

Building newsflash number 399

Changes to Queensland's building laws—reminder and additional free training session

Purpose

To remind stakeholders that free training sessions will be held across Queensland and advise of an additional session in west Brisbane (Forest Lake) for proposed changes to:

- swimming pool safety laws for new pools from 1 December 2009
- other miscellaneous building matters and new government policies including:
 - o mandatory sustainability declarations at point of sale
 - o 'ban the banners' to prevent covenants and specific provisions from restricting the use of certain sustainable features
 - o provisions for building in transport noise corridors.

Background

Ten sessions will be conducted across Queensland from **23 November** to **3 December 2009.** Information about dates, locations and times is provided below.

The training sessions will be delivered into two parts with a thirty minute tea break between sessions. The **first session** will include proposed changes to Queensland's building laws relating to:

- swimming pool safety for new pools including the proposed new code for swimming pool barriers and proposed changes to the Building Regulation 2006
- transport noise corridors and a range of other miscellaneous building matters.

The **second session** will include proposed changes to Queensland's building laws and other legislation relating to the:

- new mandatory sustainability declarations at point of sale of homes and units
- 'ban the banners' policy to prevent covenants and body corporate rules from prohibiting or restricting the use specified sustainable features.

Interested real estate agents, body corporate managers, property developers, building inspectors, building certifiers, local government officers, builders, architects, designers, tradespersons and other industry practitioners, along with members of the public, are encouraged to attend.

Registration for the training sessions is not required. A register will be provided at the sessions for attendees who require confirmation of their attendance for continuing professional development purposes.

Contact for further information

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| Location | Changes to | o Queensland's building l Session 1 | aws training session 2 | ONS Venue |
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| Sunshine Coast | Monday 23 November 2009 | 9.00am - 11.00am - Pools - Noise corridors - Miscellaneous building matters | 11:30 - 12:30pm - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Australis Noosa Lakes 3 Hilton Tce, Tewantin |
| Gold Coast | Tuesday 24 November 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | 11:30 - 12:30pm - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Gold Coast International 7 Staghorn Ave, Surfers Paradise |
| Brisbane | Wednesday 25 November 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | The Pavilion Function and Conference Centre, Allan Border Field, 1 Bogan Street, Breakfast Creek |
| Toowoomba | Thursday 26 November 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | 11:30 - 12:30pm - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Toowoomba Motel and Events Centre 2 Burnage Street Toowoomba |
| Bundaberg | Friday 27 November 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | 11:30 - 12:30pm - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Quality Hotel—Burnett Riverside 7 Quay St, Bundaberg |
| West Brisbane | Monday 30 November 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Forest Lake Tavern Forest Lake Boulevard Forest Lake |
| Rockhampton | Monday 30 November 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Rockhampton Leagues Clu Cnr Cambridge & George S Rockhampton |
| Mackay | Tuesday 1 December 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Ocean International Resort 1 Bridge Road, Mackay |
| Townsville | Wednesday 2 December 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Rydges Southbank Hotel, 23 Palmer Street, Townsvill |
| Cairns | Thursday 3 December 2009 | Pools Noise corridors Miscellaneous building matters | 11:30 - 12:30pm - Sustainability declarations - Ban the banners | Pullman Reef Hotel Casino 35–41 Wharf Street, Cairns |