



## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA UPDATE

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast Board Members recently met in Millicent as part of their regular Board Meeting schedule.

The meeting commenced with an in-depth discussion on key issues and opportunities for the Limestone Coast community, as part of the process of developing the Limestone Coast Regional Roadmap. The University of South Australia has been appointed to undertake much of the background work for the Roadmap, with Board Members providing constructive input into the process. Board Member feedback together with information gathered from both the RDA LC's consultation sessions held in March and one-on-one discussions with key regional stakeholders, will form the basis of the draft Roadmap.

Members also adopted the 2009/10 Annual Report, outlining key activities and achievements for the organisation and audited financial statements and following final printing of the Report this document will be made available publicly.

Other issues of significance discussed at the meeting included:-

- Finalisation of the Alternative Energy Solutions Report by consultant Geddes Management Pty Ltd. This Report identifies bio-mass resources available within the region and will be a key tool in attracting investment into the renewable energy sector.
- The Board has received a response in relation to the anti-dumping of imported toilet tissue products and will continue to liaise with Kimberly-Clark Australia and the Dumping Damaging Regional Communities Taskforce.
- A proposal to update data within the Limestone Coast Plantation Timbers 2005 and Beyond report to improve the currency of data and further illustrate the Green Triangle region as Australia's foremost plantation forestry area.
- Concern was raised regarding apparent skills shortages in agriculture and the Board will make enquiries with the education sector to ensure that the curriculum is structured in a way that agriculture can be identified as an area with diverse employment opportunities.
- The Board agreed on a continuation of Membership support for the South East Resource Information Centre.

The next meeting of RDA Limestone Coast is schedule to be held in the Robe District Council area in October.

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