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- GT Business Awards

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHAMBER?

Presidents Report

The 2013 George Town Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards were presented at a cocktail party to be held at Peppers York Cove on the 9th August at 6PM.

In attendance was Geoff Lyons MP, Labours federal member for Bass, as well as his Liberal opponent for the upcoming election Mr Andrew Nikolic. Both were available all night to talk to business owners & operators about what matters to us and gave those present the opportunity to ask the hard questions of them in the lead up to the federal election.

Well it doesn't seem as though anything is getting easier in the North with more jobs lost in manufacturing throughout various regions of Northern Tasmania. As I'm sure everyone is aware, Bell Bay Aluminum has reduced its workforce by 18 roles with 12 voluntary redundancies being taken at the plant. On top of these cut backs we have also seen the announcement that OneSteel will close its Bell Bay recycling operation at the end of September.

With the ever growing unemployment rate in the north, the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce, along with the State Government, held a "crisis meeting" to discuss the state of affairs affecting employment in Tasmania and to come up with key strategies to help grow jobs. I attended this Jobs Forum on the 7th August as representative of all businesses in our municipality and will keep you all informed as strategies are developed.



With the federal election looming on the 7th September its still not too late to sign up to the "Small Business, Too Big to Ignore" campaign being rung by the Australian Chamber of Commerce and industry. The more small businesses who jump on board this initiative, the more likely it will be for the big parties to come up with reforms to assist with things such as rising penalty rate, red tape and increased business tax. For more information visit www.toobigtoignore.org.au and register on the page to show your support for this campaign. There is also the opportunity for businesses to tell their story. These stories may be used as part of the lobbying efforts taking place. This campaign is pivotal for our region as we are reliant on small businesses and we can't afford for more of these businesses to close down.



Results of the George Town Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards 2013

David Vernon

Assistant Principal Port
Dalrymple School

Jarrold Bannon

Student

Mike Moss

Amcal Pharmacy

Customer Service – Individual

Emma Geale

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Customer Service – Business

Belle's Tea Rooms

Sponsored by **the ORS GROUP**

Tourism

Bass an Flinders Centre

Sponsored by the **George Town Council**

Best Business Presentation

The Oven Bakery

Sponsored by the **Heritage Isle Credit Union**

Most Popular Business 2013

Belle's Tea Rooms

Sponsored by **Ivan Dean MLC**
Independent Member for Windermere

Small Business

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Innovation in Business

East Tamar Maintenance

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