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MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

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A WORD FROM OUR TEAM

The Cairns Chamber of Commerce has recently seen a number of significant, positive initiatives and changes. We have a highly driven, energetic and refreshed operations team who each bring to the table a wealth of knowledge and experience in their respective fields. We are extremely passionate about small business and understand the opportunities and challenges local businesses face on a day to day basis. We have been working meticulously and collaboratively to ensure that our members are at the forefront of everything we do, and we anticipate a fantastic 2020 continually delivering value in a 'member centric' Chamber.

The Cairns Chamber of Commerce is focussed on making it easier for local business to increase exposure, take advantage of networking opportunities, and access information and services that can increase business efficiency. We drive business success for our members via the development of a strong and resilient regional economy, the development of a constructive business environment, and by being the voice of business.

In mid-September 2019, the Cairns Chamber of Commerce successfully launched the Far North Queensland DAMA (Designated Area Migration Agreement). The Far North Queensland Designated Area Migration Agreement allows Far North Queensland employers to sponsor skilled and semi-skilled overseas workers for positions they are unable to fill from the Australian market. an application for a DAMA.



The FNQ DAMA is tailored to address current and emerging labour market shortages and local terms and conditions of employment. Whilst our main priority is to employ Australians first and foremost, we are seeing many businesses struggling to operate at an optimal level whilst trying to find employees with the required skill sets, and as a result some businesses are closing their doors. The FNQ DAMA can be accessed immediately by businesses facing local skills shortages through the Cairns Chamber of Commerce, with the Cairns Chamber being the first non-government Designated Area Representative (DAR) with the ability to endorse businesses seeking to access a DAMA. As a Cairns Chamber member, you are entitled to exclusive discounts when lodging

The Cairns Chamber continues its collaborative partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ), ensuring our members have access to a huge range of benefits that can help support their business. The Cairns Chamber is a not-for-profit, membership supported organisation. Your continued support and engagement is crucial to allow us to continue to promote local business, and to be the voice that grows the region for the benefits of us all.

The Cairns Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working with your business in 2020.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

The Cairns Chamber of Commerce is the peak body for business representation in the Cairns region.

We are here to help our members' businesses grow by connecting them to opportunities and to act in the best interest of The Cairns region business community.

We have prioritised Cairns region business issues on behalf of members since 1909, and will continue to be the only Cairns based business representative body that is exclusively Cairns-region focused. We drive business success for our members via the development of strong and resilient regional economy, the development of a constructive business environment, and by being the voice of business.

The Cairns Chamber is a key contributor to prosperity in the Cairns region and acts as an advocate for the business community, a conduit for information and a promoter of Cairns' position in the regional landscape. Representing its members, the Cairns Chamber works in partnership with all stakeholders and all levels of Government to constructively create conditions for business success in the Cairns region.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CCIQ



We've joined forces with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland (CCIQ) to bring to you a more comprehensive service offering. As a result of our partnership, your membership now includes additional support including simple and affordable HR solutions, making it easy for any small business to run a happy team and stay on the right side of Fair Work and safety laws.

CCIQ can now help you with the following:

HR CONSULTING

CCIQ receive over 800 calls a month from members, but there are some issues that can't be solved with a single phone call. Beyond general phone advice, you can engage the Employer Assistance Team in consulting.

STAFF TRAINING

CCIQ Training is a video-based training system that lets your staff complete up-to-date HR, safety and leadership courses anywhere, anytime on a desktop or tablet device. Draw from their catalogue of 80 engaging video courses to build training programs specific to your business.

CONTRACTS & POLICIES

Reviewing employee contracts is a significant task for business owners. Employers must regularly review and ensure contracts, current or new are lawful. CCIQ's expert HR and industrial relations advisors can assist business owners with this process and ensure their contracts are in-line with Australian workplace laws.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

Monthly \$67
Annual \$799

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

Monthly \$34
Annual \$399

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

Monthly \$217
Annual \$2,600

