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## Innovation Centre fuels Cleantech revolution

The Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast is fuelling a clean technologies revolution on the Sunshine Coast, presenting the first annual Clean Futures Conference bringing together the best experts in the field.

The two-day practical Clean Futures conference will be held at the University of the Sunshine Coast on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October, offering business entrepreneurs the opportunity to hear from experts and accelerate their Clean Tech business' growth.

Clean Futures will showcase the experience and expertise of Australia's leading Cleantech entrepreneurs, experts and advisors: including John O'Brien, Australian Cleantech, Bob and Christine Cameron, Rockcote, Gayne Emblin, Ritek, David Lumb, Clearmake and Mark Leckenby, Auzion.

The two-day conference begins with a Cleantech Site Tour on Thursday 21 October offering an exclusive group the opportunity to visit three leading Sunshine Coast Cleantech business sites. Thursday evening the Innovation Centre will host Green Drinks; trade display and networking event in partnership with the Cleantech Industries Sunshine Coast and with the support of industry sponsor local power inverters manufacturer Latronics.

On Friday 22 October, the Cleantech Dream Team of more than 12 industry professionals, experts and entrepreneurs will share their experiences and provide practical insights into growing a successful Cleantech business.

"The Sunshine Coast is positioned to become one of Australia's Cleantech hotspots and this conference will provide a practical forum for anyone looking at advancing their business in the emerging Cleantech sector," Innovation Centre CEO Colin Graham said.

Registration for the Study Tour, Green Drinks and Workshop is \$350 (plus GST) per person, or \$245 (plus GST) for the Workshop, \$95 (plus GST) for the Study Tour and \$55 (plus GST) for the Green Drinks. Student rates are available – for details and eligibility contact Hayley Passmore on 07 5450 2600.

To secure your place at the Clean Future conference phone Event Coordinator Hayley Passmore on 07 5450 2609 or go online to [www.innovationcentre.com.au/cleanfutures](http://www.innovationcentre.com.au/cleanfutures).

The Clean Futures 2010 Conference is proudly sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

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**About the Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast:**

Established in 2002, the Innovation Centre, a University of the Sunshine Coast company, aims to create new jobs in new industries for the Sunshine Coast region.

Located on the edge of the USC campus, the Innovation Centre is currently home to over 30 private companies in the clean-technology, digital and creative industries and offers world-class business support for entrepreneurs and growing companies. To date, the Innovation Centre has supported the start-up and growth of over 55 businesses, creating around 350 jobs.

The Innovation Centre facility includes a Business Incubator and Business Accelerator which provide serviced offices, high speed fibre connections, consulting support, investment readiness and networking for both start-up and growth businesses.

The Innovation Centre is at the hub of the Business and Technology Precinct taking shape around the University of the Sunshine Coast. Over \$100m has been invested in infrastructure in the last two years – including roads, a bus station and dark fibre optic cabling – to help advance the Precinct which has the potential to provide skilled jobs for over 6,000 people in the next 10 – 15 years.

The Innovation Centre also runs an extensive program of business events – attracting over 4,000 people to date - designed to help local entrepreneurs to connect with each other and the University and build a productive network.

**For more information visit [www.innovation-centre.com.au](http://www.innovation-centre.com.au)**