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Annual General Meeting 2018

The 2018 AGM was well attended, but we would have liked to see a few more of our Members there. We were very fortunate to have Michael Ferguson MP as a guest, plus Adam Gore and Brian Roe, who are both Labor Candidates for Bass in the March election. There was much activity and discussion around these gentlemen as the evening progressed.

Details of the Executive Committee for this year are to the side. Of this page



President Andrew is talking to Brian Roe who is one of the Labor Candidates for Bass. Brian has a passion for social justice and opportunity for all. He inherited a drive to serve the community and has always put volunteer work high on his agenda.



Above, in the background, we have 2 members of our new Executive Committee getting to know each other and also one of our Members Bob Pooley talking to Adam Gore, the other Labor Candidate for Bass. Adam's political career began working as an electorate officer for Michelle O'Byrne, state MP for Bass and then for Federal MP for Bass, Ross Hart. He loves his local community and looks forward to helping Labor put people first.

Some of our Members, enjoying interactions with each other at the close of the meeting. The networking function is an enjoyable way to catch up with other business people who you might not see on a regular basis.

Here are Members Chris Barraclough and Ven Grollmus having a discussion with guest Michael Ferguson, State Liberal Member for Bass. Michael served in the Federal Howard government as Member for Bass between 2004 and 2007, and was elected to State parliament as the Liberal Member for Bass in 2010. He entered political life determined to make a real difference and continues to work everyday for an even stronger Northern Tasmania.

Thanks to everyone who attended this AGM—it was a very interesting and dynamic evening made so by the “go-ahead” people that were present.



Meet our new Committee Member

Colleagues and friends, I am César Luzardo, the most recent member of the Chamber of Commerce to join the Executive Committee. I'm originally from Uruguay -a tiny Spanish-speaking country in South America- and I migrated to Australia 25 years ago in search of a new home. Having only moved to Hillwood to be with my partner Stephanie a few months ago, I hope this will be it.



I have done a few things since arriving in this country all those years ago, ranging from studying and researching applied linguistics at university in Sydney to serving for seven years as a police officer in Queensland. Later and for over a decade I occupied management and leadership positions in a Canberra-based intelligence and security organisation. I am now the business manager of the *Hillwood Road Meditation Skills Centre*, which is a nice way to combine my life-long interest in meditation with the running a small enterprise with a lot of heart. I am the proud father of a beautiful fourteen year old son, Martin, who still lives in Canberra and visits me often, and along with Michaela (Steph's youngest daughter) we make a quirky little family unit.

On the issue of why I joined the Executive Committee, I believe that in addition to its natural beauty and strategic location, a vibrant local economy combined with a cohesive and caring community are key ingredients to make the George Town District a great place to live. I have already started meeting many members of the community in the peaceful and supportive environment of our meditation centre. Nominating for the Committee was the next natural step for me to contribute to the region, and I'm grateful to have been accepted.

To conclude on a personal note, having chosen a simpler and spiritually rewarding life in Tasmania over a career in Government in Canberra, I am keen to share my own story with others, particularly those who may need guidance and perspective to navigate their own life choices.

Meet our new Liaison Officer

Hello my name is Heather Dodge, I was born in Victoria and was an Air Force kid so we moved around a lot. My family even spent some in Malaysia where my brother was born.

We moved back to Tasmania when i was a teenager and i moved to George Town in 1983. I started working at the Pier Hotel when i was 16, Married my husband Michael in 1986, we have two children and have recently welcomed our second grand child to the family. Life has been great living in, raising a family in, working and then running my own business in this community.

I joined the chamber of commerce in 2013 and have been on the executive committee for the last two years. The business community particularly retail has been thru some huge changes over the last few years as the way we do business has evolved with the changing ways and demands of the consumer. We have a vibrant community and i am sure if we all work together we can build a bright future in and around George Town and the surrounding area.

I will be taking on the Liaison officer role for the chamber for 2018 and would like to thank the executive committee for the opportunity to assist the members and committee in this role.

I would also like to congratulate Terri Cameron on the amazing job she has done as the Liaison officer for the last five years and hope with Terri's support i can achieve the same level of professionalism in this role.

As i start my new role i will endeavor to at some stage either meet with or contact you all to introduce my self and familiarize myself with the chamber members and keep you all informed with chamber business and events.

