



President's Message

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The State election is now behind us and hopefully the new government can quickly settle in and create stability. The political volatility at both State and Federal level suggests Australia's political system has lost the capacity to make the difficult economic decisions necessary to preserve our standard of living.

This is unsettling.

It would appear much of the heavy lifting in the economy will have to come from elsewhere. This is evidenced by the Reserve Bank decision to drop interest rates rather than rely on government fiscal policy.

The Chamber welcomes the release of Council's Economic Development Strategy and the formation of an independent advisory committee.

There is little Council can do to stimulate the economy as it is predominantly driven by private sector investment and activity. However Council can exercise influence through their purchasing decisions and to ensure policies are consistent and align with the private sector.

Again the heavy lifting has to come from elsewhere and the business community looks forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure prosperity in Redlands.

The Chamber is seeking new committee members for 2015. If you want to make a difference, please join and contribute to making Redlands the best place in Queensland to do business.

Garry Hargave

President