



Developing the long term sustainability of our region

## Update from the CEO



Welcome to Issue 107!

### Monsoon Recovery

Monsoon recovery work continues across the region and I wish to acknowledge the leadership and tireless work of the local governments and the strong support of the Australian and Queensland Governments. Recovery grants and loans continue to be paid out to communities and organisations and major infrastructure works continue too.

Some disaster recovery grants have been extended until November and as reported in our last newsletter, a new grant was opened for those also indirectly affected by the monsoon event. For example if your business has been affected by the flow on affect of the monsoon event, you may be eligible to apply. See page 2 for more information.

The [ICN Gateway](#) is an important web portal for regional builders and suppliers of products and services to register their interest in [Townsville Flood Disaster Reconstruction Works](#). There are shortages in many of the trades and we encourage regional companies to consider how they can engage in work in Townsville.

### 2019 Queensland Major Projects Pipeline Report Northern Launch in Townsville

This week we partnered with the Infrastructure Association of Queensland and the Queensland Major Contractors' Association to launch the Queensland Major Projects Pipeline Report in the north. Held at The Ville, more than 140 guests attended and heard directly from Mr Brendan Moon, CEO of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Mr Adrian Hart, Associate Director of BIS Oxford Economics. Click [here](#) for a copy of the report or visit the IAQ or QMCA websites.

### RDA Projects and Engagement

RDA continues to work on the **Inland Queensland Roads Action Project (IQ-RAP)** and is following up with ministers and departments on pre-election and budget commitments to road funding on IQ-RAP priority roads. It is important for our drought and flood affected areas for an early roll out to catalyse economic activity.

RDA is also developing a **STEM industry skilling project** in collaboration with TEL. It follows our signing of an MOU with RDA Hunter that has led a similar initiative in their region to bring industry, businesses and educators together to enhance the take up of STEM skills ready for future workforce needs.

RDA is close to launching its **aviation report** as a discussion paper for identifying opportunities for aviation business development in the region. After the launch and an initial feedback survey, we will be inviting key industry and government stakeholders to workshops to discuss and prioritise the opportunities and next steps.

We hope the enclosed information is of interest to you!

Glenys Schuntner  
Chief Executive Officer



### RDA Committee

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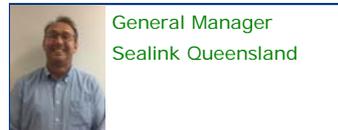
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If you are interested in joining the Committee, please visit <https://rda.gov.au/join-your-rda/> and for further information specific to our RDA please call 07 4410 3655.



An Australian Government Initiative

## Monsoon Recovery Related Information

The Insurance Council of Australia has multiple websites:



<https://www.insurancecouncil.com.au/>

<http://understandinsurance.com.au/>

<http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au/for-consumers>

<https://disasters.org.au/>

<http://codeofpractice.com.au/document>

### Information sources

Claims Process Fact Sheet and Insurance Company contact details	<a href="https://disasters.org.au/recovery-document">https://disasters.org.au/recovery-document</a>
How to make an insurance claim	<a href="https://disasters.org.au/how-to-claim">https://disasters.org.au/how-to-claim</a>
FAQs about insurance	<a href="https://disasters.org.au/faqs">https://disasters.org.au/faqs</a>
How to make a complaint about an insurance claim	<a href="https://disasters.org.au/complaints">https://disasters.org.au/complaints</a>
Building insurance and the scope of works process	<a href="https://disasters.org.au/news/2018/7/2/building-insurance-and-the-scope-of-works-process-what-is-it-and-why-is-it-necessary">https://disasters.org.au/news/2018/7/2/building-insurance-and-the-scope-of-works-process-what-is-it-and-why-is-it-necessary</a>
Rebuilding after a natural disaster	<a href="https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/home-maintenance/rebuilding-after-natural-disaster">https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/home-maintenance/rebuilding-after-natural-disaster</a>

### Organisations to assist

Australian Financial Complaints Authority	<a href="https://www.afca.org.au/">https://www.afca.org.au/</a>
Queensland Building and Construction Commission	<a href="https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/">https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/</a>
Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA)	<a href="http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/">http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/</a>

### Grants and Loans

QRIDA Disaster Recovery Grants and Loans—<http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/Disaster-recovery>

[Centrelink Far North Old Floods, February 2019 – Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payments](#)

