



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:

2009 Economic Profile

CHDC have released the 2009 Economic Profile which is now available electronically on the CHDC website [here](#). For information that supports your business development including:

- A Report on the Central Highlands' Major Projects including community and transport infrastructure, tourism, energy and mining developments
- Regional demographic data
- Labour market, employment and income data
- Construction and housing data
- Business and productivity reports
- Visitor and tourism data

(Source: CHDC)

2008 Flood Impact Assessment Report

Central Highlands Development Corporation has just release the highly anticipated Central Highlands 2008 Flood Impact Report. Lawrence Consulting was commissioned by CHDC to undertake an assessment of the economic impact of the January 2008 floods on regional business and industry. The core objective of the study was to identify and quantify the three main types of impact stemming from a natural disaster such as the 2008 flood, specifically:

1. Direct impacts caused during the actual event;
2. Indirect impacts in terms of flows of effects that occur over time after the event; and
3. Repercussions for macroeconomic variables.

To view the report please visit the CHDC website [here](#).

(Source: CHDC)

Satellite and 3G Mobile Coverage Expansion in the Central Highlands

Central Highlands Development Corporations Broadband Project Officer, David Murchie, recommends that people on rural properties should review their options for service – there are a number of improvements that properties in the region can access including new and more competitive satellite services and there is the expansion of the 3G mobile coverage from both Telstra and Optus. Many of the large mining companies are installing mobile phone towers for site use and this is of some benefit to residents and businesses nearby. For assistance with enquiries regarding services available in the Central Highlands Region, contact the Broadband Project Officer David Murchie on 0749 824 386 or by visiting www.chbroadband.com.au. This project through the Clever Networks Program is funded by the Australian Government.

(Source: CHDC)

CHRC Community Grants Program

Local organisations are invited to apply to council for financial assistance grants to develop capacity or upgrade equipment and/or facilities under the following two categories: Community Assistance Grants up to \$5000 and Sport & Recreation Assistance Grants up to \$5000. Applications close on **30th September 2009**. Application forms and guidelines are available from CHRC offices in Emerald, Capella, Springsure, Daringa and Blackwater.

For more information visit www.chrc.qld.gov.au or call 1300242686.

(Source: CQ News 04/09/2009)

Major Project Supplier Plan

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.

The MPSP program will take approximately 3.5 days to complete and consists of the following elements:

- capability assessment of the business against the requirements of targeted projects
- review and discussion of the results of the assessment with company decision makers
- identification of key areas for improvement and a prioritised action plan
- development of a MPSP, tailored to the company's needs

For more information, visit www.icnqld.org.au or contact Chris Martin, Manager Global Supply Chains, ICN Queensland on

Tel: 07 33640671 or email: chris.martin@icnqld.org.au.

(Source: DEEDI)

Date Claimer - Central Highlands Jobs Summit

Emerald will be host to a Jobs Summit targeting the agriculture, civil construction, transport and mining industries.

To be held on **Friday 6th November**, the forum will examine ongoing strategies for workforce development in the region.

Further summit details will be released soon, if you have any questions in the interim please contact Tony Robinson on (07) 4982 4386.

(Source: CHDC)

Fair Work Act Seminars

The Fair Work Act, which became law on 1 July 2009, is the second major overhaul to workplace relations in Australia. As an employer these changes will significantly impact how you approach developing awards, collective bargaining, union involvement and your obligations under unfair dismissal laws. From August to December 2009, Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland will be conducting free information sessions around the state on a range of aspects of the legislation, including:

- Fair Work Act Information Sessions
- Enterprise Agreements Information Sessions
- Unfair Dismissal Information Seminars

For further information please call 1300 138 470 or email events@cciq.com.au.

[Search the complete state-wide program of free Fair Work Act seminars](#)

Rockhampton	Fair Work Act Info Session	25 August	9.00am - midday	Register now
Rockhampton	Fair Work Act Info Session	16 September	9.00am - midday	Register now
Emerald	Fair Work Act Info Session	29 September	10.00am - 1.00pm	Register now
Rockhampton	Enterprise Agreements Session	13 October	9.00am - 11.00am	Register now
Rockhampton	Enterprise Agreements Session	18 November	9.00am - 11.00am	Register now
Emerald	Unfair Dismissal Info Seminar	8 December	10.00am - midday	Register now
Rockhampton	Unfair Dismissal Info Seminar	10 December	9.00am - 11.00am	Register now

(Source: Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland)

Housing and Construction Awards

Congratulation to three Emerald Builders who have received recognition in the Master Builders Central Qld Region, Housing and Construction Awards:

- [Corbett Homes](#) won the award for low rise, multi residential housing (duplexes and townhouses up to \$4million)
- [Peter Smith Builder](#) won the award for home renovation/remodelling project \$121,000 to \$375,000
- [Ram Contractors](#) won the award for industrial buildings up to \$4million

(Source: CQ News 04/09/2009)

Resource Community Summits

The Queensland Government hosted three resource community summits in November 2008, enabling stakeholders to communicate with government on many issues. The Deputy Premier and then Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, Paul Lucas, attended summits in three of Queensland's resource communities:

- Surat Basin at Dalby
- Bowen Basin at Dysart
- North-West Minerals Province at Mount Isa

A record of each summit is available below.

