



Newsletter March 2009

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1. NEXT MEETING – 6th April 2009

- Monday, 6th April, 2009
- 7 am start.
- \$15.50 hot breakfast or \$13.50 continental breakfast.
- Meeting room down the hall from Cunjevoi Restaurant.
- RSVP 1st April - needed for catering info@yambansw.com.au

2. BUSINESS SHOWCASE VALLEY FINANCE MANAGEMENT

The business showcase this month is Valley Finance Management. Locally owned and operated by Pat and Kathy Lollback, Valley Finance Management offers a confidential and personal finance broker service. With over 30 years lending experience Pat has extensive experience in home, investment, business, rural and equipment finance. Available during and outside work hours plus with access to over 30 lenders, Pat can help organise the finance that is appropriate for a range of financial needs. pat@valleyfinance.com.au, ph: 66427388.

3. Chamber Executive Elections 4th May

To allow for an extended hand-over period, and to separate the elections from the AGM, it was agreed to hold the next Chamber Executive elections at the May 2009 meeting. All positions on the Executive are open and nominations are strongly encouraged! Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting info@yambansw.com.au



4. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A number of events are being held in Yamba and the Clarence Valley to celebrate International Women's Day 2009.

- Lower Clarence Women's Group is hosting a breakfast at Sassafras Restaurant. Pauline Plant, Clarence Valley Woman of the Year is guest speaker. Saturday March 7, 8am \$15/\$8 pp. Book at Sassafras 66461011. Inquiries to susan.howland@clarence.nsw.gov.au 66450001
- Yamba Evening VIEW club has issued an invitation to attend their celebrations which include a program of guest speakers, fashion parade, and light lunch. Friday March 13, 9.30am \$10 pp, rsvp Anne Dinham 66462644 dinhams@aapt.net.au
- Clarence Valley Women Inc will have Ursula Wilkinson guest speaker at a breakfast at Grafton Community & Function Centre, Friday 6 March, 7.30am \$15/\$8 pp rsvp Vicki 0409035433 or cwv16@bigpond.com
- Sunday 8th March, Iluka women are gathering at the picnic area at Iluka Beach with guests Pat Jenkins – 'Magic of Carbon in our Soils' & Rivka Forest 'The Art of Healing'. 10am. BYO drinks, chair, sunscreen. Morning munchies provided. Contact Kerrie Howland 0432665305 for further information.
- Sunday 8th March, Lower Clarence Aboriginal Women's Group invites women to join them on Ulgundahi Island from 10.30am. Cool drinks and lunch provided free. BYO chair. Meet at Martins Point at 10.30 am for barge to the island. Alternative venue if weather inclement: CWA rooms, River St, Maclean. Check on the morning 0427 975131 or susan.howland@clarence.nsw.gov.au

5. Plastic Bag Free Yamba

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This energetic committee are making good progress. After launching a plastic bag recall at the Yamba markets in February, they have left a box outside Fletchers Photographics for anyone to deposit their unwanted plastic bags. The group also co-ordinated a site for Clean Up Australia Day which saw 17 bags of rubbish, including countless plastic bags, removed from our local environment. The group are also involving our local schools in developing a logo and design for a more environmentally friendly bag option.

6. Network'n Yamba

Bringing together retailers, professional and trades people interested in networking, the next Network'n Yamba will be held at the Yamba YHA Backpacker Beach Resort on Wednesday, 25th March. 5.30 pm – 7pm \$5. RSVP 20th March to Kevin Hassey – hassey@iinet.net.au Sponsors will be Yamba YHA Backpacker and Beach Resort and New Era Women.



7. Coffs/Clarence Community Safety Precinct Committee

In line with the NSW Government's Crime Prevention Partnerships program Coffs/Clarence LAC has established the Coffs/Clarence Safety Precinct Committee. This important initiative, supported by the Commissioner and Minister for Police, provides the Chamber an opportunity to work with the police to identify 'Local Problems, Local Solutions'.

The concept will make police more accountable to our community by providing a forum for the community to discuss and question the Local Police Commander about current crime trends and future policing strategies and initiatives being utilized to reduce opportunities for crime and enhance the feeling of safety and security. It also provides an opportunity to raise issues of concern about our community. Chamber member, Sammy Hunt, has agreed to be our Chamber liaison person with this committee.



8. Yamba Museum – Touring Exhibition

Greening the Silver City – Seeds of Bush Regeneration is a regional touring exhibition from the Powerhouse Museum in collaboration with Broken Hill City Council. The official opening is Friday 27th March and the exhibition runs until 24th May. Contact pyhs@ceinternet.com.au for further details.

9. Variety Club Annual Fundraising Evening

Local Variety club member JR is again organizing a fundraising evening for this worthy group. The evening promises to be full of great music, fine food and drinks at Yamba Golf & Country Club on Saturday 7 March 6.30 pm. Tickets are \$55 from Yamba Golf Club or JR 66462277. RSVP 2 March.

10. Yamba Relay for Life

Relay for Life is a community fundraising event to raise money for The Cancer Council of NSW. Team of 10-15 people take turns to walk, run, skip or hop around their local oval. The event takes place overnight so there's plenty of time to have fun, celebrate or relax. 3pm Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th May. For further information contact Cathy Martin 66460219.

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11. Clarence Valley Business Excellence Awards

This joint initiative of Clarence Valley Chambers of Commerce and Progress Associations celebrates excellence in local business. Information on sponsorship opportunities can be obtained via valleyexcellence.org.au or 66427239. The not to be missed Awards night will be held on Saturday 12th September 2009 at the Maclean Bowling Club.



12. Marine Wildlife Workshop

Australian Seabird Rescue is holding a marine wildlife workshop Saturday 7th March at the Ballina ASR Marine Wildlife Centre. Learn how to recognise when help is needed and how to respond. \$30 includes morning & afternoon tea, lunch and manuals. Register by Wednesday 4th March 66862852 admin@seabirdrescue.org

13. Lions Youth of the Year

The Lions Club of Maclean has been granted the prestigious honour of hosting Lions Australia's 2009 NSW State Youth of the Year Quest Final. The group invites members to support this night on Saturday 4th April. To be held at Maclean Services Club, the dinner tickets cost \$30 and are available from Skye Coffee Shop. Contact bridgeside@optusnet.com.au for more information.

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14. Chamber Contacts

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

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Email us your news for inclusion in the newsletter!

Chamber meetings for the remainder of the current term:

- Monday 6th April
- Monday 4th May - Elections
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 6th July – AGM

