

# New edition of the Surat Basin News inside today

The March edition of Surat Basin News is inside today and shows a resources sector staving off the worst effects of the global economic slowdown.

From Arrow Energy's gas field expansion to meet a 2012 deadline to the influx of skilled workers into Roma, this latest edition is proof the region is pushing through the hard times.

"We're seeing a lot of activity in the coal seam gas sector which is helping the region's economy now and certainly into the future with many coal mines expected to be delayed due to the financial crisis," Surat Basin News editor John Farmer said.

"The region is fortunate to have such a diverse industrial base."

The State Government's decision that has resolved the dispute between underground coal gasification and coal seam gas companies also features in the Surat Basin News.

Both Carbon Energy and Cougar Energy can now push forward with plans to convert syn-gas into energy and feed-stock for manufacturing plants.

Meanwhile, the State Government decision means Chinchilla is once again in play as the site of a Linc Energy commercial plant.

"It's a landmark decision for the Surat Basin," Mr Farmer said.

"We now have two very productive and economically beneficial companies working side by side."