

## May 2019 Newsletter

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### Message from the CEO

#### Celebrating our small businesses

It's been said that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and this is certainly true on the Sunshine Coast, which is home to a very vibrant business community.

There are approximately 37,000 small businesses in the Sunshine Coast and Noosa local government areas, which account for about 98 per cent of all businesses, and employ up to 120,000 local people - according to Economy ID.

The largest industry sectors of small businesses within our region include construction, rental, real estate, professional and scientific and technical services.

Queensland Small Business Week (QSBW) 2019, from Monday, May 27 until Friday, May 31 celebrates the small businesses who make a vital contribution



to our state's economy and which play a vital role in each region and community across Queensland.

RDA Sunshine Coast is proud to support the Sunshine Coast Chamber Alliance's third annual Small Business Week Breakfast at the Maroochy RSL Events Centre on Wednesday, May 29.

The event will pay tribute to successful local businesses, with its panel format aimed at inspiring and uplifting the community.

There, the Chamber Alliance will also launch the 2019 Sunshine Coast Business Awards program, now in its 25th anniversary year - another great local event RDASC takes great pleasure in supporting.

It's an exciting time to both live and work on the Coast, thanks to the big game-changer projects in the region, such as the upcoming International Broadband Submarine Cable; our record-high business confidence levels; and the large number of local start-ups expanding here and new investors flocking to the region.

The Sunshine Coast's growing ecosystem of entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity provide an ideal environment for small businesses to thrive.

However, every individual can make a difference - it's important that we all "shop local" as much as possible and support our great local business events.

Speaking of which, RDASC is also very pleased to support the National Clean Technologies Conference and Exhibition at The Events Centre, Caloundra from May 29-31.

Don't miss Australia's only event for the producers, stakeholders and commercial-end users of clean technology to come together to do business.

Please enjoy this wrap-up of all the latest and greatest news and events on the Coast this month.

Thank you for your valued input and support and I hope to see you at one of these amazing events.

**Paul Fisher**

Chief Executive Officer  
Regional Development Australia Sunshine Coast  
(RDASC)

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## **RDASC proudly supports 2019 Small Business Week Breakfast**

What does it take to run a successful small business? Find out at the Sunshine Coast Chamber Alliance's third annual 2019 Small Business Week Breakfast at the Maroochy RSL Events Centre on Wednesday, May 29 from 6.30-8.45am.

This must-see event is a celebration of the region's vibrant and thriving business community, held as part of Queensland Small Business Week (QSBW) 2019, from May 27-31.

It will feature MC, *4 Ingredients* author and entrepreneur Kim McCosker; keynote speaker, COYO Australia CEO Andrew Eves-Brown; and an esteemed panel of former Sunshine Coast Business Awards winners, such as Icecream Curls owner Dannii Catchpole (pictured above), who took out the 2018 Hospitality - Small Business category.

RDASC is proudly supporting the event, which will also see the Chamber Alliance launch the 2019 Sunshine Coast Business Awards Program, now in its 25th anniversary year.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://sunshinecoasttickets.com.au/event/2019-small-business-week-breakfast-9184>.

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## **Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast's \$10.4 million move**

Meet local company Sevatus, whose new advanced biotherapeutics manufacturing and research facility will be built at Coolum.

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## **Startup Weekend supports promising local enterprises**

Forty budding entrepreneurs took part in the sixth annual Startup Weekend Sunshine Coast at WOTSO WorkSpace, Sippy Downs.

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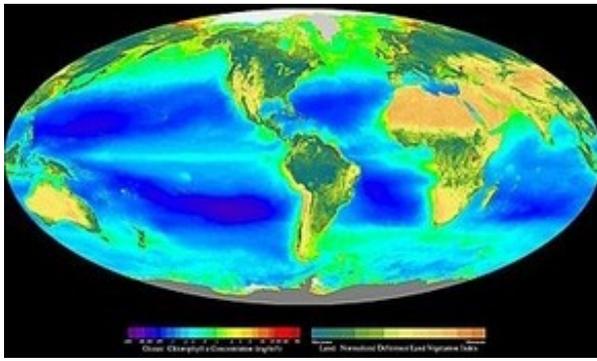


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## **#SCRIPT update**

The Sunshine Coast Regional Innovation Program (#SCRIPT) is continuing to fuel the culture of innovation in the region by investing in game-changing programs which make a difference to our community.

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## Have your say on the Coast's biosphere nomination

Sunshine Coast Council has launched a proposal to nominate the local government area to become a UNESCO biosphere.