Up to \$1,000

[Dept of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors \(Qld\) – Essential household contents grant](#)

Up to \$5,3000 – ongoing

[Dept of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors \(Qld\) – Essential services safety and reconnection grant](#)

Up to \$4,200 – ongoing

[Dept of Housing and Public Works \(Qld\) - Rental Grants](#)

Undisclosed – ongoing

[Qld Government – Essential services hardship assistance grant](#)

Up to \$750 – ongoing

[RACO – Drought Relief](#)

Up to \$200,000 – ongoing

### Small Business Disaster Recovery Grants

The Australian and Queensland Governments have announced disaster recovery grants of up to \$10,000 are available for small businesses that were **either directly or indirectly affected** by the February monsoon event. Funding is available for building resilience and undertaking repairs. The resilience grants are for small businesses that were either inundated or affected by the monsoon. Repairs funding is only available to those who were inundated.

All criteria and explanations of eligibility can be found at

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/disaster-recovery>

## Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative

The Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative represents a significant investment of \$420 million over six years to support up to 54,000 Queenslanders into work.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work funds training and support for unemployed or underemployed people, with a focus on young people (including those in and transitioned from out-of-home care), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, mature-age jobseekers, women re-entering the workforce, veterans and ex-service personnel, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Find out what opportunities are available to **job seekers, employers, training providers and community organisations**.

Follow this link for further details: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/sqw>

## Harvest Labour Services and the National Harvest Labour Information

### Call for submissions!

The Harvest Labour Services – Reforms to encourage Australian job seekers to take up seasonal work measure announced in the 2019–20 Budget is a \$24.1 million investment over four years aimed at encouraging more Australian job seekers to take-up seasonal work.

The Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (the department) has prepared a Consultation Paper, Harvest Labour Services – Reforms to encourage Australian job seekers to take up seasonal work. The Consultation Paper provides stakeholders with the opportunity to express their views on the future of HLS and how the Government can best support Australian job seekers to access seasonal work opportunities and assist growers to find suitable workers.

Follow this link for further information: <https://www.employment.gov.au/harvest-labour-services-and-national-harvest-labour-information-service-consultation>

## Investing with a Difference Luncheon

### Start Up Investing....more than one option...let's look at three.

If you are an Investor, Advisor, Wealth Manager, Start Up or about to be Start Up, this event will provide you with a look into three of the current models of investment shaping our next generation of businesses.

1. Hear what the recent Government changes mean for the new world of 'Crowd Funding'
2. Learn from an experienced leader from the 'Angel Investment' sector
3. Understand the strategy and future direction of an experienced Venture Capital group

Featuring presentations from special guests, Peter Towers - ESS BizTools, Simon Horne - Angel Loop, Giac Gaetani - Future Now Ventures. Over lunch each guest will present the model, with questions and a panel session to round out the event.

### Event Details

Wednesday 28th August, 2019  
North Queensland Club, 146 Denham Street, Townsville  
12pm - 2pm  
Tickets: \$50.00 NQ Club Members / \$65.00 Non-Members  
Includes entry, presentation and delicious two course lunch

Book tickets online at [www.townsvilletickets.com.au](http://www.townsvilletickets.com.au) or NQ Club members may book via the Club Manager.

## ICTC 2019 Transformative Cities Conference—October 2019

The International Cities, Town Centres and Communities (ICTC) Society invites you to join them at the 19th ICTC Conference - Transformative Cities, to be held at The Ville Resort, Townsville from 23 to 25 October 2019.

The ICTC Conference brings together a diverse cross-section of city leaders and urban place professionals. Participants will discuss, interact, workshop and showcase best practice, learn from one another and experience first-hand the challenges and opportunities.



For more details: <https://pulseevents.eventsair.com/ictc-2019>

## Grants

### Small Business Entrepreneur Grants Program—Round 5

The Small Business Entrepreneur Grants Program Round 5 is now open for applications and will **close 5pm, 30 August 2019**.

Matched funding of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) are available to help small businesses engage a consultant, advisor or business coach for up to 3 months and businesses choose their own consultant or advisor to work with.

More information: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/entrepreneur-grants>

### Business Growth Fund

Funding of up to **\$50,000 (excluding GST)** may be provided for eligible business to purchase and implement highly specialised equipment to enable them to move to the next stage of growth.

