



**CHDC**  
**eNews**

Central Highlands Development Corporation  
Economic development agency for the Central Highlands Region

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**Welcome** to the **CHDC eNews**

a fortnightly brief to highlight key information in the region.

### **Regional Highlights and Updates:**

#### **Free Safety Workshop/Group Coaching Session**

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) and Motor Trades Association Queensland (MTAQ) are offering a free safety workshop/group coaching session for new Workplace Health and Safety Officer's (WHSO) and small and medium businesses operators throughout Queensland. This workshop/group coaching session goes through the Serious about Safe Business package which provides a simplified safety management framework. It focuses on how easy it can be to develop and implement a safety management system in your workplace. The workshop/group coaching session will be practical, allowing participants the opportunity to provide input and discuss safety issues that may be present in their own business. Numbers will be kept to a maximum of 15 participants.

To register [click here](#) or call Majella Daley at Work Health and Safety Queensland on 07 4967 4458.

(Source: DEIR)

#### **Success Stories: The 2009 Central Highlands Business Awards**

The 2009 Central Highlands Business Awards were presented at a gala dinner on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August following the judging and voting for local businesses. The judges remarked on the high quality of presentations and business plans, as well as on the variety of businesses represented. The Emerald Chamber of Commerce was very impressed with this year's People Choice Award and are looking forward to conducting it again in 2010. The Central Highlands



Development Corporation (CHDC), as a proud sponsor of this great event, would like to thank the judges, the Emerald Chamber of Commerce and all the participants. This year, the overall winner for People's Choice Award was beauty salon "Beau Modelle" and the overall Judged Award winner was "Central Therapy". For a full list of awarded business in all categories please visit the CHDC website [here](#).

(Source: CHDC)

#### **New Community On-line Resource Launch**

The Central Highlands Regional Council & Central Highlands Development Corporation are proud to present a new web-based Community Profile and Community Atlas On-Line Resource. This new resource provides easy access to demographic and statistical data for the Central Highlands Region. If you require up-to-date statistical data in your workplace, for grant writing, assignments or to undertake market research then these sessions will interest YOU!

Free Training Sessions to assist anyone interested in using this new tool will be held in:

- **Emerald - Monday 7 September 2009** - at the CHDC Training Room, Wally Mackenzie House, Emerald Showgrounds from 9.30am - 11am OR from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

For more information or to RSVP (before Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September), please contact Anna Tushuizen on 07 4982 8336.

- **Capella – Tuesday 8 September 2009** - at the CHRC Offices, Conran street, Capella, from 10.00am – 11.30am.

*For more information or to RSVP (before Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September), please contact Sandy Roberts on 07 4988 7200.*

- **Springsure - Tuesday 8 September 2009** - at the CHRC Offices, Eclipse street, Springsure, from 2pm – 3.30pm.

*For more information or to RSVP (before Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September), please contact Debbie Watkins on 07 4981 4100.*

*(Source: CHRC)*

### **New Wheelie Bin & Recycling Bin Distribution**

Ready, Set, Roll...out! Residents of Central Highlands Regional Council, keep an eye out for the delivery of your new red lid general waste wheelie bin and yellow lid recycle wheelie bin, set to be delivered in September 2009. The wheelie bin 'rollout', or distribution, will be managed by bin manufacturer Sulo MGB Australia Pty Ltd and will commence on Monday 7th September 2009, moving on to Isaac Regional Council by mid September 2009. Larger towns will receive deliveries over several days.

