



Welcome to the **CHDC eNews**

a fortnightly brief to highlight key information in the region.

Regional Highlights and Updates:

Date Claimer – FREE Major Projects Supplier Briefing

You are invited to a supplier briefing on how local suppliers can get involved in supply chains for major projects that are happening in the region. It will also explore an initiative called Supply CQ, a mechanism that will assist local suppliers to access work packages on major projects onto the future. The project is undertaken by Deb Wilson Consulting Services under a contract with the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation and supported by Rockhampton Regional Development and the Central Highlands Development Corporation. It 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 on major project work.

To get involved we invite you to attend a FREE Supplier Briefing on:

Thursday 15th October, from 5.30pm to 7.00pm at the Wally McKenzie House, Emerald Show Grounds.

Please **RSVP before Friday 9th October 2009** to bookings@rrdl.com.au or call 4927 0292 for more information.

(RRD is conducting a survey of suppliers interested in this initiative. If you cannot attend, please contact admin@rrdl.com.au to participate in the survey

(Source: CHDC)

Welcoming all Stall Holders for the 2009 Health & Wellness Mini Expo

The Central Highlands Working Women's Network is hosting a Health & Wellness Mini Expo in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and is currently seeking local businesses, groups and services who specialize in catering for women and women's activities to participate in next 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.

Light refreshments and finger foods will be served to guests on the night. The expo is held on the **28th October 2009, 6.30p.m. for 7p.m.** at the Anglican Church Hall, Ruby St. in Emerald. **For more information, please contact Liz Hansen on 4982 2200.**

(Source: Working Women's Network)

Central Queensland Cotton Growers are Taking the Plunge

Irrigated cotton growers in Central Queensland are in the process of planting one of the biggest crops planted in over a decade. QLD Cotton marketing officer Alistair Mace, Emerald, said the security of 100pc water allocations (Fairbairn Dam is at 80pc storage capacity) and cotton currently enjoying the prevailing gross margin of the alternative crops, it is no surprise so many irrigators are taking the plunge.

(Source: Queensland Country Life 01/10/09)

Studies Reveal FOOD is to Be Australia's 21st Century Biggest Growth Sector

Food is shaping up as Australia's 21st Century growth industry. Fresh statistics and a new Government report (Food Statistics 2008, ABARE) reveals agribusiness is on track to be Australia's biggest growth sector in coming years. The report reveals Australia's food and beverage industries supported 14,000 new jobs in 2007-08, with the strongest long term growth in regional areas. Australian Food and Grocery Council CEO, Kate Carnell, said the latest ABS figures on Australia's GDP show agriculture has grown by 3pc between June 08 and June 09 and food manufacturing increased by 5.4pc over the same period. "Australia's \$208b Agrifood sector, which feeds more than 60m people worldwide, employs more than 900,000 people and has continued to be a key export earner for Australia", Ms. Carnell stated.

(Source: Queensland Country Life 01/10/09)

Kestrel Mine - Open Day

Kestrel Mine Open Day - **Saturday 17th October from 8.30am, Lilyvale Road, Emerald.** Children's activities, food, drinks and car parking available on site with a free bus available from the Emerald Showgrounds. Gold coin donation on entry, the proceeds will go to local charities. For more information, please contact Maureen Tutton on 49847694.

(Source: CQ News 02/10/09)

QantasLink Now Servicing Moranbah Again

QantasLink are now servicing Moranbah with commercial flights for the first time since February 2009. QantasLink will operate 5 flights with an additional flight planned from October.

(Source: CQ News 30/09/09)

2009 Angel Flight 4-Wheel Drive Team Challenge

The bush roads of the Central Queensland Outback will come alive with a convoy of colourful 4WD vehicles for seven days during October as they embark on the inaugural Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer on **Friday 23rd October from 5.30pm in Alpha**. On this year's program:

- "Bards and Bushies" evening under the stars will start at the base of a volcanic grotto outside Alpha where Shakespeare will be performed
- "On the Rocks" and the magical voices from our local children will descent from the cliff face, a true million star experience under the outback skies
- And finally, the only planned performance by Tania Kernaghan, patron of this year's Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer

Tickets available for \$65 which includes a two course meal, bar and entertainment under the stars. To book your ticket, **limited availability**, please contact Kelly on 0429 910 284, Annette 0429 951 611/4985 1611 or Rachael 0429 937 152, 4985 3470.

(Source: CQ News 02/10/09)

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