

# LEADWEST MEMBERS HIGHLIGHT REPORT

## JULY 2011



### AGENDA 1: EDUCATION & SKILLS

#### LeadWest works with ACFE

LeadWest's CEO attended the monthly Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board meeting and provided input into the shaping of policy for ACFE in respect of Melbourne's western suburbs. ACFE provides financial support to an array of community organisations to underpin the rollout of education and training programmes for those in our community that have difficulty accessing mainstream education services. A key focus in 2011/12 for ACFE will be the Melton/ Brimbank and Wyndham growth areas.

#### Celebrating Victoria University's Achievers

LeadWest joined other sponsors and stakeholders at the Victoria University Training Awards. Covering the whole range of VU learning areas, the awards recognise

and celebrate excellence in personal achievement and development.

### AGENDA 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS

#### AiG and VECCI look to LeadWest

LeadWest met with the Australian Industry Group and VECCI to discuss the roll-out of business support services to businesses in the region that are their members. As the peak industry bodies representing the interests of big business, AiG and VECCI are keen to extend their service delivery to major businesses in the region. AiG intends to particularly focus on export facilitation.

#### Meeting with Brimbank's business leaders

LeadWest participated in a roundtable luncheon with key industry leaders hosted by Brimbank Council. The event gave both council and LeadWest the opportunity to discuss with business leaders their key issues in respect of supporting industry growth and development in Melbourne's west.

#### LeadWest works with GPT on Highpoint redevelopment

LeadWest participated in a key stakeholder workshop to discuss the future of the Highpoint Shopping Centre. The aim was to help create a new vision for Highpoint that connects it more authentically with the west. The vision will help to form key areas of the redevelopment in such areas as:

- The built form of the Centre

- Detailing and public art as story telling
- The mix of shops and other services
- The look and feel of the centre
- Its role and function

#### LeadWest welcomes G Force to the region

G Force is a large Recruitment & training organisation headquartered in Geelong. LeadWest joined other western region bodies at the official opening of the G Force office in Wyndham. G Force interest in Melbourne's west is driven by the strong growth taking place here and the presence of major industrial and logistics businesses.

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### AGENDA 3: TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Advocacy for “East-West” link

LeadWest joined with the RACV in strongly advocating to commence the planning for the timely delivery of a strategic second east–west road crossing over the Maribyrnong/Yarra River. LeadWest has been at the forefront of lobbying both the Victorian Government as well as the Australian Government (via Infrastructure Australia) to recognise the importance of a second crossing, which is needed to support the rapid growth taking place both in population and port-related industrial development.

#### LeadWest on Regional Rail Link Community Reference Group

LeadWest’s CEO has joined other key regional stakeholders in forming the Community Reference group for the Regional Rail Link Project. It will provide policy input to the government on key issues regarding this major infrastructure project.

### AGENDA 4: HEALTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Better Health Plan for the West

LeadWest, in partnership with key western region health sector stakeholders, has funded a major piece of strategic research to develop a health plan for the western suburbs. The Nous Group has been appointed to undertake the study, which is due for completion by June 2011. The first draft of the study has been provided to key

stakeholders for comment. The study is very timely, as the new Victorian Government is seeking strategic input from the regions on key health imperatives.

#### GP Super Clinic

Residents of Wyndham will soon have a state of the art health facility at their door following the signing of a \$15m agreement between the Australian Government and ISIS Primary Care to develop and operate the Western Melbourne GO Super Clinic.

The Wyndham Vale GP Super Clinic will bring together general practice, dietetics, dental services, occupational therapy, social & family support programs.

### AGENDA 5: ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & IMAGE

#### V4WP grants round 10

LeadWest’s CEO joined other grants panel members in funding a range of new projects that will deliver significant environmental benefits. 12 projects from across the region with a total fund request of almost \$2 million were considered in the 10<sup>th</sup> round of the grants program

#### LeadWest welcomes review of Brooklyn Industrial Precinct

Victorian Minister for Planning, Mathew Guy has agreed to conduct a major precinct planning review of the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct. The community has been questioning whether the current mix of industries in the Brooklyn area is sustainable from an environment point of view. The Minister’s

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decision to enable a review is good for our region.

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### AGENDA 6: TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

#### Arts Incubator

The Western Melbourne RDA Committee is to fund a feasibility study for an Arts-based Business Incubator in Melbourne's west. The work is to help in creating an environment in which arts and culture can flourish in Melbourne's west.

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### AGENDA 7: REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

#### Mayors and CEOs of the region's councils meet the PM

LeadWest hosted a meeting of the region's Mayors and council CEOs with the Prime Minister, the Health Minister and the Assistant Treasurer. The meeting took place at Wyndham City Council's Civic Centre in Werribee. Each Mayor and CEO participated in presenting the key issues for the region and the potential solutions to those issues. A document titled "What's Next for Melbourne's West" was provided to the Prime Minister and other MPs at the meeting.

#### Working with council CEOs

LeadWest's CEO joined the CEOs of councils in Melbourne's west for their monthly forum, this time hosted by Moonee Valley City

Council. Key issues addressed included:

- Development of a Regional Transport Solutions Strategy for the Melbourne's west
- Brooklyn Industrial Precinct – revitalisation
- Vision For Werribee Plains Project
- City west Water – Greening the West initiative

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