A draft residential distribution plan has been developed: *(Timings are indicative and may be subject to change)*

Monday	7-09-09	Anakie, Bluff, Capella (day 1), Comet, Dingo, Duaringa, Rolleston and Springsure
Tuesday	8-09-09	Blackwater (day 1), Capella (day 2) and Tieri
Wednesday	9-09-09	Blackwater (day 2)
Thursday	10-09-09	Blackwater (day 3) and Emerald (day 1)
Friday	11-09-09	Emerald (day 2)
Monday	14-09-09	Emerald (day 3)
Tuesday	15-09-09	Emerald (day 4)
Wednesday	16-09-09	Emerald (day 5)

Each set of bins will include an information pack with further details on using your general waste and recycling services to their full potential and a date for the first service. Please keep in mind that old GREEN lid wheelie bins will not be collected after Monday 5th October 2009, and the new bins are not to be used prior to 5<sup>th</sup> October. If you believe your property has been missed in the bin rollout, please contact the Central Highlands Regional Council Waste Contract Coordinator on 07-4982 8304.

*(Source: CHRC)*

### **Mineral and Coal Reports**

High levels of CSG and coal exploration continued during the last quarter and several coal projects progressed along the EIS approval path. For an overview of mineral, coal and coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and new developments in Central Queensland Region during the June Quarter 2009, please visit the CHDC website [here](#) for reports and maps.

*(Source: DEEDI)*

### **Emerald Land Sale**

Emerald land sales continues to grow with 2 lots in the centre of town to be sold later this month as well as 2.8 hectares in the CBD area. Moreover, the 2.55 hectares Lot 91 has been rezoned for light industry and warehouse uses and the 0.26 hectares Lot 61 is currently designated for residential accommodation. The sale has been advertised in the National press and is attracting significant interest as the area is well served by a major highway and suitable for industrial and commercial purposes.

The Council now has freehold title over 47 vacant blocks of land in town and is continuing the preparation work on the Nogoia Rise Estate in Emerald.

*(Source: CQ News 05/08/09)*

### **Fire-fighters to Be Relocated**

State Government has made the decision to relocate fire-fighters from the CBD Egerton Street location to one acre site at the Gregory Highway intersection with Andrews Road, on the south side of Emerald. The proposal is to have a full-time day crew of 3 or 4 men supplemented by auxiliary fire-fighters.

*(Source: CQ News 07/08/09)*

### **Greyhound Increase in Central Queensland**

Greyhound has announced the addition of three Central Queensland mines to its growing portfolio of mining contracts. The bus company will operate forty services per week for Downer EDI Mining to transport employees, including crew changeovers in Mackay and Townsville, as well as daily site to camp shuttles. The contract demonstrates Greyhound's commercial growth in the central region.

*(Source: CQ News 07/08/09)*

### **Developing Waratah Coal**

The China First Project is on track to commence construction in October 2010, opening up the Galilee Basin as a major coal province housing Australia's largest thermal coal mines. The project is to create 6000 fly in, fly out jobs during construction and 1500 during operation. A study into the mine confirmed the viability of 40 million tonnes of export thermal coal a year based around four high capacity longwall mines and two large scale open cut operations.

(Source: CQ News 19/08/09)

### **Blackwater International Coal Centre's Birthday Celebration**

Blackwater International Coal Centre is celebrating its first birthday and hosted a party on 30<sup>th</sup> August for the occasion.

(Source: Blackwater Herald 11/8/09)

### **2007 Environmental Impact Statement Revised by Ensham**

Ensham has submitted to State Government a supplementary report to the 2007 Environmental impact Statement, outlining a revised mining methodology for the Ensham Central Project. This has a long term future of approximately 3000 direct and indirect jobs to the region. Independent investigations contained in the supplementary report include information into the effect of the mines operation on the form and function of the floodplain, groundwater impacts and air quality. CEO Peter Westerhuis said "the key change to the plan is our decision not to access the coal beneath the central flood plain north of the Nogoa River through open cut mining ... this avoids disturbance in the anabranch of the Nogoa River and avoids the need to construct 12 km of levee banks."

