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Company sets up in Rockhampton



PLANET SAVERS: (left) Connor Horley and Kenton Farrow are bringing their revolutionary technology to Rockhampton. Picture by TAMARA KEMP. tk23/507/6

# Dolomite discovery can capture gases

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HE may not have grandchildren of his own, but if this quiet, clever man is right, his discovery will make a big difference in the lives of yours.

Connor Horley believes his discovery will be part of the key to solving 80 per cent of the world's

greenhouse problems.

What he has discovered is the solution to selectively capturing carbon, in a relatively inexpensive way and together with the company backing his discovery, Calix, he plans to make the Rockhampton area the research centre's home.

His discovery uses dolomite which is taken and put through the Calix processor (based on Mr Horley's discovery).

This creates absorbent material which when exposed to dirty gases can selectively absorb carbon

dioxide.

Mr Horley said the Rockhampton area was decided on as a home for the research centre as it houses one of the largest and purest dolomite deposits on earth.

A former mining engineer, he said the discovery had been 30 years in the making, conducting research in countries including Columbia, America and Turkey.

His passion for the research was sparked decades ago by a belief that there existed a "lost" cement that had been used by ancient ci-

How it works

The process sees dolomite heated very quickly to around 400deg using steam to create the carbon dioxide-absorbent material.

vilizations for constructions such as the pyramids. Calix chairman Kenton Farrow said the centre's exact site was being finalised.

He said the centre could see staff of one hundred plus very quickly.

➤➤➤ In brief

Shoppers disrupted

SHOPPERS at Northside Plaza were thrown into turmoil yesterday afternoon when about 400 people were evacuated from the centre following a phone threat.

Rockhampton Police Inspector Darren Harland said Woolworths supermarket received the call about 12pm, and police evacuated the building and searched the area.

He said the building was declared safe about 1.30pm, and investigations led Rockhampton CIB to a phone booth on Yaamba Road. The culprit is not yet known.

Fatigue addressed

THE Mines Inspectorate is investigating options to help prevent fatigue-related incidents in the mining industry, Minister for Mines and Energy Geoff Wilson said yesterday.

"One option includes bus services for mine workers who travel long distances to get to and from mine sites," he said.

Since March, mines inspectors have done three of the 10 unannounced safety audits planned for the year at selected mines across Queensland.

Unsafe actions

AN air crew on a cargo flight out of Rockhampton put itself at risk by not donning oxygen masks after the cabin filled with smoke in December, 2005, according to findings of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

On the Fairchild Industries Metroliner flight to Mackay, the crew headed back towards Rockhampton without the masks after failed attempts to clear the cabin of smoke using depressurisation and fans.

Election delay call

LOCAL Government Association of Queensland president Councillor Paul Bell has called on the State Government to delay next year's council elections to allow the Local Government Reform Commission more time to study proposed amalgamations.

He said the reform commission report would be delivered in August and legislated in September with no time for public comment.

Year 1 special

The Morning Bulletin will publish a special 24-page full-colour liftout of Year 1 photographs on Thursday, May 31.

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