

### **Pointer to deliver new training Forum for local businesses and professionals**

Next month, a new training Forum will be delivered by Pointer Remote Roles and tailored to local organisations, professionals and businesses. On March 11 2019, as part of a national program, the Remote Work Forum will offer insights and provide resources aimed at addressing skills shortages within the Temora region.

The 'Remote Work Forum' aims to provide local businesses and professionals with an insight into how skill shortages can be effectively combatted via the remote working model. The session will be delivered by Pointer's founder, Jo Palmer and will include practical resources, demonstrations of technologies that enable remote work and a panel session with both an employer and professional who have experience with working remotely.

Based on Jo's experience in the remote work field, the Forum will shed light on the benefits of engaging remote employees who can work from anywhere in Australia, and how businesses can access skills and experience that may not be available in their local town or community.

"For many, ongoing drought conditions are forcing people to think outside the box when it comes to supplementing farm income. At the same time, businesses in regional areas are experiencing the effects of the inability to fill professional roles with people from their local community. Pointer has identified two groups of people with specific needs in the regions - businesses with a professional skills shortage and professionals looking for flexible work that they can do from home. To date, they have connected over 50 regional businesses with employees or contractors who work remotely" said Rachel Whiting, CEO of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Riverina.

Whilst this will be the first time the Forum will be held in the Riverina, Jo is set to delivered similar events in coming months, working with Councils in regional Victoria, Tasmania and central QLD. "The panel will dive into the good, the bad and the ugly in the remote work world as well as discussing strategies to integrate remote work into regional small businesses", said Ms Palmer.

Thanks to the support of RDA Riverina, the Forum is free for businesses and those interested in working remotely. Light refreshments will be provided. There are extremely limited spaces so please register for your free ticket at [pointerremoteroles.com.au](http://pointerremoteroles.com.au)