



Kimba Show



Photo: (L-R) Adam White (NRWMF), Damien Halliday (AusIndustry), Kriton Glenn (Geoscience Australia), Maree Barford (Kimba Community Liaison Officer), Nicholas Clifford-Hordacre, Bruce McCleary, Alex Baxter (NRWMF), and Rod Dowler (ANSTO).

Members from the project team were at the Kimba Show in October to provide information on the project and answer questions from the community.

The project team was joined by AusIndustry's Damien Halliday who provided information on the Community Benefit Programme as well as representatives from Geoscience Australia and ANSTO.

Kimba Consultative Committee

Nominations have now closed for the Kimba Consultative Committee. The Minister will review the shortlist of nominations, appoint the community representatives and formally notify the successful nominees in writing.

The committee will consist of community members and stakeholders from the regional community and will be independently chaired. The committee will meet regularly throughout the process to discuss key aspects of the project, and provide advice on the Community Benefit Programme.



KCC meetings will begin in 2018

Facts on employment at ANSTO's Lucas Heights campus



Photo: Workers at ANSTO's Lucas Heights campus

- Around 1200 people work at the Lucas Heights campus of ANSTO, on everything from science to reactor operations and maintenance, and administration through to waste management.
- Around 420 of those positions – a third of the entire workforce – do not require degree qualifications.
- About half of the 20 staff working in waste operations have trade qualifications. The other half have on-the-job training.
- Other roles that involve 'on-the-job' training, include Production Technicians, Reactor Operators, Utilisation Operators, and Health Physics Surveyors.
- A quarter of the employees who work at ANSTO have been there for more than 15 years, and there are many who both started their career there, and retired there.
- On average, ANSTO has three traineeships offered at a time, and up to four new apprenticeships are offered per year.
- And early-career opportunities, through Graduate, Year in Industry and Internship programs, are available for those studying in related fields.

Come and have a chat

Remember our Kimba office is open weekdays. Please note that project team members often meet with stakeholders at other locations, so we encourage you to book a time to visit by calling Maree Barford (Community Liaison Officer) on 0424 745 176. If you have any questions regarding the project make sure you pop-in and have a chat.

The Kimba project office is situated at **49 High Street, Kimba**

Kimba farmers meet with Deputy Prime Minister

Local farmers and agronomists met with the Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce on 17 October to discuss the NRWMF. The group travelled to ANSTOs facility in Lucas Heights before travelling to Canberra.

The group visited ANSTO in Sydney to hear from nuclear experts and see how low and intermediate level radioactive waste is managed at the facility, and how the surrounding environment is monitored and protected.



Photo: Kimba locals at ANSTO

In Canberra, they met with representatives from

the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, Geoscience Australia, and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to discuss export standards for grain, and a CSIRO scientist who relayed his experience gained in establishing a radioactive waste facility in Belgium.

The Deputy Prime Minister answered a range of questions for the group and addressed concerns for the farmers regarding agricultural reputation and safety.

Community Benefit Programme

The Community Benefit Programme has been steadily progressing. Over the last few months, AusIndustry's Damien Halliday has been out and about talking with community members about what projects they'd like to see for the benefit package.

Damien is happy to report that there's been strong interest in the Community Benefit Programme from all parts of the community, including community clubs, charity groups, enterprises, businesses and councils. While there's a broad range of project types of different sizes being considered by the community, it's great to see that people have at the heart of their potential projects, a genuine drive to do something good for the community.

Applications will be assessed by AusIndustry, and in consultation with the, yet to be formed, Kimba Consultative Committee to ensure they deliver social and economic outcomes.

In the coming months, AusIndustry will transition to having Abbie Arbon doing outreach for the Community Benefit Programme in the Kimba district.

Abbie is AusIndustry's Northern SA Regional Manager who is based out of the nearby regional office in Port Pirie. You can contact Abbie directly by email at abbie.arbon@industry.gov.au or by phone on 1300 742 414 and 0427 607 751.

The Community Benefit Programme is now approved. Guidelines can be found on www.business.gov.au/assistance/national-radioactive-waste-management-facility-community-benefit-programme



Photo: Abbie Arbon (Regional Manager, AusIndustry)

Public Information Session

Thank you to more than 100 people from the region who attended the Public Information Session on Nuclear Medicine and Radiation.

The session featured presentations from experts, Dr Geoff Currie (Associate Professor in Medical Radiation Science at Charles Sturt University), Frank Harris (Chief Adviser Radiation Governance and Product Stewardship, Rio Tinto Uranium) and Mark Moore (GM of ANSTO Nuclear Medicine).

The experts answered a range of questions from the public. Here were some of the most frequently asked:

Question: In your experience how do nuclear facilities affect tourism in a region?

Frank Harris: Initially at Roxby, I was not allowed to wear any uniform in Adelaide which showed that I worked at Olympic Dam. However, as people became familiar with Roxby I always wore my uniform and always had positive feedback. In my experience, any kind of impact that is negative is generally short lived in areas where certain facilities have been established. There may be exceptions but I think generally it doesn't have a significant effect on tourism in the area. In fact elsewhere in Australia and the world these facilities become a focus point for visitors.

Question: How far in advance do you plan your nuclear medicine production and transportation schedule?

Mark Moore: We have a 24 month planning process which can change and then the plan is locked in at 90 days. Those plans do not change. We have to manage time as best we can to reduce costs which aims to provide the best outcome for nuclear medicine customers and patients.

Question: With the expected increase in production for exportation, how much will that increase the waste?

Mark Moore: Not much extra waste from the increase at all. The waste won't double, it will probably be about 175 %. The reactor fuel waste is ILW.

One of our most frequently asked questions is, 'where does our radioactive waste come from?'

You can watch Dr Geoff Currie explain how it's produced here

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/radioactivewaste/videos/>

ABC Radio on NRWMF

On Thursday 12 October 2017, Paul Culliver from ABC North and West live broadcast his entire program from Kimba, undertaking a series of in-depth discussions about the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

The Department had had several experts available for interview during the course of the morning. A full copy of the audio is available at this link, which we thank the ABC for giving us permission to share:

https://soundcloud.com/abclocalradio_sa/paul-culliver-talks-nuclear-waste-in-kimba-october-12th-2017

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