

Gai Sypher

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Gai Sypher grew up on the family farming and grazing property at Capella. She attended boarding school in Rockhampton and on completion returned to Emerald to commence her working life.

In 1981, Gai travelled to Canada on an agricultural exchange program for 12 months. After returning to Australia, and moving to New South Wales, Gai began a career in the hospitality industry.

In 1988 Gai returned to the Central Highlands and married. After having two children, Gai decided to do a Bachelor of Arts degree followed by a Masters of Management (HR) through CQU. She commenced working as an Administration Officer for CQU in 2000 and has held many positions over the years and today is the Emerald Campus Coordinator.

Gai has a passion for community engagement and is heavily involved in community groups that advance education in regional and rural Queensland.

In 2012 Gai ran and was elected to the Central Highlands Regional Council as a Councillor, but was defeated in 2016 for the position of Mayor of CHRC.

Gai is a board director of the Central Highlands Regional Resource Use Planning Cooperative (CHRRUP) and the Patron of the Central Highlands Science Centre.