

From The President's Desk - May 2016

Well here we are about to enter the fifth month of what was described only 120 days ago as the new year for 2016!

Much has happened already in our Valley and throughout the Scenic Rim and it can only be described in three words – CHANGE IS COMING. Changes with the new mayor and your Councillors, changes with the resort slowly morphing from a mess to something like its former glory, to draw comparisons from the negative newspaper reports and the always present small village rumours, but I for one would like to think that it will all end up positive and is a good thing for Kooralbyn.

There are changes coming with the Chamber as well, as the AGM in May will see the current committee stepping down hopefully to allow new blood with fresh ideas appearing to keep carrying the mantle we have been running with over the last 12 months and working towards the finish line. The finish line is and always has been about bringing prosperity and hope and a future back into this beautiful valley, giving us back our tidy and inviting entrance, bringing us back visitors and day-trippers and most important of all - new residences, local services and new homes.

I can't believe the changes that I've seen over the last two years in terms of attitude from all of the wonderful new families that have moved into the region, and I must say from where we were two or three years ago to where we are today, it is so much better.

Significant changes on the horizon with the starting of the Bromelton development which will indirectly compliment Kooralbyn with new home starts and again new small businesses which are the backbone of every Chamber to be able to provide valuable services to the locals.

Unfortunately I have to announce will be stepping down as president and will not run again but I can assure you I am still going to be an active member and will be working behind the scenes on subcommittees or in whatever way I can to make sure that the things that we spoke about come to fruition for the township.

Your Chamber views 'change' as in 'progress', the revitalization of the Billabong Park, centre traffic islands and the road at airstrip entrance is progress in action, the ongoing negotiations re adequate signage from the Mt Lindsay hwy is a positive change, with a new Councillor committed to action in stepping up maintenance work around town is more advancement so you can expect 'change for the better!

By June the website will roll out the 'Public Access Chamber News Page' designed in line with our ever changing calendar of events, local services page and other information, giving residents alike access to positive reporting only, no myths, rumours or small town gossip.

So, those who read this that have a registered current business, with ABN and practising in the area are warmly welcome to join a vibrant and active Chamber dedicated to work together for a common purpose of unity and prosperity. If you are an existing member, or want to join the annual subs are only \$75 for an individual or \$115 for a corporate (up to 3 employees/partners in the one business), and if you see yourself aspiring for a leadership position, have experience, drive or innovation to see ongoing projects to finalization – then join or renew, and get nominated for one of 5 positions available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved, from my wonderful committee to a great bunch of members who supported me in 2016 – you haven't seen the last of me but I am confident you are going to be all in great hands!

Thank you All,

John Noonan

Outgoing President