



Tamworth and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Thursday 22 April, 2010

Greetings From Your Chamber

May Member Meeting AND Optional Interactive Workshop

Meeting:

When: Thursday 20 May 2010 – 6:45 for 7:00am

Where: All Seasons Tamworth Towers, corner Bridge & Ebsworth Streets

Cost: \$25 Members; \$30 Non-Members

Guest Speakers: Tony Windsor, MP & Tim Cotter, AusIndustry

Topic: Alternate fuels and renewable energy sources

To book tickets: go to www.visittamworth.com.au or call 6767 5300

If you want any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 6766 4810. Please note all dietary requirements can be catered for, simply contact your chamber team before the event.

Optional Interactive Workshop:

When: Immediately following the May Member Meeting, 9am – 11am

Cost: FREE for Members; \$20 Non-members*

Speakers at the workshop include:

- Dr Carl Fung, Advitech;
- Valerie Insall, NSW Department Environment, Climate Change & Water
- Tim Cotter, Northern Inland Sustainable Business Network

During the workshop you will be led through a self assessment of your current environmental capabilities and processes. You will review your organisations performance across ten areas essential to business success: achievement; innovation & new technology; measurement & verification; financial management; operations and maintenance; supply chain management; leadership; understanding; plans and people/stakeholders.

At the end of the workshop you will have 5 – 8 critical environmental actions. These will not only make a positive environmental change, but also critically save you money & ensure your organisation is getting on the front foot as you embark

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on your very own sustainability challenge.

The session will cater for organizations of all sizes and industry sectors.

**for non-members wishing to attend both the Meeting and the Workshop there is a discounted price of \$40*

Next Member Meeting:

20 May

All Seasons Tamworth Towers

Graffiti Action Day – Sunday 2nd May

It is well documented that an active approach to removing graffiti discourages further action by graffiti vandals, increases civic pride and can increase the value of an area, and results in fewer local incidences of crime.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with cleaning graffiti on Sunday 2nd May 2010. If you would like to help out (even if only for an hour), or would like to suggest a site that requires attention, please contact Brooke Spokes at Tamworth Regional Council on 6767 5474.

You will be joining like-minded Tamworth residents and business-owners to clean up illegal graffiti from hot-spots.

Volunteers will be provided the necessary graffiti remover and appropriate equipment. All you will need to do is wear old clothing and closed in shoes.

Electricity Price Rise Petition

After the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) ruling on electricity prices there is a serious concern that this could result in regional and rural customers paying up to 64% more for their electricity by 2013.

Such electricity price rises would have a negative impact on small businesses, the agricultural sector as well as families.

Local State MP, Peter Draper has launched a petition that will be tabled in the NSW Parliament, asking the Legislative Assembly to:

- Note the NSW Governments record profits from the electricity sector of almost \$1.7 billion for 2012 – 2013 as forecast in the 2009 - 2010 Budget Papers
- Note the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has approved increases of up to 64% in electricity bills by 2012 – 2013.
- Note that IPART's reason for the unprecedented price increase is the need for "higher levels of investment in the state's electricity distribution networks"
- Call on the NSW Government to reject IPART's price rise and fund the infrastructure backlog using its record dividend and tax earnings while limiting future increases to rises in the Consumer Price Index

Copies of the petition are located at your Chamber office, the TRDC office, as well as numerous other locations in the region.

If you would like us to email you a copy of the petition to encourage your team

members to sign please email tamcham@tamworth.org.au

Welcome New Members!

Tamworth Family Support Service Inc is a non government community based organisation that has been delivering services to Families in the Tamworth Region for over 28yrs. It comprises of **Eight** funded programs:

Family Support Workers; Outreach Early Intervention Family workers; Supported Playgroups in Oxley Vale, Coledale, Jumbuck Cottage and Hillvue School; Quirindi Supported Playgroup; Women's and Children's Refuge; Children's Contact Service; Rural Homelessness New England Program; Brokerage Programs -Supervised Contact, Transport and Mentoring.

Konekt provides a holistic approach to managing workplace health solutions through an innovative and tailored approach with the sole aim of reducing costs, improving processes and removing inefficiencies.

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Finding the right person: physically and psychologically through Pre-Employment Screenings; Keeping them safe and well: Workplace training in OH&S, Manual Handling, General Health & Wellbeing Assessments and Education; Responding to an incident: Incident Management and Early Intervention; Returning the individual to the workplace: Return to Work Services, Worksite Assessments, Functional Capacity Evaluation; Redeployment: Vocational Counseling, Vocational Assessment, Job seeking services.

