



# Why your organisation should be represented at the RCCIWA Members Forum 2024 in Perth November 7 + 8

## 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 November 7

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 November 8

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 workshoping



### **Business After Hours – 7 November 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 hosted by Accor Hotels WA, held at Novotel Perth Murray Street, 388 Murray St, Perth.

### **What our members say about the Forum**

*Jennifer Obourne, EO, Esperance CCI*

*The networking at the BAH was invaluable. I am new and it was great to meet all the external stakeholders in person. The Friday morning session hearing from my colleagues what they're doing. INVALUABLE! I found everyone I met was warm and welcoming and I left feeling supported, that I am not alone (despite being regional and geographically alone). I've got this, because we're a team! And there isn't the protectionism I've experienced elsewhere. Well done RCCIWA.*

*Rachel Atkinson, EO, Donnybrook-Balingup CCI*

*I have loved both forums I have attended so far. Everyone is so willing to share their experiences and projects. The variety of Chamber styles is amazing and I have found support that the small projects we do, and do well are of benefit to our community. Kitty is a perfect MC to keep it moving positively but request for 1 Simone whistle a forum.*

*Belinda, Relocation Support Services, Broome CCI*

*Very enjoyable couple of days having the opportunity to meet with other Chamber representatives, share ideas and achievements and discuss the big topics effecting our regional communities in different ways.*

*Julie Broad, CEO, Bunbury Geographe CCI*

*A worthwhile forum allowing chambers to share ideas to help optimize opportunities in our region.*

*Ian Cadwallander, Strategic Development Manager, Peel CCI*

*The RCCIWA conference is a must attend event. The opportunity to advocate on behalf of our members and influence change is a key core role of all chambers.*

*Davina Gibb, Secretary, Nannup CCI*

*The interaction with other RCCIWA members is invaluable and the knowledge shared freely is inspiring*

*Tracey Hodgkins, President, Blackwood CCI*

*Great forum, especially for those of a us newbies who are just starting out in our roles.*