

Dear Chamber Member,

The past month has been filled with uncertainty with the continuing dispute between Perdaman and the new owners of Griffin Coal, Lanco Resources, threatening the future of the urea project in Shotts Park and with it the jobs of hundreds in Collie and thousands in the South West.

The Chamber has been working tirelessly along with your State and Federal representatives to resolve this situation. We continue to remain hopeful of a positive outcome.

The very recent announcement of the possible sale of Premier Coal also brings some uncertainty into the community. However their purchaser is an experienced coal producer and we would hope that would bring security and possibly growth to the Premier operation.

In the meantime the promotion of "Spring into Collie" has been ramped up with a GWN7 commercial campaign and advertising in the Bunbury and Mandurah papers. Get ready for flocks of people coming to Collie in October!

Requests for Nominations for Executive Committee have gone out. If you think you have something to offer and believe you could give stronger representation to your business sector, I would encourage you to nominate for the Executive Committee for 2012.

Kind regards,

Richard Jackson

CEO,

Collie Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

New Members Night – The Chamber will be organising a special BAH for new members at which of course all members are welcome. Date and venue will be notified soon.

Chamber AGM Monday 10th October at the Collie Visitors Centre. The meeting will be sponsored by Verve Energy. Meeting starts at 6pm sharp!

Chamber Vouchers Program - If you are interested in registering your business, so that our vouchers can be redeemed in your store contact Rebecca on 9734 4817 or email admin@colliechamber.asn.au

Also membership renewal was due by 30th September 2011

Bek's Blog

The Collie Park Shop Centre car park. Does this drive anyone else crazy? Not only is there no where for you to cross the garden, so you get wet by the grasses and weeds in the garden bed unless you walk around the whole garden to one of the two crossings, which is not always the best option when it's pouring with rain. And the one way traffic, I would love for the road to be open alongside the Collie Independent flooring store so you can pull out onto a main road instead of using either the car park or the one way lane (which my car usually scrapes on) to exit. If you have any thoughts on this please contact us.

Contact Rebecca at the Chamber. Tel. (08)9734 4817 or email admin@colliechamber.asn.au

CHAMBER EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee of the Collie Chamber of Commerce & Industry normally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The following dates are for the next two months;

MONDAY October 10th – AGM at Collie Visitors Centre, 6.00pm
WEDNESDAY October 12th – Collie Ridge Motel, 6.00pm
WEDNESDAY November 9th – Collie Ridge Motel, 6.00pm

Please note that these dates and the venue are subject to change. All members of the Collie Chamber are most welcome to attend the meetings. Call either Richard or Bek at the Chamber office to discuss.

WAGELINE WATCH

Are you a sole trader or partnership?

Then this information applies to your business.

What is CHOGM and will it impact my business?

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)

Every two years, CHOGM is held to discuss global and Commonwealth issues. Participant countries agree on collective policies and initiatives to be implemented throughout the Commonwealth. This year the meeting will be held in the Perth CBD from 28 October to 30 October 2011.

For a comprehensive overview and further information please visit the CHOGM [website](#).

Change in date of Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh will be attending CHOGM. To celebrate their attendance the Queen's Birthday public holiday has been moved to Friday 28 October 2011.

Public holiday rates of pay

Standard public holiday penalty rates will apply if your employees work on Friday 28 October 2011. For the current penalty rates, contact **Wageline** on **1300 655 266** for further information.



 **WorkCoverWA**

Practice Direction 1/2011 - Dispute Resolution Directorate

Judge McCann, Commissioner of the Dispute Resolution Directorate (DRD), issued a [Practice Direction \(PDF - 350kb\)](#) on 8 September 2011 that explains how current and new cases will be managed as WorkCover transitions to the new Dispute Services.

This Practice Direction outlines the process that will be followed for all new and current matters before the DRD as they transition into the new Dispute Services from 1 December 2011.

The Practice Direction took effect on 8 September 2011 and ceases at 5.00pm WST on Wednesday, 30 November 2011.

For enquiries about current applications please contact your case management team.

For general enquiries please contact Ross Paparone, Acting Manager Client Services on 9388 5508 or email drdinfo@workcover.wa.gov.au

SCAMWATCH

[View radar online.](#)

SCAMwatch is warning Australians to continue to be wary of scammers who offer bogus government rebates for the installation of solar panels.

How the scam works

- You receive an unexpected call, email or house visit from someone offering either free solar panels or a government rebate/grant on solar panels following an upfront payment.
- Scammers may pose as government representatives or mention government affiliation or programs.

- The scammer may ask for bank account details or for a fee to be paid before the rebate/grant can be processed. In some instances, these promised rebates have not been paid.
- The scammer may pressure you into making a hurried decision claiming that the false grants or rebate schemes are due to close soon.
- In some instances the scammer may offer free solar panels in exchange for placing advertising signs on your property for a number of months. They will request an upfront fee and claim to repay it over the duration of the advertising.
- The scammer may claim to be from a legitimate company which sells solar panels and may even organise to visit your home but will not show up.

Protect yourself

- Australian Government departments will never phone or email you asking you to pay upfront amounts in order to claim a rebate.
- Never confirm or provide personal details over the phone or by email unless you initiated the contact and trust the other party.
- Be cautious if you are contacted by someone claiming to be from government or a genuine solar energy provider. Verify who they are by finding the agency or company's contact details from an independent source such as a phone book and contacting them directly.
- If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

Report

You can report scams to the ACCC via the [report a scam](#) page on SCAMwatch or by calling 1300 795 995.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

Industry Facilitation Scheme

INDUSTRY FACILITATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (IFSP)

Application Form This is a specific calling to provide financial assistance under the Industry Facilitation and Support Program (IFSP) for projects which will assist small-to-medium enterprises in Western Australia to pre-qualify, or increase their competitiveness, as suppliers of products and services to major resource projects in Australia and overseas.

Please read the "Important Information for Applicants" section of this form before you start filling this application.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE Chamber admin@collichamber.asn.au or phone 9734 4817

SPRING INTO COLLIE

We encourage businesses to come on board this initiative by planning to have their businesses open and welcoming to the large numbers of visitors who will be coming to town.

For more information please contact either Richard or Rebecca at the Chamber on 08 9734 4817 or email admin@collichamber.asn.au

Small Business Courses – Held in Bunbury

[Facebook For Business Introduction](#)

Register Now

\$55 Tues 18/10 6:00pm-8:00pm

[Women in Business Breakfast](#)

Register Now

\$30 Tues 18/10 7:00am-9:00am

[Why Your Business Needs to be on Facebook](#)

Register Now

\$330 Wed 19/10 9:00am-4:30pm

If you have anything that you would like us to publish in our members update newsletter contact us at the office 9am til 3pm Mon – Fri Phone 08 9734 4817 or email admin@colliechamber.asn.au . Thank you. Bek

Collie Chamber Christmas Treasure Hunt

The Collie CCI is looking for interested businesses so we can run our Christmas Treasure Hunt again, with the help of the Collie Mail.

By participating in the competition, businesses will have a unique opportunity to showcase their goods and services to the community. Treasure Hunters will flock to your shop and search for a mystery item secretly hidden amongst your wares. Competition forms will be available for them to fill in and once completed when they have found the last item, drop it into the entry boxes located at all participating businesses.

*There will be a prize for the Best Treasure Hunter!
The winner last year was presented with a cheque of \$1000.
The winner will be announced at the Collie Christmas Pageant.*

*The Collie Mail will be running a full-page display
of the businesses that are participating in the competition.*

Any members that would like to participate in our Christmas Treasure Hunt can contact me on 97344817 or email admin@colliechamber.asn.au