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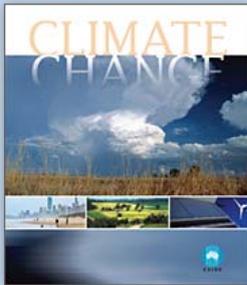
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Climate Change: Science and Solutions for Australia is a new publication from the CSIRO. It provides the latest scientific knowledge on a series of climate change topics relevant to Australia and the world, and draws on peer-reviewed literature contributed by thousands of researchers. Go to: <http://www.csiro.au/resources/Climate-Change-Book.html> to download free as an ebook or PDF.



NEW SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICE (SBAS) FUNDING

The Australian Government has announced a new SBAS funding round specifically for natural disaster assistance. It will support low cost business advisory services to businesses affected by recent floods or cyclones. Applications close on Friday 6 May 2011. For details go to www.ausindustry.gov.au and look under Small Business.



Infrastructure Funding Info Sessions on Wed 20 April

RDA Brisbane will hold northside and southside information sessions on applying for the Australian Government's new billion dollar infrastructure funding program on Wednesday 20 April.

The Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) is open to local government and not-for-profit organisations, with grants of between \$500,000 and \$25 million available for well-researched, strategic infrastructure projects delivering concrete economic and social benefits to their regions.

RDA Brisbane will play an important role in the Fund as all potential projects for Brisbane must align with at least one of the priorities set out in RDA Brisbane's Regional Roadmap (regional plan). Projects also need the Committee's endorsement in order to be considered for funding. The sessions will provide information on funding guidelines and procedures, and how to engage with RDA Brisbane to develop and progress proposals.

Applications for the first round of funding close on Friday 13 May, with the roll out of funds to commence from 1 July. A total of \$100 million will be allocated nationally in the first round, however the RDAF will not fund repairs to or replacement of flood-damaged infrastructure, as there are other programs allocated for that purpose. Partner funding will be expected from

sources other than the Australian Government, except where extenuating circumstances prevent co-funding, and projects over \$5 million must be matched on at least a dollar for dollar basis. (State Government and other potential funding agencies will also attend the sessions to provide info on co-funding opportunities.)

To ensure immediate and positive impacts, all projects must be "investment ready", with necessary approvals in place, however organisations who are not in a position to make an application for round one but may wish to apply at a later date are encouraged to attend.

Interested organisations should register to mail@rdabrisbane.org.au with the following details: preferred session (northside or southside); organisation name; names of attendees; contact phone number; and email address. **Please note, we will provide you with the venue details on receipt of your registration.**

For more info on the RDAF or to download the Regional Roadmap, go to www.rdabrisbane.org.au

Upcoming Events

BRANSON AND GIULIANI TO SPEAK AT SUMMIT

Sir Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin Group, and Rudy Giuliani, former Mayor of New York, will be keynote speakers at the 2011 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS). The event, which will be held at the **Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 July**, is one of the region's premier business and civic forums. Under the theme *The Business of Cities*, this year's APCS will focus on business growth, trade and investment for delegates, and developing partnerships between government agencies and the private sector. The APCS is an initiative of the Brisbane City Council and is supported by the Queensland Government. For more info or to register go to:

www.apcsummit.org

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ASIA PACIFIC
CITIES SUMMIT



Northside Info Session (Wed 20 April) Paddington
10.00am for 10.30am to 12noon
Southside Info Session (Wed 20 April) Mt Gravatt
2.00pm for 2.30pm to 4.00pm



Forum Update

RDA Brisbane would like to thank the more than 140 representatives from schools, training providers, employment service providers and local business who attended our South-West Workforce Futures Forum on Friday 18 March. The aim of the forum was to better align workforce development and skills with the needs of business and industry, and improve earning and learning pathways for young people. Watch for a summary of forum outcomes in the next edition of Brisbane Linkages.

Three presentations from the day are now available for download at www.rdabrisbane.org.au :

- **Labour Market Conditions and Employer Recruitment Experiences – South West Brisbane** by Ivan Neville, Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations
- **School to Industry Partnerships – Into the Future** by Garry Appleby, Stoddarts Manufacturing
- **Do Facts Counts Where Jobs Matter?** by Bill Brown & Dr Bruce Rich, The Smith Family Partnership Brokers



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