



WORKING FOR LOCAL BUSINESS

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The year has got away from us once again; it has been a year of challenges and change. Running your own business is tough love, constantly aware of the uncertainty of what may lay around the bend. Even the most close-knit companies fray, while others simply burst at the seams. For the past few years the economy, and likewise business in general has been riding high and in some cases have made us a little complacent. With the recent rise in interest rates and the spiraling fuel costs, the strain on families especially the younger generation has become difficult to manage. As banks now start to take stock of foreclosures a surplus in lending funds are placed on the table in readiness for those willing to place themselves in the borrowing stakes. Queensland is having a wonderful time because of the weak Government in NSW. There is significant investment here from UAE and Korea who are sick of loosing money in the USA. Queensland with Australia's largest infrastructure spend and rapidly rising population will have a greater prosperity than most other parts of the nation. In particular, the outlook for the Gold Coast's economy is positive and the flow on effect to local business and, consequently, the demand for commercial property space and related investments in the region. In a meeting with the Queensland Treasurer Andrew Fraser, and a consultive meeting with the Minister for main roads, obvious questions were raised on the M1 situation. Furthermore as to when we could expect works to be started and completed in our neck of the woods. As one would expect a lot of non commitment to the final outcome, however the best scenario we could achieve is that Mudgeeraba interchange is scheduled to start at the end of this year. Hard to imagine considering there will be another community consultant meeting some time in the future to satisfy us of their plans. One thing that was clear, the original overpass over the M1 will remain becoming two lanes to Robina, a new four lane bridge will be built to accommodate traffic leaving Robina. Predominately the rest of the Mudgeeraba project remains unchanged from the last draft put forward.

Terry Hobson **PRESIDENT**

Annual General Meeting

The Mudgeeraba Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting is to take place at the Woodchoppers Inn on Friday 22nd August 2008, 7am sharp start.

All positions will be declared open. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary are vacant so if you would like to participate in your local business community - stand up and nominate yourself. We would also love to welcome some new committee members. These positions don't take up a lot of time and can be very rewarding as well as getting to spend time with some really nice people (most of whom enjoy a nice glass of wine too)!

Networking Breakfast

Our next Breakfast is on Friday, 25th July at Woodchoppers Inn, Mudgeeraba, 7am start. This is a great way to get to know your local business associates, find out what is happening in and around Mudgeeraba and have a lovely breaky too! Please reply to the email from our Secretary with a yes or no ASAP so we can confirm numbers with Woodchoppers.

Networking Night

We had a lovely dinner and tour of the Tokonoma Gallery for our last Networking Night. It is a beautiful gallery specialising in Japanese art. It is on Springbrook Rd and is an ideal venue for a coffee and a rest.

Coming Events

24th September, Networking Night at Gourmet Guru

31st October, Breakfast – Tallai Golf Club – Guest Speaker John Simic from Commerce QLD

29th November, Chamber Christmas Party, venue tba

We look forward to seeing you at some if not all these events. Networking is the best way to help build your business by and is fun. Remember, if you're not networking, you're not working!

New Members

We would like to welcome our new members to the Chamber:

Mark McNeilly from Gourmet Guru in Railway St whose business is catering, a cooking school and a restaurant all in one.

Catherine Hamilton from Mortgage Express Pty Ltd, who can be found at 64 Worongary Rd Worongary.

And

Optometrist - Visions by Brian Job, located in Bell Central Shops. They offer full service eye-care by experienced, professional optometrists and friendly staff. There are 10 convenient practices on the Gold Coast, each stock the latest in fashion eyewear. Visions prides itself in offering cutting edge technologies such as equipment that can detect early signs of eye disease, diabetes screenings and specialist retina scanning to ensure all patients receive the best in eye-care.

Let's support these new Members, pop in and say hello!

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