

President's Message

July 2017

First and foremost I want to voice my excitement for our upcoming event!

We hope you are joining us at the Redland BaR Awards Gala Evening on Saturday 5th August – THE night to celebrate the success of our local businesses and recognise our winners! If you haven't secured your ticket yet contact our Executive Officer, Naomi Cauley on 0478 202 306 or by email at naomi@redlandcitychamber.org.au.

Keeping with our mantra of "buy local, employ local" I'd like to share some of the initiatives for business owners who are considering employing someone - as discussed at our Networking Meeting at Alexandra Hills TAFE this month.

Redlands is eligible for the "Back to Work South East Queensland" program and if your business qualifies, then you may be able to advantage of the incentives such as the \$20,000 Queensland Government Youth Boost Payment. There are also other Employer support programs that you may want to investigate.

With Government incentives, the employers, the position on offer and the jobseeker being recruited need to meet the set requirements. If you do meet these criteria, the funding and the right person might be exactly what you need to move your business forwards! Have I got you thinking?

I understand firsthand how time-consuming recruiting can be. Many business owners put off hiring: however, trying to do everything yourself maybe costing you more than you think.

Want to take action? Applications open from 29 July 2017 and must be made online through QGrants – funds are subject to availability so don't procrastinate!

Eligibility criteria applies so to find out more: <https://backtowork.initiatives.qld.gov.au/south-east-queensland> or contact TAFE Brisbane

Let's work together to create jobs in the Redlands, employ local, buy local - It's a win/win for all.

Remember to refer to redlandchamber.org.au to look for other members to do business with.

Invite a friend or business associate to Chamber Events.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event. All the best in business.

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