

## ‘BUILDING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES’

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### Dysart businesses looking toward the future

The recent Local Buying Community Foundation Networking event provided Dysart local business owners the opportunity to engage with key Dysart business community stakeholders as well as BMA employees.

This annual event attracted a record crowd with 60 attendees from the local business community, local BMA operations and BMA’s Brisbane based supply representatives.

Guest speakers provided updates on the Dysart Business Group Inc (DBGI), the new Dysart Diary, Market and Resilience, the BMA Local Buying Program and the Linking Schools and Businesses Website Development Project.

“The Linking Schools and Businesses Website Development Project is a fantastic initiative that provides school students with industry experience in website development. Small Local Businesses benefit by having a website developed for them that can then be taken live and manage themselves”, explained Susann Morrow, Head of Department at Dysart State High School that has delivered this project over the last three years with TM3 Training Solutions.

John Crooks, President of the DBGI also commented, “This annual networking event provides an important opportunity for local businesses and BMA to meet in a relaxed environment and discuss how businesses and industry are able to work together for our mutual benefit in the current challenging economic environment.”

The Local Buying Community Foundation is an initiative of the BMA Local Buying Program and receives a financial contribution for every transaction that goes through the Program. Since inception in July 2012 the foundation has funded 39 business capacity building projects and has received over \$700,000 in funding.

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# Local Buying Community Foundation Event - Dysart

NETWORKING EVENT WITH PRESENTATIONS ON

- MARKET & RESILIENCE
- DYSART BUSINESS GROUP INC.
- NEW LOOK DYSART DIARY
- BMA LOCAL BUYING PROGRAM - LOOKING FORWARD
- WEBSITE PROJECT LINKING SCHOOLS AND INDUSTRY

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