



**BUSINESS TOOLS,  
EVENTS, AND  
SERVICES**

# ABOUT *us*

Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) is the lead economic and tourism development agency for the Central Highlands in Queensland, Australia.

Our region includes the communities of Arcadia Valley, Bauhinia, Blackwater, Bluff, Capella, Comet, Dingo, Duaringa, Emerald, Rolleston, Sapphire Gemfields, Springsure, and Tieri.

For more than 25 years, CHDC has partnered with industry, business, government, and communities to drive growth and empower businesses.

In addition to delivering a range of economic development focused projects, CHDC offers a suite of tools, events, and services aimed at:

- Enhancing our workforce
- Promoting our region
- Supporting our businesses

## VISION

Driving economic opportunities to support the Central Highlands as a dynamic inland region of choice.



## CONNECT

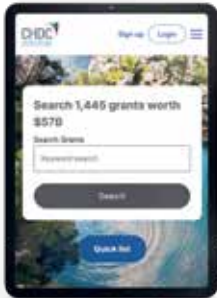


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# BUSINESS *Tools*



## CENTRAL HIGHLANDS GRANT FINDER

Central Highlands Grant Finder is CHDC's free online portal, designed to make accessing grant and funding opportunities easier for businesses, community groups, not-for-profits, and individuals.

- Most comprehensive grants database in Australia
- Advanced filtering of thousands of grants
- Personalised dashboard and email alerts
- How-to videos and grant writing tips

[grantguru.com/au/chdc](http://grantguru.com/au/chdc)



## TAP INTO TENDERS

Bidding for tenders can open the door to building and expanding your business. To facilitate this journey, CHDC offers Tap into Tenders – a free newsletter listing the latest procurement opportunities in the Fitzroy region.

We comb prominent platforms such as Tenderlink, QTenders, Vendor Panel, Local Buy, and ICN Gateway to provide a central repository of regional tender opportunities, saving you valuable time.



## JOBS HUB CENTRAL QUEENSLAND HIGHLANDS

Need help finding staff? CHDC's free online jobs board enables businesses to list their vacancies, search for talent, and manage applications.

The site is also designed to help job seekers find and apply for employment in the region easily and quickly.

- Dedicated to the Central Highlands region
- No cost involved – the entire site is free to use
- Smart matching and smart ranking technology

[jobshubcqh.com.au](http://jobshubcqh.com.au)





## SMART MOVE

Smart Move is a recruitment marketing campaign designed to help Central Highlands businesses attract skilled workers.

Access free, professionally designed marketing assets, including videos, graphics, and messaging, to boost the visibility of your job vacancies

- Promote roles with branded videos and graphics
- List your business on the regional website
- Share assets on your website or social media
- Use hashtags and tag CHDC to boost reach



## STATISTICS

Whether you're working on a grant application, business plan, or market research, CHDC provides easy access to a wide range of regional statistics and data.

- The Central Highlands Economy Profile offers in-depth insights into local industries, workforce, and economic trends.



[app.remplan.com.au/centralhighlands/economy](http://app.remplan.com.au/centralhighlands/economy)

- The Central Highlands Community Profile explores demographics, housing, education, and wellbeing.



[app.remplan.com.au/centralhighlands/community](http://app.remplan.com.au/centralhighlands/community)

Still can't find what you are looking for? Reach out to CHDC and let us assist you.



## PUBLICATIONS

CHDC produces a range of publications, fact sheets, reports and videos, offering comprehensive regional insights, including:

- Major projects
- Industry profiles
- Business survey
- Economic strategy

Additionally, our collection includes videos on liveability, agriculture, and tourism that can be used by businesses for recruitment and regional promotion.



# BUSINESS *Events*

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

The **Central Highlands Business Excellence Awards** are designed to celebrate the region's diverse and dedicated business community. The biennial event includes skill-building workshops and a rigorous application process, culminating in a prestigious gala dinner.

**Farm to Fine Dining** is an annual advocacy dinner hosted in Brisbane that showcases the Central Highlands and its premium agricultural produce to an influential audience. Guests include ministers and senior representatives from government and industry.

**AGTECH** brings together innovators and industry leaders to discuss the future of agribusiness and explore the latest innovations to improve farm and business profitability. This popular event includes in-field demonstrations, guest speakers, and panel discussions.

## WORKSHOPS

CHDC delivers regular business and industry workshops designed to build capability, expand capacity, and foster professional networks.

## BUSINESS LUNCHES

Combining insightful presentations with a delicious meal, CHDC's working lunches explore the opportunities and challenges facing local businesses.

## NETWORKING

CHDC's after-hours networking sessions offer a casual setting for businesses to build valuable connections.

For further information on attending, partnering, or presenting at one of our events, visit [chdc.com.au](http://chdc.com.au).

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# BUSINESS *Services*

## BUSINESS

Alongside our tools and events, CHDC offers one-on-one support, tailored to the specific needs of each business.

- Business and marketing plan review
- Referral to support programs, tools, and resources
- Identification of grant opportunities
- Tender and procurement information
- Market research and analysis

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## VISITOR ECONOMY

Place your brochure at our Visitor Information Centres to reach more than 18,000 visitors annually. CHDC manages the accredited centre in Emerald and staff satellite centres in Duaranga, Blackwater and Springsure.

Tourism operators can also tap into a range of resources.

- Regional website and social channels
- Regional branding guidelines
- Visitor guide and brochures
- Image and video library

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## AGRIBUSINESS

CHDC works with producers and agribusinesses to grow a strong, innovative agricultural sector.

- Advocating for strategic projects and infrastructure
- Sharing data, insights, and research
- Supporting the agtech ecosystem
- Hosting events to share innovation, trends and updates

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## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CHDC drives regional growth by delivering initiatives that address workforce, housing, childcare, and liveability needs.

- Workforce attraction and retention strategies
- Housing supply and development campaigns
- Childcare access initiatives

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Additionally, CHDC delivers a range of economic development initiatives, from advocating for priority projects and collaborating with government to promoting the Central Highlands as a region of choice for investors and businesses seeking growth.