

# WHY YOUR ORGANISATION SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE RCCIWA MEMBERS FORUM 2023

JUNE 22ND & 23RD, PERTH

## Overview

The two day twice annual RCCIWA Members Forum features a well-designed program founded on member feedback and input, that gives our members the opportunity to connect with their fellow regional business organisations, amplify the voice of their membership, learn and share information, meet with key stakeholders and decision makers as well as develop a strong network of supportive people and organisations with a collective common purpose.

## What's in it for your organisation?

- Represent the issues and concerns of your membership to our state Parliamentary Leaders
- Be part of a supportive and passionate community of elected and employed representatives from Chambers of Commerce, Business Networks or Business Associations of all sizes. From large fully staffed organisations to 100% volunteer run organisations, whether you are brand new to your role or have been involved for a while you will have plenty to offer and plenty to gain
- A good mix of both employed and elected representatives attend the forums, which provides an excellent opportunity to share all perspectives of being part of a regional business organisation and sets up a great platform for support and mentorship
- Learn from your fellow regional business organisations – sharing ideas, problem solving, finding common solutions
- Connect with your regional peers to build a strong network of regional business communities
- Hear from experts – covering issues such as local procurement, WA's economic outlook, governance and more
- Meet Members of Parliament, key stakeholders, and regional influencers
- Be armed with practical and relevant takeaways – ideas and actions you can implement straight away

## Day One – Hale House Meeting with Ministers – Thursday June 22nd

A privilege we have been afforded since 2002, RCCIWA is now the only organisation that holds their regular meetings at Parliament House and now across the road at Hale House – something that we value greatly. On this day we meet with Members of Parliament, including Ministers and often The Premier in individual sessions to discuss issues and concerns of our regional business communities as well as offer ways we can work together to deliver positive outcomes. This day is a well-coordinated program with pre-delivered questions as well as the opportunity to ask questions directly of each speaker. The opportunity this day provides to advocate for your membership and amplify their voice is invaluable. Details of confirmed speakers will be known closer to the meeting. In recent meetings we had The Premier, numerous Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition attend.

## Day Two – Operational & Strategic Day – Friday June 23rd

A mixed program of industry experts presenting, dynamic workshops and member presentations, day two is the day to learn new information, share your success and challenges and work collectively on areas and topics that are important for all of our members. This is both strategic and operational and really gives you an opportunity to connect with your fellow members whilst gaining inspiration and terrific ideas you can bring back to your organisation. Some of the items on the agenda at this stage are:

- Key member activities and projects – learn from and share with each other
- Hear from guest speakers
- Group discussions and workshopping



## Business After Hours – June 22nd 5.30pm to 7.30pm

We all love a Business After Hours and our RCCIWA BAH's are quite legendary! Bringing our members, a variety of stakeholders and key regional representatives together for an evening of quality networking. There will be the opportunity for us to include some of your members on the invitation list as well. This event will be co-hosted by Accor Hotels WA and Buy West Eat Best, held at Novotel Perth Murray Street, 388 Murray St, Perth.

## What our members say about the Forum

The RCCIWA Forum is a valuable opportunity to bring regional leaders together to better support the business communities around regional WA. The Forum provides a professional networking opportunity with Ministers, government representatives and other CCI's, who can all work together to advance the state. The organisation and the professionalism is always exceptional. [Alice Gladigau, Business Advisor Kalgoorlie-Boulder CCI](#)

The Regional Chambers bi-annual conference is a must attend event. It is a valuable investment of your time to broaden the Regional Chamber network's exposure to government, share knowledge and experience, learn from one another. The relationships that develop during the conference become an invaluable enabler for all our Chambers. [Kristy Gillian, Former CEO Bunbury-Geographe CCI](#)

This year's forum was the first time to EKCCI has been able to attend, and it was a great few days meeting other regional chambers and connecting over common themes and new ideas. I came away feeling inspired. Thank RCCIWA for providing this opportunity! [Clare Smith, CEO East Kimberley CCI](#)

The RCCI Forum is an invaluable event for those of us in the regions where we can occasionally feel as if we are the only ones with problems and unattainable goals. The exchange of ideas, the speakers and the networking amongst members brings it in back into perspective. [Karen Thomas, York BA](#)

The RCCIWA Members Forum's is not only an invaluable opportunity to raise regional issues with Ministers and key bureaucrats, but also an opportunity to learn from other Chambers. Countless initiatives and programs have come to fruition from connections made and lessons learned from these forums, and I have professionally benefited far more from attending these forums over other conferences. [Andrew McKerrell, Former GM Peel CCI](#)

