



Mining industry gets together

Wave1 is exhibiting at Central Queensland's mining industry unites to showcase its technology, services and employment opportunities next month.

The inaugural Queensland Mining and Industrial Expo, or QMIX, is being held as part of the popular Ag-Grow field days event on July 13, 14 and 15.

The event has expanded to incorporate the booming mining sector, with about 130 mining industry exhibitors headed to Emerald, in the heart of the Bowen Basin which produces about 148.2 million tonnes of coal annually for export.

Ag-Grow organiser Tina Dayes said the event had strong support from the mining community, with most regional mining companies and major contractors sending a delegation to view the event.

International interest has also been shown, with a delegation of Vietnamese miners currently working with SIMTARS due to visit QMIX on the Saturday.

A major focus of QMIX will be a Careers in Mining pavilion, which will map out a pathway for anyone interested in joining the coal industry, which is constantly in shortage of skilled workers.

The pavilion will feature information from mine human resources departments, apprenticeship companies, labour hire companies, induction and accreditation course companies, and universities offering mining engineering courses.

Students from many regional high schools are headed to Emerald to investigate potential mining careers in the pavilion, sponsored by BMA (BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance) Oakey Creek - Xstrata Coal and Curragh Qld Mining. Additional input from Golding Contractors and IPA Personnel ensures visitors to the Careers pavilion will receive quality advice and assistance in their career choices.