

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

A busy month for events; I missed two by being on holidays, but Justin and Michael made sure they were successful.

Breakfasts featured the Clifford Craig Foundation and West by North West CEO Gabi Conti. We partnered with MarinusLink to present a lunch in Ulverstone featuring Scott Roth, coach of the JackJumpers then hosted a lunch with Premier Jeremy Rockliff at Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens.



The JJs lunch raised \$750 for *The Smith Family*.

Just prior to going on holidays I hosted a group from Vietnam looking to invest in renewables in Tasmania. I hosted a trip to Launceston to meet Minister Duigan, the Coordinator General and a leading RE consultant and arranged meetings for them in Hobart the following day. They are keen to invest in wind energy but were shocked at the timeframes to develop a windfarm here, as in Vietnam they get a project "spinning" in three years.



Eight of the ten members of our executive met to have a strategy planning session led by TCCI facilitator Stacey Joseph. The end result was that we recognised our strengths and weaknesses and were able to qualify future opportunities and a tentative path forward that will be firmed up after the AGM. Our main goal is financial sustainability whilst delivering more services and support for our members and advocating on behalf of all businesses in our "patch".

Thanks to Josh Whitely and Cyndia Hillger for being mentors for students as part of Beacon Foundation's career readiness program in conjunction with MarinusLink. These are little efforts but add up to help our employees and maybe employers of the future.

The local economy is strained due to persistent interest rates and inflation with hospitality and tourism copping the brunt of lack of discretionary spend in the community. Occupancy figures for accommodation in the region reached new lows and with all the chaos surrounding the "new Sprits" it is hard to become enthusiastic for the immediate future of tourism.



I evidently picked the right time to go overseas as the heavens opened up and 100ml fell that week. If your business has been impacted by the September weather event, please complete [this form](#). Note this is not a grant application. If financial support is announced, everyone who completes this form will be contacted.

Business Northwest is a foundation member of the Tasmanian Chamber Alliance and the benefits below are available to your business as a member of BNW.

All financial members of a Chamber Alliance member will receive a Subsidiary\* base level (currently Basics) membership of the TCCI.

Subsidiary member benefits include:

- Workplace relations support: two (2) free calls to the TCCI Workplace Relations Helpline; workplace relations consultancy at base member rates (RRP \$99 per call).
- \$100 voucher: For use on TCCI training, Workplace Relations Helpline, newsletter advertisements or electronic mail out.
- Member rate access to TCCI events and TCCI training.
- Member rates for advertising in TCCI newsletters and/or the Tasmanian Business Reporter.
- TradeStart services.
- Certificates of Origin at member rates.
- WHS specialist services.

The workplace relations support is worth the cost of membership alone - if you want to use that service please call me so I can initiate it for you.

I hope you can join us for our meeting and the AGM tonight.

Best regards



**Ian Jones** – President

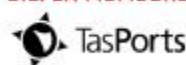
**PLATINUM MEMBERS:**



**GOLD MEMBERS:**



**SILVER MEMBERS:**



**BRONZE MEMBERS:**

