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## New grants to encourage small businesses in Keppel

Small businesses will be encouraged to hold events to connect with their peers during the annual Queensland Small Business Week held from 27-31 May, with the Queensland Government launching a dedicated Queensland Small Business Week 2019 (QSBW 2019) grants program.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said supporting small business was vital to building local prosperity and a strong local economy.

"The new Queensland Small Business Week Grants program aims to encourage delivery of innovative events and activities that provide real and positive impacts for Queensland's small business owners," Mrs Lauga said.

"By becoming part of QSBW 2019, participants will be contributing to a week that last year saw 150 small business events held and more than 7500 participants networking, collaborating and celebrating across all regions of our state.

"The new grants program is a great opportunity to champion small businesses.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of the Capricorn Coast and the Palaszczuk Government supports them 100% in their efforts to grow and thrive."

Queensland Small Business Week 2019 is delivered by the State Government in association with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Queensland's peak business body.

Online applications for the grants are now open and close on Sunday, 3 March 2019.

Visit www.business.gld.gov.au/smallbusinessweek.

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