

WELCOME TO

Chamber Chat

FEBRUARY 2023

Welcome back to Chamber Chat

It has been a few months since our last Chamber Chat but a lot has happened with the Chamber in the meantime. Since we were last in touch, we have welcomed a whole new team, headed by the Chamber's very first CEO, Lisa Moore. Now that the new team is in place, Chamber Chat will be hitting your inbox every month once again. We have a lot of exciting things planned for 2023!

Meet Lisa...



I'm [Lisa Moore](#), and I commenced as CEO of the Chamber in August 2022. I'm writing to introduce myself and offer some insight into my background, and what I hope to bring to the Chamber and to you, our members.

My childhood was spent on a large broadacre cropping farm, north of Shepparton – my first taste of family business.

I'm delighted to have the honour of being the Chamber's first CEO – a bold move by the Committee to offer additional resources and support to southeast-based business owners and staff. The Chamber's funding is 97% from members, plus occasional government grants. This is why it has run lean for years, with less than 1 full-time equivalent staff member, and a volunteer committee.

Part of the Chamber's repositioning is to reimagine the way we engage with our members, other business groups, and the community, across the southeast. In doing so, we'll focus on advocacy, networks, and collaboration. Many of our successful existing offerings will remain, with some new, higher-level, targeted offerings to come in 2023, to support improved strategic connections across businesses.

I look forward to better understanding more about you and what the Chamber can do to support your interests, and warmly welcome you to reach out at any time.

Amazon Australia networking event

Our first event of the year was an exciting one! A lucky group of Gold and Platinum members and key community partners were given the rare opportunity to visit the Amazon warehouse in Dandenong last Wednesday. As a platinum partner of the Chamber, Amazon staff were keen to showcase the inner workings of the warehouse to invited attendees. They provided a comprehensive and generous tour, which included presentations about every department on the warehouse floor to explain their processes. It was a rare opportunity!

Due to security, we were restricted with the photos we could take, but the feedback from everyone who attended has been amazing.

Thank you to the team at Amazon for hosting us and for being so very generous with their time, information and care. Thank you also to Wallara Australia Limited for providing delicious treats for everyone.



Upcoming events

9 March 2023

International Women's Day Cocktail Lunch

In partnership with SEBN



Come along for a light lunch, a glass of champagne and hear from special guest presenter Jordana Borensztajn.

Date: Thursday 9 March

Time: 12pm to 2pm

Venue: Drum Theatre, Dandenong

RSVP: Register by 5pm Monday 6 March

[Learn more about this event](#)

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16 March 2023

Respect@Work Webinar



Join an exceptional line-up of knowledge leaders giving you the information you need now to implement Respect@Work amendments.

Date: Thursday 16 March

Time: 12.30pm to 2pm

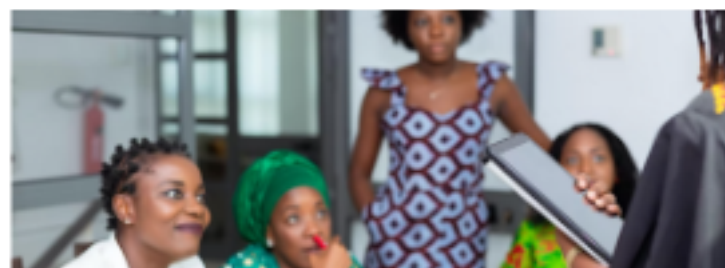
Location: Online

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23 March 2023

Employer Immersive Event Networking and lunch



See a successful diversity hiring model in action during a boutique workshop-style learning lunch limited to 18 people. Ask questions relevant to your workplace and this model, and leave with answers relevant to your context.

Date: Thursday 23 March

Time: 12pm to 2pm (11.45am arrival)

Location: Wallara, Keysborough

RSVP: Essential as places are limited

[Learn more about this event](#)

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30 March 2023

Southeast Workforce Forum Breakfast

In partnership with Macpherson Kelley



Learn about key workforce considerations for employers, including an overview of the business landscape in the Southeast, filling gaps through migration, the new industrial relations landscape, and psychosocial risk regulation. This is a free event.

Date: Thursday 30 March

Time: 7.45am to 9.15am

Location: Macpherson Kelley, Dandenong

RSVP: Essential as places are limited

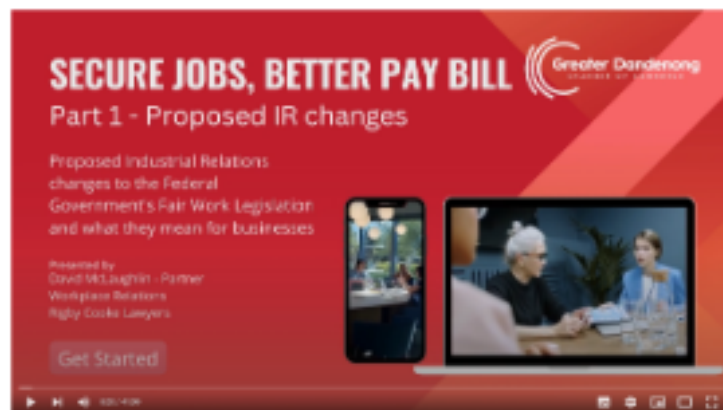
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Industrial Relations Webinars

Make sure you watch the two new [webinars on the Chamber website](#) detailing the landmark Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022 which passed both houses of Parliament on 2 December 2022 and became the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Act 2022 on 6 December 2022. Filmed at the time the changes were proposed in late 2022, the webinars are presented by Rob Jackson and David McLaughlin from Rigby Cooke Lawyers.

Proposed Industrial Relations changes



Content includes:

Types of Enterprise Agreements, dispute resolution, union powers, commission powers and process.

Time: 41.10 mins

Summary of other changes



Content includes:

Arbitration on flexible work requests, prohibiting pay secrecy, limitations on fixed term contracts.

Time: 30.52 mins

Welcome to our newest members

Platinum

HRAnywhere

Gold

Club Noble (Noble Park
Football Social Club Ltd)

Mint Super Audits

Prodatum Consulting

South East Leisure

Silver

Australian Animal Protection
Society

Gearon Environmental

HeadStart

Renew IT

Sunrise Tissue Products

Bronze

Get The Lead

Green Whisk

Steppin' Out Events

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