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"A TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY IS ABOUT MAKING AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE"



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## Caloundra to host national cleantech conference

The future of the Australian cleantech industry will be on show at the National Clean Technologies Conference & Exhibition.

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## RDASC moving on up at The Hive Co-working & Office Space, Maroochydore

Heralding an exciting new era, RDASC is now proudly based at The Hive Co-working & Office Space, Kon-Tiki Business Centre, Maroochydore, after relocating from our former HQ at Spark Bureau, Maroochydore. Come and say hi!

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## Sunshine Coast Business Council cable conference

Find out how the Sunshine Coast International Broadband Submarine Cable will "supercharge" economic development.

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## Noosa Food & Wine Festival 2019 countdown is on

Get set for the annual love affair of fabulous food, wine, live music and entertainment that is the Noosa Food & Wine Festival!

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### **Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) Regional Grant Opportunity**

Are you a regional publisher and online content provider?

You could benefit from ACMA's Regional Grant Opportunity - a program under the Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund. It is designed to make residual funding from round one of the Fund (up to \$12.4 million) available to regional publishers and online content providers.

Grants are capped at \$400,000 per applicant. Applications close June 14, 2019 at 2pm. All applications must be made through [GrantConnect](#).

### **Noosa Council Economic Development Grant Program**

This program was created to support the delivery of projects which will have a positive impact on the local business environment and economy and is aimed at

encouraging collaboration and partnerships between Council, business representative groups and the business community.

Council has awarded more than \$50,000 of Economic Development Grants to a wide range of projects. Applicants must demonstrate that their project supports the delivery of the Local Economic Plan.

There are three grant categories: Quick Response Grants, Project Partnership Grants and Multi-Year Partnership Grants. For more information and how to apply, visit <https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/economic-development-grant1>.

**If you need grant support for a strategic project, email RDA Sunshine Coast Research and Grants Coordinator Sarah Wetton via [project@rdasunshinecoast.org.au](mailto:project@rdasunshinecoast.org.au).**

### **#SCRIPT Advance Regional Innovation Program (ARIP)**

The [Advance Regional Innovation Program](#) (ARIP) will provide \$1 million over three years to develop innovation and entrepreneurial activities across the Sunshine Coast.

**Visit our [Grants & Funding](#) page for more grants and funding opportunities.**



**Save time, money & frustration by learning how to repurpose your content** - an ASBAS Digital Solutions Queensland workshop, presented by RDA Brisbane.

Commentator, business writer and speaker Tracy Sheen, in partnership with Sunshine Coast Council, Coolum Business Association & Tourism and RDA Sunshine Coast, will unveil what small businesses can reuse and repurpose across platforms.

Friday May 17, from 5.30-7.30pm  
Coolum Surf Club, 1775-1779 David Low Way, Coolum Beach.

[Details](#)

**Capturing your ideal client** - an

Thursday, June 6, from 5.30-7.30pm

ASBAS Digital Solutions Queensland workshop, presented by RDA Brisbane. Commentator, business writer and speaker Tracy Sheen, in partnership with Sunshine Coast Council, Maleny Commerce and RDA Sunshine Coast, will help small business owners to identify who their ideal client is so they can create targeted content.

The Orangery Maleny, 4 Panorama Place, corner Landsborough Maleny Rd and Mountain View Rd.

[Details](#)



### **Noosa Food & Wine Festival**

This year's love affair of great food, wine, live music and entertainment features culinary greats Adrian Zumbo, Anna Polyviou, Ben O'Donoghue, Christine Manfield and more.

Thursday, May 16 until Monday, May 20.  
Grab your tickets before it's too late!

Visit

<https://www.noosafoodandwine.com.au/>.

### **Noosa Chamber goes back to the future**

The Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting its Future Series: Facial Recognition - and How to Recognise it in our Everyday Lives. Hear from guest speakers and the event includes light refreshments, networking and a Q&A discussion.

Thursday, May 30 from 5.30-7.30pm.

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Tickets are \$15 via

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/facial-recognition-and-how-to-recognise-it-in-our-every-day-lives-tickets-60857812355>.



## Have your say, good people

We welcome your feedback about our [monthly newsletter](#).

If you have regional news stories or economic development events relevant to the Sunshine Coast community, contact us via [media@rdasunshinecoast.org.au](mailto:media@rdasunshinecoast.org.au).

**Editorial deadline is by the 28th of each month.**

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