



## **President's Message**

**January 2017**

### **A New Year**

The new year is always a time for optimism as it provides a time for reflection and a chance to start afresh with a plan to be more successful than the previous year.

Many of us have the nagging thought of "Didn't I write this same goal last year? Will 2017 be any different?"

We explore this dilemma and discuss options in our March Suncorp Business breakfast with Stephen Dale. Our 15 February Breakfast examines issues relating to vehicles in the work place and discusses issues such as driver responsibility, employer liability and risk mitigation.

As well as the breakfast events the Chamber is looking forward to a full calendar in 2017.

The Business Awards have a new format where we celebrate a "Business of Month". Entries are available throughout the year by contacting our Executive Officer, or via the web site.

The Retail Awards again will be conducted. Last year we had over 14,000 submissions and over 650 business people attended the gala presentation night.

The Women in Business lunch series continues under the new name "Winners in Business" with the first event on 8 March.

After several successful events last year we are continuing to hold informal gatherings with the first event at the TAFE Campus 23 February. These are an excellent opportunity to meet fellow business persons in a casual event.

Sponsorship of any of these events are available for any business wishing to raise its profile.