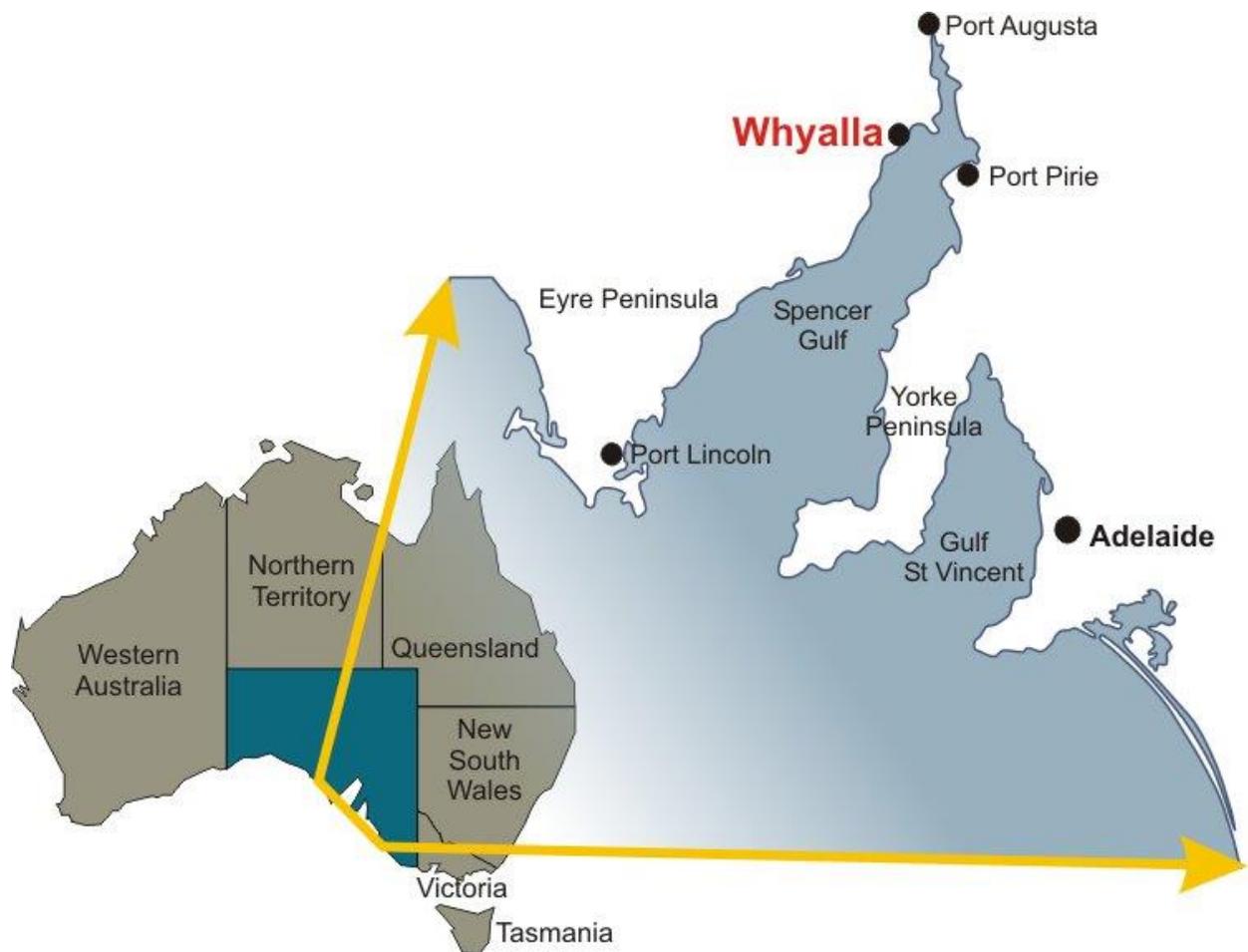


Whyalla Today



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Currently there are around 10,000 workers in an overall population of 23,000 people.

GFG Alliance purchased the Arrium Steelworks out of administration about 18 months ago and is investing \$1.2-1.4b over the next three years (commencing in August 2019) to create a 'state of the art' steel processing facility in Whyalla.

Economic modelling estimates that this investment will impact of the ongoing workforce of the city by approximately an additional 4,000 workers and lift the population to over 30,000 people.

These additional workers are not all direct employees of GFG, but include their supplier network and the broader economy including health care.

In parallel, there are a number of major projects (including the steelworks construction process itself) coming online over the next 12 months that will require additional workers as well, of which we estimate 1,500-2,000 people the next 36 months.

These include:

Simec Energy Australia - A large solar farm installation commencing in August 2019 and taking 18-24 months to complete. Estimated workforce of 5-600 people (80% with lower skill sets) \$100m high school commencing construction in January 2020.

Aged and Disability Lifestyle Village and Community Facility commencing construction 2019.

GFG Steelworks transformation will require around 5-600 additional workers to support the building of the new facility.

There is a range of other major new initiatives still being finalised.

Whyalla employers and recruitment agencies are already struggling to find suitable staff for a number of positions with a range of trades and healthcare (aged and disability) in high demand.

Housing

Whyalla has a diverse range of housing from affordable to mid-range pricing.

