

Keep your shorts on!

What a difference a year makes! At the end of 2007, we were riding the crest of the biggest boom in history, and nine months later, the wave had turned into a huge dumper, breaking seemingly robust US banks into so many pieces of broken, splintered drift wood, or worse, sending them to the bottom of the sea. This crashing wave was able to swamp the runaway Chinese economy, and as the wave ebbed, beach the seemingly invincible WA economy.

Warren Buffet, the legendary American investor, once said, “it’s not until the tide goes out that you find out who’s been swimming without their shorts on.”

In this, our 30th year of incorporation, we have our shorts on, and our running shoes. We have been busy consolidating our position as the peak business body in the Shire of Kalamunda. In 2008, we set about developing our infrastructure, and reworking our value offer. We reconnected with the Shire, through Don McKechnie and James Trail, and have been working closely on many initiatives to benefit economic development within the Shire.

In 2009, we have three principle initiatives:

- To amalgamate successfully with KDTA and Bickley Carmel Valley Tourism Association
- To establish a Farmers Market in Kalamunda
- To secure funding for the Chamber for tourism, apprenticeship opportunities, and education for small business

For the past 30 years, the Kalamunda Chamber has been working hard for you, our members, and for the business community in general. We continue to do this voluntarily, and take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your Chamber in the past, and for your continued support into the future.

If you have any business issues that need resolving, or need to connect with your local, state or federal political representatives on any business matter, then let us know if you need help. If you have any suggestions or initiatives, the same applies.

Now, more than ever, we need to work together.