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The team at Granular Products and Cirrus Ag.



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Innovation tackles drift

Granular Products is an innovative Australian company supplying herbicides to farmers and graziers and aerially applying herbicides across Australia.

Granular Products has its own helicopter and drones for aerial applications and a team of experienced aerial operators for fixed wing applications of their herbicides.

The business was founded in 2005 by Graham Barrett, who has been a pilot for over 40 years. After a few years of agricultural flying, Graham observed that better efficacy and zero drift became the focus of the industry.

Moving around rural Australia and across industries, from cotton, to rice and pastures, he observed many areas where aircraft could do it better, in some situations liquid chemicals just didn't get to the target weeds.

So, the concept of applying active ingredients as a granule evolved from there.

Through trial and error, and with the help of a formulation chemist, Granular Products developed a granule that could be aerially applied and was specifically designed for Australian conditions. The granules release the active ingredient at the target, as weeds germinate.

Paul Hubbard joined Granular Products in 2013. Paul has had extensive experience in ag chemicals and herbicides and working in a rural reseller environment.

After only a few short years with Granular Products Paul knew that Central Queensland was the place to be in this industry and he relocated with his family to Rockhampton in 2015.

Since that time, Paul and Graham have established Granular Products as a major herbicide supplier across Queensland.

Paul started out as the only salesperson for the entire state of Queensland, and now there are seven sales personnel across Queensland and New South Wales, and 18 staff.

The business is based on innovation and relationships, listening to the needs of farmers, focusing on solutions rather than sales, and building a team that focus on working with landholders to help them improve their pasture's and increase profitability.

In late 2017 Paul and Graham purchased the Granular Products and Cirrus Ag site in Rockhampton further cementing their commitment to regional Queensland.

Planning commenced to develop the site with the aim of establishing a manufacturing hub in Central Queensland, and Cirrus Ag was set up as a manufacturing company at that time. Their vision became reality in July 2020, with Cirrus Ag being awarded an Advanced Manufacturing Grant from the Queensland Government to support the project.

Months of design consideration, building planning and many challenges later, a purpose-built plant design was underway.

"All of our clients are graziers and most of our business is here in Central Queensland. Rocky is the beef capital, so it only made sense to open a plant here in Rocky," Paul said.

"Granular Products' business partners, customers, rural resellers and aerial operators will all benefit from the establishment of Cirrus Ag manufacturing in Rockhampton, benefits include our position, here in Rockhampton close to our customers, having control of stock and supply and very importantly our focus on quality."



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The dust extractor at the Rockhampton plant.

Paul said the Rockhampton manufacturing plant was unique in the country, having been fully made in Australia, except for the pellet press is German made.

"It's a state-of-the-art plant producing superior quality granules at a capacity more than four times the capability we had under contract manufacturers. It's quite unique compared to any others in Australia.

"We are very fortunate to have partnered up with the CQUniversity Applied Chemistry team to undertake quality assurance checks of each batch during production."

The university's Central Queensland Innovation Research Precinct features High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) coupled with ultraviolet (UV) detection, for quantifying the levels of the active ingredient Tebuthiuron to meet the required specifications of the Granular Products.

Paul said the Covid-19 pandemic seemed to have changed attitudes about Australian made products.

"It's important to support an Australian

product and I think the pandemic has highlighted that people are very happy to support a product that is locally made."

Paul and Graham's ongoing commitment to the agricultural industry in Australia and their investment in infrastructure and people in Central Queensland is evident when you look around their facility in Kawana and meet the team.

Cirrus Ag's first customer is Granular Products however Cirrus Ag's aim is to expand their customer base with contract manufacturing in the future to take advantage of the advanced manufacturing capabilities of the plant in Rockhampton.

Paul and Graham are passionate about agriculture, and their clients. They are genuinely grateful for the support of their staff, their customers, and supporters, who, in supporting them, have made their vision reality. Granular Products, together with Cirrus Ag controlling manufacturing, look forward to providing quality products to the ag industry and to their valued clients well into the future.

