



## **DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA** Conference 2017

**Progress, Growth and Investment**  
Pullman Cairns International 19 - 20 JUNE 2017

RDA Pilbara attended the Developing Northern Australia Conference 2017 earlier this week in Cairns. This conference gave northern Australian's from the south and wider world a chance to share their vision for the future of the North. It also provided the audience a chance to hear how implementation of the Whitepaper is progressing and to have a stronger voice in getting the best results from its implementation.

The programme featured speakers that discussed the key opportunities and challenges in progressing Northern Australia through growth and investment whilst session presentations from industry leaders focussed on specialist topic areas. Those topic areas included land and water, food and agribusiness, forestry, resources and energy, tourism and hospitality, international education, healthcare and medical research, infrastructure, workforce opportunities, Indigenous-led northern development and developing strategic links as the gateway to Asia.

The conference was well attended with over 450 attendees over the two days.

### **METS IGNITED: Accessing Collaborative Project Funds**



METS Ignited is hosting a series of FREE, two hour, information sessions across Australia on accessing the new round of the \$15.6M METS Ignited collaborative project funds.

The Project Fund is an opportunity for companies to secure matched funding to commercialise innovation that will benefit the Australian mining equipment, technology and services (METS) and mining sectors. For more information regarding the National Roadshow please go to <https://metsignited.org>.

Session being held in Karratha as per the link below:

- Karratha - 30th June 2017 - [Please click here to register](#)

### **Northern RDA Alliance**

The eight RDAs located in Northern Australia met while attending the Developing Northern Australia conference in Cairns on Wednesday 21st June 2017.

The Northern RDA Alliance continues to pursue opportunities to the development of Northern Australia and provide input to the Whitepaper developed by the Commonwealth Government.

For more information relating to the Northern RDA Alliance please visit:

<https://northernrdaalliance.com.au/>

### **Congratulations to Carly Wells**

RDA Pilbara would like to congratulate former staff member Carly Wells on the safe arrival of her third daughter, Lila Grace Wells.

