

QUARTERLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014

The **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 and the broader Bowen Basin region. Through programs and initiatives that target local business training and development the Local Buying Community Foundation is assisting to build and develop local capacity. For all approved transactions processed through the Local Buying Program, BMA 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.

FY14 Committee Membership:

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		

For Quarter July 2014 – September 2014:

- Six approved projects or initiatives to the value of \$73,936 ex GST

For Program to Date July 2012 – September 2014:

- Total funds contributed to the Community Foundation Trust Account - \$504,926 ex GST
- 31 approved projects or initiatives to the value of \$306,051

Funding Rounds for 2014:

1. 28 February: **CLOSED**
2. 30 May: **CLOSED**
3. 29 August: **CLOSED**
4. 28 November: Round 4 closes

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

Approved Projects and Initiatives for Quarter July 2014 – September 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.

For more information on the Local Buying Community Foundation:

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