

September Gathering an Outstanding success

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To start our gathering, we were greeted with superb wines from the Cleggett Wines from Langhorne Creek. The special treat was their outstanding Shalistin White Cabernet Sauvignon Malian. Their clean skin *Reds* were to “live for”. We also had Pizza from Café Ruffinos. Yum! All for only \$10 per head.

Our gathering was at the Sue Pryor Swimming Centre at Strathalbyn. Sue was a gracious host, and she told us about her business history, and how she built up a reliable clientele. Her standards are extremely high, but are underpinned by safety and fun. Her facility is excellent, and her generosity was gratefully appreciated. She also spoke about being able to get good staff.

Sharon Bremner spoke of her local Strathalbyn Business “Body Sense by Shaz” and how she had been through some personal challenges, and her business challenges gave her the incentive to charge on and create the success story she has today. If we wanted to indulge ourselves for physical and mental relaxation, Body Sense by Shaz is the place to go.

Jody Sitters from AdminEzy then spoke about her business. Many of the attendees at the gathering have been assisted by Jody and could not speak more highly about the financial and business management expertise she has brought to their businesses. Jody is qualified with MYOB, and is able to assist many businesses grasp this software. Additionally, her vast business knowledge and experience has helped many local small businesses. Also Jody has also been doing a terrific job as the ABN Treasurer and the editor of our newsletter. Thanks Jody!

Finally, Mark Heinrich from Fleurieu Regional Development spoke of the changes facing FRD, and how the amalgamations of FRD, Kangaroo Island Regional Development and the Adelaide Hills Regional Development might affect and potentially benefit small business in our region. Mark’s talk was closely listened to, because no one wanted to see a diminishing in the outstanding services we have enjoyed from the FRD. Mark is a stalwart of our business network, and we cannot thank him enough for working above and beyond his salary, which he said has not been increased in many years due to funding restrictions. A big thanks goes to Mark!



The Alexandrina Business Network AGM
Friday 27th November
6.30pm for 7pm start

Currency Creek Estate Wines

ABN AGM

Dinner Meeting

3 Course meal and wines

Currency Creek Estate Winery



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NEXT GATHERING

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Wines

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**Alexandrina Business
Network**

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Development
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Sponsorship Applications Closed

Applications from students at schools in the Alexandrina Area closed at the end of September, and are currently being assessed.

The results will be announced at our AGM/Dinner in November.

Thanks and good luck to the applicants. Thanks also to the sponsors, which include the Alexandrina Council, Fleurieu Regional Development, Regions at Work, the Alexandrina Business Network, EnvironArc Green Building Design and Alexandrina Plumbing.

Annual General Meeting

The ABN AGM will be a dinner meeting (\$30 per head for a three course meal with matching wines) held at the Currency Creek Estate Winery on Friday night the 27th of November (6.30 pm for 7pm).

We will be having a surprise speaker to discuss support for regional small businesses.

Following the AGM, we will have a presentation for the scholarship winners. All members are encouraged to attend.

The outgoing President, Mike Galea, will be retiring from the Management Committee due to his many other commitments. Mike hopes that the ABN continues to grow from strength to strength.

Become a member of ABN

The application forms are available at the website www.abnetwork.com.au and are easy to fill in. Unless you are on the management committee (who meets bi-monthly over some drinks and nibbles), your only commitment is to yourself and the benefits you can make from Business Gatherings. Most of our members are individual, small and family micro businesses. The gatherings give businesses the chance to share stories and business cards.