



“To assist in the promotion and marketing of Yamba Businesses whilst continuing to strengthen relations and work to the best interest of the Yamba Community”.

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1. NEXT MEETING – 2nd February, 2009

- Monday, 2nd February, 2009
- 7 am start.
- \$15.50 hot breakfast or \$13.50 continental breakfast.
- Meeting room down the hall from Cunjevoi Restaurant.
- RSVP 29 January - needed for catering info@yambansw.com.au

2. NEW MISSION STATEMENT

Further to discussions over a number of meetings we have arrived at a new Mission Statement for the consideration of our members. This Statement heads this newsletter. The Chamber has experienced a transition from being a group with a mission focused on developing alliances with other business groups in the Clarence Valley to a group with their sights whose focus is on the marketing and promotion of Yamba businesses. This Mission has not been formally moved to replace the current Statement but will be presented as a motion at the next meeting.

3. BUSINESS SHOWCASE PRIZE

Congratulations to Mansfield's Marine who won the Business Showcase Prize for our next meeting. They will be our special guest at the next meeting and have the opportunity to make a presentation about their business.

4. SHOWCASE BUSINESS: Yamba Sun Motel & Yamba Aston Motel



Winner of the November Business Showcase was Graham Lees from Yamba Sun Motel & Yamba Aston Motel. Both Motels are run by Graham and his family and have undergone significant improvements and renovations in recent times. The Yamba Sun Motel is very attractive to holiday makers and families who are looking to use the resort style facilities. Yamba Aston Motel appeals to those wanting a quiet location and is popular with a range of repeat visitors including traveling sales representatives.

Yamba Sun Motel

Yamba Sun Motel offers affordable resort style accommodation in the heart of Yamba. Ideally located for both the beach and town, the motel offers many resort style facilities including pool, BBQ area and Balinese style gazebo. The motel has 16 rooms including a family unit and a room catering for disability needs.

Yamba Aston Motel

Yamba Aston Motel is in a quiet tranquil location. The motel has 24 rooms (12 ground floor), including Spa Rooms, Family Rooms, Standard Rooms and a 2 bedroom Family Unit.



5. Tourism NSW International Markets Team

Congratulations must go to Northern Rivers Tourism, Clarence River Tourism and Angourie Rainforest Resort for their professional hosting of Managers from the international offices of Tourism NSW recently. Yamba was an overnight stop in their NSW tour and showcased our beautiful town, beaches, fine local produce and impressed the guests who can now take firsthand knowledge back to countries around the globe on the advantages of a visit to Yamba.

6. Plastic Bag Free Yamba

Sick of seeing shopping bags clog up our waterways and damaging our environment, some members of the Chamber are continuing to work towards achieving a plastic bag free status for our community. Our Chamber is in a position to take a leadership role in this important initiative. Well done to Marea Buist who is heading up a committee to tackle this issue. Marea will be reporting on progress and plans at the next Chamber general meeting.

*....to work towards
achieving a plastic bag
free status for our
community...*



SHANE MIRANDA



BEV MANSFIELD

...travelling south GX421
– 8.45 pm daily
Travelling north GX244 –
8.05 am daily.....

7. Our Australian of the Year Nominations

The Chamber was proud to nominate our very own Bev Mansfield for Citizen of the Year, and Shane Miranda for Youth Creative and Visual Arts in the Clarence Valley Council Australia Day Awards. Talented singer/songwriter Shane has been performing and impressing Clarence Valley audiences for over 4 years. Bev was nominated for her often behind the scenes, yet reliable and positive contribution over many years to the Chamber, Surfing the Coldstream Festivals, Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Oysters, and the Red Cross. Many other events and organizations have benefited from Bev's involvement and our Chamber is very privileged to have her ongoing support.

8. Greyhound stopping at Yamba YHA

What a coup! Our members at the Yamba YHA can take credit for putting Yamba on the Greyhound bus service map. From the 1st of February, Greyhound will make two daily stops at the YHA. Traveling south at 8.45pm and north at 8.05am travelers can now have a way of transport to catch flights to both Ballina and Coffs Harbour for as little as \$40.

