

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 16th July 2024

Well, another financial year has flown by and now we have wage rises, more super to pay and higher workers' comp all whilst conditions are as tough as they have been for many years.



In conjunction with Business Tasmania and Braddon Business Centre, we are conducting a special event in Devonport titled *Exit Strategies for Small Business*. Often getting out of a business is more difficult than running a business. The two-hour session is run by Warren Moore at the paranapple centre on July 30th from 6-8pm.

Tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3y8cYFU>. Get in early as it is open to all the chambers on the coast. If you are contemplating selling your business or passing it down to family, I recommend you attend this event.

On Monday, Business Tasmania released the fourth round of *The Small Business Advice and Financial Guidance Program* which supports Tasmanian small businesses to be flexible, innovative and efficient. The program provides eligible small businesses with access to relevant and current specialist financial services or business support to assist in their growth, transition, business recovery from unexpected events or application of other management strategies. It provides up to \$1500 for specialist advice to assist you. [See details here.](#)



This Wednesday we have a Breakfast Networking Session featuring Burnie Council General Manager Simon Overland speaking on *The City Plan – creating the beating heart of Burnie*. Council, the CBD Reference group and GHD have been working on creating the draft plan for over a year, and the draft plan and summary are [here for viewing](#). Simon will provide a detailed overview and describe the process moving forward. Breakfast tickets available [here](#).

A few weeks ago, our UTAS bursary winner Juliet May dropped in to introduce herself. Juliet is a very driven young woman studying two degrees at the Cradle Coast campus. Having moved to the North West Coast of Tasmania in October last year, Juliet is incredibly grateful for Business Northwest's bursary, which has helped to alleviate much of the financial strain that comes from studying full time.



[See her full story here.](#)

We welcome a member of The Salvation Army network *Employment Plus* as a Silver member. The mission of Employment Plus is to change lives and communities through the power of employment. The organisation will be represented by Kate Rowlands.



We participated in the *Permission to Trespass* festival in Wynyard in June and July. Our main attraction was the *tunapri* show projected onto the lighthouse at Table Cape. It proved popular with over 1000 guests seeing the show. Well done to Cyndia Hilliger and Justin McErlain (plus volunteers) for their efforts in making this such a success.

This month's general meeting is tomorrow evening Wednesday July 17th at 6pm at the Burnie RSL Club - I hope you can join us and perhaps share a meal afterwards.

Best regards



Ian Jones – President

PLATINUM MEMBERS:



GOLD MEMBERS:



SILVER MEMBERS:



BRONZE MEMBERS:

