



President's Report – April 2018

Firstly, thank you to our members who attended our AGM held on 26th March. It's fantastic to see so many people be a part of our greater business community.

Thank you to the outgoing 2017 Executive members, not returning are Garry Hargrave and Gary Rigg.

Welcome to our 2018 Executive Team – Lynne Sturgess, Tony Curl, Eugene McAuley, Susan Napper, Gordon Gage, Karen Brown, Stephanie Morris, Eric Olsen, Ian Chester-Master, Cath Young and Adrian Reavley.

A special mention to Naomi Cauley, our Executive Officer, who co-ordinates our events and stake-holders so professionally for the Chamber and Garry Hargrave, our past president. Thank you for your dedication.

The Chamber's mission is simple: to make Redlands the best place in Queensland to do business.

Innovation and new ways of thinking are key focus areas for 2018, with our events designed to reflect this and increase the profile of our local businesses.

We have built Strategy Teams to participate in key focus areas and these teams have been busy planning our 2018 program including:

- * Our significant presence at the RedFest 60th anniversary celebrations in September, to showcase our local businesses across the Redlands region. We will have a marquee with our "Redlands Villages" represented by a roster of local businesses offering RedFest visitors an engaging and interactive experience of our "Hidden Gems".

- * November's proposed Redlands – Asia "Business Mission", which will target import/exporters, education, health services, aged care and environmental/waste innovation business sectors.

- * The May Business Breakfast with Star Entertainment Group and Brisbane Airport, to explore opportunities open to Redlands, Tourism and our economy.

The Redlands Women in Business – Resilience Forum series hosted by Dr Lyn Bishop, are underway and have been a great success, with Part 3 and 4 to be held in May and October. Whether you attend all or only one, you will take something valuable away with you from these sessions.

Nominations for the business of the month are open on an ongoing basis so don't be shy, download your entry today from <http://www.redlandchamber.org.au>. Let your business shine so people know who you are.

Finally, and importantly, we thank our Chamber sponsors, for without their support and faith we could not operate.

Yours in business,

Lynne Sturgess

President