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Wow, our first week of Queensland Small Business Month (QSBM) 2023 has been amazing!

We have loved hearing about the benefits small business owners are already receiving by getting involved in our QSBM [events and activities](#) happening across the state this month.

It's not too late to get involved – our [online](#) and in person events will help you to find ways to tackle small business challenges and grab new opportunities.

Reimagining Workforce livestream

Get inspired about creating your future workforce

Discover new ways of thinking about recruiting and retaining workers in this new world of workforce shortages. Join disability advocate and 2022 Australian of the Year Dylan Alcott and our panel of leading Queensland innovators to find out how they have successfully reimaged their workplaces for greater diversity and inclusivity.

From 9.00am to 2.00pm, Wednesday 17 May 2023. [Register here >>](#)



QSBM events across Queensland

Gain new skills, resources and connections with our upcoming events below.



Gearing Up For Impact

10 May 2023

2.00pm to 5.00pm

Level 1, 33-35 Palmer Street, Townsville

Learn about the benefits of buying goods and services from social enterprises and the contribution we can collectively make to a fairer and more sustainable world. This free event will provide small businesses with tools and resources to be procurement ready, including information about DESBT funded small business support services.

[Register here >>](#)



Women in Manufacturing

11 May 2023

1.15pm to 2.15pm

Mount Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street, Mount Isa

Queensland is striving to be a manufacturing powerhouse by embracing new technologies and championing the unique skills and knowledge of women. We invite you to join us to explore the importance of creating clear pathways and inclusive workplaces for women, and learn how innovative employment strategies create a highly skilled workforce and improved staff retention.

[Register here >>](#)



Ideas Fest

13 May 2023

8.00am to 8.00pm

Split Spaces, Building 4, Level 2, 92 Sydney Street, Mackay

This is your chance to explore your ideas in a safe and educational space with mentors and guest speakers - whether your ideas have started but didn't get off the ground, or your idea is a jumble in your brain, or you just want to find a like-minded other to help you with your idea, this is the event for you!

[Register here >>](#)



Western Downs Regional Business Summit

17 May 2023

8.30am to 5.00pm

**Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club, 61 Heeney Street,
Chinchilla**

Every day we make decisions which impact the future performance of our enterprise and employees. This full-day forum will assist business owners to move confidently into the future through networking opportunities, learning about the opportunities and support available in their local area, and removing the uncertainty impacting their business and personal lives.

[Register here >>](#)



Do it in Douglas – The Sustainability Story

23 May 2023

7.00am to 10.00am

**Port Douglas Community Hall, Cnr of Mowbray and
Mudlo Streets, Port Douglas**

Proudly the first of only five Eco Certified Destinations in Australia, Douglas Shire is on an important and exciting sustainability journey. Join us for a free breakfast event and hear from a panel of speakers who will help you access the tools you need to enhance your sustainability efforts and discover the importance of sustainability to our local economy.

[Register here >>](#)



Create | Connect | Contribute | Migrant Job Fair and Business Expo

27 May 2023

2.00pm to 6.00pm

**Nambour Showgrounds, 80 Coronation Avenue,
Nambour**

If you are a business or an industry sector struggling to find local talent, this event is for you! We are looking to create meaningful connections between our local businesses, industry sectors, and the talent pool of skilled migrants already working on the Sunshine Coast to help your business to grow and thrive!

[Register here >>](#)

QSBMonline events

Join in the QSBM2023 conversation without even leaving your business or home.

Hear from a variety of small business experts by logging into a QSBMonline session or catchup with post-session recordings at a time that suits you.

These webinars cover a range of topics including business sustainability, cyber security, staff development, and customer satisfaction.

A selection of our upcoming [QSBMonline sessions](#) include:



- **12 May, 4.00-5.00pm**
[Tools for your small business](#): This session is focused on safety fundamentals for small business, with information on how to access resources, implement ideas, and an opportunity to ask questions around how to keep you and your workers safe.
- **15 May, 10.30-11.30am**
[Procurement for government contracts](#): This session is focused on breaking down how government entities buy goods and services to provide maximum value for money, and the process to follow.
- **17 May, 4.00-4.30pm**
[Workplace relations essentials for small business](#): Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a small business employer and discover the free resources available to help achieve workplace compliance.
- **23 May, 5.00-6.00pm**
[Growing pains](#): Hear how to take your business to the next level with Professor Mark Loon, Head of Griffith Business School's Department of Business Strategy and Innovation.
- **29 May, 9.00-9.45am**
[Ask A Mentor: Workforce management - Employer obligations](#): Learn about your obligations as an employer regarding training, wages, workplace health and safety, culture and staff development.

Business Growth Fund

Round 5 of the Business Growth Fund grants program is now open!

The Business Growth Fund provides funding for eligible businesses to buy specialised equipment, enabling them to unlock growth potential, increase production, expand their workforce, and move them into the next stage of growth.

Expressions of interest for Round 5 will close at 5.00pm on Friday 2 June.

Review the Guidelines and FAQs [here](#).



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