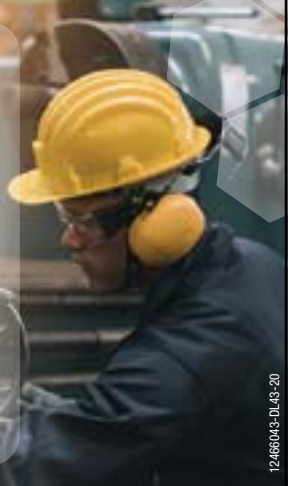


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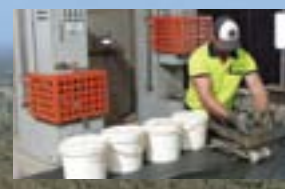
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Top Solutions

| Issue | Federal Commitment | State Commitment | Local Commitment | CQ Business Community (Our 50%) |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Skill Shortages & Labour Turnover | Make sure the region gets its fair share of monies funding for projects to improve liveability in regional areas | Continuity of projects investments Improved marketing of the region to encourage people to live in the region | Support local businesses when awarding contracts “Enhance” more apprentices & trainees Support short-term accommodation initiatives | Continue to employ apprentices & trainees Build a great culture that makes people want to work for our company |
| Shorter Payment Terms to Better Manage Cashflow | Back-to-back payments from Tier 1 to their contractors Legislate payment terms based on contract values Legislate payments to trust funds and staged payment from trust funds tier 1 and contractors | Reworded: Reduce all payment terms form Tier 1 downwards to be more immediate and prompt payments | Back-to-back payment terms, reduce payment terms More efficient invoicing systems | Demand back-to-back payments Involve 3rd party help in contract negotiations |
| Positive Post-Project Legacy | Warehousing infrastructure within the region Legislate buy local withing supply chain planning | Ensure support is available for supply chain capacity and capability increase Warehouse infrastructure | Clearly define what legacy the communities would like and cost them into budgets and scope Provide a better understanding of work scope. Identify supply chains and increase awareness for local businesses | Engagement with Tier 1 prior to award and know community wish list Skilled labour for the region |
| Scopes That Consider Capabilities and Capacities of Local Suppliers (SHMS/QA) | Funding for accreditation Fit for purpose scopes and requirements | More Department of State Development (DSD) focus on Rockhampton Simplify the requirements that are required to comply. Make it an online course not a face-to-face training | One on one workshops with businesses to meet requirements Ensure they (local government) don't require accreditation beyond actually need | Be ISO accreditation ready HSEQ Local government and chamber of commerce to assist in helping businesses get up to speed and comply. |
| Ensure Tier 1 Project Proponents Understand Capabilities and Capacities Early in Project Planning | Incentives for local spending Advocate more and build capacity in regional areas | Incentivise local spend targets Make sure of clear communication and clarification of scope | Have Tier 1's in town to do info sessions Implement 'Buy Local' protocol Know and promote capability of regional businesses in an effective manner | Market our business capabilities Ensure we have correct info, attend info night, be in contact with Tier1's. |

The solutions tabled to deal with the top five issues.



Marcus Lang with Jack Treneman.



Sharon Bailey and Phil Henry at a meeting of the Central Queensland Industry Collaborative.

Working it out together

By Peter Lynch

From the inception of Industry Today, our purpose has been to showcase the capacity and capabilities of what we have to offer regarding our regional industries. This has resulted in the creation of the Central Queensland Industry Collaborative.

In this week's edition we look back on the history of growth of the group so far.

September 2021

There was an unsettled industry business community regarding missing out on contracts of a huge billion-dollar Federal Government project in our region.

Industry Today took on the role of mediator and put plans in place not only to showcase our capacity but also to address what we see in front of us and what we can do better as a community.

Industry Today gathered all involved.

Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce addressed the group by Skype, regarding the Federal Government's intended improvement of the Tier 1 Tier 2 contractor structure to benefit the local smaller businesses.

There was still emotion in the room but was soon put to bed by Industry Today's new concept.

Within the group we also created a scene of unity and discussed the importance of mature, constructive, less emotional dialogue.

The group was looking at how now we could all work together better.

Basically, the intent was to take the sting out of the tail of the emotion and take on board the situation with local contractors to calmly

gather our thoughts to progress into the future with a more positive approach.

November 2021

Industry Today invited Jordan Geddes and Marcus Lang to facilitate a session to where we now have a focus on what we were looking to accomplish and how we put that together.

