The Brisbane West Chamber of Commerce Inc

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THE HISTORY OF THE CHAMBER

The Brisbane West Chamber of Commerce Inc (BWCC) was founded in 1989 to foster trade, commerce and industry in the local area and was formerly known as the Toowong Chamber of Commerce. The BWCC takes a two-pronged approach to its charter.

Firstly, it acts as the voice of the local business community on all relevant matters. For example, the Toowong Traffic Study was a project undertaken by the Chamber in conjunction with the State Government and the Brisbane City Council (BCC). As a result of this study, significant improvements have been implemented and a long-term plan exists for handling traffic flows. The Chamber continues to be represented on the BCC's Traffic Reference Group and the Toowong Major Centre Plan Group.

The second approach is to encourage networking among members. This is achieved through regular breakfast meetings, after-work drinks, joint functions with neighbouring Chambers, a Christmas party and an annual golf day.

THE CHAMBER'S OBJECTIVES

* *to represent the interests of the business community*
* *to promote trade, enterprise and commerce in the area*
* *to encourage business operators to support each other*
* *to advise local government on matters of local interest*
* *to provide an information and support service to members*

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The BWCC holds breakfast meetings on the first Wednesday of each month (February-November) with a Christmas function in December. At the breakfast meetings ($20.00 for members, $25.00 for non-members), members are encouraged to meet with other members and where possible, to support each other's enterprises. Members are also able to display promotional material. Guest speakers are invited to address the breakfast meetings on relevant topics.

Current venue for breakfast meetings is the Lakeside Restaurant at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Plenty of parking available.)

The Chamber's Committee meets monthly and the meetings are open to all members. Members are kept up to date with Chamber activity via e-mail and mail.

After-hours networking functions are held on a quarterly basis (March/June/September).

The Chamber is affiliated with Commerce Queensland (formerly QCCI). However, for BWCC members to gain access to guidance and information on industrial relations and other business-related matters from Commerce Queensland, they must join that organisation as individual members.

By joining the Brisbane West Chamber of Commerce, you come into contact with like-minded, progressive business operators who share your desire to be successful.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name of Business: .....

Contact Name(s): ..... ….Number of Employees:.....

Postal Address: ..... Post Code:.....

Telephone: ..... Fax: .....Email:.....

I/We apply for membership of the Brisbane West Chamber of Commerce Inc and enclose payment of $120.00 being membership fee from 1 January to 31 December.

Signed: ..... Date: ..... Position:.....

Please enclose cheque or complete this credit card authority:

Card Type (please circle): Bankcard MasterCard Visa AMEX

In the name of ..... **Expiry Date** .....**Amount $** .....

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