

# 2015-16 Regional Roadmap **Update**



**What is Regional Development Australia?** Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a national network of 55 committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the development of their regions.

**What is the Regional Roadmap?** The Regional Roadmap is the foundation of all RDA Sunshine Coast activities. It captures primary needs and opportunities (priorities) for the development of our region based on input from local leaders and communities. In order to facilitate progress, key projects are identified for each priority. All of this is laid out clearly in the Regional Roadmap, which is updated annually.

**What are the roles and responsibilities of RDA Sunshine Coast?** As the regional development voice of their communities, RDA committees:

- Consult and engage with communities
- Promote and participate in regional programs and initiatives
- Provide information and advice on their region to all levels of government and
- Support informed regional planning.

In so doing RDA committees help strengthen local communities.

**What is the National Stronger Regions Fund?** This programme will provide funding of \$1 billion over five years, starting in 2015 - 2016, to fund priority infrastructure in regional communities.

- Grants must be between \$20,000 and \$10 million.
- Local government and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply.
- Grant funding must be matched in cash on at least a dollar for dollar basis.
- All partner funding must be confirmed.
- NSRF funding will be provided for capital projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or an extension of existing infrastructure.
- The project must deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction. Projects should support disadvantaged regions or areas of disadvantage within a region.

For more information visit:  
[www.investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding](http://www.investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding)

**Contact us.** The committee welcomes community, business and government involvement. Please contact RDA Sunshine Coast to discuss your project idea or opportunity. [www.rdasunshinecoast.org.au](http://www.rdasunshinecoast.org.au)

## Message from the Chair

Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees comprise local people developing local solutions to local issues and opportunities.

Refreshed biennially, the recently appointed RDA Sunshine Coast team includes business leaders and professional entrepreneurs as well as accomplished experts from the professional services, transportation, education, health care, town planning, development, engineering and construction industries.

Mindful of a heightened focus on economic development by the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, the first priority of the new RDA Sunshine Coast team has been to review and update the 2013-16 Regional Roadmap.

This 2015-16 Regional Roadmap **Update** builds on successes to date in areas such as digital capacity building, workforce planning and smart work hubs.

We acknowledge the contribution of previous committee members and staff for their dedication and results driven approach towards the Sunshine Coast community over the past five years.

Building upon this momentum, the new committee will continue this passion and bring new energy to potential growth sectors such as education, health care and sport, alongside infrastructure development and innovation opportunities.

RDA Sunshine Coast will continue to maintain and further develop a whole-of-region perspective, collaborating with Noosa and Sunshine Coast Councils as well as the Queensland and Australian governments.

We look forward to working with you, alongside you and for you - to help our region prosper. The roadmap framework provided over the page provides strategic direction and helps us focus our resources and efforts for maximum impact.

*Tony Riddle*

Tony Riddle. RDA Sunshine Coast Chair

# RDA Sunshine Coast Regional Roadmap 2015-16 Update

Our vision is of a Sunshine Coast that is innovative, dynamic, connected and sustainable.

Our mission is to connect people from within our region and across other regions to strengthen business growth, generate innovative sustainable solutions and enhance regional economic development.

## Our region's priorities:

### Economic development

Nurture high potential economic development sectors towards global competitiveness by fast tracking and optimising major projects that will have far reaching benefits across the Sunshine Coast community. Priority economic development sectors for the region include:

Digital capacity and skills (L)

Local government economic development planning (I, P, A)

Knowledge industries and professional services (P)

Tourism, sport and leisure (P)

Clean technologies (P)

Aviation and aerospace (P)

Agribusiness (P)

Health and wellbeing (P, W, A)

Education and research (P)

### Infrastructure

Provide evidence-based support for key private and public infrastructure projects that will result in investor confidence and timely action for the region's long-term benefit. Advocate for public, private and multi-party investment opportunities (including regulatory environments) that will positively affect economic, social and environmental outcomes.

National Stronger Regions Fund (L)

High speed broadband (A,L)

Under-sea fibre optic (A)

Maroochydore Smart City (A)

Bruce Highway upgrade (A)

North coast rail duplication (A)

Airport runway upgrade (A)

Convention, exhibition and entertainment facility (A)

### Innovation

Help businesses, institutions and communities improve their resilience, competitiveness, connectivity and self-sufficiency by embracing innovation, entrepreneurship and digital technologies. Be proactive in realising the full potential of 21st Century tools, techniques and ecosystems to strengthen the region's prosperity and wellbeing.

Digital Sunshine Coast (L, A)

Smart work hub (L, A)

Australian Smart Communities (P)

Entrepreneurship capacity building (A, P)

Inspire innovation-led growth (A, P)

Support and facilitate regional leadership and the sustainability of our community.

Proactively monitor events and developments - be responsive and flexible.

Deliver good governance and effective administration.