9. CVC Business Survey

Clarence Valley Council has launched an on-line survey to benchmark business confidence across the Clarence Valley. The intent is to undertake the survey on a regular basis to:

- track business sentiment over time
- identify areas of assistance and need to support local business growth
- seek views on issues impacting business performance.

It's simple, confidential, takes two minutes and results will be out in March. This information can assist and inform Council and agency programs in what are expected to be challenging business conditions over the coming 12-24 months. All members are encouraged to participate. The more tuned in CVC is to our needs the better the position they are in to assist us.

Access to the survey is online

<http://surveys.clarence.nsw.gov.au/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=l6KH972>

For further information contact Kerren Law at Clarence Valley Council, kerren.law@clarence.nsw.gov.au or on 6645 0267.

10. Clarence Valley Health Advisory Committee

If you are interested in joining the Clarence Valley Health Advisory Committee please contact Susan Howland, Community Development Officer, susan.howland@clarence.nsw.gov.au





11. Clarence Ahead Inc

Clarence Ahead Inc is planning a number of networking functions throughout the valley this year. There is an opportunity for a Chamber member to represent our group on the Clarence Ahead Inc planning committee. If you are interested please advise your interest to one of the Executive or at the next meeting.

12. CVC - Clarence Creative

Want to know what's happening in the creative and cultural world? Well, you asked for it and here it is! A one-stop-shop of creative happenings in the Valley and across the region is now as simple as logging onto to the web. Keep up to-date with local events, exhibitions, workshops and networking opportunities by visiting Clarence Creative.

www.clarencecreative.com

The **What's On** section of the Clarence Creative website is dedicated specifically to events for YOU, the creative industry and the broader community interested in supporting cultural and creative activities. From performances to recitals, theatre to exhibitions, most importantly skills development and networking opportunities can all be found at Clarence Creative.

Visit [Clarence Creative](#) and tell us about your upcoming event today.

13. Clarence Valley Wedding Expo

Members may wish to be advised of Three One Three Event's planned 2009 Clarence Valley Wedding Expo. The application date will close on the 6th February, 2009. Contact Jamie - Three One Three Events, Clarence Business Centre, Grafton, phone 6642 9700 for details.

14. Cansdell Breakfast Invitation

Nationals MP Steve Cansdell has asked an invitation be extended to all Chamber members to attend a breakfast with Adrian Piccolli MP, Deputy Leader of The Nationals, Shadow Minister for Education, Skills & Youth Affairs. The breakfast will be held at 7.30-9am, Thursday, 5 February 2009, Maclean Hotel, River Street, Maclean. Cost: \$20 per head (GST inclusive), BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - RSVP Monday 2 February 2009. Contact Steve's office on 66431244 or clarence@parliament.nsw.gov.au for further information

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15. Small Business Assistance

*...20% postponed
payment on the Pay As
You Go income tax
instalment due in early
March...*

In a press release forwarded from the office of Janelle Saffin MP, we have been advised the Government is targeting extra support for small business at the period of late February through March. Special support measures include a 20% postponed payment on the Pay As You Go income tax instalment due in early March, to be reconciled at the end of the tax year, and almost \$15 million in funding support for around 100 Australian small business organisations to assist local small businesses with cash flow planning. The advisory service funding will help small businesses in suburban, rural and regional Australia prepare business cases for bank finance and seek advice on cash flow. The Rudd Government will further assist small business by providing a 10 per cent investment allowance to encourage small business owners to invest in their businesses in 2009. Other measures include a Superannuation Clearing House from 1 July.

16. CHAMBER CONTACTS

*Email us your news for
inclusion in the
newsletter!*

The Chamber can be contacted at info@yambaNSW.com.au or PO Box 278 Yamba NSW 2464 Australia.

Tania Williams can be contacted at Fletchers Fotographics Yamba, Shop 8, 8 Yamba Street. Ph: 66461983 yamba@fletchers.com.au

Bev Mansfield can be contacted at Mansfield's Marine, Yamba Road. Ph 66469433 bevmans@bigpond.net.au

17. MEETINGS FOR 2009

Chamber meetings for the remainder of the current term:

- Monday 2nd February
- Monday 2nd March
- Monday 6th April
- Monday 4th May
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 6th July AGM

