



Welcome to the CHDC eNews

a fortnightly brief to highlight key information in the region.

Regional Highlights and Updates:

Rendez-Vous: The CHDC Friday Business Forum

The Central Highlands Development Corporation would like to thank all their guests for their participation to the first Friday Business Forum and for making the evening a great success.

Our next Forum will take place on **Friday 27th November 2009 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm** at the **Red Orchid Restaurant** at the Mayfair Motel in Emerald where guest speaker Phil Henry, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation(DEEDI) will present "DEEDI in Your Region-Supporting Growth in Business and Industry".

Take the opportunity to network with other business representatives and service providers in the area (nibbles provided and drinks available from the bar). Limited spaces available!

Please RSVP to Robyn Matheson on 07 4982 4386 or rmatheson@chdc.com.au

(Source: CHDC)

Date Claimer - FREE Business Breakfast

The Central Highlands Regional Council in partnership with the Central Highlands Development Corporation are coordinating a FREE Business Breakfast as part of the three day celebration for the Emerald CBD opening. Come and hear what Jim Devine from the QLD Resource Council has to say about the future of the region **at 7.00 am on Friday 6th November 2009** at the **Emerald Library Park** and get in early to guarantee your attendance.

Please RSVP to Robyn Matheson on 07 4982 4386 or rmatheson@chdc.com.au (limited spaces only!).

(Source: CHDC)

The CHDC to Represent the Central Highlands at the 2009 Country Week

The Central Highlands Development Corporation will have a trade stall at the Country and Regional Living Expo in Brisbane **from the 30th October to the 1st November** and will be promoting the Central Highlands region as a place to live, work, visit and invest. If you would like your business or product to be promoted at the expo or have a job vacancies or investment opportunity you would like to promote, please contact Sherry Smith or Robyn Matheson on 49824386 **before the 28th October**.

(Source: CHDC)

CHDC National Broadband Network Seminars

When: Tuesday 24th of November

Where: CHDC conference room, this may change depending on numbers.

Session One: 8:00- 9:30 - Technical overview,

Session Two: 10:00- 15:00 with a lunch break - Technical view

A copy of the program is available at <http://www.chdc.com.au/chbroadband/links.html>.

Please RSVP to Robyn Matheson on 07 4982 4386 or rmatheson@chdc.com.au

(Source: CHDC)

Funding Opportunities Recognising Australia's Women Farmers

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is now offering support for projects to improve the leadership and representative capacity of women in agriculture, fisheries and forestry. The grants are part of Australia's Farming Future. **Applications close 13th November 2009 at 5 p.m.**

For more information, please visit www.daff.gov.au/recognisingwomenfarmers or phone 1800 638 746.

(Source: Dept. Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry)

Bonuses Tripled for Employers to Take on Youth Apprentices

Between **1 December 2009 and 28 February 2010**, the Australian Government will provide a \$3,350 *Apprentice Kickstart Bonus* to employers who take on a young person aged 19 years and under into a traditional trade Australian Apprenticeship. The introduction of the *Apprentice Kickstart Bonus* represents a tripling of Government support for employers of eligible Australian Apprentices in their first year of an Australian Apprenticeship. More details-

http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/Australian_Apprentice/Kickstart.asp

(Source: Australian Government)

'An Employers Perspective' - Central Highlands Jobs Summit

Employers across the Central Highlands are encouraged to attend the Jobs Summit to contribute their ideas and support for how businesses and industry across the region can deal with their workforce issues including:

- Strategic planning for future labour and skilling needs
- Identifying priorities and developing a strategic plan for the region for all sectors
- Enabling the pool of labour to be more effectively utilised
- Examining how research, surveys and new perspectives from other regions can assist us

Friday 6 November 2009 at Mayfair Ridge Tavern Conference Room, Springsure Road, Emerald, from 8:30am to 3:30pm, seating is limited to 100. For more information or to register, please contact Tony Robinson at CHDC- (07) 49824386 or email trobinson@chdc.com.au -by 5pm 2 November 2009...No fees for the Summit...Lunch and smokos provided.

(Source: CHDC)

Fair Work Act Seminars for Employers in Agriculture

NFF (National Farmers Federation) are conducting seminars around the country and agricultural producers are urged to attend to gain valuable insight into the application of new laws for employers, particularly the practical impacts on agriculture. Downloads available on the link <http://www.nff.org.au/read/2472946216.html> which include the *Pastoral Award 2010* and seminar dates.

