



## CHAMBER UPDATE February 2010

This meeting was well attended and full of enthusiasm. Most of our meetings are to update members on what did and what will happen followed by great conversation and passing of ideas to each other over a glass of wine and some finger food. During this time it is a good opportunity to find out if other members sell products that you can use so instead of travelling to other towns we can trade with each other and keep the business local.

The Slice of Haven team gave a report and all looks good for our next Slice so if you are involved in local food it is getting close to cut off time and Gordon Wiegold (0418266700) is the man to speak with to get a stall for your products.

We are still trying to organise banners for the northern end of Bold Street and hope to have the brackets etc for the Music Festival banners.

Our street parade was well attended by a very hardy crowd in poor weather. Those involved in the parade did a wonderful job of showing off their groups. Well done to all, especially Betty Boyd who did a great job for her last parade. We now need someone to take Betty's place as she is leaving us next year. Best wishes Betty and thanks for the parade. Betty however will still be around for a while to show the new person what to do so give me a ring if you think you would like to do this for our town.

The monthly markets are our only form of income and with our finances now in a reasonable condition we have taken on the roll of major sponsor for the Music Festival, as there have been no other sponsors to assist this event for another year.

The markets have been very successful recently due to the good weather on market day. Wayne and his team do a great job of keeping a happy market and this in turn keeps the market operators keen to attend. Well done team.

As of the last markets the chamber has installed its own stand so if you want to find out what is happening in our area just stop by and ask one of the chamber members who will be there at each market. Please remember that these people all work in their own business or have jobs but still find time to volunteer. Many comments have been made as to the variety of stalls that are now there and to the great ambience these markets have. So here's hoping for fine weather on our next market day.

### **The next markets will be on 21st March.**

There were other subjects discussed and if you would like to join in please come along to one of our meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. It is nice to see new members at the meetings and we enjoy hearing what the new members do.

We are lucky to have a diverse range of members from all over the Camden Haven and not just Laurieton so please come and join in you never know who you will meet.

**Our meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March will be held at the LUSC at 5.45 for a 6.00pm start. We would love to see you there.**

Yours in business,

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