

## **Bundeena Maianbar Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) Newsletter**

### **February 2010**

#### **BMCC-Sponsored Bundeena Markets:**

By all accounts, our Christmas Market in December was a success. We are now looking to continue holding up to eight markets per year, with the next one tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 4 April. We have submitted an event application to Council to hold the markets on Roger Summers Reserve, across the street from the IGA. There are a few issues to be worked out before Council will act on our request, including insurance coverage. The BMCC Executive Committee has procured an insurance policy to cover ourselves as an event organizer and up to 20 market stalls. This arrangement worked very well for our Christmas Markets; however, some changes to the policy may be required to meet Council's requirements.

The Executive Committee is looking for a volunteer to appoint as **Market Organizer**. This person would receive an honorarium equal to half of the market stall rental income per market. We are looking for a BMCC member who has organizational skills and experience as well as spare time to run the markets. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please give Craig Feldick a call on 9523 0973 by Friday, 5 March.

#### **New Grant Money for our Community:**

We are pleased to announce our receipt of a grant from Council to hold a Sculpture in the Park competition this year. If you are interested and would like to be involved please contact Marion Stehouwer on 9523 3758.

We also sponsored a grant request from the Art Trail for a special exhibition this year. Council will provide \$2,500 towards this exhibition.

#### **Free Workshop on Designing Tourism Ads and Brochures:**

Council's Tourism Office is offering a free workshop on developing an advertisement that targets the tourism audience. Advice will also be provided on putting together an effective ad for *The Shire Visitor's Guide*. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, 2 March, from 10am to 12pm in Council's Administration Building, Eton Street, Sutherland. For more information and to register phone 9710 0155 by Friday, 26 February.

#### **Royal National Park Update:**

The BMCC has been actively working on our relationship with the Royal National Park (RNP) and we are very encouraged with the discussions we've had with park management. We hope to have an area dedicated to information on Bundeena and Maianbar in the new Visitor's Centre. We view this as an important achievement in marketing our members' products and services. We'll keep you informed on this initiative as our discussions with the RNP progress.

#### **Mobile Phone Reception:**

Federal Member for Cook, Mr. Scott Morrison, has agreed to address mobile phone reception issues with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). To assist in that effort, we are soliciting your comments on this issue. In particular, we would like to know of specific areas within our community where mobile phone reception is poor or non-existent. Please send your comments (including the name of your service provider) to us by email: [bmccexec@bundeenainfo.com](mailto:bmccexec@bundeenainfo.com); or post: BMCC, PO Box 3087, Bundeena.

**BMCC Subcommittees:**

We are seeking volunteers to serve on our Cultural Issues or Marketing Subcommittees. Please contact any member of the Executive Committee if you would like to serve on one of these subcommittees.

**Upcoming BEC Events: (All information provided by BEC)**

Wednesday 3 March - Business Networking Breakfast at Miranda. "Attract More Clients, Make More Money" with Deb Pilgrim. Discover the three steps you can put in place starting with creating a plan to make client attraction a priority. Also at our new venue Alexander's Cafe at Kogarah on Thursday 18 March.

Friday 5 March from 4.00pm. BEC Pub Biz. Join the BEC Team to welcome special guests Miranda and Districts Chamber of Commerce, meet local businesses and unwind and network. Cash bar at Gynea Hotel and complimentary nibbles.

Wednesday 10 March - Corporate Governance and Directors Duties Workshop. If you are the director of a business, sit on a committee or are on the board of a non-profit organisation you need to be aware of the extent of your responsibilities. Pamela Murray-Jones covers all the key areas with a blend of case studies and discussion.

Thursday 11 March - Fresh Ideas for Work and Family Grants – second round and changes to the Grant, Kirrawee. This no-cost seminar will give you the information you need in regards to selection criteria, how to apply and what changes have been made since the first round of offers in May 2009. With Kathryn MacMillan.

Friday 19 March - Modern Awards and Agreements Workshop, Kirraww. Get an understanding of the content of modern awards and understand the impact of the changes which have come about from combining state and federal awards into national modern awards.

Wednesday 24 March - An Introduction to Creating a Social Media Strategy for your Business Workshop. Discover the world of social networking, blogging and user generated content and how it can boost your business. Peter Polesel will also show you how to create content to expand your visibility and online reputation.

Thursday 25 March - Starting a Business Workshop - Get a comprehensive look at all the essentials you need when thinking about starting a business. The feasibility of your idea, Customer Service, Financial Feasibility and Web Presence are all covered. With the BEC Power Team.

For information and bookings, see the BEC website: <http://www.becsmallbiz.com.au/index.html>  
Or call 9545 5900

**BMCC Executive Committee Meetings:**

All BMCC members are welcome to attend our Executive Committee meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bowling Club. We ask that proposed agenda items from general members be sent to the Executive Committee 36 hours prior to the meeting.

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This newsletter is published by the Executive Committee of the Bundeena and Maianbar Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) for the purpose of providing information to the BMCC membership. Members are encouraged to provide comments on this newsletter, and to provide information for publishing in future newsletters. The BMCC Executive Committee attempts to verify 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> party-provided information in its newsletters; however, it is not responsible for the content of such information. The BMCC Executive Committee can be contacted by email: [bmccexec@bundeenainfo.com](mailto:bmccexec@bundeenainfo.com) or post: PO Box 3087, Bundeena, or telephone to the Public Officer: 9523-0973.