(Emerald -10th of November at Australian Agriculture College, Capricorn Highway-12 to 2:30pm)

(Source: National Farmers Federation)

2009 Health & Wellness Mini Expo

Theme: Wear Something Pink

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Central Highlands Working Women's Network is proud to present a mini expo focusing on our Health and Wellbeing. Guest Speaker Jenny Nuss will talk about her challenge with breast cancer and guests will have on offer information on health and wellness topics from massage, to aromatherapy, fitness, diet and much more. It looks to be an exciting night with great tips to learn on how to stay well and healthy from knowledgeable and talented people. There will be heaps of great prizes and giveaways to win and all proceeds on the night will be going to the "Look Good, Feel Better" group based at the Neighbourhood Centre.

The expo will be held on Wednesday **28th October 2009 at 6.30p.m. for 7p.m. start** at the **Anglican Church Hall, Ruby St. in Emerald**. Light refreshments and finger foods will be served to guests on the night. Cost: \$20pp at the door.

Please RSVP before Monday 26th October to Anne-Marie Joubert on 0427 476 572 or to waan@bigpond.com

The Working Women's Network is still seeking local businesses, groups and services who specialize in catering for women and women's activities to participate in this month's event. Participants in the Expo will have an opportunity to promote themselves on the night by way of a 5-10 minute presentation to guests. There is no cost to be a participant but a donation of a gift voucher or item to the value of \$50 from your business/group (not for profit organisations will be exempted) will be raffled during the night to raise funds for the "Look Good, Feel Better" Group in Emerald.

For more information, please contact Anne-Marie Joubert on 0427 476 572 or to waan@bigpond.com
(Source: Working Women's Network)

FREE Business Assessments with Ferguson Cannon Lawyers Human Resources

FCHR is working with companies and small businesses to develop their Human Resources systems and programs so that they can build a sustainable competitive advantage within their market place and realise the potential of their people and their business's profitability.

As business owners and managers you would be aware that The Australian Government has recently introduced major changes to the Industrial Relations landscape with the introduction of the new Fair Work Act. At FCHR we have made it our business to become specialists in how to implement and integrate the requirements of the new Act to maximise business performance. To achieve this we have bought together a team of Employment Law solicitors and Human Resources professionals that will look at the entire spectrum of Human Resources and legal compliance elements to provide solutions for businesses to ensure that their Business plan objectives are achieved and exceeded.

Some of the key areas that we can assist with are:

- Workplace Relations
- Recruitment
- Occupational health and safety
- Risk Management -
- Organisational design and development
- Training including Training needs analysis, Training Program Development and delivery
- Change Management
- Organisational Psychology Services
- Employee Coaching & Mentoring

As part of our growth we have identified the Central Highlands district as an area that we would like to in the future establish an office to assist companies and small businesses with their Human Resources

needs and growth plans.

If you would like to receive more information about how we can help please visit our website www.fchr.com.au and register your details or contact Jim Carlile – Human Resources Consultant on jim@fclawyers.com.au or on 0408 679 105.

We will be in **Emerald on the 5th and 6th of November** to conduct FREE business assessments.

(Source: FCHR)

Supply CQ Launch

With the next economic boom about to happen in Central Queensland, businesses have a unique opportunity to get access to many of the major projects about to commence in the region. To assist businesses in the region, a Mining and Major Projects Supply Chain Initiative, sponsored by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation and being undertaken by Deborah Wilson Consulting Services, Rockhampton Regional Development (RRD) and ICN Qld, is working with 6 major projects in the region to create better links with local suppliers.

The main outcomes from the project will be:

1. Supply CQ, a new contact point for suppliers and major projects - whose aim is to help local suppliers build their understanding of project requirements, build skills to win this work and improve opportunities for local suppliers.
2. To create ongoing links with major projects in the region to benefit projects and suppliers.
3. To provide information, updates and programs to local suppliers to assist them in bidding for major project work.

To get involved in Supply CQ, we invite you to complete the [Supply CQ Capability Survey](#) of suppliers interested in this initiative and email it to supplycq@rrdl.com.au by **30th October 2009**. We may follow up with you for more information on specialised skills and capabilities.

You are also welcome to join us for the launch of Supply CQ at an event in **Rockhampton on Tuesday 27 October**, 5.30pm at CQU. Please, register online at www.rockhamptonregion.com.au

Supply CQ will be managed by RRD in partnership with Central Highlands Development Corporation – working with business for business.

(Source: Rockhampton Regional Development Ltd)

Breast Cancer Fundraiser Dinner and Cookbook Launch

Bring along all your girlfriends for a great night out, and best of all, you'll be helping us find a cure for cancer!

Girls Night In is proud to invite you to their Fundraiser Dinner on **Friday 30th October 2009 at the Emerald Bowls Club**, Hospital Rd, in Emerald from 6:30 p.m. til late. On the night: Lucky door prize, multi-draw, lucky squares and more...

