

Working together for the region

Main Roads WA and Fulton Hogan teamed up to present February's Business after Hours at the impressive new facilities of Main Roads Great Southern regional office. Main Roads is a State Government agency that was established in the Great Southern more than 80 years ago.

According to Kristina Flemming from Main Roads WA, the organisation plans, maintains and builds the Main Road network in the region. "The Great Southern regional office has won awards for its cultural change policy and strategic planning, and continues to break the stereotype that the workforce is male dominated, with the last three appointments being female," she said.

"Main Roads has supported the local economy in buying goods and services within the Great Southern, as well as enhancing transport efficiency for local business in maintaining and building the road network and this will remain so into the future. We also have a close relationship with local government, oversee the Black Spot Program, work with the Great Southern Institute of Technology to offer traineeships and provide a professional network for engineers," Kristina said. "This year we again have \$61 million to invest in the road network which is a vital asset of the region."

Recently a long term, relationship-based contract was established with Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd which is Australia's fastest growing resource-based civil contractor, according to Peter Stringer from Fulton Hogan.

Privately owned and 6000 people strong across Australia and New Zealand, Fulton Hogan has 110 people integrated into the South West and Great Southern regional teams, with 45 people employed locally.

Fulton Hogan operates in all states with interests in quarrying, concrete and asphalt manufacturing, as well as civil infrastructure, project management and maintenance.

Peter said the alliance allowed Fulton Hogan to pool resources and expertise that brought significant benefits to the region.

"Through our investment in training, our local workforce is all ticketed and accredited which lifts skills – trainees cost the business about \$1 million each year. We are committed to our local suppliers and as for compliance legislation, we believe we can do better than just the minimum," he said.

"Main Roads and Fulton Hogan are working together to provide safe and efficient road access that will enhance community lifestyles and ensure economic prosperity," Kristina said.

March's BAH will be hosted by the Great Southern Employment Development Committee, ATC Worksmart and St Joseph's College.



▲ Hosts for February BAH – Kristina Flemming from Main Roads WA and Peter Stringer from Fulton Hogan.



▲ Graham Tutt from Albany Drive In Mart with Aaron Nussey from Accuweigh.



▲ Ray Cosh from Albany Chip Terminal and Stuart Eyles from GS Packaging Supplies.



▲ Ken Clark from Great Southern Institute of Technology and David McCracken from Ryde Building Company.



▲ John Bocian from Bordabemyn with Kath and Don Gray.



▲ Jacqui Barker - Contract Intelligence; Lynne Cronin - McGregor Mortgages & Lindy Burton - National Lifestyle Village Oyster Harbour.



▲ Mark Anderson from 35 Degrees South and Anthony Endacott from Harley Global.



▲ Michelle McKenna, Fiona Stevenson and Barbara Jackman from The Rare Coin Co.



▲ Kristy Treen & Lynda Poett from the Stirling Club.

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March's BAH

> Wednesday 21 March

> 5.30pm - 7.30pm

> Hosts:
GSEDC, ATC Worksmart & St Joseph's College

> Venue: St Joseph's College,
Martin Rd, Albany

> RSVP to events@albanycci.com.au
or fax registration form to 9845 7877
by noon, Friday 16 March