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BIEDO Business Angels ready to help

BIEDO has expanded its “Business Angel” service in the North Burnett. Two “Business Angels” are now available for North Burnett businesses to provide one-one-one support for their businesses. The Angels assist people get a clear picture of where their business is currently, where they want to be, and how to get there.



Judy Harvey is a North Burnett BIEDO Business Pilot.

The Angels will also be working closely with each of the North Burnett’s “Business Advisory Groups” (BAGs) to help with implementation of ideas and projects within each community. CEO of BIEDO, Linda Silburn, Linda Silburn, CEO of BIEDO says the “Business Angel” service grew out of a definite need from Inland Burnett communities for improved business and economic development support services.

“Our Angels - Ainsley Shepherd and Judy Harvey, offer one-on-one business support and mentoring to North Burnett businesses. They work with people thinking about starting a business and they also work with established businesses, or business people who want to sell or retire,” Linda said.

“They also offer “Business Health Checks” to assist people get a clear picture of where their business is currently, where they want to be, and how to get there. They can refer businesses to professional services such as accountants, financial advisors, legal services, etc for specialist support. Importantly, the Check also looks at lifestyle issues, such as a good work/family/life balance,” she said.

BIEDO’s 1:1 business support is generally free. The Business Health Check includes 5 hours of face to-face service, plus 5 hours research and support

Funky Futures Festival— just 8 weeks away

Preparations are well underway for our Funky Futures Festival so get ready to head down to the Wondai Sportsgrounds on 12th June for a unique Festival experience where you can picnic, party and participate!! Here’s just a sample of what’s on offer:



- Guest speakers including Ross McKinnon (Curator Brisbane Botanic Gardens) and Dr Maarten Stapper (BioLogic Ag-food)
- SBRC Sound Playground
- Tarong Kids Zone
- Paper & Candle making
- Recycled Hats
- Cheese Making
- Fire twirling & juggling
- Enviro films
- Body Art
- Massage, Yoga, Tai Chi

The day will culminate in a concert featuring renowned Blues rocker Phil Emmanuel, Penelope Swales from “Totally Gourdgeous”, local band Blues Excuse and the winners of our “Music Battle” competition.

Contact Grace Gibson at our office

includes 5 hours of face to-face service, plus 5 hours research and support work on behalf of the business. It costs \$250. If you'd like further information about the BIEDO Business Angel service please call the Goomeri office on 4169 7851 or email biedoadmin@burnett.net.au.

Contact Grace Gibson at our office on 4169 7851 for more information. Many thanks to our sponsors the Qld Government, Tarong Energy and the South Burnett Regional Council.

Jo & Neil take up the Challenge...

Low Carbon Diet
A Queensland Government initiative

Saving on their electricity and fuel bills are the driving forces behind Jo and Neil Rose's reasons for taking up BIEDO's Funky Footprints Challenge. The Nanango family heard about the concept and decided they'd be one of the 60 families to participate in the Challenge. "Our electricity bill isn't too bad, but we're always looking for ways to make it lower. We're planning to enjoy some more time outside as a family, playing games and being outdoors, rather than inside just watching the TV," Jo said. "We're also looking at ways we can do things more locally and coordinating our trips, so maybe we only go to Kingaroy once a week, rather than every day," she said.

Have you got what it takes to take up the Challenge? BIEDO (the Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation) is looking for 60 families to take part in their 30 day "Family Footprints Challenge". The Challenge will search for the Inland Burnett family who can achieve the greatest reduction in their 'living footprint' during a 30 day period, with winners announced and profiled at BIEDO's Funky Futures Festival on June 12th!

If you're keen to get involved, please register with BIEDO by giving them a call on 4169 7851. The Funky Footprints Challenge has been made possible through a community grant awarded through the Low Carbon Diet Community Funding Program, a ClimateSmart initiative of the Department of Environment and Resource Management.



Jo, Neil and Lachlan from Nanango are taking up BIEDO's Funky Footprints Challenge to save on their electricity and fuel bills



Will they have to resort to a horse and cart!!? Jo doesn't think so, just a bit more coordination about where and when they need to go places should help them save fuel!

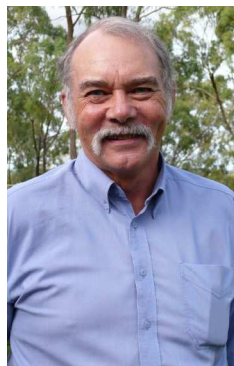
Employment and business development project underway in Cherbourg

In our October last year newsletter we announced the success of our Jobs Fund application to help create employment and business development opportunities for our indigenous community.

Well, this million dollar project is now fully underway! Working with us to help achieve great outcomes are Silver Lining, Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural Heritage Corporation, Tarong Energy, The Indigenous Knowledge Centre and Cherbourg State School.

The main aim of the project is to ensure indigenous people in the South Burnett have the skills and confidence to enter and remain in professional employment and/or niche self-employment. The initial program will run for 15 months, but a key intention is to make it sustainable. The group is working to the following goals:

- 34 real jobs created
- 13 new micro-enterprises created
- 34 graduates of specific training achieved



Ray Witton has taken on the role as Project Coordinator

Could your School win \$50,000?

