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## **Western Water becomes LeadWest's newest member**

Western Water has become LeadWest's newest corporate partner. As a key utility delivering key services to the rapidly growing communities in Melton, Western Water is well placed to provide strategic advice to LeadWest in its core function of providing advocacy on behalf of the communities of Melbourne's western suburbs.

## **Health Minister Announces Funding support for Super Clinic for Melbourne's West**

Hon Nicola Roxon, the Federal Minister for Health, has announced \$15 mill of funding to support the establishment of a health Super Clinic to be located in Melbourne rapidly growing western suburbs.

Applications / Tender submissions are being sought from community health centres and local Governments based in the west to capture this funding in support of key health imperatives

## **LeadWest assists GPT Property Group in its Community Wellbeing deliberations**

LeadWest has been working with GPT Property Group (owners of Highpoint) to try and understand the key wellbeing strengths and challenges facing western communities. As an organisation driven by a strong community ethos, the GPT Group are keen to strengthen their community engagement and improve their role in shaping the social, economic and environmental development of the inner west.

## **LeadWest to organise briefing on Broadband rollout for Western Councils in September**

With the upcoming roll out of the Broadband network by NBN, LeadWest will facilitate the holding of a briefing for Councillors & senior Council officers by representatives of NBN. The timing for this briefing will be 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010, to be held in Moonee Ponds.

## **LeadWest CEO supports Western Chances Scholarship Awards**

LeadWest CEO joined other western suburb community leaders in the Western Chances Scholarship Awards. As a major supporter of youth assistance initiatives in the western suburbs, Western Chances has provided tangible direct assistance to the youth of the west to achieve their education & skills aspirations by providing a "hand up" to young people.

## **Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion passes through lower house**

The amendment to expand the urban growth boundary (VC68) passed through Parliament on Thursday 29th July 2010.

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Work on the Growth Area Framework plan to identify the long term patterns of urban growth and identify the location of where development should occur, including activity and town centres, residential, employment and mixed use employment will now proceed.

The Framework plan will also identify transport networks and options for investigation of future railway lines. All of this will be done in line with Delivering Melbourne's Newest Sustainable Communities policy documents.

## **LeadWest CEO attends Western Region Councils CEO meeting**

LeadWest CEO attended the July Western Region Councils CEO's forum held at Brimbank Council offices in Sunshine. Key issues addressed included:

- Victorian Transport Plan – Further Action
- NBN Rollout briefing for Councils
- Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development briefing
- Regional Rail link update
- Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action (WAGA) update

## **LeadWest attends Health Reform Forum hosted by Dept of Health**

LeadWest's Chairman and CEO participated in a major Health Forum looking at key issues around the implementation of the National Health & Hospitals Agreement.

The forum chaired by Fran Thorn, Sec of the Dept of Health, will seek key stakeholder feedback in helping to shape the rollout of the Health & Hospitals agreement recently reached between State & Federal governments

## **LeadWest attends Western Transport Alliance meeting**

LeadWest participated in the WTA meeting hosted by Maribyrnong Council. Key issues addressed by the WTA and its key stakeholders included:

- Westlink Project update
- Regional Rail Link
- Truck Action Plan
- Western Ring Road Upgrade
- Westgate Bridge strengthening
- Metro Rail Tunnel
- Outer Metropolitan Ring Road

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## **LeadWest attends Jobs Expo held in Geelong**

LeadWest CEO joined other Board Members of the Western Region Advisory Council for the “Keep Australia Working” initiative at the recently held Jobs Expo in Geelong. The daylong event attracted over three thousand visitors and facilitated over 400 job offers to attendees.

LeadWest CEO also met with Jason Clare, the Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Employment, to canvass a range of jobs creation imperatives for Melbourne’s western suburbs.

It appears that a similar jobs expo is to be held in Werribee in September 2010 designed to support job creation opportunities for residents.

## **Integrated & Sustainable Transport System Forum**

LeadWest CEO attended a stakeholder briefing on the Transport Integration Act designed to facilitate and support the development of an integrated and sustainable transport system for Melbourne.

## **LeadWest CEO Participates in Innovation Forum**

LeadWest CEO joined other stakeholders in a breakfast forum looking at creative opportunities for linking innovative companies with the latest R&D.

## **LeadWest and Western Transport Alliance put in a submission on Intermodal Terminals**

LeadWest & WTA will lodge a joint submission in response to the Victorian Governments discussion paper on Intermodal Freight Terminals.

