

President's Monthly Report – March 2008

"Watch out that greed doesn't eat you up - a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his or her possessions." **Kerry Packer**

AGM time for the Chamber, our second in our very short history. I can report that the meeting went off without a hitch and was attended by a good representation of enthusiastic and committed members. Thank you to all members for attending and also to those members who faxed through their proxy nominations. Therefore it is my privilege to thank our 2007 Management Committee and welcome the 2008 elected members.

President: Charles Jia
Vice President: Nola Turner Jensen
Secretary: John Armstrong
Treasurer: Neil Willmetts
Committee Members Allinta Rose (*new*)
Helen Cave (*new*)
Marshall Foster (*new*)
Kris McCue

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Secretariat, Christine Kerr and Justin Power for their efforts in 2007 and for organising the 2008 AGM.

Events

The Chamber was represented by Christine Kerr and Justin Power at the Ipswich Indigenous Employment Expo held on Friday 14th March 2008.

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

- SEQICC Management Committee Meeting
- Meeting – Commerce Queensland Regional President's Forum.
- Meeting – Indigenous Community Volunteers (Membership)
- Meeting – Paul Sultana, Distinctive Commercial Industries Pty Ltd (Sponsorship)
- Opportune Business Network – Newstead (Membership)
- Meeting – Tiga Bayles, Karen Scott of 98.9FM (Sponsorship)
- Official Opening of the 1st Stage Redevelopment of Southbank Institute of Technology
- Meeting – Margaret Blade of the GBACC regarding the Business Expo. (Sponsorship)
- Meeting – Daniel Archer and Hilton Hurst of Downing EDI Mining (Sponsorship)

Corporate Sponsor/s

98.9FM have joined our list of Corporate Sponsors and I would like to welcome Tiga Bayles and staff to the Chamber. We look forward to 98.9FM's contribution throughout the year and know that our relationship will grow stronger over this period.

Once again I encourage all members to contact the Secretariat about potential sponsors. 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.

Recently, I put fingers to keypad and collated my membership prospect list of Indigenous businesses who are not members of our chamber and who we should encourage to join. I like to throw a challenge out to all members this month to recruit a new member to our Chamber. If you need reminding of the benefits of joining the Chamber please get in contact with either Christine or Justin who will provide you with a list of membership incentives.

Conclusion

Thank you all for a great 2007, congratulations to our new Management Committee members and welcome to our new members who joined in March 2008.

Charlie Jia

SEQICC President