Tickets cost \$20 pp and include entry, main and dessert.

Cookbooks will be available on the night. All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go to the Cancer Council Queensland

Limited tickets available from Claire Mallyon on 4987 7252 or 0431 676 810 and from Safety Sales & Hire, Industrial Dr, on 4982 0203. **Bookings are essential for catering and must be made on or before 20th October.**

(Source: Girls Night In)

Date Claimer - Reclaim The Night March

Reclaim The Night is a free evening event supporting the rights of women and children to feel safe. Meet on Friday 30th of November at the Information Center at Morton Park in Rockhampton at 5:45 p.m. for the march and arrive back at Morton Park at 6:15 for a night of fun including music, dancing, food, speakers, information and more entertainment... Badges are available for gold coin donation and don't forget to BYO torch!

For more information, call Kate on Lynne on 07 4982 4358 or email katec@centacare.net

(Source: Centacare, Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton)

CQ Mining and Energy Projects Updates

To see the latest CQ mining and energy projects list and map as well as the updated Bowen Basin map including workforce numbers, please visit our [website](#) .

(Source: Queensland Government)

AgForce Welcomes New President Larry Acton

Blackwater grazier Larry Acton was elected as the inaugural president of rural lobby group AgForce. Mr Acton said he wanted AgForce to be accessible to all its members, as the organisation was about "the sustainability of people's enterprises". Resource management, tree clearing guidelines, water reform and security planning were high on AgForce's agenda.

(Source: Blackwater Herald 13/10/09)

New Vegetation Management Laws to Protect Queensland's Biodiversity

New Vegetation Management Laws to protect vegetation and its biodiversity values have been introduced across Queensland. AgForce vice President Ian Burnett said at this stage the feeling was positive among farmers but they were reluctant to embrace the laws until the finer details were revealed. Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson said the code protected endangered regrowth while allowing for weed control.

Maps can be accessed online at www.derm.qld.gov.au

(Source: CQ News 09/10/09)

QLD Arts Council Funding is Open for Applications

Queensland Arts Council Funding is available for organisations to apply for up to \$3500 for arts-related projects in the final funding round for 2009. Applications must be submitted **by 1st November 2010**.

For guidelines visit www.incommunities.qac.org.au or phone 38464500

(Source: CQ News 09/10/09)

Have a Voice at Community Cabinet

Community Cabinet will be held on **Sunday 1st November 2009** at the **Barcaldine Shire Hall**. It is an opportunity to request a deputation to meet with State Government politicians during a public forum to be held from 1 p.m., with formal deputations being taken by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and Directors-General from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Request forms available at www.thepremier.qld.gov.au or by phoning Cabinet Services on 1800448377.

(Source: CQ News 09/10/09)

Safe Work Australia Week

This year's Safe Work Australia Week will start on **25th October 2009** to end on the 31st October. The national event focuses attention on workplace safety issues and aims at encouraging all working Australians to get involved in, and concentrate on, safety in their workplace to reduce death, injury and disease.

Safe Work Australia Week (SWAW) is targeting healthier and safer workplaces and Queensland's theme for 2009 is

Healthier and Safer Workplaces - Healthier and Safer Workers.

For more information, please visit www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/training/events/safeworkaustralia

(Source: CQ News 09/10/09)

NEW! - JOBS BOARD

Cleaner Wanted

The CHDC is currently looking for a cleaner for 2 to 3 hours per week. For more information or to apply, please call Robyn Matheson on 07 4982 4386 or email matheson@chdc.com.au

(Source: CHDC)

Youth Development Officer - Blackwater

Salary Range \$45,311 - \$48,000, including subsidised accommodation, locality allowance, 12% superannuation and 5 weeks annual leave per annum.

A full position description and selection criteria is available from the [CHRC website](#) or by phoning (07) 4982 8309.

For more information, please contact Janice Moriarty, Community Development Manager on 4982 8322 or 0447167785.

(Source: CHRC)

CHRRUP Executive Officer

CHRRUP is looking for a dynamic leader with a passion for sustainable agriculture and community based natural resource management. Working with the CHRRUP Board and Chairperson, the Executive Officer provides active leadership to the staff and organisation.

The salary is negotiable between \$63,000 and \$78,000 per annum, plus superannuation, leave loading, phone and vehicle. A current driver's licence is essential. This is a permanent position, subject to funding. Position descriptions and selection criteria are available on the website www.chrrup.org or by contacting admin@chrrup.org or (07) 4982 2996.

Closing date for applications is 9am, Monday, 2 November, 2009.

(Source: CHRRUP)

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