News Release

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BizLink Seminar to be hosted in Berri

Riverland businesses will have an opportunity to seek information from a wide range of state and federal government agencies at a BizLink seminar in Berri this month.

Small Business Minister Tom Koutsantonis said BizLink provides a great opportunity for small businesses to get up to date information on services which are available to them from government.

The half-day seminar will be held on Friday October 16 at the Berri Hotel.

“Bizlink seminars assist small businesses to navigate through the myriad of services available to them and provides a networking opportunity with government departments,” Mr Koutsantonis said.

“What we are aiming to do is connect small business operators with government representatives who can help them in a wide range of areas.”

The event is co-ordinated by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner and hosted by the Small Business Commissioner John Chapman.

“All levels of government are working to help small business, but it is often not easy to find out exactly what services are available,” Mr Chapman said.

“I would encourage every business to check the program as we cover so much ground in a relatively short space of time and there is plenty of opportunity to ask questions.”

The BizLink seminars have been successfully delivered across metropolitan Adelaide this year including Mawson Lakes, Port Adelaide and Payneham, with more than 100 businesses attending each event.

Representatives from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Environment Protection Agency and ReturntoWork SA are among those scheduled to attend the event.

Support for business growth will be outlined by speakers from the Department of State Development and AusIndustry, while a representative from the Australian Taxation Office will deliver information on taxation matters.

A representative from the Office of the Industry Advocate, which is working to improve small business access to State Government contracts, will also present.
The Office of the Small Business Commissioner has been working with Regional Development Australia, Riverland Branch to organise the event which is expected to attract up to 60 local businesses from the Berri, Waikerie and Loxton areas.

The Berri BizLink Seminar will be held on Friday 16 October, 9.00am – 12.00pm at the Berri Hotel.

For more information on the Office of the Small Business Commissioner or to register for this event visit www.sasbc.sa.gov.au or contact the office on toll free 1800 072 722.