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Economic Development Australia

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA

Who are we »

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (EDA)

Economic Development Australia (EDA) is the peak body for economic development professionals in Australia.



Our vision »

Our vision is to be recognised by practitioners, business, industry and government, as the key promoter, developer and leader of economic development professionalism.

Our aim »

- » Promote the recognition of economic development as a profession.
- » Provide all levels of government with economic development expertise and advice.
- » Provide professional development opportunities for those working in the economic development profession.
- » Provide competency based accreditation for economic development professionals in Australia.
- » Provide our membership with an open forum to network and express their ideas.



Our events »

State Practitioner Network [SPN] seminars, workshops and regional conferences »

Each SPN across Australia hosts workshops, seminars and regional conferences to enable practitioners across each State to come together. These meetings are recognised for attracting influential speakers, ensuring audience participation through panels, case studies and facilitated question sessions.

Annual National Economic Development Conference »

Held over three days and rotating between State capitals and regional centres on an annual basis. Each Conference offers site visits to view innovative economic development projects, nationally renowned speakers and a Master Class. Government and industry organisations exhibit at the Conference. EDA is collaborating with organisations in the Asia Pacific region to deliver international Economic Development Conferences as the opportunity arises.

Professional development and study tour scholarships scheme »

Recognised as a unique opportunity for EDA members to progress their professional development and networks. There are two strands: A scholarship program, suited to young professionals, valued at \$5,000 to undertake a recognised tertiary program. A study tour, valued at \$4,000, for practitioners with five or more years experience, to study initiatives, programs and approaches outside Australia.

Post graduate education in Economic Development »

An on-line post-graduate program in economic development is offered through RMIT. Already a number of practitioners have graduated from this program. EDA is presently expanding its services to deliver webinars to members on significant economic development issues.

Regional and Remote Area Training Program [RRATP] »

In order to provide economic development advice to remote communities, EDA members provide a pro-bono service over a weekend including seminars, workshops and community engagement. The Commonwealth Government has funded a co-ordinator to facilitate this program nationally.

Annual Christmas Networking Event »

The annual Christmas networking event has become a feature of the Economic Development Practitioner's essential calendar of activities.

The evening provides an opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances, make new friends and just generally discuss those issues that are at the forefront of Economic Development in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

Membership »

Through EDA economic development practitioners, allied disciplines, consultants and business owners from all parts of Australia can network, share ideas and bring economic development practice forward in good cooperation.

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Membership benefits »

- » Regular newsletters and e-newsletters to keep members informed of important news and developments.
- » Subscription to the quarterly professional journal.
- » Invitations to national and state conferences, seminars and workshops.
- » Access to the 'Economic Development Practitioner' certification program.
- » Access to our member only section of the EDA website.
- » Access to the member database.
- » Access to the on-line members forum where topical issues can be explored and discussed.
- » Regular opportunities to network with peers from throughout Australia.
- » Contribute to the State Practitioner Network and develop policy ideas that can be reinforced and supported nationally.



History »

Formed in 2006, EDA has been instrumental in representing and promoting the profession of economic development.

Today EDA membership is across all levels of management and linked to a wide range of organisations.

Membership is nearing 500 with balanced representation from regional and metropolitan Australia.

EDA has State Practitioner Networks in most states and a National Support Office based in Sydney.

Our role »

We aim to ensure that people involved at all levels of business, government and the community understand the key role that the economic development profession plays in today's society.

EDA is the largest economic development community in Australia incorporating a membership that extends through all levels of government, consulting organisations and private sector companies.

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