

THIS ISSUE:

BROOME CHRISTMAS

From your new Committee, the Broome Chamber of Commerce wishes all members and their families a happy, safe and prosperous Christmas. The best news this season has to be the Reserve Bank's decision not to increase interest rates.

Chamber's administration will be taking a holiday from December 22nd through to January 3rd 2008.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you have been looking out for your membership certificate and the membership brochure, don't panic. We are ensuring that our local printers get first bite at the work for us, so the process of deciding on a contractor is a little more drawn out. The new brochure artwork looks magnificent and will be a great ambassador for our Chamber.



WEBSITE UPDATE

Caroline from the Chamber and Eager Designs have been labouring over hot computers getting the website information set up. Apart from a few minor adjustments we are just about ready to go live, and we need member information as follows:

Your company logo, contact information, description of what your business does (maximum 50 words). We will then list you on the website's business directory and link your listing to your website free of charge (if you have a website).

Stay posted for more opportunities to use the website for marketing your products and services.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW COMMITTEE

The Chamber AGM went off successfully at the Mangrove Hotel on November 15th.

The new Committee consists of the following brave volunteers:

President: Patrick Imbert

Vice President: Tony Proctor

Deputy Vice President: to be advised

Secretary: to be advised

Treasurer: Elisabeth Lucke

Committee: Pauline Whitley, Kirk Humphrey, Ann Brown, Mike Dunnett, Belinda McKenzie, Graham McGinn, Craig Phillips, Tony Hutchinson, Grant Smart, Elizabeth Imbert, Michele McPherson, Trent von Deest.

Also thanks to Roger Colless who has agreed to remain on the Committee in the Marine Portfolio.

The first Committee meeting will be held on December 12th.

A heartfelt thank you to all those members who attended or delegated their proxy votes.



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS 2008

We are now receiving expressions of interest in hosting Business After Hours events during 2008. There are only limited spots available for this type of marketing, so jump in and make your booking as soon as possible. The first Business After Hours will be either late February or early March next year.

BOOK FOR EXPO

Secure a great position and use your membership discount to book for Australia's 2008 North West Expo, which will be held on May 3rd & 4th at BRAC. Information at www.northwestexpo.com.au.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Sportspower Broome, Brett's Pest Management, J&T Training Services, Red Sun Camels, GWB Accounting, Broome Security Alarms, West Kimberley Fuels, Ray White Broome, Copycats Digital Print & Design and Allied Pickfords.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic direction for the Broome Chamber is now set down in the Chamber's Strategic Plan. We are awaiting cover artwork for this document, but in the meantime if you would like a copy to read, please call or email Caroline at the contact information below and request one.

MEMBERS' ISSUES

If you have issues you would like the Chamber to address please come to our next members' meeting in February 2008, or for more urgent matters, contact Caroline at the Chamber office on 9193 5553 or email broomechamber@westnet.com.au



DATES TO REMEMBER

Committee Meeting.....Dec 12th
Christmas Day.....Dec 25th
Committee Meeting.....Jan 16th
Members meeting.....Feb 20th
Business After HoursTBA

WELCOME TO THE NEW SHIRE CEO

The challenging position of Broome Shire CEO has now been filled by a mystery person, whose name is not yet available to enquirers.

We wish the new mystery person all the best in their role captaining the biggest ship in Broome, and hope to give you all the details in the January newsletter.

Ian Bodill will remain in place until his departure in February, after assisting the new CEO in settling in.

