

## President's Annual report 2007/08

Tonight brings to a end, my time as the President of the TBWN, I have enjoyed the last two years more then I can say, but I have other projects in the pipeline and need to re focus my time towards them. I honestly feel that the club as a whole will benefit from a new committee this year... with new ideas and innovative ways of taking the club onward and upward.

This year our goal was to provide you, our members, with bigger and better events and to continue to build on the growth of last year. I believe we have achieved that. It became quite obvious through out the year that our next step was to source sponsorship which would allow us financially to stage larger events with the occasional guest speakers from the speaking circuits etc We are happy to say that we have been putting the finishing touches to a professionally presented sponsorship prospectus that we will be handing over to the new committee. This has taken considerable time and effort, and I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Leslie Ring and her staff at... Taking Care of Business... for providing this document for us...along with last year when we revamped the Web site, Logo and Image So as you can see a lot of activity has been going on behind the scenes ....we have been laying the infrastructure that is needed for a club such as ours to continue to grow. All these thing take time and we are very proud of the groundwork that has been achieved.

Now along with all the great things that have happened this year we have had a couple of not so good things happen as well

As you are aware the committee members all take their positions seriously and have taken pride in the fact that we were providing what you our members have requested each month... in regard to dinner meetings etc... so you can imagine our surprise when we were told that we were out of touch overall. And we were facing loss of memberships because of it. Needless to say we flew into action and dedicated our next function to letting you all have a say on what you thought we were doing wrong but I am pleased to say the positive support was overwhelming.. We thank you for that, but in the process of the advertising for that particular dinner, we inadvertently used an image on our invitation that we thought was on the free list. This wasn't so... and the club incurred a fined of \$1400 and was made to remove the image.. So we learned a valuable lesson...but one we could have done without.. And on behalf on the committee I apologise for the financial loss the club has had.

My Sincere thanks goes to my committee for their continual support of not only the club but of me personally over the last two years. Each member of the committee have businesses to run and families to care for... yet they have found a way to give some of that precious time to the club.

Liz Hughes- Vice president. Liz has done a great job over the last 12 months as my Vice... always willing to step in for me whenever needed and her experience and knowledge of the TBWN has been especially helpful.

Sandy Hayes – Treasurer/ and venue coordinator. Sandy stepped in again this year when our elected treasurer was unable to continue. And then again when our event coordinator had to resign due to bad health. So a special thank you to Sandy you are wonderful and much appreciated by the committee.

Teresa Davis – Sponsorship Co-ordinator. Responsible for all the great raffle prizes and 2 minute speakers and endless support. Teresa's great can do attitude has really been wonderful over the last couple of years and nothing has been too much trouble. And she has been a terrific sounding board for me.  
Thanks Teresa

Leslie Ring – Unable to be with us as she is over in the UK.... Leslie has done a fantastic job as the Guest Speaker Co-ordinator this year. Leslie's business has also been our major sponsor, and her experience in business and marketing has given us the heads up all the way.

Anne Cork – Secretary .. Anne's efficiency and support have been invaluable this year she has that wonderful knack of diplomacy, and believe me that is a great skill. And again a very busy lady, who has taken time out for the TBWN because she believes in it.

Sonya Frost- Publicity Officer. Sonya has done a marvellous job of making sure our club has had maximum media exposure over the last couple of years.. and offers us continual support and enthusiasm.

Maria Pesavento- Our IT guru has continued to be a fantastic source of support for the committee, working hard creating and maintaining our web site and looking after all our IT needs ... thanks Maria

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

June Dwyer

Has been our general committee member and has jumped in whenever asked to help despite being frantically busy this year she has continued to support us in any way possible

So would you all put your hands together for a job well done...

Could I just take this time to welcome and congratulate the new committee.. we wish you well and know you will enjoy your term as the Executive. We are looking forward to all the new and exciting ideas you will be implementing.

In conclusion I would like to once again thank all of you who have supported my term as President and I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed myself it has been great. I may be stepping down as President but I will continue to support and promote the TBWN for a very long time to come. ... Thank you.