Marcus is currently managing director and co-founder of Asset Management Australia (AMA)

Having spent over 20 years in senior professional and executive roles for some the largest government, private and publicly listed companies in the world, Marcus has been interested in giving back to the next generation and advises to the mining, manufacturing, power, rail, transport and logistics based industries nationally and internationally.

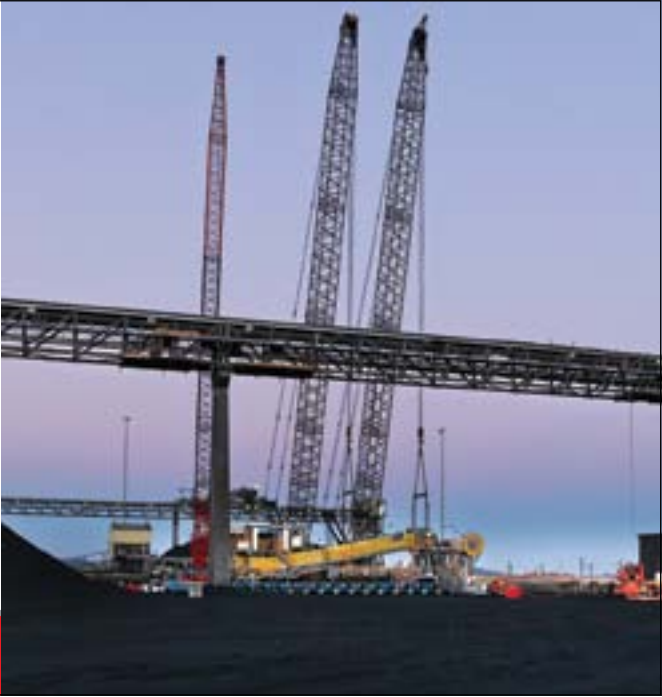
Marcus holds an Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering (Co-op), a Diploma in Maintenance Management and a Masters in Business Administration. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a member of the UK Chapter of the Institute of Asset Management (IAM), the Project Management Institute (PMI) and an underground monitor for the Australian Coal Association Research Program (ACARP).

Jordan is a joint Director and co-founder of BRAWD & Co.

Having previously worked in a variety of commercial roles within BHP, Shell (QGC), and Queensland Government, Jordan is an accomplished resource industry professional with trade and procurement expertise in mining, energy, international agriculture, and indigenous procurement.



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Jack Treneman and Dave Grenfell.

Jordan holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (BASC), Diploma in Export Management, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Marcus mentioned the lack of Federal Government funded projects into the future.

Identifying this issue alone allowed us to focus on how to then address this situation, whether it be by lobbying the government and or assisting our regional industry to consolidate and investigate their business structure to give them more opportunity into the future.

The two gentlemen brought it to the attention of the group that the purpose for a long-term positive result we all needed to agree on what the room thought was the five main points of issues that need addressing.

The room identified five issues important to them and listed them after quite a deal of discussion.

Top five Issues in no particular order were:

- Skill Shortage & Labour Turnover
- Shorter payment terms to better manage cash flow
- Requirement to leave a positive post-project legacy
- Scopes that suit capabilities and capacity (SHMS and QA ISO 9001 Capability Funding) improving those capabilities for not only regional but beyond.
- Ensuring Tier 1 project proponents understand capability and capacity early in project planning (Forum of Capabilities)

The purpose was then to meet with our political leaders and other peak bodies to explain where the group is at.

Jordan and Marcus then met with Michelle Landry and Brittany Lauga with Barry O'Rourke and Russell Robertson advised of the intended process to be completed.

February 2022

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga had spoken with Mick De Brenni the Minister for Energy,

Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement.

The Minister had asked Brittany if she might be able to organise a meeting with the CQIC group.

This eventuated as a breakfast meeting.

A big thank you to the Minister and Sharon Bailey (State Deputy Director General of Procurement) for taking the time out and speaking with some of the attendees after the breakfast.

I know it was a short sharp gathering, but I thought it brought out the fact to the Minister that the Central Queensland Industry Collaborative (CQIC) is seriously genuine in its approach to improving the conditions of processes put in place by Tier 1 and Tier 2 contractors.

