

Griffith Business Chamber
QUARTERLY REPORT
January - March 2018

A snapshot of information and activity conducted by Griffith Business Chamber



GENERAL ACTIVITY

- Griffith Business Chamber Awards

The Griffith Business Chamber officially launched the 2018 Awards on 14th March 2018. The awards were held at Griffith Regional Theatre thanks to the Official Sponsor of the Awards - Griffith City Council.

Entries Close 27th April 2018 and the Awards Night will be held on 26th May 2018. A black tie event at The Exies Bagtown. Tickets go on sale from 30th April and are \$100 pp. Available from Griffith Exies Club.



2018 will feature 8 NSWBC aligned awards.

- Outstanding Young Employee
- Excellence in Business
- Excellence in Small Business
- Excellence in Export
- Excellence in Innovation
- Outstanding Young Entrepreneur
- Outstanding Employer of Choice
- Start up Superstar

These awards are self nominated.

KEY DATES

8th January 2018

Dinner meeting with Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka, Secretary to High Commissioner, President of Liberal Party & local businessmen. (Paul)

January E-News

11th January 2018

President & Vice President Meeting. (Paul, Katie, Josh, Amanda)

18th January 2018

Meeting Greater Shepparton Council (Josh)

25th January 2018

Griffith Base Hospital Meeting (Pat, Paul)

25th January 2018

Member Event: Getting Motivated to Motivate others Workshop

31st January 2018

Griffith Now Hiring Meeting (Amanda, Josh)

6th February 2018

Business Awards meeting (Paul, Amanda, Josh, Katie)

21st February 2018

Regional Chamber Forum held in Wagga (Josh & Amanda)

22 February 2018

Susan Ley meeting (Katie & Paul)

February ENews

6th March 2018

Griffith Base Hospital Meeting (Josh)

13th March 2018

Grow Our Own Meeting (Kirsty)

14th March 2018

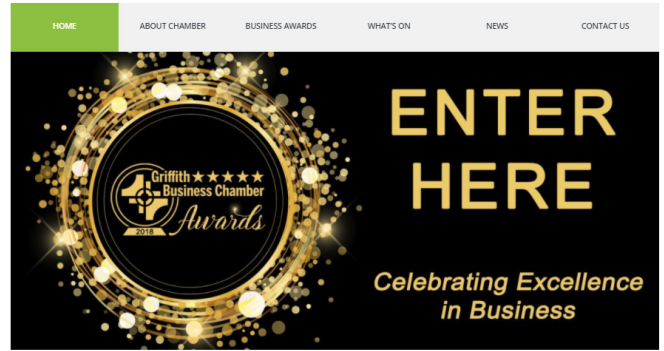
Business Awards Launch

31st March 2018

Side Walk Sale

March E-News

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These awards elevates winners from the Griffith Business Chamber Awards to the Regional Business Awards (NSWBC aligned categories only), and then onto the State NSW Business Chamber Awards. They are highly credible awards and can bring great opportunities.

In addition to these awards, we have developed 2 Local Awards
1: Local Customer Service Award
2: Local Business Person of the Year
Which are nominated by members of the public.

It's very important to note that the judges of the NSWBC Aligned Awards have been sourced outside of Griffith and are independent experts in their field. They are not Griffith Business Chamber committee members or sponsors. The business community can be reassured that their entry will not been seen by GBC committee nor biased in any way.

All entries are submitted online via www.griffithbusinesschamber.com.au

-Member Events

Getting Motivated to Motivate Others - 25th January 2018
Presented by local member Griffith Counselling and Mediation Service.

Donna Piromalli provided information about having a purpose, vision & goals. Strategies for keeping staff motivated, communication between staff & managers for engagement, identifying employee strengths & improve job satisfaction. Send along your senior staff, HR or managers.



-Side Walk Sale



Side Walk Sale was once again a successful event. The vibe and atmosphere was electric. A combination of show rides, childrens breakfast, side walk sale was a great mix. Rego forms were available online via Chamber's website and advertised on our facebook page. Griffith City Council enforced compliance on the morning of the event, which was beneficial and helpful as Chamber committee members aren't experienced enough to enforce the T&C's.

-Submissions

On behalf of Griffith Business Chamber, Paul continues to write submissions that affect our community.

#1 February 2018 GBC Submission to NSW Inquiry into Zonal Taxation

#2 March 2018 - Productivity Commission public submission at the Griffith Hearing April 13th 2018.

#3 March 2018 – Confidential Submission to Griffith Base Hospital

Details of submissions can be found in our recent minutes dated 4.4.18 online.

-10 Point Plan

In January 2018 the 10 Point Plan was updated and reviewed to reflect the member survey results. Many suggestions were put forward by the committee, reworded several times and resulted in a majority decision on the new 10 Point plan. The revision of the 10 Point Plan coincides with the survey each year and is a living document to adapt with the changing community needs. The 10 Point Plan continues to be Chambers goals, focus and purpose.

View new 10 Point Plan [HERE](#)



10 point plan. for griffith to thrive & prosper 2017 - 2018

DECENTRALISATION
Encourage relocation of government services. Explore incentives for public service positions such as medical, teachers etc to relocate to Griffith & Zone A tax rebate for all employees.

TOURISM & RECREATION
Explore, support & encourage tourism incentives, initiatives & events. Assist in promoting the area as a magnetic destination to visit, live, work & retire. Support opportunities for creation of current & future projects. Eg a state of the art swimming facility, superior sporting complexes to attract major competitions.

HEALTH
Encourage development of a new state-of-the-art Griffith Base Hospital & associated medical services, to suit our growing region for the next 30 years.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT
Encourage superior access to all levels of education, to ensure job ready students are equipped to enter the workforce. Assist & promote incentives and/or initiatives to attract skilled labour.

TRUST MARK
To build a trust mark that will add value, gain trust & integrity. Promoting a clear awareness of our clean, green & fresh agricultural products, food & fibre grown in this area.

DEVELOPMENT
Encourage & motivate further housing & commercial developments to cater for population growth to relieve rental crisis.

REPRESENTATION
Engage & represent the business community at a Federal, State & Local level across a range of issues.

TRANSPORT
Ensure reliable & cost effective means of transport are accessible for all industries & business operations including import & export via air, rail & road options.

BUSINESS SUPPORT
Motivate & educate business owners through informative events, by promoting our members & B2B relationships.

WATER
Engage with Federal, State & Local governments to ensure water security for every growing season. In order sustain & promote our position as an integral & important region as the Food Bowl of Australia. Ensure the 4500L sewer does not occur unless there's a proven positive economic effect to our region.

To find out WHY & HOW these affect the business community, please visit our website



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-Basin Plan Strategy

Here is Griffith Business Chamber's position on the Basin Plan.



- Place a 5 to 10 year moratorium of no further productive water acquisition. This will allow the MDBA and CEWO the time to use this period to prove the benefits that can be gained with what is already in the environmental bucket before another any more productive water acquired
 - Use this interim period to assess exactly what volumes CAN actually be delivered.
- Fully support Vic and NSW stance and Blair pulling out of Basin Plan & thank Federal Member for Farrer Sussan Ley & NSW Murray Member Austin Evans for supporting NSW withdrawal.
 - Royal Commission focussing on 31 Federal Senate Inquiry recommendations.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following NEW Members who have recently joined Griffith Business Chamber

- 1: Energus
- 2: Morandin Family Wines
- 3: CareSouth Griffith
- 4: McDonalds Griffith
- 5: Microtech DPS