

Presidents Message

April 2015

At our recent Annual General Meeting a new executive was elected:

- James Hill - Vice President
- Tori van der Donk - Treasurer
- Lynn Sturgess -Secretary
- Mark Jones
- Louise Winduss
- Alan Watson
- Mark Brigden
- Peter Mitchell
- Victoria Meyers
- Jamie Earl
- Eric Olsen

We welcome and thank each for their commitment. It is an honour to work with such a talented and energetic team contributing to improving the business environment of Redland City.

In addition to the calendar of events the Chamber has set ambitious goals. One is to create a comprehensive business directory and notice board. This will give local businesses a forum to communicate with the community and to help retain spending within the City.

Redlands has a target to increase the percentage of residents working within the city from the existing 40% to 60%. This alone would result in the creation of 50% more jobs.

More employment means more local spend which in turn creates more jobs

An untapped section of the workforce is stay at home partners who require flexible working arrangements. There is a disconnect from these often highly qualified workers and businesses seeking casual motivated employees. The Chamber will work towards filling this gap in 2015.

Garry Hargrave

President