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NBN Business Connections Event highlighted Collaboration and Growth Opportunities in Collie Community

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CCCI Celebrates Success of Latest Business Connections Event: A Platform for Growth and Collaboration

The Collie Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) is thrilled to announce the resounding success of our recent Business Connections event, hosted by NBN. Made possible through funding from Workforce Australia Local Jobs South West, courtesy of the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, this event marked another milestone in our ongoing commitment to fostering growth and collaboration within the community.

Attendees had the privilege of engaging with esteemed Guest Speakers from the Department of Home Affairs' Business, Industry, and Regional Outreach and Status Resolution teams, alongside representatives from the WA Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) Construction Migration Office.

Collie CCI Chairperson, Natalie Cook, extended her gratitude to NBN for hosting the event. She also expressed appreciation to our esteemed guest speakers for sharing their invaluable insights. Additionally, special thanks were extended to Crown Hotel for providing an exceptional venue and delicious food, enhancing the overall experience. Finally, Natalie conveyed gratitude to all attendees for their participation and contribution to the event's success.

The event provided attendees with unique discussions and valuable insights into NBN's ongoing network upgrades across Collie, aimed at enhancing broadband connectivity options for local businesses. Attendees also had the opportunity to provide direct feedback to NBN, contributing to the improvement of services.

Furthermore, the WA Business, Industry, and Regional Outreach (BIRO) team, in collaboration with the Construction Migration Office (CMO) from DTWD, shared essential information on Skilled Visa Programs, the Construction Visa Subsidy Program, and support initiatives for skilled migrants and employers. Participants gained valuable insights into the South West Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) and explored resources available through the Skilled Migrant Employment Register (SMER). Steve Lanyi from Dept of Home Affairs also introduced Rik Stacey from the Shire of Dardanup as the Designated Area Representative (DAR) and primary employer contact for the South West DAMA program and said "the DAMA program in the South West of WA provides employers in the region with a greater range of lower skill occupations to sponsor migrants as well as other



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concessions compared to occupations available under standard skilled and employer sponsored visa options available”

Lise Williams from the DTWD Construction migration office thanked the CCCI for the opportunity to engage with business representatives from in and around Collie to share information relating to the employment of skilled migrants in Western Australia.

As we reflect on the success of this event, the CCCI extends its gratitude to all participants, speakers, and partners for their invaluable contributions. We remain committed to providing opportunities for growth, collaboration, and learning through our Business Connections series.

The CCCI encourages individuals and organisations to join us in future Business Connection events. These gatherings are more than opportunities to learn and network; they are vital contributions to Collie's economic expansion. By participating, you actively engage in the latest developments, establish meaningful connections, and contribute to the collective prosperity of Collie.

For further information or inquiries about this event and other upcoming activities, please contact the Collie Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. via email at admin@colliechamber.asn.au or by calling 08 9734 4817.

About Collie Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI)

The Collie Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) is a proactive and vibrant organisation dedicated to promoting business excellence, community growth, and economic prosperity in Collie. With a mission to foster a supportive and thriving business ecosystem, CCCI consistently initiates events and programs that empower local businesses and individuals to achieve their full potential.