

President's Report 2006-2007

Wow! What a year, what a journey. Here we are at another AGM and that of course brings us to the end of the 3rd successful year for our club, seeing amazing growth and our coming of age.

Our Directions workshop, at the beginning of the year indicated that we wanted the group to move forward, and with the worst of the impact of Cyclone Larry coming to an end, we knuckled down to decide just what needed to be done for that to happen. As a committee we felt that, if we could provide our members with quality venues and speakers on a consistent basis, as well as promoting a professional image in the public arena then we would see the membership grow, and that is what has happened. We have gone from a paid membership base of 32 last November to 53 with more of our members attending dinner meetings each month.

We also felt that there was a need to promote the TBWN more within the public eye and to achieve this we hosted a very successful International Women's Day Lunch, and then of course the highlight of the year, the wonderful combined meeting with Mareeba's Business Women's Group, held at Skybury's Coffee Centre attended by 106 members and guests. Shortly after this we sponsored Katie Crichton in the Maize Festival Queen competition organising several fund-raisers. Unfortunately due to our busy lives and the overall lack of interest from the members we had to cancel our involvement with the Atherton Turf Club and the "Girls Day Out" race day this year.

We would like to take this time to thank Katie for agreeing to be our entrant in the festival, Katie did our club proud she is an amazing young woman and we wish her all the best for her future. In appreciation, we would like to present Katie with a 12 months membership to the TBWN and look forward to a long association with her.

During all this activity, we launched into completely revamping our image which included our current logo and website, no small feat, let me tell you. But thanks to the hard work of Maria Pesavento, Leslie Ring and Liz Hughes we completed what I am sure you would agree is a very professional look portraying to the public just what the TBWN signifies.

My sincere thanks goes to my committee, who have made my job so easy and such a pleasure.

Liz Hughes- Secretary. Liz stepped in and filled this position when it unexpectedly became vacant; her experience has been a great help to me over the year.

Sandy Hayes – Treasurer. Sandy has been far more than our treasurer this year. Thanks Sandy for all the extra you have given to the committee.

Teresa Davis – Sponsorship Co-ordinator. Responsible for all the great raffle prizes and 2 minute speakers and endless support.

Annette Brown – Venue Co-ordinator. Annette has sourced out all the venues for our functions this year and has jumped in with help and support whenever needed.

Sandra Owen – “General Committee Member. Sandra is our general helper. So glad you’re up and feeling better and back on track with us.

Leslie Ring - Leslie has been far more than the Guest Speaker Co-ordinator this year. She has been instrumental in the overall success of each function, and her experience in marketing has given us the heads up all the way.

Sonya Frost- Publicity Officer. Sonya has done a wonderful job of making sure our club has had maximum media exposure all through the year and offers us continual support and enthusiasm.

Maria Pesavento- Our IT guru has been a wonderful help and encouragement to the committee, with loads of hard work and support being shown throughout the entire year. Her main brief this year has been the major upgrade to our website

Marcy Urken- A special thank you to Marcy who has continued to provide the group with the Dots on Top newsletter each month for free, and though no longer living on the Tableland has still been extremely supportive of the TBWN. We accept her resignation with regret.

Rhonda Sorensen- Vice. Unfortunately Rhonda’s work commitments, kept her away and was unable to be as involved as I know she would have wanted to be, but she has been, and will continue to be 100% supportive of us.

Bronwyn Cant – Membership Co-ordinator. Though unable to attend meetings and functions due to family commitments, Bronwyn has been a silent force this year for the good of the club, her efficiency and reliability outstanding.

Without the hard work and commitment of each of you the success of this year would not have been possible.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome the new members of the committee, I know you will enjoy the year ahead, and that the rewards you will reap from being involved with a group such as this, will far outweigh the effort given.

In conclusion, I would like to state that I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and look forward to serving the TBWN in the future in any way you see fit, for a long time to come. Thankyou to you the members for your support, and may you all, continue to benefit from your involvement with this group.