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Useful Local Seminars

Investment Seminar

If you are keen to become the manager of your own investment portfolio, then this seminar will give you the information you need to get started

- Wednesday 28th April 2010, 7pm – 8.30pm
- West Diggers, Kable Ave
- FREE
- To register please call 1800 797 176, or register online at www.oysterfinancial.com.au

NSW Fair Trading Seminars

NSW Fair Trading will be holding a series of FREE seminars being presented in Tamworth during the week beginning 3 May 2010:

- Monday 3rd May 2010:
 - Association Seminar 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Tamworth Community Centre
- Tuesday 4th May 2010:
 - Association Seminar 1.30pm – 2.30pm, Tamworth Community Centre

- Strata & Community Title Seminar 5pm – 7pm, Tamworth Community Centre
- Motor Repairer Seminar 5.30pm – 7pm, Tamworth Community Centre
- Wednesday 5th May 2010:
 - Motor Dealer Seminar 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Tamworth Community Centre
 - Retail Tenancy Seminar 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Tamworth Community Centre
- Thursday 6th May 2010:
 - Building Partners Seminar 10am – 12pm, West Tamworth Leagues Club
 - Real Estate Agent Seminar 2.30pm – 4.30pm, Tamworth Community Centre
 - Self Managing Landlord Seminar 5.30pm – 7.30pm, Tamworth Community Centre
- ALL SEMINARS ARE FREE
- Register by Friday 30th April 2010 by calling 6761 9000
Or email tamworthftc@services.nsw.gov.au
Or register online at:
<https://events.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/clientview/production>

Small Business Online FREE Workshops

44 Gallons Training supported by AusIndustry are providing a series of free workshops assisting you to build and extend your business via the Internet. By the end of the program you will have the skills to build your own website, take control of your marketing budget and ensure your business will be in a position to take advantage of the power of the internet.

- This is a 3 day course conducted over a 3 month period
- For location days and times and further information, please visit www.44gallonstraining.com
- Register online www.44gallonstraining.com or call 1300 212 484

Eco-Smart Building Expo

- Saturday / Sunday 8th and 9th May, 9.30am – 4pm
- Tamworth TAFE Campus
- For more information contact Centreboard Media on 6766 3893

Upcoming Events

TASTE 2010

A spectacular event showcasing local produce:

- Sunday 2 May 2010, 10am – 3pm
- FREE entry
- Centrepont Rooftop
- Celebrity cook-off also being held – come along to see well-known Tamworth identities compete

For a full calendar of events, including cooking classes, a celebrity cook off, wine dinners, food related art exhibitions and Moroccan fare please visit www.tasteoftamworth.com.au

Lunch with a Legend

Tamworth Rugby Club invite you to lunch with John Eales

- 12 Noon, Friday 7 May
- Tamworth Rugby Club
- Tickets available from Tourism Tamworth
- 3 course meal and wine
- For more information please visit www.tamworthrugby.com.au

An Evening with Merv Hughes - Mens Health Evening

You are invited to join Merv Hughes, Ambassador for Andrology Australia, for a FREE, fun and relaxed evening.

You'll have the opportunity to:

- Have a laugh with your mates
- Learn more about looking after yourself
- Listen to Merv give a no-nonsense discussion on men's health along with a range of humorous sporting anecdotes
- Hear a talk from a local health professional
- Get all the information you need to keep well and stay well

Event details:

- Thursday 13th May 2010
- 5.30pm for a 6pm dinner (Those not wanting to attend the dinner are invited to come and hear the guest speakers from 7.15pm)
- The Longyard Hotel, Ringers Rd, Tamworth

Places are limited and RSVPs essential for catering purposes

RSVP by Monday 10th May to poshea@nswdgp.org.au or on 02 67 66 1394

Chamber Dates for your Diary

May Breakfast:

Thursday 20 May

Speaker: Tony Windsor, MP and Tim Cotter, AusIndustry

Topic: Alternate fuels and renewable energy sources

Venue: All Seasons Tamworth Towers

Note: An optional 2 hour workshop will take place immediately following the breakfast

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Peel Street Markets: **Third Sunday of Every Month**

8:00am – 1:00pm
Variety of hand made goods and local produce for sale

We look forward to seeing you at the May member meeting!

Kind Regards

Anna Richards and **Natalie Flemming**
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