

END OF QUARTER REPORT – DECEMBER 2014

The **Local Buying Community Foundation** is a critical element of the **BMA Local Buying Program**. The Foundation aims to enhance the economic sustainability of communities within BMA's operational footprint. Through programs and initiatives that target local business training and development the Local Buying Community Foundation is assisting to build and develop local capability and capacity. For all approved transactions processed through the BMA Local Buying Program, BMA / BMC makes a financial contribution to the Local Buying Community Foundation.

The key areas of focus for the Foundation include:

1. **Building Sustainable Futures (BSF)** – focusing on wider business economic and community development. This includes (but not limited to) business grants (new, growth, innovation), employment, scholarships, regional promotion and awareness.
2. **Building Sustainable Business Communities (BSBC)** – focusing on local business training and development. This includes (but not limited to) industry training, regional economic analysis and education for businesses.

Governance over the Local Buying Community Foundation is provided by the **Community Foundation Advisory Committee**, a collaborative stakeholder committee consisting of representatives that have diverse skills, business expertise and economic development. Membership of the committee includes local, regional and industry stakeholder representation from across the Bowen Basin. The Local Buying Community Foundation is administered by C-Res and funds are held in trust by REDC.

FY15 Committee Membership (July 2014 – December 2014)

Vincent Cosgrove (Chair)	BMA	Dr Manu Nithianantha	Blackwater Business Representative
Suzanne Mitchell	BMA	Bronwyn Reid	Emerald Business Representative
Jessica Simpson	BMC	John Crooks	Dysart Business Representative
Cr. Anne Baker	IRC	Erica Fredericksen	Moranbah Business Representative
Cr. Paul Bell	CHRC	Travis Hoban	Medium Business Representative
Sandra Hobbs	CHDC		

FY15 Committee Membership (January 2015 – June 2015)

Jessica Simpson (Chair)	BHP Billiton	Dr Manu Nithianantha	Blackwater Business Representative
Suzanne Mitchell	BMA	Bronwyn Reid	Emerald Business Representative
Brodie Vansleve	BMC	John Crooks	Dysart Business Representative
Cr. Anne Baker	IRC	Erica Fredericksen	Moranbah Business Representative
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For July 2014 – December 2014:

- 8 approved projects or initiatives to the value of \$96,436 ex GST

For Program to Date July 2012 –December 2014:

- Total funds contributed to the Community Foundation Trust Account - \$550,754 ex GST
- 33 approved projects or initiatives to the value of \$328,551 ex GST

Approved Projects and Initiatives for July 2014 – December 2014:

Project / Program Name	Description	Project / initiative identification	Project / Initiative Owner
1 CHDC Business Portal Marketing Strategy IMPLEMENTATION	A project to implement a marketing strategy promoting the CH Business Directory and Portal across the Central Highlands. (CENTRAL HIGHLANDS)	Funding Application	CHDC
2 centralhighlands.com.au REVAMP	A project to revamp the outdated tourism and lifestyle website to provide a more accessible, centralised platform for consumers to make an informed choice around visitation and/or relocation to Central Highlands. The project also aims to increase the CH tourism, lifestyle and liveability-related businesses. (CENTRAL HIGHLANDS)	Funding Application	CHDC
3 AICD Training for NFP Subsidy Program	Subsidy program for Directors of NFP organisations to participate in the Australian Institute of Company Directors course in Emerald and Moranbah. (CENTRAL HIGHLANDS & ISAAC)	Funding Application	CHDC
4 Moranbah e-Directory Roll Out	Funding to implement Stage 1 of the e-Directory roll out in Moranbah to SME's in Moranbah including promotional materials and launch events.	Funding Application	MTA
5 Nebo Community Development Group - Website & Marketing Support	Funding to develop a NCDG 'one stop online portal' to become a central resource for marketing and promotion of Nebo business and community groups.	Funding Application	NCDG
6 2014 Qld Small Business Week across the Bowen Basin	Program to deliver a range of workshops and mentoring session across the Central Highlands and Isaac regions during 2014 Qld SBW 1 - 6 September and promote small businesses in our region.	Funding Application	C-RES, CHDC, DSDIP, IRC.
7 Linking Schools with Industry – Website Development RESOURCE	Funding to publish and distribute the resourced developed for the 'Linking Schools with Industry – Website Development' resource.	LBCF Initiative	C-RES, TM3 Training Solutions
8 Building Sustainable Business Communities – Workshops and Networking Events 2015	Funding to provide subsidised workshops in Emerald and Moranbah as well as Small Business and Industry Networking Events across Blackwater, Emerald, Dysart, Mackay and Moranbah for 2015 aimed at building business capabilities.	LBCF Initiatives	C-Res

Local Buying Community Foundation supported activities July 2014 – December 2014:

- 6 August – Business Planning, Budgeting, Quoting, Cashflow and Finance Management – NEBO*
- 20 August – Lean for Everyone – NEBO*
- 1-5 September – 2014 Qld Small Business Week (20+ workshops) – ISAAC (NEBO, MORANBAH, DYSART, CLERMONT), CENTRAL HIGHLAND (EMERALD)
- 3 September – Website, Emails & Online Tools – NEBO*
- 11 September – Building Sustainable Business Communities Networking Event - BLACKWATER
- 17 September – MYOB Accounting – NEBO*
- 1 October – Quickbooks Accounting Software Workshop – NEBO*
- 15 October – Capability Statement Workshop – NEBO*
- 23 October – Bowen Basin Business Development Strategy Workshop – DYSART
- 29 October – Marketing, Social Media and Email Newsletters Workshop – NEBO*
- 12 November – Tendering for Government Workshop – NEBO*
- 4 December – IRC / Business Groups Media Workshop – MORANBAH
- 11 December - Building Sustainable Business Communities Networking Event - DYSART

**Note – all Nebo workshops were delivered as part of the funded series of workshops “Lining SME’s to Success – Nebo 2014’*

Funding Rounds for 2015:

1. 27 February
2. 29 May
3. 28 August
4. 27 November

Expression of Interest forms for funding are available on the website – www.localbuying.com.au/community

For more information on the Local Buying Community Foundation:

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