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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHAMBER?

Presidents Comments:

Election:

I'm sure everyone is glad the election is over and we can now move forward and get on with job at hand. Congratulations to Peter Gutwein, Michael Ferguson and Michelle O'Byrne who have all retained their seats in parliament. We now await the results of the 4th seat which will be between Liberal candidates Sarah Courtney and Barry Jarvis with Sarah slightly ahead at this stage. The 5th seat is likely to be retained by Kim Booth of the Greens who, with 90% of the votes counted has pulled away from and is taking a decisive lead over Labours Bryan Wightman. It seems that the people of Bass, as with the federal election have shown how disenfranchised they are with the Labour Party, and that they believe it is time for a change and to give someone else a crack at fixing up this mess of an economy that has developed in recent years. There was a 15% swing towards the Liberal Party in Bass with them receiving 57.5% of the total primary vote. Labour had a swing of 11% against them picking up only 23.5% of the total primary vote and the Greens had a swing of 8.5% against them picking up 12.5% of the vote. Palmer United Party's first crack at the Tasmanian political front saw them pick up 5% of the total primary vote. A far cry from what their leader, Clive Palmer was predicting.

Vandalism / Shoplifting in George Town:

A number of George Town businesses have expressed concerns regarding some recent spates of vandalism and shoplifting. The George Town Chamber of Commerce has representation on the George Town Community Safety Committee and is committed to ensuring that all shop owners concerns and issues surrounding damage to their shops, equipment or assets are voiced to the stakeholders capable of monitoring these occurrences. Please remember to report any information regarding vandalism, damage or shoplifting to the Chamber.

A couple of businesses in the main street have advised us that they would like to start a **shoplifting notification** group. If you are interested, please contact us and we will put you in contact with Sue from NewsXpress. This will be a great tool for businesses to share their experiences of shoplifting with other shop owners, and could help prevent similar issues happening in other shops if notification of offenders is distributed around.

Thankyou—Alan Golley

Events in Chamber calendar for 2014:

March: G.T Community "Opportunities and Options" Showcase: Chamber will have a "Meet the Local Businesses" stand which businesses can use as a base when time permits; please contact Terri if you are interested in getting involved.

April/May: Business Breakfast—"Meet the new Minister for Small Business"
Details will be circulated once date is secured.

June/July: G.T.C.C Business Excellence Awards 2014
Details will be circulated once program implementation plan is finalised: critique comments re 2013 event, have been reviewed and considered in 2014 Awards program..

December: Christmas Promotion 2014
Details will be available later in the year.

Points of interest from G.T.C.C Executive Meeting—17/3/14

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Those present discussed the following:

Potential erosion of main street parking in George Town:

This item arose out of concerns raised by resident re new business developments potentially encroaching on established customer parking allowing access to main street. Discussions centred on parking issues NOT business development. Chamber supports business development but recognises that parking availability for customers must be maintained within established guide-lines. Letter to this effect will be sent to Council.

G.T.C.C Budget 2014:

A budget was established for the following :-

1. Business Excellence Awards—sponsors will cover most of associated costs
2. Christmas Promotion—covered by participating businesses
3. Liaison Officer remuneration—mostly covered by sponsors and participation fees

G.T.C.C Prospectus:

To be developed and printed ready for Chamber Membership drive: will detail benefits businesses obtain from joining Chamber.

G.T.C.C Member's Survey:

List of questions to be compiled regarding Members' satisfaction with how Chamber is currently operating: aim is to establish:-

1. What do we do well?
2. What can we improve on??
3. What can we introduce that is of interest to Members?

The survey and prospectus will go out to businesses in April, with the 2014 Membership application form.

G.T. Family Centre:

Chamber Executive group received an invitation to join the GT Family Centre's Committee—in an advisory capacity. Happy to be of service here but presence must have **business** rather than **community** contribution. Liaison Officer will attend next 2 meetings and report back to Executive group: decision will then be taken regarding appropriateness of GTCC representative being on this committee. For the longer term.

Vandalism in local businesses—(refer to comments from President on previous page).

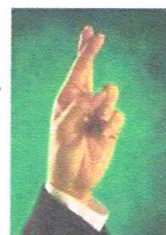
Fundraising activities by Members:

Unfortunately the GTCC is not in a position to contribute financially to personal fundraising activities but can assist in circulating details, if the Executive consider it appropriate to do so.

This is just an over-view of matters raised at the GTCC Executive meeting: if any-one is interested in commenting on any of the above, please contact either Alan, Mark or Terri.

Farewell and Good Luck to:

Barry Clark—after many, many years servicing the George Town community, Barry has closed his business in Thompson's Avenue, due to ill-health. This is upsetting news, both for Barry personally, and, the GT community: let's hope his health improves as he has more time to focus on his own, personal needs.



Richard Lang—Richard unfortunately found that his Antiques business did not prosper in George Town and has recently re-located to Hobart. He was very supportive of the GTCC and, though sorry to see him go, we do wish him all the best down South