

# NEWSLETTER

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## BAH with Hastings Technology Metals

On Thursday the 23rd March 2023, CCCI with Grow Local Carnarvon hosted their Business After Hours Event at the Port Hotel, which was attended by over 60 businesses and community members. Hastings Technology Metals GM of Communities & Government Relations, Vince Catania, with GM of Operations Tim Gilbert provided valuable insights into the future of the company. The Yangibana Project, located 250km North-East of Carnarvon is poised to become a globally significant supplier of Rare Earth (NdPr), as Australia's next Rare Earths producer. The demand for Rare Earths is expected to rise as countries around the world work towards reducing carbon emissions, particularly for their use in Electronic Vehicles and Wind Turbines.

The Yangibana Enabling Works are currently 80% complete and on target for completion by mid-2023. These works include the construction of Kirrbili Village, an airstrip, access roads, water supply and communications infrastructure. The project has received significant support, including a \$220M loan from the NAIF to help fund the construction of Yangibana. Hastings has also secured >805MREC offtake interest for 10 years from strong Western Counterparties.

Looking ahead, the company has several upcoming milestones. By mid-2023, Kirrbili Village and the Yangibana airstrip will be complete and funding solutions will be in place. Main construction is set to commence at Yangibana in Q3-2023 and by Q1-2025, the beneficiation plant is expected to be commissioned, followed by the commissioning of the hydromet plant by mid-2025. Finally by Q3-2025, the first MREC product is expected to be shipped out.

Overall, Hastings Technology Metals is well positioned to capitalise on the growing demand for Rare Earths and its progress towards becoming Australia's next Rare Earths Producer is impressive.

For more information about the Yangibana Project, contact Vince Catania on 08 6117 6118 or visit [www.hastingstechmetals.com.au](http://www.hastingstechmetals.com.au)

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## FREE\* TOURISM & HOSPITALITY TRAINING WORKSHOPS CARNARVON TUE 28 - FRI 31 MARCH

### Workforce Development Program

An intensive week for Grow Local Carnarvon with Real Futures, Tourism WA, Gascoyne Development Commission, Shire of Carnarvon and Gwoonwardu Mia were thrilled to run a series of workshops in March for Carnarvon under the banner of the "Workforce Development Program".

The workshops were aimed to help local businesses strengthen their responses for tourism and hospitality in anticipation of the upcoming solar eclipse and the expected influx of visitors. The program was heavily subsidised to make it affordable and accessible for locals to improve their skills and knowledge in the hospitality industry.

We are pleased to have received positive feedback from approximately 20 attendees who took advantage of this opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge. The training workshops covered a range of topics including Customer Service and Front of House training, Barista training, First Aid, International Cultural Awareness and Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA). The program aimed to equip local business with the skills and knowledge to deliver an exceptional experience to visitors, which is critical to the success of the town's tourism industry.

However, we believe that there is still room for improvement and want to hear from the business community to know whether an annual series of similar workshops would be beneficial and what we can do to improve attendance.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage the business community to share their feedback with us by emailing [natasha@growlocalcarnarvon.com.au](mailto:natasha@growlocalcarnarvon.com.au). We appreciate any suggestions you may have and look forward to hearing from you.



### Improve Your Tender Responses Workshops

Another series of free online workshops continues this month to help businesses improve their Tender Responses. If you would like more information, please see the interactive calendar (online) or contact Natasha on 0475 835 245 to register.



### Harmony Day - 21st March 2023

Harmony Day is an annual celebration in Australia, which is all about promoting respect, inclusiveness and a sense of belonging among people from diverse cultural backgrounds. This year, in collaboration with Department of Communities and Target 120, Grow Local Carnarvon & CCCI decided to mark this special occasion by sponsoring, cooking and delivering 70 delicious meals of rice with curry chicken, to families and youth in need. Harmony Day is a reminder that despite our differences, we are all part of one community and we must work together to build a more inclusive and harmonious society. This initiative was a small but meaningful step towards that goal and we hope to make a positive impact in our community through similar initiatives in the future.



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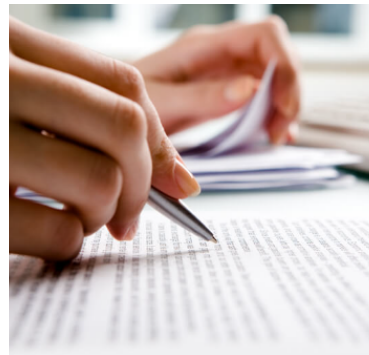
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## April 2023

| Monday           | Tuesday          | Wednesday        | Thursday         | Friday           | Saturday         | Sunday           |
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|                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 1                | 2                |
| 3                | WS Tenders 4     | WS Tenders 5     | 6                | Good Friday 7    | 8                | Easter Monday 9  |
| Easter Monday 10 | 11               | 12               | 13               | 14               | Solar Eclipse 15 | Solar Eclipse 16 |
| Solar Eclipse 17 | Solar Eclipse 18 | Solar Eclipse 19 | Solar Eclipse 20 | Solar Eclipse 21 | Solar Eclipse 22 | Solar Eclipse 23 |
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## THIS MONTH

- Improving Your Tender Responses continues this month, with 2x half-day workshops to help improve your tender submissions.
- Solar Eclipse 2023



### Demonstrating Value for Money in Tenders - Online Workshops

Continuing the "Improve Your Tender Responses" theme from March 2023, these 2x half-day workshops from SDBC will teach you how to stand out from your competitors by demonstrating this requirement and differentiating your offering from other tender applicants.

To attend for free with Grow Local Carnarvon, call Natasha on 0475 835 245.



Image from Carnarvon Space & Technology Museum

### Carnarvon Solar Eclipse 2023

The Solar Eclipse is finally upon us, with an event program that has been months in the making, with special thanks to Tourism WA & the Shire of Carnarvon.

For more information about events, see [www.https://www.carnarvon.org.au/events/solar-eclipse-2023](https://www.carnarvon.org.au/events/solar-eclipse-2023)

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