

President's Monthly Report – December 2007

December 2007 was a very busy month for our Secretariat and Management Committee. Following the Strategic Planning Day on Sunday 9th December, Christine Kerr has been busy finalizing the Chambers calendar of events for 2008. Judging by the enthusiasm of the Management Committee in developing our activities for the coming year, we will see our growth continue. To find out more about the Chamber's activities in 2008 please visit our website – www.seqicc.com.au

The Management Committee also had the task of reviewing the draft Strategic Planning document kindly prepared by John Anderson (SEQICC Secretary). Once finalized, this document will guide the direction and activities of the Chamber for the coming years and will maintain our support for the ongoing development of Indigenous business in South East Queensland.

Justin Power is well underway with his project, developing business profiles of our members. Some of you may have already provided Justin with your details. Thank you for your cooperation. This project will help the Chamber understand, promote and market your businesses to the general business community as well as our Indigenous community.

John Anderson and I were fortunate to be offered an interview with Tiga Bayles on 98.9FM Country Radio (4 Triple A) to discuss the Chambers background and our current situation as well as our plans for the future. Tiga's talk back program (aired live on the 18th December) attracted interest with a number of listeners calling in.

The month (and year) ended in tragedy when one of Brisbane's Indigenous leaders passed away. Robbie Williams, a prominent advocate in our community, a member of our Chamber and a great supporter of our work, was survived by his wife, Trish and their children. He will be sorely missed though his legacy will live on. Our thoughts are with Trish, family and friends.

Conclusion

Wanted – Corporate Sponsorships. If you know of any organization, business or company interested in supporting and being involved with our Chamber, please contact Christine Kerr on 0419 010 637. Our sponsors - Bridgeworks Employment and Training, South Bank Corporation and Work Directions Australia Pty Ltd - in 2007 provided the much needed support in the first year of our operations. Their sponsorship ensured that their organisations and their support was well recognized through relentless promotion and marketing at key events, our website and media opportunities.

Welcome aboard to new members and we look forward to working with you and for you in 2008. Don't forget to encourage your business networks to get on board with our Chamber as well. We are very excited about 2008.

A big thank you to all our members for a terrific start in 2007 and finally, on behalf of the SEQICC I would like to wish everyone a prosperous new year.

Charlie Jia

SEQICC President