(Source: CQ News 14/08/09)

### **Major Project Supplier Plan (MPSP)**

As part of its support for the State Government's "Queensland Made Means Queensland Jobs" initiative, Industry Capability Network (ICN) Queensland is actively working to help develop Queensland as Australia's strongest economy. As part of this process, ICN Queensland will work with up to 100 Queensland companies per year to maximise their potential in securing contracts with major projects. To do this, ICN Queensland in conjunction with the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) have developed the Major Project Supplier Plan (MPSP). This program is structured to help Queensland companies identify the skills and capabilities required to successfully supply to large Australian infrastructure and industrial projects. The MPSP is designed for those companies serious about improving business capabilities and aspiring to successfully supply to major projects. This fully subsidised program will give eligible Queensland companies the tools they require to win contracts. For more information please contact Chris Martin, ICN Queensland, on 07 3364 0670

(Source: ICN Queensland)

### **Carbon Market Expo Australasia 2009**

EBA will again host Carbon Market Expo Australasia at the Gold Coast Convention Centre from **26 to 28 October 2009**. Co-hosted by the Asia Pacific Emissions Trading Forum with foundation support from the Queensland Government and the Gold Coast City Council, the Expo is timed to follow the Australian Parliament's consideration of pending emissions trading legislation, and to precede the Copenhagen UN conference in December. Interested sponsors are invited to join Macquarie Bank and Baker & McKenzie by providing support and at the same time capitalising on significant trade, business and marketing opportunities. See [www.carbonexpo.com.au](http://www.carbonexpo.com.au) where the sponsorship prospectus is available, plus the full program, online registration and exhibitor details. Contact Liz Symmons on 07 5528 2501, [secretariat@carbonexpo.com.au](mailto:secretariat@carbonexpo.com.au) or Jack Whelan at EBA

[jackwhelan@environmentbusiness.com.au](mailto:jackwhelan@environmentbusiness.com.au)

(Source:EDA)

### **Stand up and be counted**

Women who have made outstanding contributions to Queensland can be nominated now for the *Office for Women's 2009 Our Women, Our State Awards – Great Queensland Woman Award!* The winner receives \$3000 in recognition of their achievements and will be announced at a prestigious Our Women, Our State Awards ceremony on 10 November 2009.

Find out more at the [website](#) or by telephoning 1800 177 577. Nominations close on 11 September 2009.

(Source: Department of Premier & Cabinet - Q150)

## **Who do you think is Queensland's smartest company?**

Who is Queensland's greatest entrepreneur? The Premier of Queensland's Smart Business Awards are now open for nominations. The awards program recognizes businesses and entrepreneurs who have helped put Queensland on the map and it's your turn to nominate those companies that have contributed to Queensland's transformation from our establishment in 1859 until today. Nominate online today. Applications close 30 September 2009.

*(Source: Department of Premier & Cabinet - Q150)*

## **Q Music and QMF Workshops**

Q Music in partnership with QMF proudly announces Professional Development Workshops as a follow up to QMF's Song Trail Central Series. Q Music follow the path forged by the Song Trails team providing a free 2 hour workshop will focus on an overview of the Music Industry discussing topics such as copyright, promotion and presentation of work and is open to aspiring and established songwriters alike.

**Moranbah - Monday 28th Sept** at the Community Centre's Chapel.  
**Emerald - Tuesday 29th Sept** at the Art gallery space, via the Library, 44 Borilla Street.  
**Rockhampton - Wednesday 30th Sept.** Large meeting room at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre.

All workshops run from 10 am to midday. Joining Q music project officer and Brisbane Musician Kellie Lloyd will be former AIR (Australian Independent Record Labels Association) CEO and long time Music Industry professional Stuart Watters. All workshops are free. To book your seat email [kellie@qmusic.com.au](mailto:kellie@qmusic.com.au)

*(Source: Creative Regions' Thrive Newsletter, August 2009)*

## **Regional Arts Development Fund Workshop**

Do you need money for an Arts Project or Professional Development? Training Consultant, Audrey Hutchison of Creating Links presents an intensive workshop about the RADF Program, with lots of tips on writing a successful grant application.

