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# Business awards for our 'quiet achievers'

**Ebony Gravel**  
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FIVE businesses made their way into the spotlight at the Lockyer Chamber of Commerce and Industry Local Business Recognition Dinner in categories acknowledging new and longstanding businesses alike.

Chamber president Paul Emmerson said it was a "fantastic night for networking, for business and for getting together".

"There were some new people and a lot of people who had been around for years," Mr Emmerson said.

More than 170 guests attended the dinner on Friday night to acknowledge the hard work of local businesses in the region.

"There were 176 places booked and I didn't see an empty seat," Mr Emmerson said.

But he said the night was more about recognising the hard work of local business than about awards.

"It's about recognition and I don't know if we've got the message across about that yet," he said.

"Awards match a criteria



WINNERS: The 2019 LCCI Local Business Recognition Dinner.

PHOTO: EBONY GRAVEL

and everybody could probably win an award if we make the criteria right."

Mr Emmerson said the event prioritised recognising the region's "quiet achievers".

"This is about recognising people who have done different things, those who

get on and do things and do it well."

Mr Emmerson said good business was crucial to any region and fundamental to the success of businesses in the surrounding economy.

"Whatever you do, you need to rely on good business – the people who

supply you have got to be good at what they do to add value to what you do."

Bridgestone Plantland, Galton Florist, Val Vaughan, Campbell Fabricating and Engineering, and Valley Irrigation, Steel and Fencing were the five recipients recognised for their efforts.

## New prison to be built in the Lockyer Valley

THE Lockyer Valley will become home to a second prison, with construction planned for completion by 2023.

The new \$68 million men's prison facility will deliver about 1700 beds for prisoners, helping to address overcrowding across the correctional system.

It will be the first new prison built in Queensland since Southern Queensland Correctional Centre stage one opened in 2012.

Minister for Corrective Services Mark Ryan said the project would deliver a massive economic boost to the region, creating hundreds of jobs as well as delivering significant financial benefits.

He expects the project to create more than 400 construction jobs during the three-year build.

"It will eventually deliver more than 500 permanent jobs as well as ongoing opportunities for local businesses to supply goods and services," Mr Ryan said.

The new prison will form the project's second stage.

"Planning has commenced for a modern, evidence-based prison which will support safer communities through enhanced mental health, drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, with a focus on addressing the ice epidemic and its link to violent and property crime," Mr Ryan said.

"This announcement is a part of the most significant reform of corrections in a generation, including the Government's response to Taskforce Flaxton and the decision to transfer Queensland's two privately operated prisons to public operation in a world-first push to improve community safety and reduce recidivism."

Member for Lockyer Jim McDonald welcomed the move, saying while some community members had concerns, there would be

significant benefits.

"There were a lot of concerns when the first Queensland Corrections Centre went ahead in Galton and for us all in the Lockyer Valley," Mr McDonald said.

"But we've seen the positive effect that it's had in terms of employment and I'm sure that this extension will provide even further employment and economic opportunities."

But he also called on the government to speed up the process.

"We shouldn't get ahead of ourselves. At the moment the Government has just said they're going to fund \$2 million this year to do a study," he said.

"This is something that has been planned for many, many years and we look forward to it being properly funded."

He said he would lobby to ensure locals had access to any jobs the project created.

### WHAT YOU SAID

Maybe the passenger train should follow?

— Paul Williams

Seriously... so many homeless families/people in need and DV victims and this is what the Government spends money on. If they must build more prisons build them in remote areas like the desert not in growing family communities.

— Leanne Tremain

How about a rehab centre instead. Send people with drug problems to rehab instead of prison where they can easily get drugs to feed their habits. Or develop one by being in prison. There is no rehabilitation in jail to speak of it's a joke.

— Kate Charter

This is HORRIBLE! I am sorry but I am raising my kids here.

— Chelle Bockel

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