An ex-Housing Trust 3 bedroom maisonette is selling for around \$85,000-\$150,000, with a standalone 3 bedroom house ranging from about \$200,000-\$500,000.

There are currently 45 4-5 bedroom houses for sale in Whyalla.

Education

Whyalla has a good range of educational offerings including four high schools (one private) and the University of South Australia and TAFESA campuses.

The three public high schools will be amalgamated in 2022 into the new \$100m STEM focused high school that will be built between the existing TAFESA and UniSA campuses to create an integrated Education Precinct.

Health Services

Whyalla has a full range of health services available including a major upgraded hospital. There is an issue with a shortage of professional staff however.

Retail and Entertainment

Whyalla has a range of shopping, restaurant and cafe facilities including Coles and Woolworths, with Aldi about to commence construction of a new facility. There is certainly an opportunity to increase the diversity of restaurants in the city.

Things to Do

With a population of 23,000 people, Whyalla is a culturally diverse city and has a range of clubs and community facilities available for the local residents.

Fishing, seaside and outdoor activities are a strength of the Eyre Peninsula region, offering some fantastic weekend outings.

Proposed Whyalla Event

I've pencilled in the 18th (and 19th) of July for a four hour evening event as discussed.

Suggested Employment opportunities in Health, Aged and Disability Employment, Education Pathways - GFG Apprenticeships, Multitrade Apprenticeship Pathways, Construction, Health, Nursing, Aged and Disability Pathways.

Organisation Speaker Bios

RDA Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative established to encourage partnership between all levels of government and industry to enhance the growth and development of Australia's regional communities.

The national network of 52 committees is made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the development of their regions.

Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) is the peak body driving the expansion and growth of economic activity across Eyre Peninsula.

The RDAWEP Committee is comprised of local leaders with broad and diverse skills and experience, who understand the challenges, opportunities and priorities in our local community. RDAWEP develops local solutions to local issues.

As the regional development voice of the community, RDAWEP consults and engages with communities, promotes and participates in regional programs and initiatives, provides information and advice to all levels of government, and supports informed regional planning.

Whyalla City Council

Whyalla is a city of contrasts – from green parks and gardens to massive industrial operations, new housing estates to well established historic neighborhoods, and from the traditional corner store to Multimillion- dollar shopping centres.

On the western shore of Upper Spencer Gulf, approximately 385 kilometers northwest of Adelaide by road and 40 minutes by air, Whyalla averages 300 days of sunshine every year and has an annual rainfall of around 270 millimeters.

Whyalla has an established industry and retail base, strong community spirit and its residents enjoy a comfortable lifestyle with sufficient amenities, events and activities.

The Whyalla Council has one of the most diverse operations of any local government. It operates an airport, public library, child care centre, cemetery and crematorium, visitor information centre, maritime museum, lighthouse, landfill, marina and boat ramps.

The council also owns the city's leisure centre and is responsible for all major development including the foreshore, wetlands, public works, and innovative environmental projects.

Whyalla's major industries include the steelworks producing a range of products including rail line and steel sleepers, Santos producing crude oil and LPG, industrial fabrication companies, national contractors to heavy engineering industries and commercial salt production.

Council's urban boundaries comprise 41.5 square kilometers within a total local government area of approximately 1,000 square kilometers. With a population of 21,828 residents (2016 census), the regional community of Whyalla is a wonderfully diverse mix of cultures and nationalities.

TAFE SA Whyalla

TAFE SA is Australia's largest VET (Vocational Education & Training) provider with nearly 80, 000 students and over 1000 courses.

Our focus is very much on offering courses, delivery models and career pathways that meet the needs of the areas in which they live, whether metro or regionally. We are increasing our collaboration with industry and key stakeholders to deliver industry driven programs that best fit potential job seekers.

In Whyalla, we are looking to invest considerably in our trades based programs. As well as training ongoing apprentices, we will continue to run our successful pre-apprenticeship programs for school students and job seekers, helping to build a pool of workers ready to take up opportunities as they arise.

We aim to deliver a broad range of opportunities, but in different ways that reflect contemporary approaches to teaching and learning and respond to the needs of individuals, businesses and regional economies.

Whyalla Aged Care

Whyalla Aged Care Incorporated is a community evolved not for profit aged care organisation established in 1968 in Whyalla. As the only residential aged care provider in the community Whyalla Aged Care operates three residential aged care homes, provides community aged care packages and operates a small boutique retirement village.

Whyalla Aged Care is one of the largest employers in Whyalla with 270 employees working in a diverse range of roles across the organisation including nursing, administration, hospitality, IT and HR. As a learning organisation a broad range of training pathways are available for employees to continue to develop their skills to support a rewarding career at Whyalla Aged Care.

Whyalla Aged Care is currently entering a period of growth with two large building projects underway to expand residential aged care services and construction of a new lifestyle village with a multipurpose community centre. The organization is in the process of rebranding to Kindred Living which will co-inside with organisations strategic business growth to provide disability services.

Chandler Macleod

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In delivering these services, Chandler Macleod helps organisations to plan for their future workforce needs, source the best talent for their business, assess the potential of individuals and teams, develop skills to increase the effectiveness of employees, team and organisations and manage a safer, more efficient and productive workplace.

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