The conversation also recognised the point that some of these organisations need to work on their own business to be in a position to where they have the capacity and capability to tender for future projects.

I know that a few of the points brought up have the Minister's office already wanting to act on them and even to go through the five issues to suggest solutions for these issues is a great start.

All round it was a positive session.

March 2022

The progression session was conducted on 11 March to discuss the five issues with attendees bringing to the room suggested solutions on how we address the issues and then how do we action those solutions.

This again was conducted in a workshop type method.

The information has now been collated and will be sent out to the appropriate people who may be able to assist with the focused outcome.

The results will be announced to all who have taken part in the future.



Jordan Geddes, Daniela Espinoza and Minister Mick De Brenni.

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Connecting Central QLD

With the restrictions of Covid-19 being eased, connecting both in person and digitally has never been more important for communities and business alike.

NBN has a key role to play in providing wholesale broadband services and infrastructure to connect not only Central Queensland communities, but connect Central Queensland to global opportunities and the digital economy.

I had the chance to catch up with Mick Allen, the newly appointed Community Engagement Manager for NBN Local, who also happens to be a resident of the local community for the past 18 years.

Q: Mick, tell us a little about yourself?

A: Thanks Pete. I have been in CQ for the past 18 years, having moved to Yeppoon from NSW with my wife and two boys. Since moving we have been involved in the community through playing a few sports and coaching juniors. I have been lucky enough to have worked across CQ in the fields of town planning, engineering, underground mining, construction, state government, environmental management, and manufacturing. CQ's a wonderful place to live and bring up a family.

Q: So, what made you join NBN Local?

A: Through my roles I saw that the distances across CQ made it difficult to take full advantage of the community and industry opportunities. Globalisation has allowed regional businesses and communities to connect and provide services across the globe. Covid-19 also highlighted the need for sovereign capability and to do that you need to be able to connect within your own community, as well as the broader regional and Australian communities, to access local and global information and supply chains. I wanted to be part of the solution and nbn afforded the opportunity for me to think global and act local.

Q: How much of CQ do you cover?

A: The NBN Local CQ team consists of myself,



Central Queensland NBN Local team, from left: Rick Hoppers, Emma Murphy and Mick Allen.

self, Rick Hoppers (Business Lead) and Emma Murphy (Community Ambassador) who are both based in Mackay. With Rick and Emma, we cover the local government areas of Whitsunday, Mackay, Isaac, Barcaldine, Blackall-Tambo, Longreach, Winton, Boulia, Woorabinda, Rockhampton, Livingstone, and Central Highlands.

Q: What technology is available through NBN to support the regional communities?

A: NBN uses a Multi Technology Mix to deliver broadband services across Australia, including Fixed Line (fibre), Fixed Wireless, and Satellite. Across CQ there are a mix of technologies including fibre to the node, fibre to the premise,

fibre to the building or a hybrid fibre coaxial cable. There are various levels of wholesale access speeds that retail service providers use to supply broadband services to both residential and businesses, such as enterprise ethernet for businesses. Outside of townships the technology generally transfers to fixed wireless or our satellite service, which is called Sky Muster. Upload and download speeds range depending on the service provider the end customer chooses.

Q: Are there any developments or announcements you can share with us?

A: There are some great developments happening across our region. I can say that

with the support of the Central and Western Queensland Regional Development Authority and CQUniversity, we are developing Digital Plans for our region. This will help in allowing local governments to lobby for funding for infrastructure and upgrades. The CQ team will be out in Longreach, Boulia, and Alpha later this year to hold information sessions on the NBN technology on the way for rural and remote areas – I can't say too much but come along to our sessions to find out more. I am happy for anyone to contact me as well to see where we can help visit our website at: nbnco.com.au or contact me via email at: michaelallen2@nbnco.com.au

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Mick Allen and the NBN Prado, taken at The Willows on a recent trip to Blackall.

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New industry era begins

In their 25th year of operation, as of 6 April 2022, Butler Partners Group is now wholly-owned by long-serving and founding directors Mike Neighbour, Suzanne Walker and Chris Bloxsom as they farewell the company name-sake Bruce Butler as he enters retirement.