[Dysart \(20 November 2008\)](#)

[Dalby \(21 November 2008\)](#)

[Mount Isa \(28 November 2008\)](#)

The resource community summits gave stakeholders the opportunity to sit down with state government representatives to examine current and future impacts of growth in mining and resources industry on Queensland's resource communities and to identify strategies to sustain local environments, economies and lifestyles.

The Resource Community Summits 2008 Final Report available [here](#), documents the achievements of the summits and details the issues raised by summit participants in issues registers. Complete information is available on www.dip.qld.gov.au

(Source: Queensland Government)

Government Plan to Guide Resource Growth

Futurefood Queensland spokesperson, Andrew Bate said Futurefood has consistently called on Natural Resources Minister, Stephen Robertson, to stop the 'helter skelter' development of coal and gas industries, with 80% of the state currently under mining or exploration permits. The community group welcomes the commitment made by Premier Anna Bligh, Minister Robertson and Deputy Premier, Paul Lucas to undertake a regional development planning process to guide the development of the states resource growth.

(Source: CQ News 04/09/2009)

On-Farm Composting Seminar

Find out about on-farm composting from composting innovator, **Austrian Florian Amlinger** who is touring with AACC to share his knowledge and experiences! **Discover more** about composting and its benefits, the background to development, strategy, process and uses of on-farm composting. You'll also find out more about marketing/sales, equipment and machinery requirements and the **benefits to YOU and your soil!**

Local seminars are being held at:

- **Emerald**, AACC Emerald Campus, Lecture Theatre, Capricorn Highway, Saturday, October 10 (9:30am–3:30pm)
- **Mackay**, Cane Growers Boardroom & Annex, Wood St, Monday, October 12 (9:30am–3:30pm)

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Joe Garnham on 0432 341 338.

(Source: CHRRUP)

Got Some Free Time?

Ever thought about giving back to your community? Need to get out of the house? Would you be interested in meeting new people? Do you want to have fun and learn new things?

Become a volunteer at the *Visitor Information Centre*, Morton Park, Clermont Street, Emerald

For more information, please contact Nicole Travis, ph: 07 4982 4142 or email

nicolettravis@capricorntourism.com.au

(Source: Capricorn Tourism)

Growing Your Practice Symposium in Bundaberg

Growing Your Practice is a project of the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery (BRAG), an arts and cultural initiative of the Bundaberg Regional Council. This project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government's Arts Queensland and Central Queensland University has provided the use of their facilities in-kind to this Symposium.

Creative Regions Ltd are the appointed project coordinators on behalf of BRAG. Growing Your Practice is a great opportunity to learn from experienced industry professionals and help artists to focus their careers. The entire two day program comes to a total cost of \$80 and includes morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas...
So book now and don't miss out!

Dates: 25-27 September 2009

Venue: Building 1 (main administration building) Central Queensland University
Bundaberg University Drive, Bundaberg Q 4670

Registration: 8.30-9am on Saturday 26th September at the venue.

For more information on the program or to receive the registration form, please contact the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery on 4130 4750 or 1300 883 699 or email at hellobrag@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

(Source: Creative Regions)

Q Music Workshop

A free two hour professional development workshop, Q Music, will be held in:

Emerald — Tuesday 29th September at 10am at the Art Gallery space behind the Emerald Library.

Moranbah – Monday 28th September at the Chapel at the Community Centre.

The workshop covering the areas of copyright, promotion and presentation of work, will be facilitated by Brisbane musician, Kellie Lloyd, a former Australian Independent Record Labels Assoc CEO and music industry professional, Stuart Watters.

To RSVP, please email Kellie Lloyd at kellie@qmusic.com.au

(Source: CQ News 04/09/2009)

New Art Exhibitions at the Emerald Art Gallery

The Emerald Gallery is featuring two new art exhibitions for the month of September. The first exhibition called "Multiculturalism" is a collaboration of works from local and central Queensland's artists all the with theme of multiculturalism as their subject. The Opening for "Multiculturalism" was held on **Friday 4th September** at the Emerald Art Gallery and will be on display until **Tuesday, 15th September**. The next exhibition in the Gallery in September is the "Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design" (formerly the Minister's Excellence Awards for Visual Art and Design), a popular touring exhibition featuring the winning works of Queensland's Senior Arts students, including the 2007 competition winners. The Opening will be held on **Friday, 18th September** at 6.30pm at the Emerald Art Gallery and will be on display until **Friday 2nd October**.

For more information, please contact Ruth Haydon on 0421 351 475 or email at ruthless_art@hotmail.com

(Source: Emerald District Art Gallery Committee)

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