



20 June 2010

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Firstly, as President and on behalf of the Board of the Valley Chamber of Commerce I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, it has been an amazing year. The Chamber has gone from strength to strength with membership and members' participation in the many events and subcommittees that we conduct.

Your membership also entitles you to:

- discounts for event tickets: luncheons, cocktail parties, seminars and events.
- registration of your individual membership email address to our database for invitation to many free events and membership of any the subcommittees and reference groups we conduct.
- participation in proposed newsletters and e-news formats and on line business surveys
- have your say as part - as the Chamber makes many submissions to Government at all levels to ensure the ongoing improvement of services in the area

Our main objective is to continue to be an effective voice for the broader community representing the business community through our subcommittees eg:

- **The Chamber's Business Club holds a business luncheon on the first Wednesday of each month at Cloudland** with key note speakers and some huge crowds attending eg The Brisbane Lord Mayor, Qld State Treasurer Andrew Fraser, Brisbane Marketing Urban Land Development re masterplan for Bowen Hills, property development Mirvac, Leighton Properties, Brisbane Airport Corporation, Royal Brisbane Hospital, City Glider and the release of the Valley Neighbourhood Plan
- The Chamber has been given a great opportunity by Leighton Properties and Leighton Contractors together with Brisbane City Council- for the next 9 years free office space plus staging facilities to conduct events at HQ and we intend to use this opportunity to support local business, events and promote the area. The value of this is immeasurable over the next 9 years and we sincerely thank all concerned.
- Free Monthly networking functions held the last Thursday of each month between 5.30-7pm at varying venues in the area. We sincerely thank the many venues who have contributed to these highly successful nights. 29 July this event will be held at the Emporium Hotel.
- Valley Liquor Accord is membership based and represents licensees in the 4006 & 4005 postcode area and is one of the most active groups in Queensland. It has achieved some very successful campaigns and media launches and is an active voice in the media and government at all levels.
- The introduction of Music, Art & Entertainment Reference Group is to clearly show and grow our support of this important component of our area. It is free to join so check out our website.
- Valley Community Safety Group – you are welcome to join us we meet 2nd Thursday of each month 9am-10am in our chamber offices. A reference group has been established and works hard to deliver successful outcomes including safety audits, transport services, taxis services, safety concerns 24x7

SPONSORS – our sincere thank you.

Valley Chamber Sponsorship – we have many and we thank you all including:

City News, Nova 106.9, Worldwide Print, Bank of Queensland, HSBC, Forwin International, RPS Town Planning, Cloudland, Secure Parking, Delahunty Chemists, Palace Cinemas, Holman Webb, Qld Group Training, Village News, Independent Newspaper, Q Music, The Judith Wright Centre, B.M.W Fortitude Valley, Brisbane City Council and State Government for the Valley Liquor Accord and Community Safety Group, BMW Fortitude Valley and our many

other members to have supplied services, plus the many licensed venues for hosting events for us and the many prizes and pro bono services we have sort from you.
Again to Leighton Properties & Leighton Contractors a very special thank you.

FUTURE ACTIVITY:

The Valley Chamber continues to have many items on its agenda going forward including continuing to improve our :

- representation for the whole of our area to address issues and explore opportunities.
- work with State Government and Council where possible to ensure a successful implementation of a Management Plan for the Valley Entertainment Precinct- communication, operations, and policy are our key objectives to support the day and night economy.
- work towards a successful revitalisation of the Brunswick St Mall
- Safety Audit program (two per year) next one 2am-5am Sunday 11 July.
- Chamber's support for Chinatown, Valley Fiesta and the new Laneway markets.
- involvement in the town planning processes eg the River City Blue Print, traffic, transport and pedestrian access is vitally important ie the number of new property developments is meaning more and more day workers and businesses moving into our area is a great for our local economy eg Energex moving over 1600 staff into the area.
- relocation of the Chamber office in July 2010 to Level 1 North Tower, HQ 540 Wickham St
- improve our communication process with membership and the broader community.
- support and growth of the "day economy" first objective is to ensure good networking
- growth of the Chamber subcommittees to address relevant business issues and opportunities eg day economy incorporating retail and business services, music, art & entertainment, business club, property owners, safety and the Valley Liquor Accord.

Regards,

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