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ENTERPRISING NEWS

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Welcome to our latest newsletter. It's been a very hectic 6 months for Enterprise Innovations around a theme of business partnering.

The Qld government's **Jobs Assist** grant project has kept us very busy doing business plans, feasibilities, marketing surveys and assessments for a wide range of businesses, including not for profits. Have you accessed a grant yet?

The **University of Southern Queensland (USQ)** is getting its Centre for Economic Development and Enterprise off the ground as we help with the raising of industry funds and community awareness of the project.

Enterprise Innovations is also delighted to be partnering with the **Coal River Products Association** in Tasmania on a federally funded Farm Ready grant of over \$230,000.

We helped them win the grant and will project manage the program over 2 years to undertake a climate change audit through the University of Southern Qld, farm level agribusiness audits via Tasmanian company, **Serve Ag** and a comprehensive training program.

We hope your year has started well too.

Regards

*Leigh Bennett*  
Principal

## Jobs Assist Grants

The Queensland Government continues this terrific program whereby up to \$8,000 is available for businesses with 10 or more employees.

**Enterprise Innovations** has been involved with businesses, across engineering consulting, legal practice, private schools, community services, building construction, tourism, etc. We have generally undertaken strategic and business planning for these entities.

Contact us for more information on the program, which is simple to apply for, or contact DEEDI directly:

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## USQ CEDE Project

The USQ is establishing a Professorial Chair to head up the Centre for Economic Development and Enterprise (CEDE) located on the Fraser Coast. This is an opportunity for industry partners to participate in industry driven research and innovative projects.

The Professorial Chair will:

- Undertake research, industry specific and regionally focused projects on economic development and the support for, and attraction of, enterprises.
- Foster greater collaboration with other higher education institutions, research organisations, businesses and

industries.

- Develop interdisciplinary approaches to research and collaboration on regional economic development.
- Help resolve regional and local issues and provide an honest broker's research perspective on key questions around economic development.

Enterprise Innovations helped devise the original idea and is helping to drive this project for USQ.

For more information, please contact Leigh Bennett.



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Fraser Coast  
Anglican College



The Fraser Coast Anglican College in SE Queensland has adopted a bold approach to its new Strategic Plan and we will be facilitating a large workshop for the school community with up to 80 participants to get their views on the future, the School's potential and what it could be doing better. Congratulations on their determination to create even higher quality outcomes for their students and families.

## Fraser Coast Anglican College Strategic Plan

Enterprise Innovations has successfully won a bid to develop FCAC's new Strategic Plan.

We have worked with the Principal, Business Manager, Executive Leadership Team and the School Council in the planning for this.



Community Solutions

### School - Community Partnership Brokering.

The Community Solutions Group is a Queensland-wide not-for-profit organisation which recognises the significant and sustainable outcomes that can be achieved when the resources of communities, business, government and individuals are brought together to target issues of concern and opportunity.

**Community Solutions** has won the contract to manage DEEWR's Partnership Broker Program for the Wide Bay Burnett area of northern SE Qld.

Leigh Bennett will Chair the Industry Reference Group. Do you have a view or an idea on how industry and business can work more closely with schools to provide better outcomes in this region? If so send me through some ideas or ask how you can be involved.

For more project information contact:

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### Coal River Producers Association

The Coal River Products Association is a growers group just north east of Hobart in Tasmania. We have worked with them to devise a comprehensive and very innovative program and won some \$230,000 in federal government funding to put it in place.

The project involves a climate change modelling audit through the University of Southern Queensland's highly respected Professor Roger Stone that will ascertain effects and risks of climate change for the region. This is paired with farm level audits of physical / human resources and enterprise issues subsequently arising.

A training needs analysis will determine an education program for delivery to promote awareness and enhance knowledge about adaptation techniques and coping strategies, identifying best practice "champions" along the way.

**Enterprise Innovations** wrote the grant proposal and will project manage this complex program for the Association. Tim Mangan our

Associate in Tasmania will undertake all the local work.

This is another example of businesses partnering for worthwhile outcomes. The CRPA is a recognised innovative and progressive group and we look forward to being part of this journey.

A thank you to the hard working staff at Lifeline Community Care Qld - Fraser Coast for your input into the work place culture workshop in March.

It can be a challenging one day program focussed on personal responsibility for positive work environments. It was good to have some lively debate and to work with community services professionals.

Download our latest Business Profile from the website.

