

QUARTERLY REPORT | 2024 JUL-SEP

AN OVERVIEW OF THE SECOND QUARTER SINCE STANDING UP OUR PLACE-BASED INITIATIVE



WESTERN DOWNS FUTURES

Connected Communities, Growing Together and Alive with Opportunities

THIS QUARTER'S WINS

Connecting at the Working Group Forum

We invited the whole WDF network back together on 24 September 2024 at the Dalby Events Centre, where:

- Each Working Group shared their progress, challenges and opportunities in 6 months since standing up.
- We reviewed the Working Group process and how we connect the work.
- We considered the formation of an Early Childhood Education and Care group.
- And finally, we began strategic planning Outcomes, Indicators, and Measures with each Working Group.

Growing Together with our Working Groups



Housing Working Group aims to identify, accelerate, enhance, and promote housing opportunities across the region.



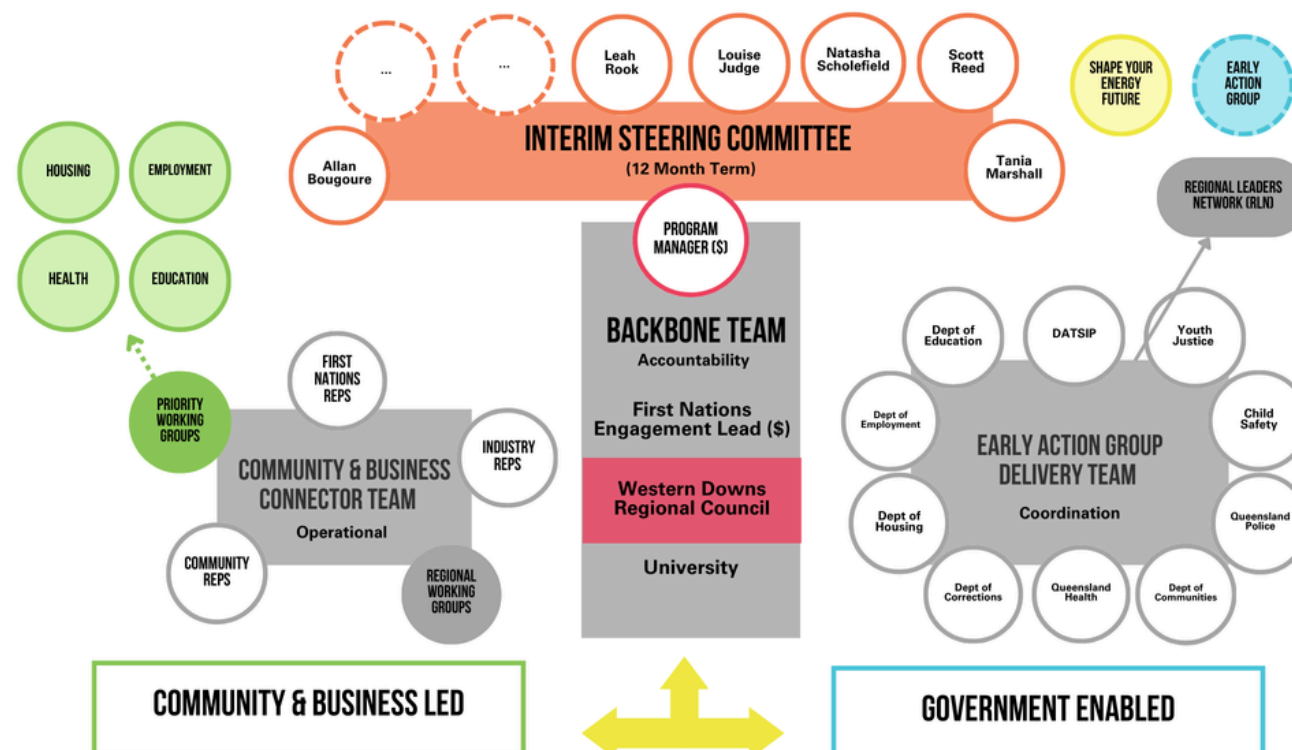
Employment Working Group is collaborating to reduce the percentage of a regional skills gap via a multipronged approach.



Education Working Group is collaborating proactively to enhance the educational and life-long learning opportunities across the Western Downs region.



Health Working Group is collectively pursuing better access to healthcare across the Western Downs region.



AT A GLANCE

13

Working Group Meetings facilitated in Q2, up from 11 in Q1

3

Interim Steering Committee Meetings facilitated in Q2, down from 4 in Q1

62

Attended the Working Group Forum

Composition of Working Groups:

37%
COMM

39%
IND

24%
GOV

SHAPING WESTERN DOWNS ENERGY FUTURE

- Regional Benefit Sharing Project Team advancing an options paper after engagements with industry, government, and Western Downs Futures stakeholders.
- Regional Economic Futures Fund (REFF) project plan approved and recruitment underway for a "Project Officer - Energy Futures" to sit with the WDRC Economic Development team.



Department of State Development
Regional Economic Futures Fund (REFF)
\$400,000

