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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHAMBER?



Business Breakfast with Adam Brooks:

23 members of the G.T business community attended a breakfast to meet Adam Brooks, the new Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business. Adam was a dynamic and entertaining speaker and those present had a good over-view of his background and what the Liberals intend doing now that they hold the reins of government.

Growing the economy by increasing business confidence, without crippling the economy—is the overall aim.

The Government has 3 main business strategies:

- Businesses need to be cheaper to operate.
- Businesses need to be easier to operate: regulatory compliance needs to be easier to understand
- There needs to be more customers through the door.

Actions underway and ongoing:

- Simplifying red and blue tape, and cutting boards, committees and administration operations that are not achieving.
- Increasing consumer confidence by getting projects up and running.
- Introducing a compliance website for each sector





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Events in Chamber calendar for 2014:

• June/July: G.T.C.C Business Excellence Awards 2014:

ENTRIES are now open for the judged categories. ie:

- **Innovation in Business**
- **Best Small Business**

Submission forms can be downloaded from the G.T.C.C web-site, or, by contacting Terri: entries have started coming in already so, hopefully, we will have even more this year than we had last year!

The time-frame to get your entries in, is as follows:
MONDAY 16 JUNE –FRIDAY 25 JULY 2014

• August 15th 2014:

G.T. Business Excellence Awards Presentation Cocktail Party:
local band the BellBouys has been secured to play from 6:00pm and will certainly “rock” after the Awards have been presented!



• December: Christmas Promotion 2014

Details will be available later in the year.

Points of interest from G.T.C.C Executive Meeting—10/6/14:

Those present discussed the following under “**New Business**”:

Council rates for businesses:

- ♦ Alan informed the Committee that the Council will be capping rates for local businesses.

Bee Bop Dance Studio:

- ♦ Alicia Johnson addressed the Committee giving details of their Loyalty Card promotion which involves local businesses.. The Committee agreed that the details of this promotion were suitable for circulation in the Chamber newsletter and will be featured in the July addition.

Trade Waste Levy:

- ♦ It has been reported to the GTCC that Tas Water has introduced a levy on water used by industry and businesses. Alan will follow this up and report at the next meeting.



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New Member: STEPTOES

Tony was born in Launceston, but left Tasmania when he was aged 17. He met Shan from Gympie and they both came back several times over the ensuing years. The last time was 3 years ago when they decided to stay. They decided to buy a house and the business in G.T because they liked the people they had met here and the real-estate prices were achievable.

Tony's passion is Archery and he has been involved in the sport since the 1990's. He says it is a good sport because it is all about you improving your own performance. He has been instrumental in starting an Archery Club in George Town which he believes will grow, and encourage people to come here. He says he is here for the long haul and will do all he can to help improve the quality of life for the population and businesses in George Town. **Steptoe's** now has a sub-branch—**99 Books and Games**, also in Macquarie street.



The Signature Café has new owners!

Darren and Fiona Carmady have recently taken over the business of the Signature Café. They are both from NSW but packed up and moved to Tasmania. The initial choice of George Town was just picked out on the map, followed by a short visit. The couple found the town very pleasing: as were the close proximity of the coast and the short trip to Launceston. Darren has had prior experience in running a bistro, and has formal qualifications as a pastry cook. Fiona was thrown in at the deep end, but has had previous experience in customer service/administration. They feel they have been warmly welcomed into the community and they will welcome every-one who calls in to say "hello". Their plan is to continue to maintain/grow the business; to make it a comfortable and welcoming place for both locals and tourists.