

## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST MEMBER NEWSLETTER

The past 12 months has seen the Board of Broome Future fully engaged in completing its inaugural report, *Unlocking the Door*. This is a deep, evidence-based assessment of the opportunities and challenges facing Broome and the wider Kimberley Region.

Without your support, this report would not have been possible. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your membership and generous contribution.

## PUBLIC RELEASE OF UNLOCKING THE DOOR

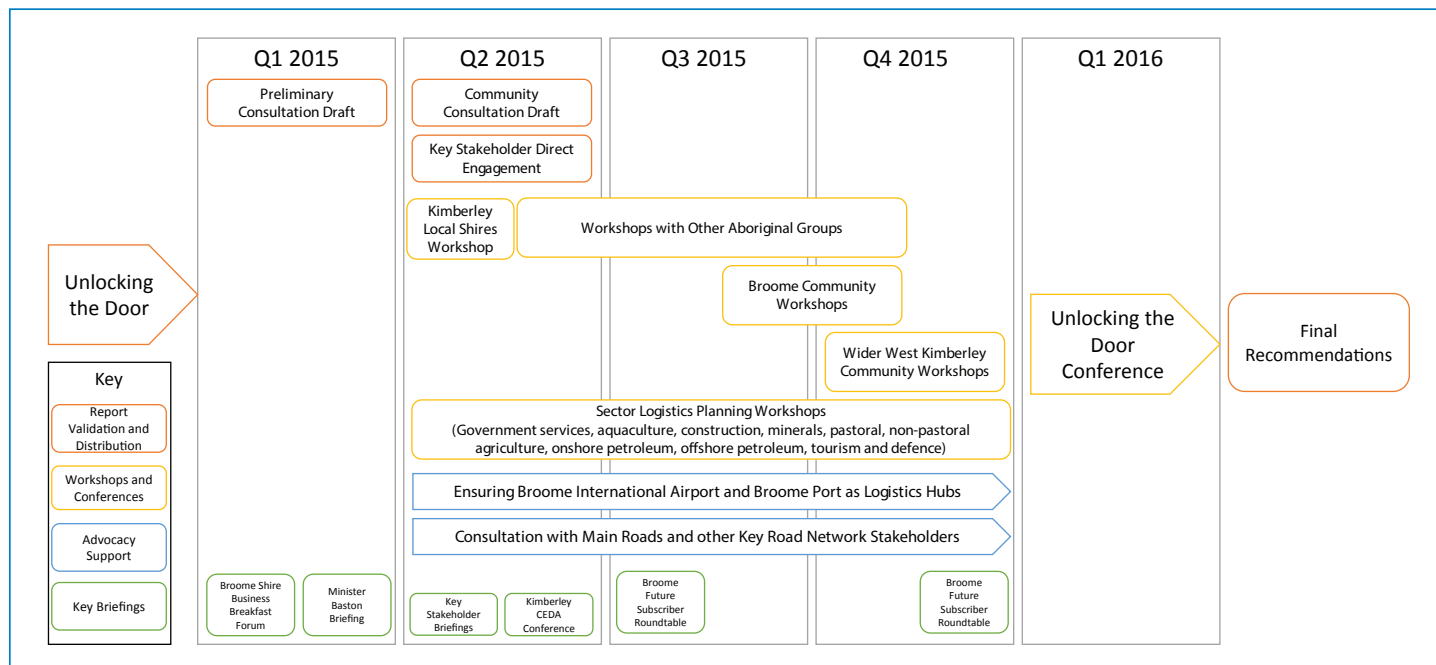
On 10 April 2015, Broome Future released the final draft of *Unlocking the Door: A study into the feasibility of Broome as a commercial and logistics hub for the Kimberley Region*. This 370-page analysis of development opportunities and challenges, and the role of logistics in the Kimberley has been well received by the community, industry and government. The report has attracted the attention of the local, state and national media with coverage of the study appearing in the Broome Advertiser, on ABC Kimberley Radio, the West Australian and the Australian Financial Review.

The report can be downloaded from [www.broomefuture.com/publication](http://www.broomefuture.com/publication)

## CONSULTATION PROCESS

Over the next 12 to 18 months, Broome Future will be using the report as the basis for engagement with key stakeholders and the community. Details of this consultation plan are contained in the following table.

