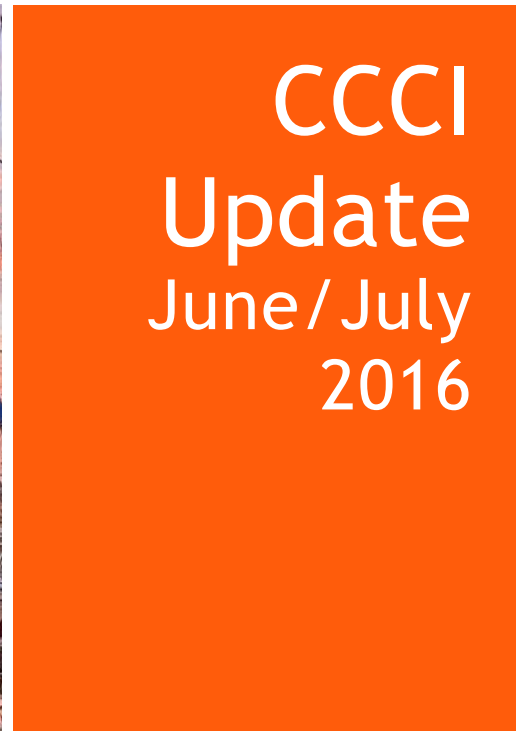




REPRESENTING AND SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS



PENDING & PAST EVENTS

Presidents Review

by Robin Fahl – CCCI President

Welcome to the Carnarvon Chamber of Commerce and Industry 2016. The Chamber is the body that most represents businesses in Carnarvon and we speak on your behalf.

We strive to make Carnarvon a great place to do business in order to improve everyone's standard of living. We seek to create an environment in which business people, employees and independent contractors can participate in a dynamic private and public sector. We encourage entrepreneurship and innovation to achieve prosperity, economic growth and jobs.

The Carnarvon Chamber contributes to public discussion and government decision-making on issues that impact on business, including economics, trade, workplace relations, work health and safety, employment, education and training.

We represent the broad interests of the private sector rather than individual clients or a narrow sectional interest.

We look forward to your support.

Remember it's not all about what we can do for you it's what we can achieve together as a group.

"Carnarvon Business Life – Be in it "

We hope you come along and to our Business after Hours on Tues August 9th at the Port Hotel.

Carnarvon Chamber have invited **Kitty Prodonovich the CEO of the Regional Chambers WA (RCCIWA)** to participate in an "Open Forum" at the BAH to discuss all matters that relate to the business of a Chamber. Kitty is coming off the back of the bi-annual Chambers WA Conference, where there would have been some great discussion, so come and ask her about it.

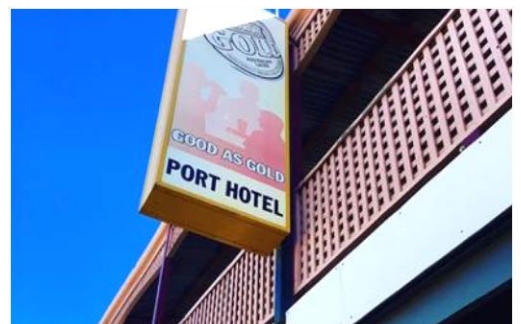
The Carnarvon Chamber is a member of the RCCIWA. The RCCIWA among other things represents regional business communities on many forums and reference groups, and of course maintains strategic relationships with Ministers, key Government Departments and especially SBDC and CCIWA.



BAH - Carnarvon Motel

The CCCI would like to sincerely thank Peter Barrett and the team at the Carnarvon Motel for hosting the previous Business After Hours.

The event was jointly held with the Central Regional TAFE Annual Student Awards Function and by all feedback was considered a resounding success.



NEXT BAH - Tuesday 09/08/2016

The next BAH has been scheduled for Tuesday the 09/08/2016 at the Port Hotel and will commence at 6.00. The CCCI encourages all members to attend to ensure the event is another success.

Community Reference Group

by Eddie Smith

The CRG has commenced with the inaugural meeting having been held recently, the meeting was a forum for introductions and discussions focused on Government and stakeholder expectations. The CRG will establish criteria and terms of reference for the Master Plan and provide advice to the Water for Food Ministerial Steering Committee.

The Master Plan will create a framework to consolidate ideas and development models and provide credible engineering concepts and designs to provide government and third parties with the incentive to invest in the region's future.

It will be an exciting period of development across the horticulture and pastoral industries, with the Government injecting



significant resources and funding into the Water for Food program.

Major discussion will include but won't be limited to;

- Measures to underpin water security and irrigation expansion.

- Lifting productivity in the existing irrigation area.
- Local food processing and value adding.
- Feasibility of re-opening the Carnarvon Abattoir.
- Expansion of the irrigated area.



Carnarvon-Monkey Mia Aviation Community Consultation Group

by Luke Vandeleur

A representative from the Carnarvon CCCI recently attended the Carnarvon and Monkey Mia Aviation Community Consultation Group to participate in discussions regarding the air service to Carnarvon and Monkey Mia.

Attendees at the meeting included representatives from the Department of Transport, Skippers Aviation, Shire of Carnarvon, Shire of Shark Bay, Gascoyne Development Commission, Australia's Coral Coast, the Carnarvon Tourism Alliance and Everywhere Travel.

In November last year the State Government announced Skippers Aviation will continue to provide RPT air services on the Perth-Carnarvon- Monkey Mia air route until 27 June 2017.

The 16 month extension to the current deed arrangements with Skippers was to ensure the continuity of services while longer term route arrangements are fully considered.

Future options for the Carnarvon/Monkey Mia air route are currently being considered and the meeting centered on the current operators performance.

The CCCI commented that the local business community recognised the quality of the current air services is performing to a high standard (in terms of qualitative measures) and that is important. However the primary concern of local businesses is focused towards the cost of the service which is seen as an uneconomical means of commuting between Carnarvon and Perth.

The CCCI expressed a view that higher airfares will deter potential customers.

Changes to Payment Polices at Carnarvon Waste Facility

by Wayne Reece

A number of members have reached out to the CCCI regarding The Shire of Carnarvon's recent change in policy regarding the elimination of customer accounts and migration to a credit/debit card payment facility exclusively. The new policy has presented a series of challenges to members who frequently access the Waste Facility and the CCCI has been liaising with the Shire in an attempt to establish a solution that works for all parties.

The main concern raised by members has been the requirement to issue employees with credit card information which presents a number of security problems. One member has suggested a possible work around is to make use of the debit card "load and go option", this is available from Australia Post and can be topped up on-line. A minimal amount (e.g. \$200.00) can be kept on the

card and used by employees as required; this reduces the financial risk associated with lost or stolen cards. The Waste Facility will provide a docket as it has previously along with a credit card receipt which is as good as a tax invoice.

The CCCI has reached out to five other shire councils as a bench marking exercise and established they all offer accounts, credit card or cash payment options. It appears at this stage the Shire is committed to the new policy and local business will have to adjust their procedures to comply.



If any member has a better idea please contact the chamber and we will present it to the Shire.

SUGGESTIONS TO CCCI

Can be made via email to admin@carnarvonchamber.org.au

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Business After Hours

If you would like to host a Business After Hours Event, please contact us at admin@carnarvonchamber.org.au

Gascoyne Regional Business Awards 2016

Nominations and applications can be made via the website www.gascoyneregionalbusinessawards.com.au

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