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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 Workplace Relations Seminars

The CHDC will be hosting Workplace Relations Seminar at the Wally McKenzie House on the Emerald Showgrounds on **Thursday, 26th November** from 2 until 3pm or from 6 until 7pm and on **Friday, 27th November** from 10 until 11am.

Jim Carlile, Ferguson Cannon's Human Resources Consultant will present on The New Fair Work Act – topic 'What impact will it have on my business?'

Please, **RSVP by Tuesday, 24th November** to Robyn Matheson on 07 4982 4386 or to

rmatheson@chdc.com.au

(Limited Spaces Only)

(Source: CHDC)

Training Session with the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

The Central Highlands Development Corporation is organising a training session with the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service at the Wally McKenzie House, Emerald Showgrounds and is seeking the participation of local businesses looking to provide their staff with useful training and information regarding safety in the workplace. The session will include general evacuation, first response and extinguisher training as required under WH&S laws. Cost: \$75pp.

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(Source: CHDC)

National Broadband Network Seminar

What is the National Broadband Network? How will it work and what will it mean for new estates or houses?

The NBN Seminar being hosted by CHDC on **Tuesday, 24th November** will provide an overview of what the NBN will mean for new estates, buildings and how local businesses can start preparing to be a part of what promises to be an infrastructure project that will change how we connect to the world.

The short morning session will provide an overview for the non technical people, join us for a light breakfast as an expert from Ramsden Communications explains what NBN means to the rest of us.

The second session will provide a more detailed technical look at optic fibre, how it benefits communications and how local business can start to prepare with tools, skills and training to be a part of the project.

A detailed program is available from <http://www.chdc.com.au/chbroadband/links.html> To book a seat, please call

Robyn Matheson on 07 4982 4386 or e-mail rmatheson@chdc.com.au.

(Source: CHDC)

Mineral, Coal, CSG Exploration and New Developments Overview & Maps [Now Available](#)

An overview of mineral, coal and coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and new developments in Central Queensland Region for the September Quarter 2009, are now available.

High levels of CSG and coal exploration continued during the last quarter with several CSG exploration programs commencing in the Galilee Basin.

Location map with Regional Shire boundaries and main roads is now available on the CHDC [website](#).

(Source: CHDC)

Environmental News

Did you know that the Commonwealth Government offers a free energy audit to ALL Australian Householders?

The audits, valued at over \$250, recommend tailored energy and water savings options.

For more information, please contact 1300 733 010.

(Source: EDA eNews)

Apprentice Kick-Start Bonus

The Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard MP announced on Friday the 16th October that the Rudd Government will invest \$100 million in a new Apprentice Kickstart program to support up to 21,000 young Australians entering traditional trades this summer.

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.

For more information call 13 BUSY (2879) or go to <http://www.busyatwork.com.au/>

(Source: Busy At Work Apprenticeships Services)

GLNG Contracting Opportunities

GLNG, Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas, is a multi-billion dollar project converting coal seam gas (CSG) to liquefied natural gas (LNG) on a large scale. The project is led by Australian oil and gas company, Santos, listed among the top 20 companies on the ASX and with more than 50 years' industry experience, in partnership with PETRONAS, Malaysia's national oil and gas company, and the third largest LNG producer in the world.

GLNG is committed to maximizing opportunities for appropriately pre-qualified Australian and local subcontractors and suppliers and in demonstration of this commitment has joined with ICN (Industry Capability Network).

GLNG will appoint various local and international engineering firms as Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractors. Through the ICNQLD website, interested parties can register to seek prequalification by the EPC contractors. The ICN QLD web-based suppliers' database will be made available to all major EPC contractors. It is a requirement that use of the ICN database be reflected in Contractors' sub contracting and purchasing strategies.

To assist GLNG's efforts in ensuring opportunities for local procurement are maximized, business entities interested in obtaining prequalification are encouraged to register with ICN. Even if you have previously registered with Santos or GLNG you must also register on the ICN website to ensure your business can be considered for participation on the GLNG project.