The 2010 "Schools First Awards" are opening again soon! Schools will have chance to win \$50,000 in recognition of a school-community partnership and its direct impact on improved student outcomes, including greater engagement and increased attendance; improved literacy or numeracy; increased self-esteem; social, vocational or civic outcomes; global awareness and action.

This year, Schools First has \$5.2 million to award to 108 school community partnerships. To get involved, Schools First is running "Partnership Forums" across the country in April to early June (our closest forum in

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A key part of the project will be “micro-loans”, offering a maximum of \$2,000 to indigenous people wanting to kick-start their own micro-business. Criteria for eligibility will be tight, however the project will nurture innovative ideas and also provide a “Business Angel” to work with people keen to establish a business.

Bringing the partners together and managing the project is BIEDO Project Coordinator, Ray Witton. Ray has been pulled out of retirement to take up the role and he’s looking forward to seeing some great results. If you’d

like further information about the project, please contact Ray on 4164 2379, or call the BIEDO office on 4169 7851.



At a strategic project meeting were from l to r, x x Carissa Beddows (BWW), x (Tarong Energy), Danny Hoegstraten (Silver Lining), Janey Crane, Ray Witton, Marilyn Huddleston (Indigenous Knowledge Centre) and x

forums address the country in April to early June (our closest forum in Noosa, 20 May). These forums will provide information about what makes a successful partnership, and is an invaluable opportunity to meet with like-minded locals and explore potential new school-community partnerships. If you cannot attend a forum, visit the Schools First website where all content from Partnership Forums will be available.

Additionally, the website provides an on-line “partnership matching service” where community organisations and schools can search for a partner if they don’t already have one. The program is supported by National Australia Bank in partnership with The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) and Australian Council For Educational Research (ACER).

Winning Photos

More stunning images from our Photography Competition. Both are by Fred Pratt of Kingaroy.



Grants “Heads Up”

1. Schools First Impact and Seed Funding Awards

Funding: Impact—Max \$50,000/school; Seed Funding—\$25,000/school

Closes: 30 July 2010

Priorities: School-community partnerships that can demonstrate improved student outcomes as a result of their partnership.

Who can apply? All schools within Australia.

Further Information: www.schoolsfirst.edu.au

2. Young Social Pioneers 2010—The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA)

On Offer: One year training program

Closes: 11th June

Priorities: A training and development program for social change-makers, designed specifically for young Australians working with purpose and passion for a social cause. Fourteen social pioneers will gain a place on YSP 2010 and can benefit from skills development, mentoring, intensive group and individual training and access to a global network of social innovators.

Who can apply? Applicants must be between 18-29 years old and have been

Upcoming events

- **Next BIEDO Meeting** - April 19 - Wondai Town Hall commencing at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Please note BIEDO Meetings are held bi-monthly.
- **Funky Futures Festival**
11 June—Schools day at Wondai SS
12 June—All welcome to picnic, participate in workshops and learn how healthy living and healthy environments can save you money and make your daily life easier. A festival focusing on our region and our environment! Call Grace on 4169 7851 for more information.
- **Women’s Wellness Pamper Days** - These are popular days, continue to

training and access to a global network of social innovators.

Who can apply? Applicants must be between 18-29 years old and have been actively working on an idea or project for six months in the areas education, environment, health and wellbeing, human rights, media and technology, performing and visual arts, politics, and science

Further Information: www.youngsocialpioneers.org.au.

3. FRRR REACH Rural Early Childhood Program

Funding: Up to \$20,000

Closes: Open year round

Priorities: Interior and exterior refurbishment, educational resources, training and professional development, heating/cooling, water (tanks, irrigation, drinking supply), indoor equipment, information technology, outdoor equipment, community gardens

Who can apply?: Not-for-profit community groups in rural and remote Australia (communities with less than 10,000 people) that offer early childhood services-

Further Information: www.frrr.org.au

4. Myer Foundation - G4 Fund

Funding: Up to \$5,000

Closes: Wednesday 7 July

Priorities: To contribute to the wellbeing of young Australians aged 12-25 through capacity building for youth organisations, environmental education, youth-driven events and activities and initiatives addressing the health of young people.

Who can apply? Small community based organisations.

Further Information: www.myerfoundation.org.au or phone (03) 9207 3040

5. Woolworths Community Grants

Funding: Up to \$5,000

Closes: 2nd May

Priorities: Projects must be designed for primary school aged children, encourage kids to lead healthier, more active lives and take

Who can apply?

Further Information: www.woolworths.com.au

• Women's Wellness Pamper Days -

These ever popular days continue to help de-stress and pamper our rural women. The days are organised by Centacare South Burnett, supported by BIEDO and funded by the Australian Government. Remaining dates:

- Cloyna Hall—10 May
- Wooroolin Hall—11 May
- Boobyjan Hall—25 May
- Manumbar Hall—26 May
- Ironpot Hall—1 June
- Inverlaw Hall—2 June

- Sport & Recreation Services—**Sports Locker Room Forum**—20 April at the Murgon PCYC from 6.30pm. A free workshop for sports participants, parents, coaches, teachers and volunteers. Featuring four key guest speakers. Call Jamie at 4121 1710.

- South East Burnett Landcare on-site **Biological Farming seminar**—5 May. Featuring guest speaker Dr Maarten Stapper. 9am—2pm, meeting at the Boobyjan Hall. Contact Penny on 4168 6179 to RSVP.

Please feel free to forward this edition on to interested parties.

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