

# Business Queensland Connect



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## Supporting small and family business

We improve customer service, support small and family business owners, and provide better government services.

### Funding and programs

#### Secure Communities Partnerships Program

Local councils can now apply for grants to deter crime against small and family businesses. Councils can apply for up to two [Secure Communities Partnership Program grants](#), worth a maximum of \$400,000 each, to fund measures like environmental design and construction, CCTV, bollards, lockable fencing and improved perimeter security. Chambers of commerce are encouraged to contact their local councils to offer suggestions of security improvements that will benefit their local business area. Nominations close on 11 July.



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#### \$4.7 million Business Basics announced

A Sunshine Coast business highlighting the value of stingless native bees and the organisers of Biloela's Winterfest are among the more than [600 Business Basics grants awarded](#). Business owners will use their \$7,500 grants for professional business advice, marketing services or website development.

Conrad Distillery's Debra Spence said the business planned to upgrade its website and digital marketing strategy.

"It's about making it easier for people to find us, understand what we do, and fall in love with our spirits. If no one can find you online, you're invisible. This grant changes that," Debra said.

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#### Disaster recovery updates

The [criteria to be eligible for primary producer grants or loans](#) under the joint Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements have been expanded so farmers that also earn income from agricultural support services can access disaster support grants and loans.

[Primary producers](#) or [businesses](#) should check QRIDA's website for information on disaster support.





## Byte-sized learning, big business impact

Regional businesses in Kuranda and Mareeba can gain new digital skills and inspiration at a free [Munch & Learn workshop series](#).

The monthly digital workshops are delivered by the State Library of Queensland's Regional Digital Development project with Mareeba Regional Shire Council. More workshops will be coming to other regions in coming months.

You can download the [Digital and You app](#) to see all the upcoming workshops and access free digital skills training, wherever you are.

## [Food and Agribusiness Network's Meet the Makers](#), Friday 25 July 2025

The Station BC in Birtinya will host this flagship event that includes a trade-only showcase running from 10am to 2pm followed by the Sunshine Pantry Twilight Market. It highlights the fantastic range of food and beverage producers across the region and connects them with buyers and distributors.



## Businesses in Action

### Queensland Small Business Month wraps up

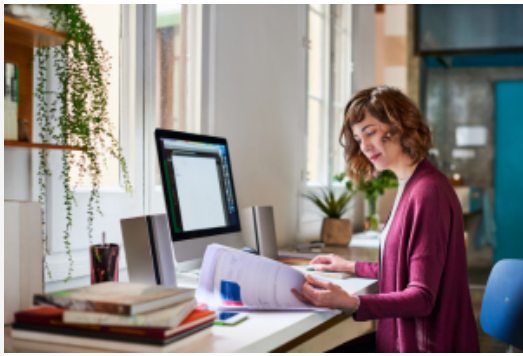
Queensland Small Business Month 2025 was a roaring success with more than 162 events being held across the state attended by thousands of small business owners. Check out some of the highlights from the month and hear from a few small business owners and grant recipients on what they got out of QSBM. [Read more](#).



### Business Growth Fund helps Vitawerx bag new equipment

The opportunity to bring their manufacturing in house helped health food business Vitawerx scale up. The Queensland Government's Business Growth Fund helped them purchase a packaging machine that could produce 20,000 units each day. [Hear from Joshua](#) about what this means for his business.

## Keeping you up to date

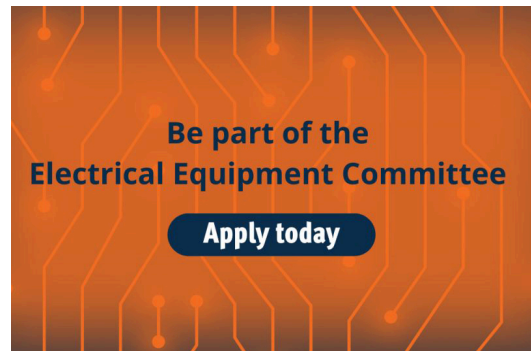


### Make a statement that counts

Do you want to set your business apart from the rest? A good capability statement helps businesses pitch their products or services and are often required when submitting tenders. The Business Queensland website can help you [write a capability statement](#) (or update and improve your current statement) and also help you tap into opportunities to [supply to the Queensland Government](#).

### Electrical safety committee nominations open

Keen to make a difference? Nominate to work with other employers, workers and community members to improve electrical safety across the state. Selected candidates will join the [Electrical Safety Education Committee or Electrical Equipment Committee](#) for a three-year term providing advice and recommendations to Queensland's Electrical Safety Board. Nominations close Wednesday 25 June.



### Identifying issues for the social impact sector

Queensland is home to around 2,000 social enterprises. If you're involved in the sector, you can provide [feedback on the priority issues for government action and collaboration](#). Social enterprises, for-purpose operations and other stakeholders are encouraged to complete a short online questionnaire by 26 June. Your feedback will contribute to a roadmap for social enterprise, impact investors and a Social Entrepreneurs Fund.



### Your voice matters to cut red tape

Is red tape holding your business back? Share your experience of starting, running, or closing a small business. Your insights will help us push for real change and better outcomes for small and family businesses in Queensland. It's quick, easy—and it counts. [Have your say](#).

## The big picture for small business

### Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's Tourism Future

[Destination 2045](#) is a bold plan to double visitor spending to \$84 billion by 2045 and position Queensland as a global tourism leader. The strategy sets a clear path to support growth, innovation and long-term benefits for industry, visitors and communities. [Read the plan](#) or [watch this video](#) for more.



## Tools, tips and triumphs



### USA tariff updates

Businesses exporting to the USA can check for tariff news and resources [here](#). This information is regularly updated regularly and there's a range of other information and support for Queensland businesses looking to reach international customers.

### Tax time support

The Australian Taxation Office has released its [tax time toolkit for small business](#). This includes new measures for deductions, guides and factsheets (including for primary producers) and a directory covering additional information and tools that are available.

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## Businesses in Action

### Queensland Small Business Month wrap up

The theme of this year's QSBM was *Recharge, Renew and Rebuild*, providing many opportunities for small businesses owners to gain practical skills and receive support to help their business thrive.

A special thank you to everyone who organised an event this year, including the 48 recipients of the Better Local Business Grants who held local events across the state. Bringing business communities together to talk about the issues that are important to their community, region or sector, was invaluable.

While our small businesses were in the spotlight in May, the [Small and Family Business First Action Statement](#) was released, committing an excess of \$100 million over four years to implement initiatives to improve the operating environment for small and family businesses.



This work has already started with the new Secure Communities Partnership Program [open for applications from local governments](#) to help make doing business safer.

### What you told us...

"I just wanted to send a huge thank you to you and the entire team for the session this morning in Maroochydore. I found it incredibly valuable and felt so supported throughout. I was genuinely surprised by the extent of wonderful support available" – **Financial literacy workshop participant, Danielle.**



"I've been to every one of these. I'm not gonna lie. They're great. It is networking, learning, catching up with things you're not up to date with." – **Chinchilla business summit participant, Kyra.**

“The value of Small Business Month is that we can have events like this that bring the community and our local businesses together, provide an opportunity to network, connect and foster those collaborative relationships and raise awareness of the services and products that we have on offer here locally.” – **Allison Perry from Gladstone Chamber of Commerce and Industry.**



“It's been really positive to come here and listen to the panel members, hear them answer the questions and take the time to listen to the local small businesses here on the Sunshine Coast.” – **Sunshine Coast Big Partners for Small Business participant Adam.**



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