**Friday 18 September** 6pm - 9.30pm Room 1.4 Walter Reid Cultural Centre, Rockhampton

RSVP by phoning 4936 8344 by Wednesday 16 September

*(Source: Creative Regions' Thrive Newsletter, August 2009)*

## **Gambling Community Benefit Fund**

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund provides grants to Queensland based not-for-profit community groups to deliver services and activities to Queensland communities. One-off grants of up to \$30,000 are allocated to non-profit organisations to help them provide services or activities that benefit the community. For information and application package phone 07 3247 4284 or visit <http://www.gcbf.qld.gov.au>  
(Closes: 31 August 2009)

*(Source: Creative Regions' Thrive Newsletter, August 2009)*

## **Volunteer Grants 2009**

Volunteer Grants 2009 provides funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help non-profit organisations to purchase portable, tangible, small equipment items to help volunteers and/or contribute towards fuel reimbursement for their volunteers. Please note the items funded are specifically for the benefit of the volunteer, so things like sporting equipment are not eligible as they benefit the broader organisations. Read the eligible items section, I am sure this will still be a great benefit to our S & R organisations. There is a selection criteria section, interesting smaller organisations will be given a priority. Applicants must be incorporated Australian not for profit organisations. Applications close 25 September 2009. For more details visit:

[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer\\_grant09.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grant09.aspx)

*(Source: Creative Regions' Thrive Newsletter, August 2009)*

## **Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal**

FRRR works with a number of partners to offer a range of funding for worthwhile development projects with rural and remote Australia, supporting the development of regional community foundations, and using seed funding and challenge grants to move regional development project funding into a more dynamic context. [www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au)

Culture, Arts, Tourism & Community Heritage Grants Program (\$1000-\$20,000)

Closes: **11 September 2009** Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program (up to \$5000)

Closes: **30 September 2009**

contact: [contact@creativeregions.com.au](mailto:contact@creativeregions.com.au)

*(Source: Creative Regions' Thrive Newsletter, August 2009)*

### **Date Claimers for the Emerald Art Gallery**

All are welcome to attend the Emerald Art Gallery upcoming exhibitions!!

**Friday 4th September 2009** - Multicultural Exhibition Opening, Emerald Art Gallery at 6.30pm.

**Friday 18th September 2009** - Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design (Formerly Ministers Excellence Awards) Opening Emerald Art Gallery, 6.30pm

*(Source: CHDC)*

### **Farm Succession Planning: One Day Forum**

**When:** Thursday 10th September 2009, 8:30am **Where:** Town Hall, Emerald

**Cost:** \$15.00 /person *NON-FARM BUSINESSES WELCOME*

If ignored or managed badly, business succession is a process that can have tremendous negative repercussions on a family business and on the family itself; viable businesses can be terminated, a lifetime of work and effort wasted and irreconcilable family rifts created. It is crucial to take the first positive step to address the issue. This Succession Planning forum can be that first step.

Professional Presenters Include:

- Solicitor- Roland Pianta from John Crossan & Associates
- Accountant- Frank Houlihan from HHH Partners
- Financial Planning- Dan Smith from Plan 2 Prosper
- Communicating/Agribusiness- Mick Alexander of Grazing Bestprac
- Education and Skills- Wayne Donnelly from CQ TAFE/Karen Sloane from Skilling Solutions QLD

*(Source: CHRRUP)*

### **Professional Cheesemaking Workshop in Emerald**

Here is your chance to do a course normally only offered in metro cities with a highly experienced and respected industry professional. The Cheesemaking Workshop will be conducted by Graham Redhead from the Cheesemaking company and takes place in Emerald on 17-18th October 2009 with. The cost is \$340 per participant for the two days, including catering, and of course you get to take home all the cheeses you make! It's an intensive hands on course covering all aspects of farmhouse cheese making. To register and for more information, contact Sonya Comiskey on 0438 876729.

*(Source: Sonya Comiskey)*

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