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BHP Billiton provides update on opportunities

Over 40 people representing small businesses from Blackwater, Capella, Dysart, Emerald and Mackay attended a business engagement event with BHP Billiton and BMA at The Capricornian in Emerald on Thursday 9 June 2016.

The event provided businesses with an opportunity to discuss with BHP Billiton current and future information on BMA (BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance), BMC (BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal), the Local Buying Program and the Local Buying Foundation.

Ms Tracey Lenz, Senior Manager Communities, BHP Billiton, and Chair of the Local Buying Foundation was pleased with the interest from local businesses wanting to engage with BMA.

“It is extremely important that we continue to promote opportunities and work together to provide innovative solutions to meet the needs of our operations through the Local Buying Program”, she said.

Information was also provided about the Local Buying Foundation and opportunities for businesses to continue to build capability and capacity to remain competitive and sustainable.

“The Local Buying Foundation continues to remain focused on business and regional economic development and works closely with Central Highlands Regional Council and Central Highlands Development Corporation on initiatives that meet these priority areas.”

“We are proud that both BMA and BMC have to date contributed over \$950,000 into the Foundation through the Local Buying Program and over 50 projects have been financially supported,” she said.

The Local Buying Foundation is a critical part of the Local Buying Program, which is delivered in partnership by BHP Billiton and its joint venture partners BMA and BMC, and C-Res. The Local Buying Program provides small to medium-sized businesses primarily operating in the Central Highlands, Isaac or Mackay local government areas with the opportunity to competitively supply goods and services to BMA and BMC operations.

For more information on the Local Buying Program and Local Buying Foundation visit www.localbuying.com.au or call 1800 536 663.

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