One of Queensland's largest and most geographically spread consultants in the field of Geotechnical, Geo-Environmental, Groundwater and Construction Testing, the 130 + staff are spread between the southeast corner, central, western and northern Queensland and are driving further expansion as the mining, defence and infrastructure sectors continue to grow on the back of record investments.

Central Queensland-based Director Chris Bloxsom said that while they would miss Bruce's more than 45 years of experience in the industry, he nevertheless deserved a well-earned retirement and collectively the remaining three directors have ensured that the professional team maintains the excellent standard of innovation and practical solutions for which Butler Partners has always been known.

With offices located in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Mackay and Moranbah and a number of remote project facilities in operation; existing and prospective clients in the development, mining, defence and private/public infrastructure space are able to have confidence that their projects will continue to receive exceptional service from a reliable provider of choice in the earth-sciences industry as an integrated Geotechnical, Geo-Environmental and Groundwater consultancy, and Construction Testing expert.

Brisbane-based Director Suzanne Walker said the Butler Partners Group is looking forward to celebrating the 25 year milestone as 2022 unfolds with planning already underway for various functions and activities to be announced.



Long-serving and founding directors Mike Neighbour, Suzanne Walker and Chris Bloxsom.

Mike Neighbour, Butler Partners Group director based at the Gold Coast, is looking forward to continuing the close cooperation between offices that will only be strength-

ened by involvement in the huge pipeline of infrastructure works for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

"Our experience in helping to deliver vari-

ous projects for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games helped us to realise how important it is to have inter-office teams supporting each other to get these projects built".



Butler Partners Regional principal Chris Bloxsom has been in the industry for 40 years.

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Regions crushed with tax

FROM THE CEO'S DESK

By Ian Macfarlane, Chief Executive, Queensland Resources Council

The Queensland Government's decision to slug the resources sector with the world's highest coal royalty taxes will hit the state economy much harder than the Treasurer is predicting.

If prices for coal remain steady, the new royalty tax rates mean coal producers will pay a total of almost \$15 billion in royalties to the Queensland Government in 2022/23 – this is double what they paid in the 2021/22 financial year on the same value of coal produced.

No-one would expect to pay double the rate of income tax they paid last year, and the same goes for resources operators.

Under the previous rates, as commodity prices rose, so did the value of royalty taxes collected by the State Government, giving Queenslanders a fair share of the increased value of resources.

The evidence for this is clear - total state royalty taxes paid by resources operators to the government this financial year is three times higher than last year – an extra \$6 billion – because of higher commodity prices.

That's how the royalty system works – when commodity prices rise, we pay more.

The government's decision to astronomically increase the amount of tax paid by the resources sector is an attack on resources communities and regional Queenslanders, who have been the reason the state economy has remained strong and stable throughout Covid.

Like any business, mining operations are set up based on a certain cost structure, so to meet next year's tax bill, they will now have to make some hard decisions to cut costs, which means cutting back or cancelling projects and cutting back on jobs.

Regional jobs will be the first to go.

The resources sector's supply chain is far-



Ian Macfarlane says the new tax is ill-considered.

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reaching and multi-layered, so there will be no Queensland region unaffected by this ill-considered decision.

The decision to over-tax a highly productive sector of the economy – which supports the jobs of more than 422,000 people and con-

tributed \$84.3 billion to the state economy last year – is a serious misstep by the Queensland Government and will have long-term consequences.

At a time when the Queensland Government has been spruiking its credentials as an

international investment destination for green energy projects like hydrogen and critical minerals, this is the worst move it could have made.

Decisions like this will scare away investors and show just how shallow that talk is.

Conferences to add value to our region

By Greg Bowden

Thanks to a Tourism Australia grant, Rockhampton Regional Council through Advance Rockhampton hosted six delegates at a recent familiarisation tour of the region.

These conference organisers and writers were treated to the array of venues and attractions our region has to offer and in turn they will now return to their respective cities of Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne to sell Rockhampton to their consumers.

Working with these conference organis-

ers is helping to 'Put Rocky on the Radar' and gaining just a small share of the \$35+ billion economic contribution generated by business events across Australia.

The Rockhampton region will also be well represented at two conferences to be held in Mackay in July.

Firstly, the Developing Northern Australia conference which was hosted in Rockhampton in 2020 and Darwin in 2021.

