

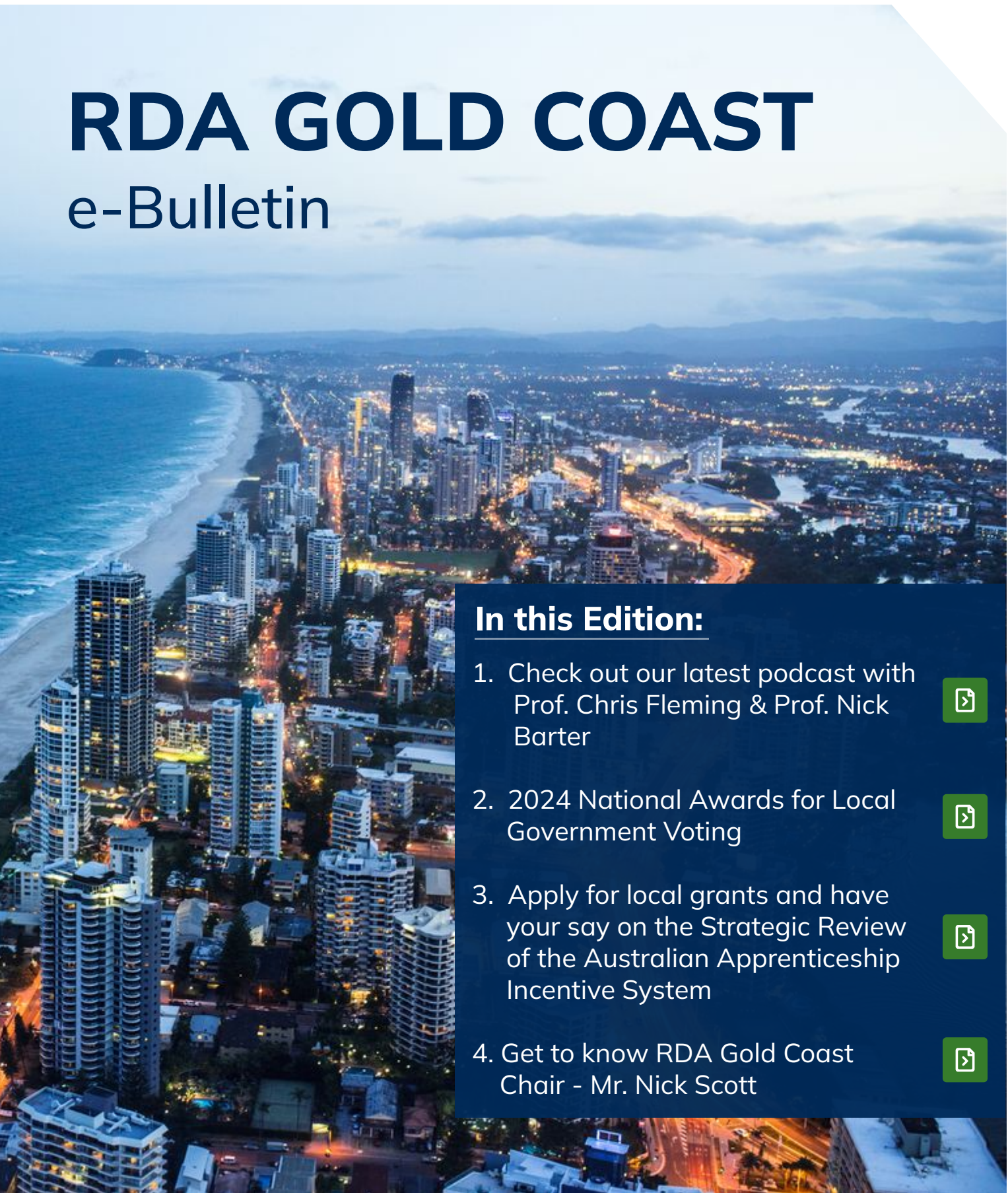


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Latest podcast

Prof. Chris Fleming & Prof. Nick Barter

FUTURE NORMAL: 8 Questions to Create Businesses Your Children will be Proud of



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Concerned about business sustainability? This week's episode is a refreshingly optimistic conversation with Professor Chris Fleming and Professor Nick Barter, co-authors of the new book, *Future Normal: 8 Questions to Create Businesses Your Children Will be Proud Of*.

Four years ago, Chris and Nick, both lecturers in Griffith University's MBA program, realised a new paradigm had emerged around core business values - one which they wanted to develop further, and get into the hands of a wider audience. (As Chris points out, not everyone wants to spend a few years of their life and \$50,000 on an MBA...)

The outcome of their collaboration is a book which explores the idea that businesses are the really the tools we use to shape our world, so it follows that they also need to lead the charge in changing our world.

This is not about businesses sacrificing profitability for future generations, but rather, how long-term business value is actually optimised when society thrives. Find out what a 'future normal' business looks like, and how small steps now can set you on the right path for both the planet and your bottom line.

