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Expanding North West future leaders network to King Island

The Liberal National Government is delivering expanded opportunities for future leaders to progress their careers on King Island.

Future leaders network, The Coasters, has had outstanding success in the North West and they have now been granted \$17,500 from the Building Better Regions Fund to expand their offering to King Island.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck said The Coasters was inspiring young people to take advantage of the opportunities in regional Tasmania.

“Encouraging our future leaders to see opportunities in rural and remote parts of Tasmania is critical to our future economic success.

“The Liberal National Government is backing our next generation because retaining our best and brightest will secure a bright future for King Island.”

Daryl Connelly, CEO of the Cradle Coast Authority which applied for the grant on behalf of The Coasters said they have been supporting the group as part of a strategy to retain talent in regional Tasmania.

“Cradle Coast Authority is proud to support such a strong organisation of young people like The Coasters and this grant will allow these benefits to spread to a remote area like King Island.”

The Coasters’ Claire Smith said the group was having great success in bringing together future leaders and young professionals for the betterment of the region.

“In a short period of time we have had noticeable impact in increasing retention and connectedness among young people in our region, particularly those who have moved here to advance their careers.”

Helen Thomas, Growth & Strategy Manager at King Island Council, said she is looking forward to seeing The Coasters established on King Island.

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"Providing King Island's young leaders with access to a network of like-minded, aspirational young people will increase their opportunities to connect, inspire and grow".

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Liberal and Nationals Government is committed to ensuring Australia's regions remain strong, resilient and prosperous in the long term.

"We have seen fantastic outcomes from the first two rounds, and today's announcement continues our commitment to unlocking the economic potential of regional Australia and ensuring our regions continue to thrive."

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