



September Newsletter

CEO UPDATE



In our August newsletter, we highlighted some of the key initiatives and partnerships that have contributed to our success and heard about Countrywide Hydrogen, we had an update from the NEBHub team, and I shared the fantastic news that the Tasmanian Government recognise BBAMZ as a peak industry body.

Since then, I'm pleased to share that we've seen significant progress in various areas, and excited to share that BBAMZ and TasTAFE have partnered to deliver the Certificate II in Renewable Energy, which you can read about in this month's newsletter.

In this newsletter we spotlight BBAMZ member Timberlink.

Remember, your feedback is invaluable. If you have suggestions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to share them.

My door, whether physical or virtual, is always open.

The Bell Bay Major Projects Conference

The Bell Bay Major Projects Conference will be held on the 5th - 6th of December 2023 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston.

This important conference will focus heavily on project updates from multiple industries and examine the key issues facing the Bell Bay region, featuring fantastic networking opportunities including a major industry dinner at the beautiful Josef Chromy Winery.

This is the first conference to focus specifically on Bell Bay and the many opportunities that the Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone has.

[Click here for more information](#)

This month our member profile is Timberlink.

Timberlink operates two regional large scale timber manufacturing facilities, one in Bell Bay, Tasmania, and the other in Tarpeena, South Australia; with both sites solely processing plantation grown Radiata Pine sawlogs.

Click on the link below to hear more about Timberlink from Scott Freeman.



BBAMZ and TasTAFE partner to deliver the Certificate II in Renewable Energy

As the nation moves steadily towards a renewable energy future, the development of training to support the transition of skills becomes increasingly important. BBAMZ and TasTAFE have been working together for sometime on the development of a suitable model for the introduction of the Certificate II in Renewable Energy.

TasTAFE, in partnership with BBAMZ, will develop bespoke learning resources and a delivery framework for the 11136NAT Certificate II in Renewable Energy Pathways (Certificate II). It is likely, with the development of the Bell Bay Green Hydrogen Hub that initial demand for the delivery of this renewable energy and hydrogen training will focus on Northern Tasmania.

Northern Employment & Business Hub (NEBHub)

Since its inception, NEBHub have supported 447 people into employment.

This month the NEBHub team attended the Riverside High School transition day and spoke to 150 Grade 10 students focusing on transferrable skills, and workplace expectations.

This was a fantastic opportunity to boost confidence in the region for their future opportunities that will arise for each student.

During September the NEBHub team and Susie attended the Northern Midlands Community expo at Longford.

This was a great opportunity for members of the Northern Midlands community to understand the service that the NEBHub team provide including our outreach service, dates and times.



*Susie and Tania
having fun at the
Northern Midlands
Community Expo*

The NEBHub team is on the move.

On October 16th 2023, the NEBHub team will move into a new office space, Tenancy 5 Cornwall Transit Centre, Cimitiere Street, Launceston. If you are in the area, feel free to pop in and say hi and grab a cuppa.

This month our feature story is Mark who is now working for Hickeys Hardware in George Town

Click on the link below to hear from Mark.



Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Industry Network Events

Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT), in partnership with the Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone (BBAMZ) is holding the next Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Industry Network events with two business-specific events in Launceston and Hobart.

The Minister, Hon Guy Barnett MP will attend each event. These two events will be facilitated by ReCFIT's Director of Hydrogen, Kim Enkelaar and co-chaired by BBAMZ CEO Susie Bower, and feature presentations from the following speakers with more to be confirmed:

- **CEO — ReCFIT**
 - Updates on hydrogen, climate change and energy policies
- **LINE Hydrogen**
 - George Town project and industry opportunities

- **Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre (BECRC)**
 - Hydrogen production and availability
- **Flanders Investment and Trade (Belgium)**
 - Projects, technologies, the Belgium Economic Mission, and Flemish business delegation to Tasmania
- **Bremen Economic Affairs, Ports and Transformation (German)**
 - Projects, technology and the Tasmania-Bremen Joint Declaration of Intent
- **AusIndustry**
 - National Reconstruction Fund, Industry Growth Program, Hydrogen Head start and other funding opportunities and programs
- **Industry Capability Network Tasmania (ICN Tas)**
 - Tasmanian Supply Chain Capability directories

Businesses will have the chance to question speakers on their areas of expertise, and then join all participants and speakers in a networking event over refreshments at the conclusion of the event.

Producing green hydrogen is an incredible opportunity for Tasmania. A high level of innovation, construction and operation will flow into many divergent opportunities for Tasmanian businesses of all types and the Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Industry Network events are the place for business to learn more.

The 2023 Network events will be held at:

- Wrest Point in Hobart on 9 October, 2pm to 6pm
- The Launceston Country Club on 13 October, 2pm to 6pm

The itinerary is as follows:

- 2.00pm: Afternoon tea
- 2.20pm: Minister's Address and presentations from hydrogen experts covering different aspects of the hydrogen industry and the opportunities.
- 4.05pm: Q&A

Please register your interest for the Hobart event [here](#) and the Launceston event [here](#) by COB 29 September 2023.

- 4.30pm to 6.00PM: Networking over refreshments

For more information please email: hydrogen@recfit.tas.gov.au

BBAMZ General Members Meeting



Our September members day was held at our BBAMZ Bell Bay offices, and it was fantastic to show members our offices within the Tas Ports building in Mobil Road.

These offices have recently been refurbished by TasPorts and offer us, and other businesses who may move here, excellent modern office space with perhaps the best view in Tasmania.

Along with our normal updates from CEO Susie Bower, we heard a fascinating update from Michael van Baarle and ABEL Energy's Bell Bay PowerFuels project. This project is the first of the large-scale hydrogen-based projects for Bell Bay and is already forming a critical part of new supply chain demands in Bell Bay.

Carringvale Construction also updated members of their activities as they relate to Bell Bay and is a further example of the diversity of economic activity and investment at Bell Bay.

Rounding out the meeting was Mark Cooper updating us on the latest from Tas Ports, who are of course a critical component of Tasmania's economic prosperity – an enormous proportion of Tasmania's business activity either arrives or departs from a port.

Our next members meeting will be in November, where we plan to launch the Industry Capability Network's hydrogen hub portal. This has been an ongoing project between the ICN, the Tasmanian Government and BBAMZ and will be the key link between new hydrogen industry investment and local business.



View from our Bell Bay office

Member Survey

Member surveys will be distributed to the BBAMZ membership in early October. Surveys such as these are very important to any membership organisation and we encourage you to fill it out and send back as you are able. As always, please don't hesitate to contact Susie if you have any queries.

Business profiles

Would you like the wider BBAMZ audience to know more about your business and what you do?

If you think this is a good idea and one that would suit you, like Timberlink has in this newsletter, let Susie know and we will make it happen.

[Email Susie](#)

Spread the news

There are a lot of great things happening in the Bell Bay area which the wider region would benefit from knowing about. The best way to get this message out is to share our newsletter with anyone who is interested.

It would be great if you could share this newsletter with your contacts and business associates who might not be in the Bell Bay area.

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Save the date:

Thursday the 30th of November is our AGM and General Members meeting
Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Key information on current grants/funding opportunities

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Available Grants

- Skills Tas Grants/Funding
- Business Tasmanian Grants