

Presidents blog - October 7th 2008

What an eventful Winter we had, and a cracking start to Spring...

- Penny Wong breakfast,
- Presidents sponsors lunch,
- Shire CEO James Trail breakfast, golf clinics,
- the inaugural Presidents Cup Team Golf event,
- Business after 6 events,
- launch of the Business Excellence Awards,
- Walk the Zig Zag, and much more.

We now have an excellent working relationship with the shire, and are excited about the enthusiastic approach of the new CEO. As a member of the chamber, you can bring your issues to us, and we can speak to the shire, as well as state and federal members of parliament on your behalf.

The opportunity to enhance economic development in the shire is now upon us. Strong and healthy businesses contribute to a strong and viable community. We want to support the businesses that are already here and attract desirable, new businesses to the shire.

Governments don't create jobs; businesses do. The role of government in economic development should be to provide the right environment for businesses to become established, and to flourish.

The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) is all about helping businesses to flourish, and I am also pleased to announce that we have a working relationship with the SBDC and will be offering to our members a range of small business workshops conducted by a local Small Business Centre.

We are launching our new Shop Local program on October 15, so contact us, whether you are a member or not, to find out how your business can benefit.

Spring for us will culminate in the Annual Business Excellence Awards, to be held at the Lesmurdie Club on November 14. We have lots of strong nominees for awards in 10 different categories, and we look forward to an excellent evening.

Two weeks later our AGM is on, and members are invited to attend to elect new executive members, and get a formal report on the year that has been.

Your chamber is stronger than ever before, more members, more sponsors, more activities, and many more reasons to join.

See you at our next event.