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To register for free Grow Local workshops and updates, email to natasha@growlocalcarnarvon.com.au

To become a member of the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce, email to enquiries@carnarvonchamber.org.au or call Natasha on 0475 835 245

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Image from www.riotinto.com



FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR UPDATE WITH DPIRD

DPIRD is inviting all local members of the food and beverage manufacturing community to attend an update on Tuesday 13 February from 9am - 1pm with a light lunch included, held at the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce office at 21 Robinson Street, Carnarvon. This event is designed to connect businesses with the latest services & programs on offer.

Seating is limited so register by following the link to <https://events.humanitix.com/food-and-beverage-sector-update>

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GROW LOCAL UPDATE WITH NATASHA RICHARDS

Welcome to the first edition for 2024 of the Grow Local Carnarvon & CCCI Newsletter.

In 2023, Grow Local Carnarvon with thanks to program partners Rio Tinto, Gascoyne Development Commission and the Shire of Carnarvon successfully delivered or supported over 17 business development workshops and networking events, for the Carnarvon business community.

This year, we already have a busy calendar with the first Business After Hours networking event to be co-hosted with Gascoyne Green Energy on 29th February, so stay updated and be sure you also complete the survey on page 4 to have your say about upcoming workshops of interest to you.

This is also an invitation to share a story about your business or news and contribute to your newsletter by contacting Natasha on 0475 835 245.

Sign up at growlocalcarnarvon.com.au to stay informed on local business news.

RIO TINTO LAKE MACLEOD SALE TO LEICHHARDT

The latest news update concerning the sale of the Lake MacLeod Salt Mine to Leichhardt was published to the Rio Tinto website on 16 January 2024. The summary below concludes that Leichhardt is committed to retaining all Lake MacLeod employees and continuing their operations in the Carnarvon community.

“Dampier Salt Limited (Dampier Salt) has entered into a sales agreement for the Lake MacLeod salt and gypsum operation in Carnarvon, Western Australia, with privately-owned salt company Leichhardt Industrials Group (Leichhardt) for A\$375 million (US\$251 million).

Completion of the sale is conditional on certain commercial and regulatory conditions being satisfied, and this is expected to occur by the end of the year.

“Until the completion of the sale, the Dampier Salt leadership team’s focus will be on safety, delivering on plan, and maintaining respect for all people at Lake MacLeod and in the Carnarvon community.

“We are pleased Leichhardt has committed to retaining all Lake MacLeod employees, ensuring continuity of operation and providing job stability to the 130-strong workforce.”
Lake MacLeod is one of three solar salt sites owned by Dampier Salt, which also includes operations in Dampier and Port Hedland.

Dampier Salt has no plans to sell any other assets within its business.”

The full article is available at [Rio Tinto Lake MacLeod news release](#)

The Chamber of Commerce is regularly meeting with Rio Tinto and will continue to keep members updated.

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FREE ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY LISTING

The new Online Business Directory is now available for all local businesses at www.growlocalcarnarvon.com.au/business-directory.

In a digital era, it is essential for all businesses to establish a strong online presence and this platform with Grow Local Carnarvon and the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce offers you visibility and a chance to connect with potential customers very simply.

Joining the directory is free, quick and easy. Just submit a copy of your business information (Business Name, service provided, address, phone, email plus your current logo in digital format) by email to natasha@growlocalcarnarvon.com.au and you're all set. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to expand your online reach and boost your business. Sign up today and let your business grow with the digital age!

FREE SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING FOR 2024



OPERATE A SMALL BUSINESS SKILL SET - This short course is offered online and being run by North Regional TAFE at the Geraldton Campus. It will prepare budding entrepreneurs with the skills and knowledge to operate their own business, and provide administrative support in a small business. Whether it's a side hustle, or a new full time enterprise, this skill set will mean you're set up for success in the exciting world of self employment.

You'll learn how to design and produce business documents and publications and digitally design and develop text-based documents; create spreadsheets through both cloud and non-cloud based applications; identify the financial requirements of a business including profit targets, cash flow projections and strategies; understand workplace health and safety (WHS) legislation and how to apply it to your business; and finally create and build a social networking presence using social media tools and practices.

To find out more about your eligibility contact Geraldton Tafe on 1800 672 700 or visit [Operate Small Business Skill Set](#)



FREE SELF EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This Program aims to provide support to help turn a business idea or existing small business into a viable business. Participants may also be eligible for financial support while they start and run their business as part of Small Business Coaching, which provides 12 months of personalised mentoring and support.

For more information, visit www.dewr.gov.au/self-employment-assistance

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GROW LOCAL WORKSHOP POLL 2024

The Grow Local Carnarvon program is tasked with providing local businesses with FREE workshops and events throughout the year to support Carnarvon businesses.

Last year, Grow Local Carnarvon hosted or supported over 17 workshops including a workshop series on Tendering to Local & State Government, Workforce Training, Grant Applications, Professional Skills Development plus after hours events to introduce local businesses to Supply to Rio Tinto and a Local Women in Business event.

These workshops were a great success and to ensure every local business has the opportunity to gain the training or support they need this year, a poll has been created to have your say.

Please complete this simple survey (copy paste the below information to an email) and send your responses to enquiries@carnarvonchamber.org.au

Are there any workshops that would benefit the growth or continuous improvement of your management, staff or business that you would like to have the opportunity to attend locally:

List up to 3:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Which day of the week is best suited to your schedule:

Which is the best time of day for you to attend workshop training:

- A) Morning
- B) Afternoon
- C) Evening

What is the best length of time that is suitable for you or your staff to attend training?

- A) 2 hrs
- B) 3 hrs
- C) 4 hrs

Any other suggestions important to your or your staff:

WHAT'S ON

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Digital Tools to Boost Productivity
SBDC Online Workshop \$20, 9 February 2024 9.30am - 11am

Discover how you can use low-cost digital applications to improve business productivity and efficiency with this online workshop offered through Small Business Development Commission.

Food & Beverage Sector Update
CCCI Office (Visitor Centre Courtyard), 21 Robinson Street Carnarvon, 9 February 2024 9.30am - 1pm

This update is designed to connect Food & Beverage manufacturing businesses with the latest services and programs on offer with Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development.

Gascoyne Green Energy CCCI Business After Hours
Gascoyne Green Energy, 29 February 2024 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Join CCCI & Gascoyne Green Energy for an evening of networking and an opportunity to hear from the Chief Operating Officer Tym Duncanson about the progress of the project.

Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages plus light nibbles will be provided. RSVP to 0475 835 245 or email enquiries@carnarvonchamber.org.au