

January 12th, 2019

President's Notes – January 2019

Happy New Year to all!

The Christmas / New Year period has been relatively quiet for the Chamber as many of us took time to holiday and spend some downtime with family and friends. I hope you enjoyed the festive season as much as I did.

The cruise ship season is well underway with eight ships visiting in December, six in January and seven set for February including the maiden voyage of the Cunard Line's Queen Elizabeth which will also visit again in March. The Chamber is working with Burnie City Council to endeavour to maximise the revenue spend by passengers and crew in the CBD area. The longer-term ambition is to have a walkway across from the port to the CBD – this is a commitment made by TasPorts that the Chamber wishes to get pushed up the priority list. 42 ships are scheduled for the 2019/20 season which translates to around 80,000 passengers and crew - the more we can get into the centre of town the better.

We have been working with Council to get more of the CBD businesses involved with the Chamber – the former City Link group members and plan to further involve ourselves with this group throughout 2019 - Burnie needs a single voice for local business

Our video project dubbed "*Project Hercules*" (for the number of tasks and effort involved) is progressing well; with our first two interviews largely completed and heading into post production editing. You may have seen an article in The Advocate (JAN 3rd) about the project and its first case study, Stephanie Jaensch.

The Chamber Breakfast Networking Sessions kick off on Wednesday January 30th with a sneak peek of the *Ten Days On The Island* festival by CEO Jane Haley and Artistic Director Lindy Hume. Now headquartered at Makers Workshop, Jane from TDOTI has become a regular at our breakfast meetings and was pleased to be able to give us a bit of an early view of the program which is to be officially launched soon after.

The Chamber is seeking to refresh our image in the near future and has asked Michael Cannon to develop some preliminary concepts for consideration and hope to move on this next month.

Our first meeting for 2019 is at the RSL Club on Wednesday January 16th at 6pm – I hope you are able to join us but expect that some of the lucky ones are still on holidays. See the table below for the meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

JAN	16
FEB	20
MAR	20
APR	17
MAY	15
JUN	19
JUL	17
AUG*	21
SEP	18
OCT	16
NOV	20
DEC	18

* AGM

We will be developing a full calendar for all prescribed events in the next two weeks and push that out via email and our website - stay tuned for another exciting year!

Hopefully I will see you at the General Meeting or our first breakfast - if you can't make either of these and have anything you need to raise please let me know.

best regards

Ian Jones - **President**

