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RCCIWA 2019 - Working for Our Members – Summary Highlights

Issues & Representation

- Joined the Economic Regulation Authority's Consumer Consultative Committee at their invitation. The role of the ERACCC is to:
  - ✓ provide comment to the Authority on issues affecting consumers that fall within the scope of the Authority's administration of the Economic Regulation Act 2003 (the Act);
  - ✓ provide tangible outcomes for consumers through work that members undertake in partnership with other members and the Authority.
- Contributed to and supported the Australian CCI's Federal Election campaign with small business issues as their main campaign focus.
- Restated our position on raising the Payroll Tax Threshold externally and directly with Members of Parliament.
- Contributed regional input to the Department of Transport's Regional Aviation Team as they work on the recommendations on 2018's Regional Airfares Inquiry.
- Provided written submission to the Productivity Commissions Study on Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments
- Met with the Director-General and several other project staff members of the Dept of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) several times for consultation on the design and delivery of the proposed Employer Incentive Scheme. Contributed regional views and perspective.
- Met with the Hon Liza Harvey MLA regarding concerns of regional tax business owners.
- Panellist at the Bankwest Curtin Economic Centres report launch – Future Proofing the WA Economy – growing the regions.
- A member of CCIWA's Gender Equity Reference Group
- Member of the Local Government Act Review reference group
- Member of the Telstra Regional Advisory Council
- Facilitated quarterly NBN member briefings to connect our members with NBN and ensure the issues and concerns of our members are heard.
- Member of CCIWA's General Council (their policy council).

Stakeholder Engagement

- All three tiers of Government
- Many industry associations in WA (CCIWA, CME, Noongar CCI, Canberra CCI, WALGA, REIWA, AHAWA, MTAWA, HIA, AIGWA, etc)
- Met with the WA Communications team from NDIS to discuss engagement with regional business communities
- Established quarterly meetings with Dept JTSI and DPIRD to discuss the WA Industry Link, WAIPS and the regional LCA's.
- Very strong with many state Government departments and agencies, particularly the Small Business Development Corporation, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, the SBDC, the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation and the Department of Training and Workforce Development.
- Other important stakeholders such as NBNCo, Telstra, RAC WA, Curtin University, AICD, Landcorp, Chamber of Minerals and Energy, NAB, Qantas, Reserve Bank Board, Business Station.

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- Entered into a partnership agreement with Telstra Regional WA, securing sponsorship for RCCIWA and continuing our already very strong engagement.
- Continued a strong relationship with our Corporate Members, Arc Infrastructure, Accor Hotels WA and The Hub Marketing Communications.

Partnership Programs

- **Working Together** - Successfully completed our final year of the 3-year grant and had the grant extended for a fourth year. RCCIWA is the Project Manager for this program, which is delivered via 5 of our member Chambers (Broome CCI, MWCCI, KBCCI, BGCCI, Albany CCI). We are seeing positive outcomes and good results.
- **Capability Enhancement Program** – in partnership and funded by Rio Tinto - Continued to project manage this program, which was delivered in Tom Price by the Pilbara Inland CCI and in Karratha by the KDCCI. This initial program was funded to June 30 2019.
- **Grow Local** – in partnership and funded by Rio Tinto, Woodside, the Chevron operated Gorgon Project and the Toll Group, RCCIWA is the Project Manager for this local capacity building program which is being delivered by KDCCI. Mainly focused in Karratha, but with a small outreach to Tom Price and Newman. Grow Local was launched in Karratha in Mid-October with an aim to connect, grow and inform local businesses, Grow Local is all about supporting local businesses so they can take every opportunity for business growth. The initial program is funded to June 30 2020, however with an opportunity to extend for a further two years.

Regional Visits & Member Event Support

- Toodyay CCI – attended and spoke at their 2019 AGM
- Broome CCI – visited Broome working with their CEO, met with their board
- Collie CCI – brief meeting with CEO Bec Woods in Collie
- Newman CCI – Newman Business Excellence Awards - MC
- KBCCI – Women's Leadership Forum – guest speaker
- MRCCI – Business Excellence Awards - MC
- KDCCI – Visited Karratha twice, working on the Grow Local program, attended one of their board meetings, and spoke at the Grow Local Launch
- Augusta CCI – attended and spoke at a networking sundowner
- Pemberton CCI – attended and spoke at a networking sundowner that was hosted by NBN

Communication & Engagement

- Continued to manage and grow RCCIWA Facebook page – 379 Followers
- Updated website with new content.
- Continued regular effective email communication with members, including regular newsletter
- Held monthly RCCIWA Members teleconferences, with regular policy updates from SBDC and CCIWA
- Held largest ever RCCIWA Members Forum in Perth in June, with a successful Business After Hours hosted by NAB with over 100 attendees.