This project is delivering on the Australian Government's **Regional Investment Framework**, in the focus area of 'Investing in People' (targeted investment in skills, education and local leadership capacity) and 'Investing in Industries & Local Economies' (Supporting the conditions needed for regional industries to diversify and grow).

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Vote Today!

2024 National Awards for Local Government

🏆 Have you cast your vote in the 2024 National Awards for Local Government?

Until 11:59PM (AEST) Friday 26 April 2024, you can cast your vote for each of the 11 award categories. The winner of each category will be the eligible initiative which receives the most votes during the voting period.

[Vote Now](#)

The winners will be announced at the Australian Council of Local Government Gala Diner on Thursday 4 July 2024.

These awards are a celebration of local government achievements by recognising projects or programs of work, fostering professionalism, and promoting strong initiatives. So be sure to show you support and cast your vote (1 vote per category)!



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Stream 1 Now Open!

\$500 million Housing Support Program

The Australian Government's \$500 million **Housing Support Program (HSP) Stream 1** is now open for applications from state, territory and local governments for projects that will boost the planning required to increase housing supply.

Funding will be provided via two streams:

 **Stream 1** is designed for projects that will improve planning capacity.

 **Stream 2** will focus on infrastructure projects that support new housing of this program, by ensuring enabling infrastructure and amenities are in place.

Stream 2 will provide funding for projects that provide enabling infrastructure and amenities such as footpaths, roads, and parks to support new housing. This stream will open for applications May 2024

The program will operate over 2023-24 and 2024-25, concluding on 30 June 2025.

Applications must be submitted by email to PPDHousingSupportBranch@infrastructure.gov.au by 29 April 2024, 12.00pm (AEST).

 [Find out more](#)

Strategic Review of the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System

Have your say!

Strategic Review of the Australian Apprenticeship Incentive System

The Australian Government is undertaking a review of the **Australian Apprenticeship Incentive System (Incentive System)**.

The Incentive System provides financial support to apprentices, trainees and employers working in priority industries. It is intended to encourage people to start an apprenticeship or traineeship and see it through to completion. This is to ensure Australia has workers with the trade and technical skills needed by industry, providing a secure, well-paid work and career advancement.

Apprenticeship completion rates have been in steady decline over several years. The review is looking into how support can best be placed to increase the completion rate.

The Australian Government invite written submissions on matters raised in the Terms of Reference before 15 May 2024 to ApprenticeshipsReview@dewr.gov.au.

 [Find out more](#)



Meet RDA Gold Coast Chair

Mr. Nick Scott

Nick Scott boasts an extensive career spanning forty years in high-level positions across the media industry, primarily based on the Gold Coast. His roles have included Director, Group General Manager, General Manager, and National Sales and Marketing Director. Nick recently retired from his full-time role at Southern Cross Austereo, where he oversaw operations for television brands such as Southern Cross Ten, 11, and One, and radio stations 90.9 Sea FM and 92.5 Gold FM (now Triple M).

Throughout his career, Nick has demonstrated a deep commitment to the media sector, holding main board positions with Commercial Radio Australia and contributing to national industry bodies that oversee various aspects including regional Australia, research, and sales/marketing/codes/branding.

Currently, Nick leads his own business/media consultancy, TGM, which provides strategic guidance to local, national, and international organizations. He holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Tasmania.

Nick is actively involved in the local community, serving on several boards. He is Chair of the Regional Development Australia Gold Coast, the Gold Coast Eisteddfod Foundation and is an immediate past Chairman of the Gold Coast Community Fund. He also contributes as an Ambassador for Volunteering Gold Coast.

Additionally, Nick is a Director and part owner of Great Southern Land Media, managing 91.9 Sea FM and Mix 92.7FM on the Sunshine Coast.

Nick resides in Mermaid Waters with his wife, Irene. Together, they are proud parents to two adult children, Thomas and Sarah.



About the RDA Gold Coast Committee

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Gold Coast is part of a national network of committees which are critical to the delivery of the Australian Government's Regional Investment Framework (RIF). The RIF is ensuring a more coordinated approach to regional development, underpinned by strong local engagement and on-the-ground knowledge.

RDA Gold Coast helps to drive economic growth, innovation and entrepreneurship in our region, by facilitating investment in community, industry and the environment. We coordinate across all levels of government, business sectors and the community to make these investments work better.



Nick Scott, Chair



Dr Chris Davis, Deputy Chair



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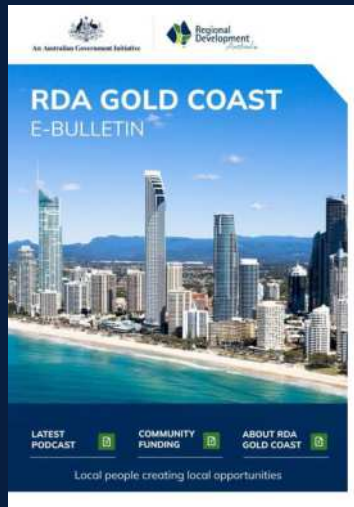
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