The 'GLNG Contracting Opportunities' factsheet is available on the **CHDC website** [here](#). The GLNG [website](#) provides information about the project with a link to the ICN GLNG project website via the 'Procurement' tab in the bottom left corner of webpage.

(Source: Santos/PETRONAS)

Australian Government's Satellite Phone Subsidy

Don't have mobile coverage? Need to stay in touch in rural and remote areas?

If you live, work or operate a business in a remote area with no mobile phone coverage, you could get up to \$1000 off the price of a satellite phone. Ask your local phone dealer about the Australian Government's Satellite Phone Subsidy.

Call 1800674058 or visit www.dbcde.gov.au/satphone

(Source: CQ News 11/11/09)

Curragh Mine to Increase Annual Production to \$8.5M Tonnes

Wesfarmers-owned Curragh mine in the Bowen Basin, will increase to up to 8.5 million tonnes per annum following approval by the Board. A key element of the expansion was reaching an agreement with Stanwell Corporation Ltd which will underpin the increase in Curragh Mine metallurgical coal sales from late 2011, subject to market conditions. The expansion will include the construction of a new stand-alone Coal Handling and Preparation Plant as well as mine infrastructure and is expected to be completed by 2011. Wesfarmers has contracted rail and port capacity in place to support the increase in metallurgical coal sales from the Curragh Mine.

(Source: CQ News 11/11/09)

New Handbook to Reduce Carbon Footprint

CSIRO scientists say householders can reduce their home and car energy use by as much as 50 per cent by making changes to daily activities. They explain how in a new book, *The CSIRO Home Energy Saving Handbook – How to Save Energy, Save Money and Reduce Your Carbon Footprint*. The book was written by CSIRO Energy Transformed Flagship's Dr John Wright, Dr Peter Osman and Peta Ashworth.

The handbook offers information and advice on how individuals and households can measure and reduce their footprint through everyday choices such as maximising a home's potential for easy heating and cooling, changing shopping and transport habits and looking at alternatives in building and renovating homes.

The average Australian's carbon footprint is about 20 tonnes of CO₂ per year (not including emissions from exports). About 60 per cent of this total comes from the food, goods and services we buy.

<http://www.csiro.au/resources/Energy-Saving-Handbook.html>

(Source: Affordable Housing CQ121)

Aston Resources to Commit \$9M to Dingo Project

Aston Resources has indicated it will be applying for a mining lease in mid 2010 for its Dingo Project joint venture with Cockatoo Coal. Mr. Nathan Tinkler, head of the company, said Aston will commit \$9 million over three agreed phases with Cockatoo Coal.

(Source: Blackwater Herald 10/11/09)

Newly Appointed Members for Fitzroy & Central West Committee of RDA

Central Highlands Regional Council Deputy Mayor, Paul Bell and Barcaldine Regional Council Rob Chandler have been appointed to the Fitzroy and Central West Committee of Regional Development Australia (RDA). "All the appointees bring with them a vast range of experience and local knowledge to the board. All will play a vital role in advancing and promoting development in Queensland, including our local area," said Flynn MP Chris Trevor.

(Source: Blackwater Herald 3/11/09)

CHRC Freehold Land Auction

Central Highlands Regional Council is putting 47 blocks of freehold land up for auction on Friday 27th Nov. The land is situated in the Nogoia Rise Estate and is stage 1 of the sub-division, which is made up of 80 lots. The auction will be held at the Maraboon Tavern, with registration starting at 9am. Reserves will not be disclosed and soil classifications will be available. The second stage of the development will be put up for auction in February/early March 2010.

(Source: CQ News 13/11/09)

Central Airlines to Meet Clients' Demand

Central Airlines is responding to the upsurge in demand for charter flights in and out of the Central Highlands with a \$3.25 million capital-raising venture. Director Alec Mercer said, Central Airlines are upgrading its fleet in response to demand from clients and he is buoyant about the future for Central Airlines.

(Source: CQ News 28/10/09)

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