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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 McKensie House on the Emerald Showgrounds on **Thursday, 29th 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 The New Fair Work Act - 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 soon to organise a training session with the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service at the Wally McKenzie House on the 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. For more information, please contact Robyn Matheson on 07 4982 4386 or e-mail rmatheson@chdc.com.au

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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)

New Transmitters Bring 'Miners Overnight' to the Central Highlands Mines

Night Radio Show Miner's Overnight is now available to the Central Highlands mines thanks to the acquisition of new transmitters for the area. Miner's Overnight is a live show that broadcasts safety messages sponsored by the mines and their staff and includes comedy segments, requests, giveaways and more. You can now listen to the show from midnight till dawn in the major coal mines of the region. Mine Sites transmitters now include Blair Athol (88.1 fm), Moranbah/Nebo (1215 am), BHP Blackwater (103.7 fm), Clermont (102.1 fm), Dysart (94.5 am), Peak Downs (106.9 fm), Goonyella North (92.5 am), Goonyella Riverside (93.7 fm) and the Rolleston area (100.1 fm).

The Government Lays the Ground Work for Golden Gurus Program

Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Senator Ursula Stephens, launched the [Golden Gurus website](#) and invited interested organisations to become involved in the new national Golden Gurus program.

The Golden Gurus program will harness the skills and experience of Australians aged 50 years and over. Through Golden Gurus, mature age Australians will be able to meet new people, develop social networks, access free training, and participate in an Ambassadors program.

The new program will commence on 1st January 2010 and will be facilitated by a range of quality organisations across Australia. The Government is seeking expressions of interest from non profit and community organisations that would like to be part of the Golden Gurus program.

'Skilled and experienced mature age people voluntarily give their time to support Australian communities and small businesses every day,' said Dr Stephens.

'Through the Golden Gurus program, we'd like to recognise the Australians who already give to their communities. We'd also like to encourage more Australians to get on board.'

'There is a range of organisations with expertise in connecting mature age people to skilled volunteering and mentoring roles', said Dr Stephens. 'We'd like to recognise the work that they do.'

Organisations interested in becoming part of the national community can find out more at the [Golden Gurus website](#). Expressions of interest are sought **by 30 November 2009** for the official start of the program in January 2010.

Mature age people who wish to become Golden Gurus are encouraged to visit the website and join the mailing list to be notified of future announcements about the program. Golden Gurus was an idea presented at the Australia 2020 Summit and forms part of the Government's social inclusion agenda.

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(Source: Australian Government)

Great Expectations for Cockatoo Coal's Dingo Project

Cockatoo Coal is buoyant about future prospects for its Dingo Project after entering into a joint venture agreement with Aston Resources. The Dingo Project comprises EPCs 862 (Dingo South), 863 (Middle Creek) and 1063 (Tryphinia) to the east of Blackwater and intersecting the Capricorn Highway. Under the binding heads of agreement the companies will explore, and if economically feasible after exploration, proceed to develop and operate an open cut mine. The joint partners are currently proceeding to the second phase of the project with core drilling on key areas and expect to confirm similar coal qualities to those of the Baralaba Mine.

(Source: Blackwater Herald 13/10/09)

Mitsubishi To Inject \$340 million into Zerogen Clean Coal Projects

Zerogen, the Qld state government-owned experimental clean coal power company, is in advanced talks with Mitsubishi over a cash injection of up to \$340 million by the Japanese industrial giant.

Under the deal Mitsubishi will invest \$10 million this year for an initial 10% stake in Zerogen, Tony Tar, Zerogen CEO, told the Courier mail. The group would then put in a further \$30 million next year taking its stake to 20% after further shares were issued- and \$30 million later. The technology aims to generate low emission power from coal and then bury the carbon dioxide produced deep underground. Zerogen has earmarked 4 possible sites for the plant near Emerald. Other sites in the Surat Basin are under consideration as a fall back. The pre-feasibility studies are due to be completed by mid 2010 with a full feasibility study due the following year.

(Source: Courier Mail 23/10/09)

BMA Blackwater Offers Scholarships to Local Students

BMA Blackwater is offering 3 scholarships to year 12 students from Blackwater State High School and students attending boarding school (with a parent permanently residing in Blackwater). Eligible students must undertake full time study at Bachelor level in 2010, each scholarship is valued at up to \$12,000 over 2 years. Information packages available at Blackwater SHS and BMA mine main reception.

(Source: Blackwater Herald 20/10/09)

Lascorp Wins Emerald \$60 Million Shopping Center Battle

The Lascorp Development Group has won the battle to build a \$60 million shopping centre in Emerald after the Planning and Environment Court dismissed the appeal by Centro. Mr. Lasky, Lascorps Executive Chairman, said the design and development process had already begun and it was hoped construction could begin in January 2010, before opening the doors to the public around Easter 2011.

(Source: CQ News 23/10/09)

Newly Formed Blackwater Community Progress Group is Looking for Change

Eleven people have risen to the challenge and formed the Blackwater Community Progress Group committee. Lester Anderson was named chair of the committee with other members being, Jeff Anderson, Wayne Vesey, Jae Demon, Kev Cracknell, Kathy Weaver, Glenn Hamilton, Beth Baker, Jenny Ryan, John Cameron and Steve Grant. The mining camps issue was unanimously voted as the top issue with health issues, utilities, affordability, business development and attracting families to the region the other key areas for change.

(Source: Blackwater Herald 20/10/09)

Well Worth a Look: Project Gateway

The Industry Capability Network has a very informative website called Project Gateway on [http://projectgateway.icn.org.au/](http://projectgateway.icn.org.au). The site contains information on Major Projects by Region as well as directories by industry and you are able to register your interest in becoming a supplier to projects. It is well worth a look!

(Source: CHDC)

NEW! - JOBS BOARD

Youth Development Officer - Blackwater

Salary Range \$50,359 - \$53,831, 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.

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