Now in its 8th year the conference is leading the way in advancing our Northern Aus-

tralian regions driving growth and investment.

If you are at this conference, please drop by the Rockhampton Regional Council stand and say hello to the Advance Rockhampton team.

Secondly, the Queensland Mining & Engineering Exhibition on 19 to 21 July.

This is a conference that is important to our coal and resources producers in the Bowen and Galilee basins and also to our all-important mining services companies

based in Rockhampton.

In addition to many local companies attending and exhibiting at the conference, Advance Rockhampton along with six other local businesses will set up shop at the exhibition (booth A234) to sell the benefits of doing business in Rockhampton and the advantages of our proximity to the basins.

As always, if you are looking to do business in the Rockhampton region please visit or contact us via www.advancerockhampton.com.au

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Central QLD job trends

By Tim O'Brien

Does New Government = More Job Security?

As we continue to experience major worker shortages, here in Central Queensland we have one of the largest casual workforces in the Country.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the CQ region is well above the national average.

Casual working is still prevalent in sectors that thrive in Central Queensland, such as Manufacturing, Aged Care, Meat Processing and Hospitality.

The new Labor federal government have said they will "legislate a fair, objective test to determine when a worker can be classified as casual, so people have clearer pathway to permanent work".

With strong upward pressure on wages, due to rapidly increasing consumer prices and the outlook of interest rate rises, we're yet to see the impact that government policy and other measures may have on job security and job switching in a highly skills-short market.

Leading Indicator down

This month, according to the Dept. of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE), the national monthly Leading Indicator of Employment has fallen for the fourth consecutive month.

It is apparently too early to confirm whether a turning point in cyclical employment is likely, as the Indicator has fallen for fewer than six consecutive months.

Interestingly, the cyclical employment series (derived from a centred six-year trend rate) has been suspended until more certainty emerges in the underlying trend in labour market activity.

So which jobs are receiving most interest?

During the last month, the vacancies with the highest views and applications were in the administration, hospitality, manufacturing



According to the Jobs In CQ site some of the most popular searches included Apprentice, Operator, Cleaning and Project Manager.
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and construction sectors.

We have seen an uptake in demand for part-time positions and those where flexibility and lifestyle rosters are a strong feature being offered.

Some of the most popular job searches on the Jobs In CQ site included Apprentice, Operator, Cleaning and Project Manager.

EOFY market trends

Typically the job market sees a general slowdown in recruitment, during the lead up the end of financial year on 30 June.

This is a period when businesses take stock of their results, formulate budgets and consider where they need to invest for the next financial season.

However, the current catastrophic skills shortages are expected to see businesses less likely to reduce recruitment activities, apart

from those that are feeling the significant pinch of rising prices, impacting capital costs and overheads.

This is most testing for businesses with slim margins, that are unable to easily absorb, or pass on, increasing costs to their customers.

On a positive note, we do expect to see some valuable talent come into the market during this period due to the inevitable retrenchments that will occur in some businesses during the financial year anniversary period.

The way forward

There are jobs to be filled across all sectors – opportunities are in abundance, so why are businesses struggling across all sectors to fill their positions?

We have been commenting for a while now about the candidate-driven market we are now experiencing, so how can employers at-

tract suitable candidates and hang on to them?

There are many ways to achieve this but the market also needs to start being more creative and inclusive in its efforts.

There's a lot of talk surrounding getting younger people into the jobs market and reducing youth unemployment and this is an important area.

The training landscape has many challenges that need to be addressed and this is a medium to long-term solution but there is a vast, well versed and talented pool of more mature and skilled migrant candidates ready and waiting to work.

There is also the ongoing controversial issue of diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I).

We have been involved in recent local initiatives to try and support skilled migrants to enter the workforce and we are regularly impressed by the motivation, range of skills and attributes many of candidates from diverse cultural backgrounds possess, yet they are quickly overlooked, far too much, due to their lack of local Australian work experience.

There are many other important qualities to consider from these candidates such as strong work ethic, flexibility, judgement, decision-making, resilience, social/emotional intelligence, digital literacy, the list goes on!

