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South West conference to light up the future of energy

The evolving energy landscape and the role renewables are likely to play in the future will be at the forefront of discussion when the South West Development Commission stages a major energy conference in Collie.

The State Government agency will bring its popular *Critical Horizons* futures series to Collie for the first time over June 7 and 8, opening a window into the future of energy generation and storage.

Attendees will hear from industry experts, learn about renewable energy projects, and be able to switch on to the possibilities presented by sustainable technologies such as wind, wave and solar.

Member for Collie-Preston Mick Murray said Collie was well positioned to hold the conference.

“Collie plays an important role in powering the state through the significant contribution of the coal industry and we couldn’t think of a better place to hold an energy-themed conference,” Mr Murray said.

“Not only is the event a chance to ignite discussion around coal futures and inform thinking in regards to the future of energy, it is also a fantastic opportunity to showcase Collie.

“The town has transformed in recent years and we’re looking forward to showing it off to the delegates who will be attending.”

SWDC acting chief executive officer Rebecca Ball said the event will offer insight into the steps businesses, towns and cities are taking to transition to a more sustainable energy future.

“We encourage Collie residents as well as those in the wider South West and around Western Australia to register to attend,” Ms Ball said.

The *Critical Horizons – Powering the Future of WA* event will open with a welcome function at the Collie Motorplex on June 7. On June 8, a full-day conference featuring a long-list of presenters will be held at Harris River Estate.

The cost of attending the conference is \$90, with the price including morning tea and lunch as well as a post-event networking session.

For more information or to secure tickets, visit www.criticalhorizons.com.au .

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