

CONNECTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

WELCOME TO

# Chamber Chat



We've been busy here at the Chamber since our last newsletter, with a number of events held in March. We focussed on the employment experience across the South East of Melbourne - from both employer and employee perspectives. Amidst employee churn, talent shortage, and the pressures of rising costs, we helped business owners and leaders with solutions to many of the challenges they're currently facing.

We helped businesses navigate the Respect at Work legislation with simple language; we covered how to source talent from new segments of our community - and get them to stay; and for those less serious, or needing a new way to manage all of this turmoil, we helped them connect to their inner childlike wonder!

April is quieter with Easter, but we have a wonderful competition over on our online networking platform, Chamber Connect. Make sure you post and comment in Chamber Connect in April for the chance to win an overnight stay at Dandenong's newest hotel! More details below. We'll see you in Chamber Connect!

As for the Chamber team, other than connecting in Chamber Connect, we'll be busy getting ready for a busy month of May with lots of exciting events planned. Get your tickets early. They're sure to sell out!

Lisa Moore

CEO, Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce

---

## Win a hotel stay at the freshest new place for business and play in Dandenong!

**Chamber Connect** is an online community of more than 1300 business people from Greater Dandenong and across the South East of Melbourne. It's a wonderful way to build on connections made in person at one of our events, or make all new connections!

From now until 30 April, every person who posts in Chamber Connect or comments on another person's post, will go into the draw to win an overnight stay (including breakfast and parking) at Dandenong's fresh, new hotel - the **Holiday Inn Dandenong**, opening in May. The more posts and comments you make, the more chances you have to win!

If you're already registered for Chamber Connect, [sign in today](#) and start posting and commenting to increase your chances. If you're not yet registered, it's easy. [Fill in the form](#) and we'll get you set up. We look forward to seeing you there!



Make business connections  
Build your local network  
Be part of the online business community

**Join Chamber Connect today at**  
[greaterdandenongchamber.com.au](http://greaterdandenongchamber.com.au)

# Upcoming events

4 May 2023

## Respect at Work reforms Workshop & lunch



Join us for a boutique, workshop style lunch and learn how to implement the changes required in your workplace due to the Respect at Work Amendment Act. Members and guests welcome.

**Date:** Thursday 4 May

**Time:** 11.45am to 2pm

**Location:** Wallara, Keysborough

**Tickets:** \$39

[Learn more about this event](#)

REGISTER NOW

17 May 2023

## Networking evening at Patterson Cheney Toyota



Come along for drinks and canapes at the Chamber's Platinum Partner, Patterson Cheney Toyota. Meet other networkers, catch up with old friends, and forge new business relationships.

**Date:** Wednesday 17 May

**Time:** 5.30pm to 7.30pm

**Location:** Patterson Cheney Toyota

**Tickets:** Members free, Guests \$29

[Learn more about this event](#)

REGISTER NOW



10 May 2023

## South East Business Awards Launch Party

Let's network and celebrate the launch of the SE Business Awards 2023.

**Date:** Wednesday 10 May

**Time:** 5.30pm to 7.30pm

**Location:** Brick Lane Brewhouse

**Tickets:** Members \$39, Guests \$59

REGISTER NOW



We're launching the 2023 South East Business awards on [Wednesday 10 May at Brick Lane Brewhouse](#) but it's not too early to start thinking about your award nominations!

AWARDS CATEGORIES  
2023

Check out the 2023 awards categories and all the details for nominations through the links on the right. We'll see you at the [launch party!](#)

NOMINATIONS  
2023



# Did you join us for any of our events in March?

## International Women's Day Cocktail Lunch

9 March 2023

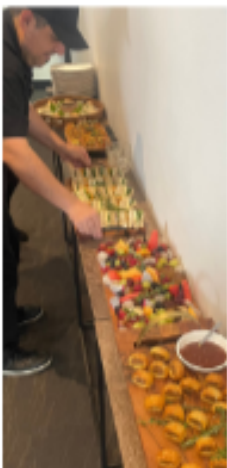
Our guest speaker Jordana Borensztajn - a mentalist, a magician, and a comedian who recently found her lust for life - taught us how to connect to ours at this event at The Drum Theatre. Held in partnership with SEBN.



## Employer Immersive Workshop and Lunch

23 March 2023

We workshopped a successful diversity hire model while being spoiled by the delicious catering provided by the Wallara team. The workshop focussed on blue collar service industries; we heard from an employer, employees, and the creator of the model; and we learned about the challenges faced and how these challenges are being navigated.



# Southeast Workforce Forum Breakfast

30 March 2023

The Chamber partnered with Macpherson Kelley to deliver the Southeast Workforce Forum on 30 March. Attendees were given an overview of the employment landscape across the southeast region, including presentations on opportunities and challenges for businesses, filling skills gaps, building engagement with the CALD community, and adapting to a new workplace landscape under a new government.



## Respect at Work Event Series

### Webinar

16 March 2023

With expert speakers from HR Anywhere and WHISE, this webinar covered simple and pragmatic changes that employers can make in the workplace as a response to the new requirements.



*Slide from webinar presentation by WHISE.*

Participants were given examples of organisational changes relevant to small, medium and large organisations with case study examples, as well as the details of vicarious liability and what to consider in terms of prevention.

## Workshop coming up!

The second event in the series is a lunchtime workshop on Thursday 4 May, and will be an opportunity for senior decision makers to work through examples, ask questions, share insights, and receive advice on how to handle potential backlash to the reforms in the workplace. You don't need to have attended the first event to attend the second. Both members and guests are welcome. **Numbers are limited so book today!**

## Introducing Hayley and Sasha



Hayley Williams  
Manager Events



Sasha de Silva  
Marketing Manager

Welcome to Hayley Williams and Sasha de Silva who have both joined the Greater Dandenong Chamber team. Hayley and Sasha, along with Lisa Moore CEO, are looking forward to working together to continue to bring value to our members.

## Thank you to our Platinum Members



PO Box 7435, Dandenong, 3175

Email: [membership@greaterdandenongchamber.com.au](mailto:membership@greaterdandenongchamber.com.au)

Phone: 0459 352 586