



October Newsletter

CEO UPDATE



Member Surveys – tell us what you think

Member surveys have recently been distributed to the BBAMZ membership; please note that surveys were only sent to one contact within your organisation. 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 me if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

Please note that our AGM is on November 30, where we will be asking for a slight change to our constitution to allow for continuity of board members. As this is our third year of operation, all board members positions except Rachael Andrews will be declared vacant. Nomination forms will be sent to the membership shortly. I would encourage anyone who is interested in a board position to contact either myself or the Chair Leigh Darcy if you have any questions.

On November 30 we will also hold our General Members meeting, where we have a fantastic line up of speakers. Sean McGoldrick – CEO Tas Networks, Tim Glenister – Business Interface Manager Liberty Industrial and Benita Husband – Engineering Director CPB Contractors. Sean will be providing an update on the Marinus Project and Tim and Benita will be giving us a snapshot of their businesses and plans for the Bell Bay area.

In this newsletter we spotlight BBAMZ member Hicksy's Hardware. We love hearing our members' business stories - if you have a story or experience to share, please reach out to us.

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 Hicksy's Hardware.

Click on the link below to hear more about Hicksy's Hardware from Paul Hicks.



Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Industry Network

BBAMZ and RECFIT recently collaborated to present further installments of the Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Industry Network, (TRHIN) recently in Hobart and Launceston. It was excellent to see new Minister for Energy the Hon. Nick Duigan attend both events and speak in support of the work that is being done to develop the hydrogen industry in Tasmania.

These events are the conduit between the development of hydrogen at a strategic level and Tasmanian businesses at a practical level to maximize understanding of the opportunities presented. Each of the international MoU partners, the Port of Bremen in Germany and the Flanders Investment and Trade Mission presented, outlining their reasons for interest in Tasmanian hydrogen production and how this will develop in a practical sense.

Attendees also heard from AusIndustry about the many different forms of government assistance, the Industry Capability Network (ICN) relating to the portal between new projects and local businesses, the Blue Economy CRC about their fantastic hydrogen electrolyser and hydrogen supply for the Metro Bus Trial and engaging presentations from hydrogen proponents Country Wide (Hobart session) and ABEL Energy (Launceston session).



Northern Employment & Business Hub (NEBHub)

Since its inception, NEBHub have supported 469 people in to employment.

This month the NEBHub team moved in to their new office space at Tenancy 5, Cornwall Square Transit Centre, 182-192 Cimitiere Street, Launceston.

If you are in the area, feel free to pop in and say hi and grab a cuppa.



This month our NEBHub feature story is on Hari who is now working for Arva Connect.

Click on the link below to hear from Hari.



Tasmania's first electrolyser nearly here

At the TRHIN, the Blue Economy CRC's Research Director, Professor Irene Penesis provided an update on progress for this exciting project. The Blue Economy CRC will soon be commissioning an electrolyser at Lutana near Hobart in what will be Tasmania's first green hydrogen project. This is an important milestone for the development of the hydrogen industry here as for the first time a supply of hydrogen will be available for pilot projects such as the Metro Tasmania Hydrogen powered bus trial.

Tas Rex launch plans for wind energy



Tasmanian company TasRex launched their plans for significant investment in wind and solar energy in Tasmania in the BBAMZ offices at Bell Bay. Significant media interest demonstrated the importance of new initiatives such as these, particularly for offshore wind and land-based solar generation. TasRex have partnered with historic midlands grazing property Connorville to establish a significant solar farm on their property south of Cressy.

Additionally, TasRex are enthusiastically investigating the opportunities for Bass Strait offshore wind generation to provide the additional energy required for the emerging hydrogen industry as well as other energy-intensive developments proposed for northern Tasmania.

Metro Tasmania Stakeholders event

Metro Tasmania recently held an event for their key stakeholders to present information relating to their zero emission bus trials, specifically the three hydrogen buses to be trialed in Hobart and the three electric buses to be trialed in Launceston.

Metro have partnered with RECFIT to deliver a zero-emission bus project to demonstrate to the wider community the effectiveness of buses powered by hydrogen and electricity as opposed to the conventional diesel-powered vehicles.

Susie Bower and Neil Grose participated in a panel discussion along with project lead Andy Corbould from Pitt and Sherry, covering such wide topics as the practical implications of zero emission public transport, the importance of the business sector to drive innovation and acceptance of zero emission technology to the importance of greater green hydrogen availability.



Caption: From left, Andy Corbould, Pitt and Sherry, Susie Bower, CEO BBAMZ, Neil Grose, Hydrogen Capability Manager BBAMZ, Nick Turner, Corr Comms.

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 Hicksy's Hardware 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

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