

President's Monthly Report – February 2008

"This is a fantastic time to be entering the business world, because business is going to change more in the next 10 years than it has in the last 50." [Bill Gates](#)

Another busy month for the Chamber with some great news regarding the review of our Constitution. The Management Committee moved to pass a motion to accept the Constitution pending a couple of minor changes. This is now completed and a "big thank you" to our Secretary John Anderson for his commitment with this task.

John relocated to Central Queensland amidst this review. I was inspired by his drive to have this done for the Chamber and really appreciate his contribution and support.

Christine and Justin are busy preparing for the Chamber's AGM on the 31st March 2008. Notices, nomination and proxy forms are to be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

Events

Our first event in 2008 was held on Tuesday 19th February at the Shafston Hotel in East Brisbane. The "Indigenous Women in Business" Network @ Night function attracted over 50 people. We had 2 great inspirational Indigenous Women speakers with Nola Turner from Kurrajong Aboriginal Products and Nancy Bamaga from Inyaface Black Arts.

We also heard from each of 7 trade tables promoting their businesses and telling us their story. A raffle to raise funds for the Australian Indigenous Touch Teams completing in New Zealand was run.

I attended a number of events/meetings in January including:

- SEQICC Management Committee Meeting
- Meeting – Learning Network Queensland Training Officer Sue Evans and Christine Kerr
- Meeting – Commerce Queensland Regional President's Forum.
- Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee Monthly Meeting – Co-opted member on this committee as well as the Regional Partnership Sub Committee.
- Trish Williams Campaign Fundraiser – Local Council Elections

Corporate Sponsor/s

Once again I encourage all members to contact the Secretariat about potential sponsors. Bluecare came on board in January and meetings are set with other businesses who have expressed an interest in the Chamber. We are keen to speak with Corporate Sponsors or Event Sponsors.

The support of our sponsors is greatly appreciated.

I continue to urge members who know of any organization, business or company interested in supporting and being involved with our Chamber, please contact Christine Kerr on 0419 010 637.

Conclusion

We have a very busy couple of months ahead of us and I count on your support to make it a success.

Charlie Jia**SEQICC President**