More information: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/growth-fund>

### Small Business Artisan Producer Grants

Funding is available to assist artisan producers of gourmet food (including non-alcoholic beverages) to engage business consultants, mentors or digital experts to establish and grow their business.

The grants are part of our Supporting Artisan Producers plan to support artisan food and beverage producers to grow and reach their goals.

Matched funding of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) may be provided to eligible applicants to engage business consultants, mentors or digital experts. **Grants close on 22 August 2019.**

More information: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/artisan-producer>

### Rural Economic Development Grants

The Rural Economic Development Grants Scheme has been funded to an amount of \$10m over three funding rounds. These grants will fund projects which provide unique opportunities to generate economic and employment opportunities related to primary production across rural and remote Queensland.

Grants are available up to a maximum of \$250,000 with a 50 per cent cash contribution requirement from applicants.

More information: <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/rural-economic-development-grants>

### Building Our Regions—Round 5

The \$365 million Building our Regions program supports local government infrastructure projects in regional communities that create flow-on economic development opportunities and jobs.

The program has a strengthened focus on delivering more enduring economic outcomes for regional communities, targeting funding toward job-creating infrastructure that will improve economic conditions and liveability.

More information: <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/regions/building-our-regions.html>

### Business Development Fund Grant

The Business Development Fund (the Fund) is the Queensland Government's \$80 million angel and venture capital funding available to Queensland businesses. The intention of the Fund is to support the growth of innovative businesses and the creation of high-value jobs as well as attract both interstate and international investments in Queensland, thereby strengthening Queensland's entrepreneurial and start-up eco-system.

More Information: <https://www.grants.services.qld.gov.au/#/service-details/64601?answers=1002,-2000,-4000,-3000,-5000&sortBy=status&sortDir=desc>

### Glencore North Queensland Community Assistance Program

Glencore's North Queensland Community Assistance Program (NQ CAP) reflects our belief that communities should benefit from our operations.

The NQ CAP provides one-off sponsorships, donations and in-kind support for local events and initiatives that are from \$100 to \$20,000 to deliver benefits within the communities of Mount Isa, Cloncurry and Townsville.

Applications open from 12 August, 2019 and close on 23 August, 2019.

For more information: <http://www.mountisamines.com.au/en/community/Pages/Community-support.aspx>

**Grants** Cont.**Jobs and Regional Growth Fund**

The \$150 million Jobs and Regional Growth Fund is part of the government's broader Jobs and Regional Growth Package, targeted at growing regional economies and creating long-term jobs for Queenslanders. The fund is helping to facilitate private sector projects that create employment and economic growth opportunities in regional areas. The fund focuses primarily on regions outside South East Queensland however, projects located in all areas with higher than average unemployment may be considered.

More Information: <http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/industry/industry-support/jobs-and-regional-growth-fund.html>

**Biofutures Industry Development Fund**

The fund is a \$5 million repayable fund to help well-advanced industrial biotech proponents to get large-scale projects through the final stage of financial due diligence to secure financing from investors. The fund helps companies with new projects reach a point at which they can better access venture capital, supporting companies pursuing innovative industrial biotech and bioproducts projects and enhancing Queensland's reputation as a supportive investment location for the biofutures industry.

More Information: <http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/industry-development/biofutures-industry-development-fund.html>

**Advanced Manufacturing Early Stage Research Fund**

The AMESRF is a \$4 million funding initiative, and forms part of the \$100 million Advanced Manufacturing Fund which will boost innovation, skills and employment in advanced manufacturing. The grant will run over four years with funding of \$1 million per year from 2017–18 to 2020–21. The intent of the AMESRF is to support small-scale and pilot research projects in advanced manufacturing, and benefit smaller firms and early stage research. The fund will provide grants to SMEs for rapid initial feasibility testing, allowing the projects to then move quickly to larger-scale research or commercialisation.

More information: <https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.GO.show&GOUUID=391495CD-04C4-F717-20738F039469EE31>

**Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program**

The objective of the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program is to contribute to the development of a highly skilled and relevant Australian workforce that supports economic sustainability and competitiveness. The Program contains a range of employer incentives and personal benefit payments to Australian Apprentices. The Program links into the industries and occupations traditionally associated with the apprenticeship system. In addition, the Program targets a broad range of traineeships and apprenticeships in new and emerging industries especially where future skills shortages are projected.

