

ROBINVALE EUSTON VISION OF THE REGION

Did you know that this region produces \$800 million of GDP annually of Northern Victoria's 3 billion dollars (Agricultural production) which represents a 100% increase since 2010?

This was one of environment and the positive gems that scale of horticulture in participants at the Robinvale/Euston Vision of the Region 2025 Dinner at the Euston Club Resort last week, Wednesday evening were informed about.

The dinner was predominantly put together by Glenn Stewart, who continues to make valuable contributions to our community.

Besides a great meal there were a number of interesting presentations given during the evening. Aunty Rose Kirby gave a Welcome to Country and this was regularly re-enforced by subsequent speakers. A visual composition, "Murray River Bird - Robinvale / Euston," put together by Shane Strudwick was shown and reinforced the beauty of our wonderful

on their three major projects in the Robinvale/Euston region totalling over \$50m this financial year. She gave an update on the progress on the new Cogen plant, the new Paroil plant (almond blanching). She also spoke about the issues restricting development such as a lack of appropriate housing, lack of suitable childcare and the need for a more skilled workforce.

Kathie also spoke about Select Harvests Community grants program and the great partnership that they have with Robinvale College. Ana Rees, Principal of Robinvale College. She spoke about the progress of the College, in particular the Robinvale Community Hub and presented some key staff from the College to the audience. Ana said that the College has secured \$2.9m for the development of a new "Family Centre" incorporating a 3 and 4 Year old kindergarten as well as the "Doctors in School" program. She also updated the one hundred invited guests present that Robinvale College had been short listed in the \$50m Victorian Government's Shared Facilities Grants and expected to hear shortly if the College had been successful for a new School Community Library complex (\$2.3m application facilitated

Transport NSW Roads & Maritime Services

Navigation Restriction Robinvale 80 Ski Race Murray River, Robinvale

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March 2017 7am to 7pm

Special Event/Exclusive Use Zone Declared
Murray River between the 1122 kilometre river marker, located 1 kilometre downstream of the Robinvale - Euston Road bridge, and the 1164 kilometre river marker, at the Bonarrical Creek Junction, which will be closed to navigation and monitored by control vessels. No unauthorised vessels may enter the special event zone.
Penalties apply.
Marine Notice 501723

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Organics Expressions of Interest

The Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group (LMWRRG) is one of seven Waste and Resource Recovery Groups that cover Victoria that links state, local governments, community and industry.

We have eight infrastructure and member councils: services for all waste City of Greater Bendigo, Buloke, Gannawarra, Loddon, Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander Shire Councils, Mildura and Swan Hill Rural City Councils.

The LMWRRG is responsible for facilitating a coordinated approach to the planning and delivery of infrastructure and services, to educate businesses and communities to reduce waste going to landfill and to integrate regional and local knowledge into State-wide waste strategies.

The EOI will be conducted through Survey Monkey to gain a picture of businesses and organisations that operate or produce organic waste across the Loddon Mallee Region.

of organic waste within the region which will assist with organic recycling projects. As part of the Organic EOI the LMWRRG has grant funding available to assist with organic waste recycling programs or projects across the region which will divert organics from landfill, assist with organic collection, increase organic waste processing and the development of new technologies. The Organics EOI

households throw out 250,000t worth of food - enough wasted food to fill Melbourne's Eureka Tower. (<http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.vic.gov.au/about-your-food/don't-really-waste-food>)

by Swan Hill Rural City Council). In addition, Glenn also informed the audience that the College was seeking industry support for a new \$2.5m trade training facility. Frank Rees, Co-ordinator of the Robinvale Network (REN), Frank set out for those present what the REN can offer and achieve for the community. Key points were that the REN was looking to assist Jobactivees to place seventy unemployed people in sustainable employment over the next four years and to assist thirty young local students into apprenticeships and traineeships. The REN project had received \$840,000 over four years from Jobs Victoria to achieve this goal and Frank said that Swan Hill Rural City Council was looking to work with local industry to help with their future employment needs.

Sylvia Adams is the CEO of the RE Ross Trust. The Ross Trust is a philanthropic group and Sylvia spoke about the work and financial support (\$1.2m) that the Trust has given to the Robinvale/Euston community over the last nine years and their ongoing commitment to the region. Win Scott, Chairperson of the Mallee Regional Partnership. Scott made a presentation about how the Partnership can directly put strategic issues/opportunities for Robinvale

directly into the Victorian Government through the Regional Ministerial Council chaired by Minister Jaala Pulford. Dr David Platt, was a consultant with Advancing Country Towns. Facilitated a "Workshop of Ideas." Each table group discussed what would keep them in Robinvale/Euston communities in 2025, what were the barriers or blockages to these aspirations and what were the innovations/interventions that could overcome these barriers.

Wendy told those at the dinner "This region is number one in what we have achieved around innovative partnerships around future skills development." Wendy is involved in regions right across the nation. Many of the speakers, who were not local, sang the praises of this region and these people go back to their workplace and spread the word. It is true, the problems discussed and the suggestions made, have been said before, but a wonderful thing about



Geoff Dea CEO SunTAFE presenting Rob Wheatley OIAM Manager with the 2016 Employer of the Year Award.

waste they produce, transport or process. The survey aims to collect data or information on whether businesses and organisations are interested in exploring ways to divert organic waste from current landfill waste streams or improve the way organic waste is processed to maximise value.

survey will be open for 4 weeks from 8th March to 8th April 2017, any questions please contact Stewart West on 0429 820 570. <https://www.organicexpressionsEOI.com/OrganicsEOI>

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