

## **President's Monthly Report – October 2007**

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The Chamber continues to attract interest from new members and potential partners. Compared to September which was a very busy month, my involvement on Chamber business sustained its importance though declined due to the support of our Secretariat. Christine Kerr and Justin Power continue to improve and maintain our systems and certainly this has provided me with more time to get on with business.

I must advise all members and other parties that my business will take me away from the great South East in November and early December. Although I will be travelling throughout Queensland, I will return to Brisbane for short periods of time, but will maintain contact via mobile and email.

### **Events**

The Saltwater Murris "Official Opening" attracted a terrific audience on the 26<sup>th</sup> October at Dunwich on North Stradbroke Island. I had the privilege of speaking on behalf of the Chamber and Southbank Institute of Technology at this event. I extend the Chamber's best wishes to all involved in this new venture.

Indigenous entrepreneurs convened at the Edgware "Build Your Business" program on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October in the Glasshouse Mountains. I had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with all of the participants about their business ideas and the Chamber. Michael Doneman heads up this initiative designed to assist these new business people with their endeavours.

### **Meetings**

I met with Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE who have a keen interest to partner with the Chamber to deliver business development services to our Indigenous community. Negotiations are ongoing.

The SEQICC Management Committee met on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at the Chalk Hotel.

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebrations*

Discussion on the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebrations took place and we are looking at a significant event to mark this milestone. The proposed date being Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Rydges Southbank, in South Brisbane.

The Committee also confirmed a strategic planning day for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December to begin planning the Chambers activities for 2008. Members are welcome to attend on the day. Please contact Christine or Justin for the details.

We also looked at a number of financial matters in particular future income potential for the Chamber. Once again, I would appreciate members input into this if there are some avenues yet to be explored.

### **Conclusion**

Membership continues to grow though if you know of an Indigenous business who is not yet involved with the Chamber, please provide details to our Secretariat to follow up.

Once again, welcome to our new members this month. It is great to have you on board. I encourage each of you to take a very proactive role with us, getting involved and participating in our events and projects can only improve business for you and the Chamber.

In closing, I encourage you all to get behind the Chamber by joining as a member, event or corporate sponsor and coming to our events.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on the 27<sup>th</sup> November will be an ideal time find out more about this Chamber and an opportunity to network with a number of successful Indigenous business owners and their supporters.

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