

Chamber offering chance to showcase to project leaders

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TWELVE Cairns Chamber of Commerce members will be given exclusive access to the proponents of \$18 billion of projects proposed for the Far North.

The chamber is calling for expressions of interest for the 10th annual Major Projects and Mining Familiarisation event at the Cairns Amateurs weekend in September.

Chamber chief executive Deb Hancock said the delegates – limited to 12 – would be given exclusive access to repre-

sentatives of the major projects, investments and mining developments.

“It will provide member delegates with the opportunity to showcase their businesses to these representatives and to showcase what the Far North Queensland region has to offer,” she said.

“Last year the highly successful and exclusive ‘famil’ attracted proponents, investors and mining executives representing more than \$13 billion of investment for our region.”

The event includes a cocktail party on the Friday, an information session with delegates flown by helicopter and a day at the races on the Saturday in a VIP marquee.

“Delegates and members have experienced significant rewards as a result of their participation in this event over the past nine years,” Ms Hancock said.

Wendy Morris of the \$420 million Mt Emerald Wind Farm project said the event had “proven to be a successful formula in helping many local businesses connect and supply these large projects”.

“Last year was another outstanding success with a range of large projects and local supply companies able to make useful contacts that will positively reverberate through the regional economy in the years to come,” she said.

Ms Hancock said representatives of Metro Mining (\$2b project), Vital Metals (\$140m), Consolidated Tin and Snow Peak Mining, Cairns Aquarium (\$50m), Cairns Adventure Waters (\$45m) and the Mt Peter development (including Edmonton Business and Industry Park) (\$768m) had agreed to attend.

She said invited were Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort (\$8.15b), C3 Towers \$550m), Nova8 (\$550m), Etheridge Integrated Agriculture Project (\$2b) and Mt Emerald Wind Farm (\$420m).

“This opportunity is only

available to current members of the Cairns Chamber of Commerce or members of other regional chambers of commerce,” Ms Hancock said.

The cost is \$3500 per delegate with expressions of interest lodged via the chamber’s website www.cairnschamber.com.au



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