

MEMBERS' REBATE & DISCOUNT FOR EXPO 08

Current Chamber members who wish to exhibit at Expo 2008 are eligible for a discount off the registration fee and the Chamber will also rent a wall space from members areas for a Chamber membership poster.

The Small Business Enterprise Centres have an area within Expo which is subsidised so that small businesses can use the opportunity to launch their new ventures. In order to find out if your new business is eligible for this, contact Graeme Atherton at the Small Business Centre on 9193 6622.

Contact Kimberley Events on 9193 7008 or find more information at the Expo' website at www.northwestexpo.com.au. Don't forget to claim the Chamber discount when you register.

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In spite of much welcome rain, the Chamber's Business After Hours function at the Sanctuary Rendezvous was the biggest yet, with an attendance of over 40 locals and visitors.

Commissioner Patrick Walker updated members on his visit to the Kimberley, and his likely return to investigate consumer complaints, educate business and ensure compliance with the large and very wordy legislation which now applies in many industries.

The website received a mention, and members were again invited to visit the new Chamber website, check their information and ensure links to their own websites are working.

Co-host and General Manager of Sanctuary Rendezvous Broome Michael Szeitz gave a brief overview of the development, and invited BAH attendees to visit a one bedroom guest apartment, opened especially

Isolde Scherrer, CCIWA employee spoke about the opportunities and benefits of schools and industry establishing closer partnerships. A number of initiatives are in place to facilitate this, she can be contacted on 0417 915 530 if you are interested in participating or for further information.

Many thanks to the hosts for the fine food, wine and company.



Business After Hours speakers from left, Senior Investigator DOCEP Steve Reksmiss, Chamber President Pat Imbert, Commissioner of DOCEP Patrick Walker, CCIWA Isolde Scherrer, & Michael Szeitz, General Manager of the Sanctuary Rendezvous Broome

DON'T MISS THE NEXT BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT

Hosted by Skywest and the Mercure Inn Continental Broome, the next Chamber Business After Hours is likely to prove very interesting.

Skywest will be gifting one lucky BAH guest with two return tickets to Perth - make sure you put your business card into the draw on arrival

Search Smart Adam Donkin will give a talk on how to market your website and get top billing on Google and the Accor Hospitality will unveil their new accommodation extension. Plus be in the winning for 2 nights at the Mercure Inn Continental Broome

MEMBER EVENTS IN 2008

There are a couple of spots still available this year for Business After Hours events, so jump in and make your booking as soon as possible.

The Chamber Golf Day is planned for Sunday June 15th, and we are awaiting news about our Race Day.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

A new Chamber initiative will be to list business training opportunities on the Chamber website. Have a look under the section titled Calendar of Events.

Thanks to members who returned the Chamber's training survey. Relevant information about training options will be forwarded directly to you.

Thanks too, to our training providers, who are endeavouring to source training relevant to our members' requirements.

Training is an ongoing focus for the Broome Chamber, as this is one area which appears to need servicing.

TELSTRA SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

Members employing up to 200 employees are encouraged to throw their hats into the ring for these awards. Nominations open on March 3rd, 2008. With over \$400,000 in cash and prizes to be won, it's a very tempting prospect. To register your interest and get more information, visit the awards website at www.telstrabusinessawards.telstra.com

MEMBERS' MEETING

Ten members' representatives attended the first members' meeting for 2008.

President Pat Imbert updated members on progress with the Chinatown CCTV project. A practical solution, and possible funding has been identified. The next stage involves the formation of a Steering Committee for the project, from stakeholders from the Chinatown precinct. Some Chamber funding is available for the development of this project. Please contact Pat Imbert or Caroline Could at the Chamber office if you are interesting in volunteering for this Committee.

Elizabeth Imbert summarized the Chamber's work on training, Goolarri Media introduced key new staff, Australia Post outlined their new business mail delivery service and Elisabeth Lucke discussed Expo progress and developments to date.

BROOME ADVERTISER CONTINUES MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Good news from the Broome Advertiser, who have started publishing a monthly business page in their newspaper. The launch discount on advertising space for Chamber members has been extended, and is now ongoing.

To access this discount, and for more information about the monthly business page, contact Neil Bourke at the Broome Advertiser on 9192 1061.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Service Excellence Training ...Mar 7th
Website Ready Workshop....Mar 10th
Business After HoursMar 12th
Committee MeetingMar 19th
Business Planning W/shop....Mar 25th
Next Step Builder Training ..Mar 27th
Grants ExpoApr 8th
Business After HoursApr 9th
Committee MeetingApr 16th

MEMBERS' ISSUES

If you have issues you would like the Chamber to address please call Caroline on 9193 5553 or you can email broomechamber@westnet.com.au.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Kullarri Employment Services, Full Boar, Centurion Transport.

