

Riverina and Murray communities attracting refugees and migrants to their towns

On Wednesday 15 May, three communities from the Riverina and Murray regions will present their towns as great places to relocate to for work and lifestyle to thousands of job seekers.

Employers, community groups and local government officials from the towns of Leeton, Temora and Walla Walla have banded together to show case the great opportunities they each have for refugee and migrant families who are interested in relocating from Sydney's west.

All three communities will be present at the "Pathways to Employment Expo" that will be held at the Cabravale Diggers Club in Western Sydney on Wednesday May 15.

"The expo is expected to see thousands of refugee and migrant job seekers come through the doors to see the many employment opportunities that are being presented," said Rachel Whiting, CEO Regional Development Australia (RDA) Riverina.

The communities' presence at the event is as a result of a coalition of Commonwealth, State and Local Government agencies banding together to create a holistic and coordinated pathway of supports to help successfully relocate refugees and migrants to regional NSW.

A group of agencies led by RDA Riverina, Multicultural NSW, The Department of Jobs and Small Business, the NSW Department of Industry and The Australian Red Cross (the Department of Social Services Humanitarian Support Program provider) selected and are supporting the communities of Leeton, Temora and Walla Walla in their efforts to attract refugees and migrants to their respective opportunities.

"This collaboration of agencies has developed a pathway of programs and supports to assist job seekers relocate from Western Sydney and be trained for their new employment, as well as being supported into the new community with assistance with such essentials as housing, health and community engagement," said Ms Whiting.

"The Riverina and Murray regions are a great place to work and live and these three communities are at the forefront of showcasing the fantastic opportunities we have for resettlement."

Where: Cabravale Diggers Club, 1 Bartley St, Canley Vale NSW 2166

When: 10.00am-2.00pm

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