



## President's Report

Thank you for being a part of our 2017 it's been a very successful year -

- Suncorp Bank Business Breakfast Series – 625+ across 10 business breakfast events, with 82 people at update delivered by Mayor Karen Williams
- Telstra Redland Winners in Business Series – 435+ across 8 events with 110+ people at an informal networking event
- Redland Business and Retail Awards – the largest event of its type on the Redland City Calendar
  - 250+ businesses participated
  - Collected more than 10,000 votes
  - Gala Dinner hosted 600 local business people
  - Key Objectives:
    - Retain spending within Redland City
    - Creation and maintenance of jobs within Redland City
    - Promote customer service excellence
    - Encourage local businesses to focus on and improve their businesses
    - Engender pride within our community
    - Promote Redland businesses to the local community
- RedFest 2017 – Chamber attended to promote our objective, to make Redlands the best place in Queensland to do business

## Exciting Plans for 2018 -

- A focus on innovation and resilience
- The Suncorp Bank Business Breakfast Series - 10 events planned throughout the year
- The Telstra Series for 2018 will be Resilience With In Business - 8 events planned, a mix of workshops, luncheons and informal networking evenings
- The Redland BaR Awards 2018 will launch in the first week of May, with an extended voting period to provide even more opportunities for locals to Buy Local and support their local businesses. The Gala Dinner will be held in November at Sheldon Event Centre.
- An increased presence at Redfest 2018 is planned with opportunities for local businesses - details to be announced.

Memberships renewals have gone out. If you didn't receive yours, or would like to become a member, please contact our Executive Officer, Naomi Cauley by email at [naomi@redlandcitychamber.org.au](mailto:naomi@redlandcitychamber.org.au) or mobile 0478 202 306.

Yours ins businesses

Lynne Sturgess

President