The Mackay Whitsunday Regional Managers Coordination Network in conjunction with Central Queensland University invites you to the:

**Regional Social Impacts of Economic Growth Forum**

**August 20 –21, 2007**

**Venue:**

**Cook Lecture Theatre**

**Central Queensland University**

**Boundary Road, Planlands**

**Mackay Queensland**
Regional Social Impacts of Economic Growth Forum

In recent years the Mackay-Whitsunday Region has experienced sustained change as a result of the boom in mining. The region is home to the Bowen Basin, identified as having the largest coal seams in the world, as well as solid sugar and tourism industries. While bringing undoubted benefits this boom has also brought new challenges affecting all sectors of the community. In light of these challenges the Regional Manager’s Coordination Network (State Government Agencies) and Central Queensland University in conjunction with Mackay Regional Council for Social Development; Regional Economic Development Corporation and local council representatives are holding this forum.

The forum will allow those in human services, regional economic development and the research community to develop a constructive dialogue and shared language on the social consequences of economic growth, particularly relating to Mackay City as a Regional Centre. Through the sharing of information including evidence of impacts across sectors the forum will enable the further development of a holistic picture of the social impacts that are generated from rapid economic growth.

The forum will have a future focus and will draw on learnings from research and from other communities who have experienced similar issues. It is anticipated that participants will leave this forum having had the opportunity to explore issues from both a social and economic perspective and be better equipped to plan holistically for the future.

Major Forum themes will include:
- Focus on Families
- Changing Community Fabric
- Building Liveable Communities
- Cumulative Social Impacts
- Developing a Regional Report Card

Facilitator
Mick Shearer has over twenty years experience in the delivery of human services, having worked within government in a range of roles throughout the state. In his current position as Regional Executive Director, Fitzroy Central West Qld, Department of Communities he continues to lead the delivery of services to regional, rural and remote communities with a view to enhancing human services sector development, creating synergies across government, industry and community, building public sector capacity and encouraging innovation. He has presented at regional and state conferences, delivered training programs, led organisational development activity and facilitated leadership programs.

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Monday 20th August 2007

8.30am   Arrival and Coffee

9.00am   Welcome to Country
Opening by Bronwyn Patton, Chairperson Mackay Whitsunday Regional Managers Coordination Network and Trevor Davison, Head of Campus, Central Queensland University

9.10am   Key Note Presentation 1
Prof John Rolfe, Professor in Regional Development Economics, Central Queensland University
Title:  Growth in the Coal Industry and Economic and Social Consequences

Key Note Presentation 2
Dr Shane Hopkinson, (Acting) Program Director (Psychology & Sociology), Central Queensland University
Title:  Social Impacts of Mining—A Research Perspective

10.10am  Lindsay Greer, Research Project Manager, Institute for Sustainable Regional Development
Title:  Integrating Community Consultation Into Socioeconomic Baseline Study
(Paper by Grant O’Dea; Lindsay Greer; Dr Susan Kinnear and Prof Robert Miles)

10.40am  Morning Tea

11.10am  Grant O’Dea, Institute for Sustainable Regional Development
Title:  Value adding to regional planning processes – Community Wellbeing
(Paper by Greer L, Kraatz D, Miles RL)

Questions and Facilitated Discussion

12.10pm  Lunch

1.10pm   Facilitated Panel Session– a Hypothetical Approach: Building Liveable Communities
Introduction by: Narelle Pearse, CEO Regional Economic Development Corporation

Panel Members:
Department of Housing—Bronwyn Patton, Area Manager
Queensland Health—Kerry McGovern, District Manager
Education Queensland—Deborah Green, Regional Human Resources Manager
Queensland Local Government Community Services Assoc – Jan Kilbourne, President
Regional Economic Development Corporation—Narelle Pearse, CEO
Department of Communities—Frank Gilbert, Regional Executive Director
Community Sector Agency Representative—To be advised

Questions and Facilitated Discussion

2.25pm   Dr Julaine Allan, Charles Sturt University, Qualitative Researcher (background in social work with families and children).
Title:  Recruitment and Retention in the Mining Industry: A Family and Community Issue

2.55pm   Afternoon Tea

3.25pm   Dr Connie Zheng, School of Management, Central Queensland University
Title:  Work Life Balance (title of paper to be advised)

Questions and Facilitated Discussion

4.15pm   Facilitated Plenary
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Tuesday 21st August 2007

8.30am  Arrival and Coffee
9.00am  Key Note Presentation
   Shanthi Ramanathan, Researcher, Hunter Valley Research Foundation
   Title:  Wellbeing Watch—A Monitor of Health, Wealth and Happiness in the Hunter Region
10.00am  Associate Professor Geoff Woolcock, Urban Sociologist, Griffith University’s Urban Research
   Program. Particular interests include indicators of sustainability and the factors that contribute
   to child and youth friendly communities.
   Title:  Community Capacity—Developing Core Measures
10.30am  Morning Tea
11.00am  Phil Ferenczi, Regional Geologist, Department of Mines and Energy, Central Queensland
   Region
   Title:  Mining Projects and Key Resource Mapping in the WHAM Region
   Narelle Pearse, CEO, Regional Economic Development Corporation
   Title:  Economic Baseline Audit Data across Sectors—Mackay Whitsunday Region
   Questions and Facilitated Discussion
12.00noon Lunch
1.00pm  Deborah Rae, Community Development Worker, Mackay Regional Council for Social Development
   Title:  Social Investment In Community Services
1.30pm  Peter Dowling, Regional Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation
   Other speaker in this session to be advised
   Questions and Facilitated Discussion
2.45pm  Facilitated Panel and Constructive Dialogue Session—
   The ideal future lies in a balance between social and economic sustainability. How do we move
   forward to attain this?
   Panel Participants:
   Mackay City Council —Councilor Julie Boyd, Mayor of Mackay
   Regional Economic Development Corporation—Darryl Camilleri, Chairperson
   Mackay Regional Council for Social Development— Deborah Rae, Community Development
   Worker
   Hunter Valley Research Foundation—Shanthi Ramanathan, Researcher
3.30pm  Afternoon Tea
3.45pm  Facilitated Plenary and Close

Potential Poster Presentations from:
Hunter Valley Research Foundation
Rio Tinto
Regional Economic Development Corporation
These poster presentations will be available for viewing in the foyer during the course of the forum.
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Venue: Central Queensland University Mackay

Registration

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Day One 20th August 2007 : Yes/No
Day Two 21st August 2007:   Yes/No

Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided. Please advise of any dietary requirements:

Registration fee for Forum is $25.00 inclusive GST (per person). This is a flat fee and covers attendance for one or two days. Payment can either be made by Credit Card (details needed below) or by cheque made payable to Central Queensland University. Payment will not be accepted at Forum venue.

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All registrations must be received by 10th August 2007. Numbers will be limited by venue size and logistics so please register early.