



Cream of the crop



INCHARGE: Symposium Managing Director Kerry Stevenson

Some of the most sought after representatives of the Australian energy and resources sectors have been locked in to headline the upcoming symposium which is expected to draw national and international attention to the city this month.

While more than 300 people have registered to attend the inaugural Resources and Energy Symposium from May 23-25, local interest has so far been limited to the smaller mining companies within the area, organisers said.

Symposium Managing Director, Kerry Stevenson, urged locals to attend the conference and said it would give them access to leading market analysts and CEOs from companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.

"We're very keen to get some support for this," Ms Stevenson told the BDT.

"This is just a fantastic event for Broken Hill.

"We want everyone to embrace us and help it grow. We want to make it an internationally recognised event for the resources industry and investors."

The symposium, which will be held at the Civic Centre, has attracted a high calibre of speakers and 60 exhibitors from a range of specialities including energy, geology, mining, exploration and investment.

The 20 keynote speakers include Ms Stevenson, *By Gayle Hogan* Professor Ian Plimer from the University of Adelaide and Mayor Wincen Cuy.

Other speakers include Professor Dr Richard Hames, Founding Director and President of the Asian

Foresight Institute.

Ms Stevenson said Dr Hames was one of the most sought-after experts on the challenges facing the economy.

Michael Blythe, a Chief Economist with the Commonwealth Bank, will also be a keynote speaker. Mr Blythe is responsible for monitoring, analysing and forecasting trends in the Australian economy and financial markets.

Nick Sheard, Executive Chairman of Carpentaria Exploration, will also be making a presentation.

Mr Sheard started Carpentaria in 2007 and within three years announced a Maiden Resource at the Hawsons Iron Ore Project, 60 kilometres south of Broken Hill.

Other speakers will include Integrated Energy Principal Consultant

James Westcott, Newcrest Managing Director and CEO Ian Smith, Redd Interactive Managing Director Rich Evans, Noah's Rule Managing Director Sean Russo, AMEC CEO Simon Bennison, Gell Southam Group's Mark Gell and The Fifth Estate Director Bill Hurditch.

Ms Stevenson described the agenda for what is planned to become an annual event as "amazing".

"We want to work with Broken Hill, we want to make this an event where everyone wins. We've got to go in with a bang, not a whimper."

Major sponsors of the event include Runge, Commonwealth Bank, Carpentaria Exploration and CBH Resources.

The first day of the conference will conclude with a Camel Auction

for the "Right on Track Gala Dinner" and a civic reception hosted by City Council.

All profits from this and subsequent annual events will go towards educating students wanting to undertake tertiary education in the resources field. Recipients will be selected by an independent panel.

There is a special discounted rate for local residents of \$275 for all three days and includes sessions, morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch.

To register and receive the discounted rate visit www.bhlocal.eventbrite.com or call (02) 9299 4350.

For more information visit www.symposium.net.au.