More information : <https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.GO.show&GOUUID=5157B05B-DA65-E93F-A347E0465D88D221>

**Heywire**

The ABC is calling on people aged 16-22 to share their experiences of life in regional Australia for the opportunity to be featured on the ABC and win a lifechanging trip to Canberra for the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in February 2020.

Anyone with a story to tell about life outside of the big cities is encouraged to enter, with entries of any medium accepted, including text, video, audio and photo.

More information : <https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>

Must enter before by 16th of September.

**Gottstein Trust Awards**

Every year the Gottstein Trust invites people involved in the industry to submit their proposals to be considered for a funding grant.

Most highly sought after are the Gottstein fellowships. More often than not the submitted proposals seek to cover an international study tour.

Applications close 16 September.

For application forms: <https://gottsteintrust.org/>

**Our investment in tomorrow****Gottstein Awards  
CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS**

Applications for annual grants from the J.W. Gottstein Memorial Trust Fund are open.

Committed to the Australian forest and wood products industry?

Want to improve your experience, skills, knowledge and networks?

If you're a committed individual with ideas to pursue, this may be the chance of a lifetime.

Three types of grants available - Fellowships, Scholarships and Industry Skill Awards.

Full details and online application forms are available at [www.gottsteintrust.org](http://www.gottsteintrust.org)

No set prerequisites - each application will be evaluated.

Applications close on Monday, 16th September 2019.

Further information: [gottsteinsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gottsteinsecretary@gmail.com) or Helen Murray +61 (0) 419-991-424.



Workshops & Training



Regional Development Australia and Australian Small Business Advisory Services present the following workshops:

**Townsville**

- \* Instagram for business—14 August, 2019
- \* Choose the right software to increase efficiency and profits—20 August, 2019
- \* Instagram marketing for business— 28 August, 2019 & 13 November, 2019
- \* LinkedIn for business—11 September, 2019
- \* LinkedIn marketing for business—25 September, 2019
- \* Intro in to digital marketing and social media—14 August, 2019 & 9 October, 2019
- \* Develop your social media marketing strategy—23 October, 2019
- \* Develop your content calendar—13 November, 2019
- \* Phases of your marketing campaign—27 November, 2019
- \* Facebook marketing for your business—28 August, 2019
- \* Fundamentals of Xero—17 September, 2019
- \* Marketing tools available to your business for little or no cost—25 September, 2019
- \* Get the right apps for the job (trade and construction) - 9 October, 2019
- \* Use the right apps (professional service industry) - 22 October, 2019
- \* Supercharge your retail business with the right apps—29 October, 2019
- \* Email marketing for your business—20 November, 2019

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- \* Email marketing for your business—4 September, 2019
- \* Marketing tools available for your business for little or no cost—26 September, 2019
- \* Develop your content calendar—30 October, 2019
- \* Choose the right software to increase efficiency and profits—26 November, 2019

To register for any of the above workshops or find further information, please follow this link:

<https://asbas.rdabrisbane.org.au/upcoming-workshops/townsville-north-west>

<p><b>Preparing Effective Capability Statements Workshop</b></p> <p>What is a capability statement?</p> <p>A capability statement is essential in applying for and securing tendering opportunities in government and private sector projects.</p> <p>Help your business stand out from the crowd and improve your chance of securing contracts.</p>	Date:	Wednesday, 28 August, 2019		
	Time:	8.30am—12.30pm	Cost:	\$50.00
	Location:	Master Builders Training Room, 316 Sturt Street, Townsville		
	Register:	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nq-preparing-effective-capability-statements-workshop-townsville-2019-registration-66542814349">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nq-preparing-effective-capability-statements-workshop-townsville-2019-registration-66542814349</a>		
<p><b>Digital Marketing Workshop</b></p> <p>IBA runs workshops for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners to develop or improve their marketing by effectively leveraging digital technologies.</p> <p>Getting your message out to customers in a cluttered market place can be challenging and sometimes not worth the effort or money. Finding new ways of telling your story and getting a return takes constant vigilance.</p>	Date:	Thursday, 12 September, 2019		
	Time:	9.00am—4.00pm	Cost:	Free
	Location:	Townsville Sports and Recreation Center 3—9 Redpath Street, Townsville		
	Register:	<a href="mailto:gene.geedrick@iba.gov.au">gene.geedrick@iba.gov.au</a>		