For more information and insights about local job opportunities and recruitment support visit JobsInCentralQueensland.net.au

Snapshot

Major shortages across the workforce in most sectors

New Federal Government with a pledge to stand up for Casual Workers

Vacancies are up again with 714 adverts posted on JobsInCQ.net.au in May, up by 6 per cent from 672 in April

Largest increase in CQ job ad views and applications include Hospitality and Construction sectors



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Ring Road project update

The Rockhampton Ring Road project industry briefing session was held at the Frenchville Sports Club last Monday.

The briefing was to provide the attendees the opportunity to hear an update on the project including the timeframes and how business can be involved.

There were presentations from various departments and agencies for all to gain a greater understanding of support available to the local supply chain and how to best position their business to win work on this and other projects.



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Tee-rific day had by golf participants

Over 120 players braced the chilly weather to battle it out at the inaugural RACQ CapRescue Charity Golf Day, held across two weeks, Friday the 3rd and 10th of June at the Rockhampton Golf Club. RACQ CapRescue partnered with Triple M and major sponsor DC Motors, to host the very popular event.

CapRescue's Media and Engagement Officer, Kim Moss said "We had such an overwhelming response to the event. Within 36 hours we had 24 businesses jump on board to support the event and our rescue service."

With blue skies and sunny days, the players, organisers and volunteers couldn't ask for better weather to tee off the first annual RACQ CapRescue Charity Golf Day.

"What a fantastic day for all the golfers! The sun was out, the skies were blue, and our team were ready to go in their golf outfits," Eryn Mooney, Events Manager at DC Motors Rockhampton stated. "We love being apart of CapRescue, it's a great organisation that needs any help they can get, and we were more than happy to be the major sponsor for this event."

Players enjoyed some healthy competition, competing in a four player Ambrose event, aiming to lead their team to victory and ultimately get their business' name on the shield. The teams were eager to claim the

ultimate bragging rights and the scores were close, but there could only be one winner – congratulations to 62 Sports, for taking out the first RACQ CapRescue Charity Golf Day!

The event was an outstanding success raising over \$20,000 for RACQ CapRescue.

"We are delighted with the amount raised from the charity golf day and extend a huge thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers and the Rockhampton Golf Club", Triple M General Manager Matthew Wex stated.

"Southern Cross Austereo prides itself on supporting essential community services such as CapRescue."

With the success of this year, RACQ CapRescue and a few eager players are already looking forward to teeing off again in 2023.

This event would not have been possible without the fantastic support from local businesses including DC Motors Rockhampton, Triple M Central Queensland, CJ Homes, QMAG, BOQ North Rockhampton, Brian Dawson Auctions, Champ, Chauvel Industrial Services, Chris Warren Homes, City Printing Works, CocoBrew, Coxons Group Australia, Efex, Farm and Garden Products, Herron Todd White, Rockhampton Mini Loads and Think Water Rockhampton.

RACQ CapRescue deliver in flood relief

In May the sunshine state saw its fair share of rain. As a result, the RACQ CapRescue crew were called on to retrieve a patient who was carrying a "plus one".

On Friday 13th May Rescue300 was tasked by Queensland Health to attend Agnes Water where it was reported a lady in her 30's was going into labour at home.

The mother, Priscilla Uhr, had planned on travelling to Bundaberg for the birth of her second child, however due to flooding, the town had been completely cut off from surrounding areas.

When the contractions started, the family made the decision to drive to the local ambulance station.

"We got there and the [paramedics] suggested we just stay at the station and birth there. But we weren't too comfortable with that," See Ms Uhr.

Wanting a more suitable birthing area, the couple were able to find solace at Ms Uhr's surf instructor's home, with the Queensland Ambulance Paramedics (QAP) by their side.

As the weather and flooding continued to cause concern and road crews were immobilised, RACQ CapRescue took to the skies. Rescue300 landed at the local sports field to retrieve the patient who had given birth to a healthy baby girl shortly before their arrival.

Here they were able to meet with the QAP in attendance and the Queensland Police who had secured an area for landing.

The on-board medical team assessed both mother and newborn and they were flown to Gladstone Hospital for further observation. "The helicopter ride was a bonus," Ms Uhr said.

"The sunset was incredible, and it was a really beautiful experience to end everything with."



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"I think it could have been a lot worse if the helicopter didn't show up when it did. The crew were bloody good and without a doubt, they saved my life."

Damien Olsen - Patient