



Teys Australia

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Media Release

Teys Australia wins state-wide multicultural award

A Rockhampton beef processing company has been named the regional winner of a major Queensland Government award for cultural diversity.

Teys Australia was presented with the Minister's Enterprise Award by Minister for Multicultural Affairs Glen Elmes, at a ceremony in Brisbane on [Friday](#) night.

However the company says the award should be shared by the entire community who have "embraced the wonderful people from different cultures that have settled in the region".

Teys Australia General Manager Corporate Affairs Tom Maguire said while the majority of the company's 4500 workers nationally were from local regions, there were simply not enough local workers to operate the plants.

"In Rockhampton, the mining boom left an employment shortfall. We then turned to international workers to fill the places and the results were not only great for us but for the economy and social fabric of Rockhampton," he said.

The Queensland Government's official statement reads as follows:

Teys' commitment to valuing diversity has advanced inclusion in the workplace and delivered real outcomes in Rockhampton's culturally diverse community.

As Rockhampton's largest single employer, employing more than 1000 people of 29 different nationalities, Teys is a key employer of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in the local community.

Teys employs a significant number of humanitarian refugees and supports induction and training practices that contribute to the success of its workforce as well as the successful settlement of new workers in the region. Teys has recognised the business opportunities Queensland's cultural diversity presents and has successfully leveraged these opportunities to the mutual benefit of its diverse workforce and the organisation's meat processing operations.

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Teys has also delivered significant benefits to the region through innovative approaches to addressing a worker shortage and its effective partnerships with settlement service providers and other groups in the community.

Further awards

details <http://www.datsima.qld.gov.au/multicultural/be-involved/queensland-multicultural-awards/2013-awards-winners>.