



Griffith Business Chamber **QUARTERLY REPORT** April - June 2018

A snapshot of information and activity conducted by Griffith Business Chamber

GENERAL ACTIVITY

- Griffith Business Chamber Awards

Griffith Business Chamber held our 2018 Awards on 26th May 2018. We're proud to announce the nominees and winners of the 2018 Business Awards. Congratulations!

It was a fabulous night attended by 245 people to Celebrate Excellence in Business! The business community of Griffith should be extremely proud!



OUTSTANDING YOUNG EMPLOYEE SPONSORED BY HIT 99.7/TRIPLE M

Nominees:

- Apprentice Hairdresser Georgia Burns: Individual Haircare
- Restaurant Manager Fabiola Valtolina: Limone Dining
- Lauren Marshall: LiveFit 24/7
- Workshop Foreman Chaise Moat: Serafin Ag Pro
- Works Co-ordinator James Taliano: Griffith City Council
- Employment Consultant Tamara Balding: The Personnel Group



WINNER:
Chaise Moat – Serafin AgPro

START UP SUPERSTAR SPONSORED BY WIN TV

Nominees:

- JJ Farm Equipment
- Emerge Creative Agency
- Griffith Regional Funeral Services
- Performance and Safety Solutions
- Cartel



WINNER:
JJ Farm Equipment (Justin James)

KEY DATES

10th April 2018

Beyond Bank Community Event -
(Paul)

April E News Released

5th May 2018

Visitor Centre Information Day

11th May 2018

Submission to Griffith City Council
re: Draft Delivery Program 2017/18
- 2020/21 Incorporating the Draft
Operational Plan (Budget) for the
2018/19 Financial Year

26th May 2018

Griffith Business Chamber Awards

29th May 2018

MLHD Nurses Quarters Submission

Membership Renewal Invoices sent to
members. Due by 30th June 2018

May E - News

June E News

Many Interviews with
ABC Radio & 95.1 2MIA FM

EXCELLENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS SPONSORED BY VIATEK

Nominees:

- Blooms the Chemist
- Leading Edge Computers
- LiveFit 24/7
- Griffith Feed and Grain
- Straight Line design and Marketing
- My Lending Specialist
- Drive Thru Pharmacy



WINNER: Leading Edge Computers (Teagan & Aaron LePage)

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS SPONSORED BY AUSSAFE SUPER

Nominees:

- The Rehabilitation Company (RehabCo) Thrive Psychology and KidSkills – Griffith Branch
- Griffith Post School Options
- Microtech DPS
- Murray Cod Australia
- The Personnel Group



WINNER: Murray Cod Australia (Matt Ryan)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR SPONSORED BY BEYOND BANK

Nominees:

- Jye Michael Sorensen-Priest – Little Green Trucks
- Matthew Ammendolia – The All Natural Company
- Cassandra Smeeth – Bella Vita Tours



WINNER: Cassandra Smeeth – Bella Vita Tours

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION SPONSORED BY DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Nominees:

- Serafin Machinery
- Murray Cod Australia
- A&G Engineering



WINNER: Murray Cod Australia

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER OF CHOICE SPONSORED BY ELDERS INSURANCE

Nominees:

- DeBortoli Wines
- Roy Spagnolo and Associates
- The Personell Group
- Owen Toyota



WINNER: The Personnel Group

LOCAL RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN EXPORT SPONSORED BY LINX



WINNER: Red Belly Citrus (Vito Mancini)

LOCAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD SPONSORED BY THE AREA NEWS

Top 15 Finalists:

- Cafe 2sixty2
- Leading Edge computers
- The Athlete's Foot
- Rehab Co
- Hanwood Village Store
- La Piccola Grosseria
- Essential Bags and Accessories
- Griffith Retirement Estate
- Fred Cole Betta Electrical
- O'Donnell's Cafe
- John Dodd Pharmacy
- 3 Brothers
- Laser Hair and Skin Clinic
- Bakers Delight
- Mia Casa



WINNER: The Athlete's Foot

LOCAL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR SPONSORED BY OFFICIAL SPONSOR GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL

Nominees:

- Peter Calabria – Yenda Producers Co-Op
- Roseanne Cotteril – Cafe 2sixty2
- Matthew Kenny – LiveFit 24/7
- Karen Health – RehabCo
- Paul Pierotti – Caesars Family Stores
- Luke Piccolo – Limone Dining
- Cheryl Wood – Griffith Central Shopping Plaza
- Roy Spagnolo – Roy Spagnolo and Associates



WINNER: Roy Spagnolo

-Submissions

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

#11 May 2018 – Submission to Griffith City Council - re: Draft Delivery Program 2017/18-2020/21, incorporating the Draft Operational Plan (Budget 2018/19 Financial Year

#29 May 2018 – Confidential Submission to Griffith Base Hospital

-Passenger Air Travel

Paul Pierotti from Griffith Business Chamber continues to liaise with Michael Korber from East West Airline

-Water

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 focusing on 31 Federal Senate Inquiry recommendations.

- Griffith Base Hospital

Griffith Business Chamber continue to be across this issue and are heavily involved with other stakeholders, as well as spending time on numerous submissions and attending meetings when necessary.

- Gross Regional Product

Concerning figures showing years of declining Gross Regional Product have urged Chamber to encourage Griffith City Council to investigate. Chamber continue to be across this issue and looking for positive opportunities on how to resolve that significant decline in economy. We are currently experiencing an agricultural boom and need to ensure this continues and the economy lifts in this area. Please refer to minutes on 5th April for overview.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- 1: Bella Vita Tours
- 2: JJ Farm Equipment
- 3: Ferst Training Solutions
- 4: Serafin AgPro