

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JUNE 2021**

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend break.

The highlight of last month was hosting lunch for the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg. We had over 90 guests who enjoyed addresses by Gavin Pearce, The Treasurer and the PM. Gavin later told me that the PM was very impressed with the positivity in the room and said it was among the highest he had seen in his travels around the country.

There seems to be a lot of positive sentiment within the business community right across the coast and through many different sectors, from agriculture and mining through to hospitality and retail. We have recovered well from the pandemic although we did experience a bit of a hiccup with the Melbourne lockdown that caused a lot of last-minute travel cancellations.

Our many *Burnie 2.0* projects are progressing well, and we should see several come to fruition in the next few weeks. We have received all the components for the platypus cam project at Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens and physical infrastructure will be installed this week. Likewise with the penguin cam installation at West Park we will be installing temporary systems until UTAS undertake the foreshore development part of their greater project for the area behind the new campus.

UTAS will be moving in a few months and commencing operations at the new campus in September. The “green roof” is developing well and will look spectacular when it is fully developed.

We are also working on two mural projects and have final designs in hand and are now just working on completing matters with building owners.

On Saturday we attended the opening day at *Grazings*; a new restaurant located at Guide Falls Farm. Using local produce (much grown on their own property) Rachel and team provide tasty food with friendly service. I feel this “paddock to plate” offering will be very popular with tourists, and we will be hosting a breakfast networking session there in September.

We enjoyed two breakfasts recently, Dr Patrice Braun and Ali Uren; if you missed either of those, they are available online via our Facebook page. We will not be having a breakfast next week as we are working in with the relaunch of *Burnie Works* which is holding a Business Networking Breakfast (Friday June 25) with the opportunity for local employers to hear how local employment services can support their business.

It is a free breakfast event hosted by the Employment Partnership Group at Wellers Inn from 07:30-09:00. [Book here](#).

Our next breakfast will be July 7<sup>th</sup> and will feature an officer from Tas Police Community Support Service. We met with Tas Police a few weeks ago to discuss recent illegal activities including thefts and vandalism and they offered to provide a formal presentation of local crime statistics and details of their operations.

Our tourism group is very active at the moment. Work has started on creating the mobile Visitor Information Centre plus we are expecting the announcement of a major tourism initiative to be made in the next fortnight. *West by North West* has been doing some good work for the industry in recent times and there will be a meeting of the Table Cape tourism operators on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Table House Farm.

As part of COVID requirements many businesses were required to adopt the government Check In Tas app for all customers as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are unsure if it affects your business, please call me to discuss as we believe there will be inspectors checking on this next week and do not want anyone to get fined for non-compliance.

Following our meeting Wednesday evening please join us for a meal in the RSL bistro.

Best regards



**Ian Jones** – President

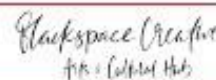
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