spoken about as well
* The opportunities of Teleworking were discussed
* The National Broadband Network was discussed
* The Caloundra South development was discussed
* Timeframes of this partnership was discussed
* The question was asked ‘is everyone committed to this partnership and further meetings?’
* Everyone spoke of their commitment.

**Geoff Timm:** explained the exit strategy. He explained that QYIL as Partnership Brokers would be around for the next two years. The first 12 months would be extensive support and following that QYIL would be able to support this partnership as required. This will enable the partnership to move towards sustainability.

1. Everyone agreed that the focus needs to be on education and employment.
2. The layout for the next meeting was discussed. It was decided that 4 speakers would be approached to speak in a format of 30 minutes for each speaker and an interval between to discuss the issues and information presented – the purpose being to hear about relevant issues and determine the way forward for the Partnership to address these. The following organisations will be approached to speak at the next meeting.
3. Stockland – Darren Mew (re Caloundra South development)
4. Australian Trade Coast-Dane McCracken (re skills and labour supply issues)
5. National Broadband Network (Kris McCue to get a contact) Possibly Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) – Wally Donaldson (re Aspley/Brisbane North NBN rollout)
6. Redcliffe Rail. (MBRC representative?) (re future connectivity and employment needs)

Queensland Youth Industry Links will approach the speakers with the following criteria

1. Need to meet the objectives
2. Need to explain the scale and scope of the projects that they are currently pursuing or future projects
3. Different business needs during and after the project management
4. Timeframes of these projects
5. Future Industries required

The next meeting will be held in approximately 6 weeks time at the same venue and time of day. The tentative date for next meeting is **28th November 2011 at 10am**.

Local Employment Coordinator (DEEWR) will be happy to fund the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 1.40pm

**Geoff Timm/Tom McCue 14th October 1011**