The west of Melbourne is increasingly becoming the centre for the rapidly growing transport & logistics industry serving the growing freight task in Victoria. With its strategic location near the Port of Melbourne and major transport arteries, the western suburbs have experienced rapid development in this sector.

## **715 new Victorian Jobs as NBN comes to Melbourne**

As part of the \$43Billion NBN project, over 700 new jobs will be created when NBN Co’s new National Operations & Test facility is located in Melbourne.

## **LeadWest host Councils at Transport Briefing**

LeadWest hosted its member Councils to a luncheon briefing on the Victorian Transport Plan. Key announcements covered the following key projects that impact on Melbourne’s west -

- Regional Rail Link Project update
- Truck Action Plan Update

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- Westlink Route option release
  - Metro Rail Tunnel

## **Westlink Community Reference Group**

LeadWest CEO attended the July Westlink Community Reference group meeting. Key issues addressed were the -

- Regional Rail Link Project update
- Truck Action Plan Update
- Westlink Route option release
- Metro Rail Tunnel

## **LeadWest participates in Stakeholder consultation process for “Pegasus Project” in Melton**

LeadWest CEO joined other key regional stakeholders at the Community Consultation Forum for the “Pegasus Project” a major urban development opportunity located at Toolern in the rapidly growing Melton Shire. The Pegasus project covers an area of over 400 ha located in Toolern which is the major urban growth area in Melton and which will be the home for over 20,000 households.

## **HealthWest Partnership & LeadWest explore joint health sector opportunities**

LeadWest CEO met with CEO of HealthWest Partnership to progress areas of mutual interest in the area of overcoming some of the serious health issues in the west such as Diabetes, Heart Disease and obesity. LeadWest is also providing funding support for the completion of a comprehensive “Health Plan for the West”.

## **LeadWest to help shape Maribyrnong Economic & Industrial Development Strategy (MEIDS)**

LeadWest has provided input to AEC Group Ltd consultants to help draft the Maribyrnong Council - MEIDS. Maribyrnong is a city in transition with the decade having seen a winding back of its traditional manufacturing and defence related base and conversion of brown field sites to residential use.

## **LeadWest supports Moonee Valley Gala Business Lunch**

In recognition of the important role played by small business in generating jobs, LeadWest was proud to support the Moonee Valley Council arranged Gala Business Luncheon.

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Over 200 key small business operators attended the event at which keynote speaker Mr Phil Ruthven, the Chairman of IBIS World, provided a comprehensive overview of the Australian and Global economy.

## **LeadWest CEO convenes meeting of Werribee Plains - Regional Environmental Sustainability Framework (RESF)**

LeadWest is supporting the Werribee Plains RESF in their endeavours in holding a western region community forum to address regional environmental imperatives. LeadWest was successful in securing State Government funding to support western regional sustainability projects. The Forum is presently planned to be held in October and will be hosted by Wyndham City Council.

## **LeadWest sponsors Victoria University Training Awards**

In recognition of the importance of fostering a climate of lifelong learning & improving the education & skill levels in the west, LeadWest was proud to support Victoria University by becoming a sponsor of the Victoria University Training Awards.

## **LeadWest CEO attends briefing on the West convened by Victoria University**

LeadWest CEO joined other key western suburb stakeholder at a briefing on major research recently completed by various bodies impacting upon the west.

Recent months have witnessed the completion of a number of reports relating directly to Melbourne's west. These reports capture important data on one of Australia's most dynamic regions which can inform decision makers on the changing landscape in the west where both industrial and residential growth continues at above national rates.

## **LeadWest participates in launch of Institute of Sports, Exercise & Active Living (ISEAL)**

LeadWest Chair & CEO joined other key stakeholders at the launch of ISEAL at the Victoria University Campus in Footscray.

ISEAL aims to become a global leader in research and engagement in sport, exercise science and active living. This research is supported by strong strategic partnerships and research collaboration with a wide range of sporting institutes and bodies, government departments, universities and other local and international organisations.

## **LeadWest participates in Melbourne's Freight Future forum**

LeadWest CEO joined other key stakeholders at a forum convened by DOT. Forum attendees critically assessed the recently released "Shaping Melbourne's Freight Future" discussion paper on the development of an inter-connected network of freight terminals for Melbourne.

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## **LeadWest CEO attends Regional Development Australia (RDA) Advisory Board meeting**

The LeadWest CEO attended the regular RDA Board meeting hosted by the Qenos. The RDA program has the potential to support initiatives that can assist with the further development of Melbourne's west.

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