

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Compact Action Plan template proposal <p>Work is underway to prepare an online Compact Action Plan system to create a more streamlined approach for organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand-led Employment <p>Projects funded include Colac, Whittington Works Alliance, Whitelion. GROW will develop an online resource showing the cohorts and levels of support offered by all current employment programs in the region.</p>	<p>(Kerry@givewheryoulive.com.au)</p>
<p>Member reports</p> <p>Stan Corner (BTS) – staff have encouraged focus on local spend by using locally owned service stations.</p> <p>Steve Tanic (Barwon Health) – Board of Barwon Health have kept attention on GROW, still needing to increase awareness of staff. Steve noted issues with quality of local suppliers. James Baird responded that Localised will be developing a pre-procurement tool to enable suppliers to engage and respond, with a link to social procurement tools on GROW website. Steve advised that Health Procurement Vic also provide future procurement (12 month plans) on their website.</p> <p>Brendan Snookes (Gordon TAFE) – \$15-20m project for new Tech School – will seek to enable pre-approval to be achieved.</p> <p>Jennifer Labourne (Colac Area Health) – hospitals have to comply with Health Procurement Victoria, which can lead to out of region suppliers, when local tenderers are not supported/encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Robert Hunter (SGS Technologies) – new member seeking to offer ongoing support.</p> <p>Matthew Collins (Avalon) – Avalon has a strong local ethos, with long term relationships with local suppliers, but still work within a larger organisation. Supplying data is a challenge.</p> <p>Stephen Ryan (RDV) – Stephen noted that State Government is releasing a new Social Enterprise strategy.</p>	<p>Localised and GROW will focus effort into increasing supplier capacity – generating interest and capacity to respond.</p>
<p>Meeting close</p>	