



CAMP APPROVED

AURIZON has approval for a relocatable 39-unit camp to be built at Duaringa. The Central Highlands Regional Council gave the nod to the camp on Alice St, which will be supported by a kitchen, dining hall, recreation building and barbecue pavilion. There was one objection citing traffic congestion, noise and privacy concerns. Aurizon plans to build two more camps at Blackwater and Dysart to accommodate workers servicing the rail network in the Bowen Basin. The buildings would be shared between camps as needed.

NEW WEED PLAN

SANTOS GLNG has committed \$500,000 for new vehicle washdown facilities in Roma, taking the company's total funding for weed and pest management in regional Queensland to nearly \$1 million.

The company has also announced a comprehensive new plan for weed and pest management across its Queensland operations, further enhancing the company's leading approach to an important issue for agricultural communities.

INDUSTRY WEIGHED DOWN BY CARBON TAX

THE Australian Aluminium Council has called on the Federal Parliament to seize the opportunity presented by the current winter sittings to remove two punitive imposts on Australia's job-creating aluminium industry.

The Australian aluminium industry has been transforming its business in the face of unprecedented market challenges. But the industry continues to be weighed down by punitive and unnecessary imposts as it fights to compete on the world stage. Australian Aluminium Council executive director Miles Prosser said the Federal Parliament needed to make two crucial decisions impacting Australia's ability to compete with the rest of the world – when will the carbon tax be repealed, and when will the burden of renewable energy subsidies be lifted?

TANNA TAKES ON ROLE WITH ENERGYAUSTRALIA

CATHERINE Tanna is stepping down from BG Group and QGC, the companies that brought the first and most advanced LNG project onto Curtis Island in Gladstone. She is destined for a new role with EnergyAustralia, which will take her family from Brisbane to Melbourne.

Ms Tanna will become EnergyAustralia's new managing director from July 1, to help lead the company through its next phase of consolidation and growth.

She said she was thrilled to join a business that had been through a fast trajectory of growth and had established a solid foundation.

"This is the right time for me to take on new challenges and I leave with pride at what we have achieved at QGC," she said.

BG Group executive chairman Andrew Gould said QGC was on track to deliver first LNG this year, just four years from project sanction.

"Cath was instrumental in establishing our business in Australia, bringing the Queensland Curtis LNG project through sanction and well into execution," he said.



MINING TOWNS PRICIER

THE cost of living in mining towns like Emerald, Moranbah and Roma suffered in comparison to greater Brisbane, according to the latest index of retail prices published by the Queensland Government's statistician's officer. Moranbah was 22% dearer than the metro hub, while Emerald came in at 8.5%. Townsville, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Maryborough, Longreach and Gympie were cheaper. The index was calculated measuring the price of everyday expenses like groceries, fuel and housing.

LONG SERVICE REVAMP

QUEENSLAND'S peak resources sector body says amendments to an industry long service leave scheme will make the system fairer. The Queensland Resources Council has welcomed the State Government's changes to the QLeave Building and Construction Industry Long Service Leave Scheme, which passed through parliament last night.

WOMEN ENCOURAGED

THE Australian Women in Resources Alliance e-Mentoring Program was launched in early 2013 with a mandate to provide valuable support to women forging a career in the mining, oil and gas sectors. The Australian Mines and Metals Association said investment in initiatives like AWRA was vital if we are to see women's participation in the sector increase from the current 15% to a goal of 25% by 2020.

NEW MANAGEMENT

GLENCORE has taken over management of the Clermont Mine from Rio Tinto and announced an immediate review of operations. A spokesman said production and marketing synergies with Glencore's existing operations would be explored.



Mentoring program to help women in mining industry

The Australian Mines and Metals Association have welcomed continued funding from the federal government for a mentoring program including women working in mining, oil and gas.

The Association – a national resource industry employer group – launched an e-mentoring program in 2013 through the Australian Women in Resources Alliance. The program has a mandate “to provide valuable support to women forging a career in the mining, oil and gas sectors”.

Association executive director of industry services, Tara Diamond, said more than 150 resource professionals are already benefiting from the Alliance's e-Mentoring Program. She said the program facilitates a nine-month online mentoring relationship tailored to the remote locations and non-traditional work schedules of many resource workers.

“The federal government's decision to continue joint-funding the AWRA e-Mentoring Program for another two years mirrors the commitment of resource employers to build a pipeline of female talent,” she said.

“Women have a critical role to play in ensuring the industry has the skills and talent to build and operate major resource projects well into the future, however the workforce is not as diverse as it could be.

“Investment in initiatives like AWRA is vital if we are to see women's participation in the sector increase from the current 15 per cent to our goal of 25 per cent by 2020.”

Ms Diamond says following its initial success, the e-Mentoring scope will now target demo-

graphics of women which are particularly underrepresented in the industry.

“AWRA will bring on board experienced male and female mentors to engage with indigenous and recently trade qualified women in the resources and allied sectors, as well as graduates in non-traditional roles,” she said.

“The real value of the e-Mentoring program is that each mentee has access to the most appropriate mentor from a variety of levels in the resource, related construction and allied service

sectors, anywhere in the country.

“For a woman working on a remote mine site or oil rig, a connection to an experienced professional working in a different state or on another project can make all the difference to their career development.”

The e-Mentoring program is part of a suite of AWRA initiatives designed to attract, retain and develop women in the resource industry. This includes the AWRA Recognised Program – the industry's first assessment of a resource organisation's gender diversity capability.