



# George Town Chamber of Commerce Inc

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## GTCC Committee 2014

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#### Brenda Gunst

Homoeopath and Hypnotherapist

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHAMBER?

### Presidents Report 2013

2013 has continued to see challenges for the George Town business community. With more jobs lost from the Bell Bay precinct including the closure of OneSteel, and a number of other businesses in the Tamar Valley and surrounding regions either closing up shop or culling their workforce.

It has been the goal of the Chamber of Commerce for 2013 to try and grow the profile of the George Town region and to show the rest of Tasmania we are a viable and fighting business community. I have attended a number of key events in the 2013 such as the budget launches and reply's and the TCCI jobs forum and jobs forum reply to network with colleagues from other business regions, other regional chamber of commerce's and Politian's. I believe that we are making headway and in 2013 the TCCI launched the Chamber Alliance which has allowed all regional chamber of commerce's to unite and work towards common goals for struggling regional business communities. Through partnership with Southern Cross Television we were also able to secure 4 weeks of advertising in the lead up to the George Town Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence awards that was played throughout the North of Tasmania in an attempt to again boost the profile of the region.

2013 has seen a number of events take place and it has been challenging for the Executive Committee with new members in office bearing roles trying to find their feet. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Terri Cameron for all her hard work this year as Secretary and Liaison officer. Terri worked tirelessly to encourage businesses to nominate for the annual chamber of commerce business awards and as well as enduring the pain staking task of preparing the new WWW books which were rolled out just prior to Christmas. Congratulations again to the winners from our Annual Awards Ceremony held in August 2013, including NewsXpress George Town, Emma Geale (The Hair Parlour), Belles' Tea Room, East Tamar Maintenance, The Bass and Flinders Centre and The Oven Bakery, who were recognised for their hard work, commitment to customer service and innovations in their industry. I'm sure that this year, we will again see more nominations for these awards and we thank everyone for their support and getting behind the initiative. Let's make the 2014 awards the best George Town has ever seen! Big congratulations also to The Bass and Flinders Centre and Heritage Isle who were both also recognised for their contribution by their respective industries for being short listed as a finalist in the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.

In the lead up to Christmas the Chamber of Commerce took on an initiative kicked off by Sue Sheriff in 2012 to promote shopping locally during the busy Christmas period. This year, again with a push from Terri we saw 24 business get involved. 4 weekly prizes of \$100 were given away and a grand prize of \$1000 2 days before Christmas. This promotion seemed to be well received, and we will again run this promotion in 2014.

The Chamber has continued to support the local students at each of the schools this year with financial awards given to students who try hard throughout the year. This was greatly appreciated by the schools and it is important that the Chamber continues to provide support to locals students.

Membership has continued to stay steady this year even though many members have struggled with the economic climate. Financially the Chamber is in a sound financial position and this is expected to continue.

Membership fees have again stayed stable with no increases for the last couple of years which we see as the Chambers way of supporting businesses in more difficult times. We will endeavour to roll out a membership pack in 2014 which will give businesses clear understanding of what they receive for their membership to the George Town Chamber of Commerce.

Looking forward to 2014, there are a number of things that will keep us busy including the State Government elections, pending announcements on the sale of the Gunns assets for the Pulp Mill, further development of the George Town Community Consultative Committee and the Big Picture Tasmania Campaigns as well as advocating for tourism and container shipping in our region.

The George Town Chamber of Commerce has been trying to make contact with Octagon to discuss how we can partner up and make the Targa Tourism Prologue a more successful and prosperous event for local business however neither the council or Octagon and assisting us at this point in time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee for 2014, for volunteering their time to help run the George Town Chamber of Commerce. To all departing members, thank you for your involvement and to our new face, Brenda Gunst, we welcome your fresh ideas on the Executive Committee during 2014.

Thankyou—Alan Golley

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**New Executive Committee Member Profile: Brenda Gunst****From Brenda:**

"Many people in George Town may remember my little shop "Thymeless Solutions" at the front of our building. We moved to George Town from Victoria about 10 years ago, captivated by the unique scenery and friendly people and a love of old houses.

My business ceased the retail side when my husband Brian had a patch of very bad health. My background is mainly as a health professional but also hospitality and clay sculpture. During Brian's illness, we encountered family medical issues where the answers were not a solution, despite multiple consultations. Eventually I went to complementary health practitioners and with some issues, found immediate solutions, whilst others took longer. Curiosity lead to further study and qualifications, but learning, as always is ongoing.

I now practice as a Homoeopath (classical background) and Hypnotherapist, working part time-semi retired and only by appointment.

George Town currently has many issues, lack of jobs, demographics and as it is so scattered and diverse—effective communication. Our local businesses are important and deserve all the support that locals can offer: IE. Supporting George Town to be a vibrant, inclusive community.

Previously I was on the Executive of the Chamber and I hope I can offer some small positive impact with my re election. "

**Welcome Brenda—it is great to have you on the G.T. Chamber Executive Committee**

**Event: "Wings and Things"—George Town Airport****Wings and Things**

**Sunday 16 February 2014**

George Town Airport  
10am to 4pm  
Entry - \$2 each of \$5 a car load

Vintage and Classic Cars  
Planes  
Food and drinks

The President and members of the Rotary Club of George Town are seeking help with a local fundraiser.

On Sunday, 16 February 2014 the Rotary Club of George Town will be presenting an Aero Club Open Day in conjunction with the George Town Airport committee. All funds raised will be shared by the Aero Club and Rotary, and will be used to support local initiatives.

The Open Day will include a fly in, aeroplane display, classic and vintage car show, motor bike show, food and drink stalls and other fund raising activities.

They are looking for assistance with support in kind in any form whether it is promoting, or participating in the event.

Any support will be most welcome . Please contact Dianne Duggan if you are able to get involved, [diane4789@gmail.com](mailto:diane4789@gmail.com) , or, just turn up on the day if you would like to participate in events.