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Australian delegation gets a taste of success with the NCCCS BioNetwork

RALEIGH – An Australian delegation traveled to North Carolina to learn about the state’s successful BioNetwork. The group spent their time in the company of the North Carolina Community College System’s specialized Biotechnology and life science training group to see how the program operates and interacts with important partners. Among the visitors was Bruce Harwood, mayor of the city of Geelong, the second largest city in the state of Victoria.

Members of the delegation had interests that included Industry Technology parks, research, business development and industry-college partnerships. They took a whistle-stop tour of North Carolina’s highly developed life science infrastructure. Highlights included a visit to the NCCCS BioNetwork flagship Capstone Center on the Centennial Campus of NC State University and a hands-on tour of the BioNetwork Mobile lab.

“We are extremely grateful to our hosts. Our visit was very comprehensive.” said Harwood. “In our line of work building worldwide partnerships is exceptionally rewarding. It enables us to learn best practices, develop partnerships and share success.”

Matthew Meyer, BioNetwork Director said, “It was a wonderful opportunity for the BioNetwork to show off our expert staff and world class facilities, and to tell our story on how we have kept ahead of the game to become a driving force behind North Carolina’s ever-growing reputation in the biotechnology and life science industry.”

About the BioNetwork:

BioNetwork is a cost effective, successful community college entity that connects community colleges across North Carolina. It provides the specialized training, curriculum and equipment necessary to develop a world-class workforce for the biomanufacturing, pharmaceutical

manufacturing and the life science Industry. BioNetwork provides much-needed resources to community colleges to improve their capacity to meet the current and future workforce needs of this growing industry.

About the City of Greater Geelong group visit:

Geelong is the second largest city in the state of Victoria, Australia and is the largest regional centre in the state. It is a port city with an urban population of 160,991 people, and one of the largest provincial cities in Australia. The city is located on Corio Bay and the Barwon River, 75 kilometers (47 mi) south-west of the state's capital, Melbourne, and is covered by the City of Greater Geelong municipality.

Attendees:

Dr. Bree Gorman, Institute of Biotechnology Deakin University

Bruce Harwood, Mayor, City of Greater Geelong

Darren Gray, Industry Development Manager for the City of Greater Geelong, Bio-Geelong Network

Grant Sutherland, CEO of Gordon Institute of TAFE

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