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Regional Summit to spark conversation on the changing nature of work

Innovators and regional leaders will come together in Clare later this month to explore the changing nature of the regional workforce at the third annual Regional Summit.

The Summit on Monday May 22 is being hosted by the State Government in partnership with the University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia, Flinders University, and Torrens University Australia.

Presentations will come from:

- Regional businesses, such as the Hahndorf Inn and the Mid North Engineering Academy, exploring their innovative approaches to attracting and retaining regional staff.
- Organisations including the Local Government Association showcasing strategies to retain emerging talent in the regions through programs like the Regional Youth Traineeship Program.
- Education institutions, including TAFE and the state's universities, on tailored programs to fast-track skilled workers into high-demand positions.

Delegates will be able to discuss opportunities to collaborate with tertiary providers to identify and plan their workforce needs and get a better understanding of how universities can help future-proof their businesses from the rapid changes occurring across the workforce.

Background

The 2017 Regional Summit in Clare follows previous summits in Whyalla in 2015 and Mount Gambier in 2016.

The annual Summits form part of the State Government's commitment to regional South Australia through the Charter for Stronger Regional Policy.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

Our regions contribute about \$25 billion to the South Australian economy and they do so with less than a third of the State's population.

They're an integral part of our identity and make a significant contribution to our economic strength and social fabric.

The annual Regional Summit provides a valuable forum for businesses and the tertiary sector to collaborate and canvas ideas for regional economic growth and the development of potential opportunities in employment, skills and education.

We're building on the Regional Summits held in 2015 and 2016 to attract an even greater and more diverse range of speakers to explore the constantly changing nature of our workforce and how that change can be harnessed to benefit all of South Australia.

Quotes attributable to Higher Education and Skills Minister, Susan Close

The global workforce is undergoing rapid changes and South Australia is no exception.

The 2017 Regional Summit brings together our four world-leading universities with innovators and entrepreneurs to discuss the evolving workforce and how we can give South Australia a competitive edge.

The annual Regional Summit recognises the important role South Australia's regions play in the State's economic success.

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