### Indicative Participative Framework for Progressing the Study



If you would like to participate in any of the consultation workshops, please contact our Executive Officer [info@broomefuture.com](mailto:info@broomefuture.com)

## CEDA CONFERENCE

Russell Barnett, a partner with Australian Venture Consultants (the consulting firm that was engaged by Broome Future to undertake the *Unlocking the Door* study) delivered a keynote address based on the report at the Committee for Economic Development (CEDA) Kimberley Opportunities Conference, held in Broome on 29 May. This event involved 200 key stakeholders engaged in presentations on the future of the Kimberley. You can read Russell's presentation [here](#).

## BOARD CHANGES

Since formation, a few changes have occurred within the Board of Broome Future. Marion Fulker, CEO of the Committee for Perth, resigned and Lachlan (Lockie) Cooke, founder of ICEA, was appointed. Lockie's appointment provides Broome Future with a critical link to the youth of Broome and the Kimberley.

Tony Proctor, former President of the Broome Chamber of Commerce, resigned. Tony has been replaced by Treasurer and Board Member, Geoff Odgers who is the Financial Controller of the Cable Beach Club Spa and Resort.

## STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

Organisations such as Broome Future, which allow the community to engage more effectively in planning processes, are becoming commonplace in Australia. Broome Future is a member of two strategic alliances involving such organisations. The membership of these alliances is listed in the table below.

Committees for Cities and Regions	Northern Alliance
Broome Future, Committee for Perth, Committee for Melbourne, Committee for Geelong, Committee for Ballarat, Committee for Portland, Committee for Sydney, Committee for Gippsland, Committee for Auckland, Committee for Echuca Moama, Committee for Wyndham (Vic), Committee for Wagga Advance Cairns	Broome Future, Advance Cairns, Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce

Membership of these alliances allows Broome Future to share resources and knowledge. More importantly they help overcome the tyranny of distance, by giving Broome and the Kimberley a presence on the Eastern Seaboard.

## RELEASE OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

On 18 June 2015, the Prime Minister released the Australian Government White Paper on Developing Northern Australia. This incorporates the work undertaken by the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Northern Australia chaired by Warren Entsch, the Federal MP for Leichardt (Cairns) in Queensland and the PM's Northern Australia Advisory Council chaired by Shane Stone, a former Chief Minister of the Northern Territory. It is interesting to note the Joint Standing Committee's report was unanimously endorsed by all parties, with the Labor MP for Perth, Alannah MacTiernan being Deputy Chair of the Committee and WA Greens Senator, Rachel Siewert being a committee member.

Coinciding with the release of the White Paper, Broome Future Board members, Nick Belyea and Ian Fletcher, accompanied by Russell Barnett, travelled to Canberra on 22 June. They met with Ministers and senior Senators and MPs from both sides of Parliament to discuss the plan to implement the recommendations of the White Paper and how the Northern Australia Alliance could be an active participant in the process.

There were also discussions as to how Broome Future could partner with the Australian Government to work on the application of the White Paper implementation plan in the Kimberley and Broome, using Unlocking the Door as a vehicle, as our report strongly aligns with the White Paper. The recommendations will be implemented over a two, five, ten and twenty year timeframe. A key feature of the plan is the \$5bn Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund which was announced in the 2015 Federal Budget.

It was interesting to observe that everyone we talked with, demonstrated a great deal of interest in Unlocking the Door and made the observation that it was a very professional report and the most comprehensive, ever undertaken, on the Kimberley Region.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon Bronwyn Bishop hosted a function for the Northern Australia Alliance in her office in Parliament House on 22 June. It was well attended by key Ministers, Senators and MPs. This is to become an annual event.

## NORTHERN AUSTRALIA FORUM 8 – 10 NOVEMBER IN DARWIN

The Federal Minister for Trade and Investment, Andrew Robb will be hosting a Northern Australia Forum in Darwin in November. This is an invitation-only event which Broome Future has been invited. Russell Barnett has been asked to present Unlocking the Door at the conference.

## THANK YOU BROOME FUTURE MEMBERS

Broome Future has set an ambitious agenda to progress Unlocking the Door towards implementable outcomes in conjunction with the Federal Government, which has made a clear commitment to the development of the Kimberley Region and Broome, as outlined in the White Paper.

To this end, your continued support of Broome Future is vital.

Membership fees					
Foundation Member	Corporate Member	Business Members	Executive Member	Small Business Members	Personal Member
\$50,000 plus GST	\$25,000 plus GST	\$10,000 plus GST	\$5,000 plus GST	\$2,500 plus GST	\$200 plus GST

We encourage you to renew your membership and engage other like-minded people so they too, become a Broome Future member. For further details please visit [here](#).