

Greetings From Your Chamber

REMINDER:

May Member Meeting AND Optional Interactive Workshop
Book Now to Avoid Disappointment

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.

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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 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

Fair Work inspectors to make educational visits

Over the next month the Fair Work Ombudsman will be door-knocking around 100 Tamworth businesses to provide information packs and assistance to employers entering the national workplace relations system for the first time.

For further information about these visits please [click here](#)

For relevant, up to date and user friendly information about the national workplace relations system please [click here](#)

Plan-It Youth Mentoring Program *Putting wise heads on young shoulders*

Plan-It Youth is a school based mentoring program for students who are usually in Year 10. It is an educational program linking community members with young people who may need extra support to continue at school or prepare for the transition from school to work or further education and training.

The commitment is usually an hour a week for approximately 8-10 weeks.

The Mentor works with the student on their goals and plans. Some students will want to explore their options, others will know exactly what they want to do but don't know how to get there. As a Mentor you are directed by your student's needs.

A 2 hour training session is provided for all new mentors.

If you, or any of your staff, are interested please contact the Plan-It Youth office on 6765 7088 or 0401 798 210.

Small Business Development Corporation

Small business owners in the region are being urged to consider applying to become a member of the Small Business Development Corporation of NSW (SBDC).

The SBDC a part-time advisory body which provides advice to the NSW Minister for Small Business on the special needs of the small business sector.

If you are interested in participating in the SBDC, please contact Ms Melissa

Green on (02) 9338 6770 or Melissa.Green@business.nsw.gov.au for further information or to obtain an Expression of Interest Information package.

The closing date for expressions of interest is close of business, Friday 28 May 2010.

Your Chamber Website

Our website is currently being updated. During this time you will be unable to access www.tamworth.org.au. The new website will, however, be going live next week. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Useful Local Seminars

Build and Extend your Business Online – **ONLY 13 PLACES LEFT**

This series of valuable workshops will empower small businesses to grow through interaction with the internet, and offers valuable training, skills, and tools usually only available in larger metropolitan centres.

- Starting next week - **Tuesday 11th May 2010**
- Tamworth Wests League Club
- 3 interactive hands-on workshops
- **FREE**
- Register online www.44gallonstraining.com or call 1300 212 484

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.

Eco-Smart Building Expo – **THIS WEEKEND**

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

Upcoming Events

Ben Chifley Scholarships

Nominations for the 2010 Scholarships for 1st year apprentices close on 31 May 2010. The scholarship is worth \$5,000 per year for the first 3 years of their apprenticeship and is for any apprentice who can demonstrate hardship and aptitude for their trade in country areas.

Further information and the guidelines are available from:

www.training.nsw.gov.au.

Chamber Dates for your Diary

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Peel Street Markets: **Third Sunday of Every Month**
8:00am – 1:00pm
Variety of hand made goods and local produce for sale

Save the date: **2010 Quality Business Awards** – Friday 10 September 2010

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

Kind Regards

Anna Richards and **Natalie Flemming**
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