



Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.

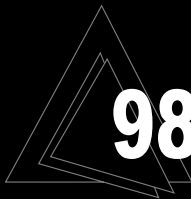
Membership has its benefits...

Membership of the Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc. provides numerous value-added benefits including opportunities to meet potential customers, promote your business, obtain business development advice, advocacy and lobbying support, receive information about up-and-coming training workshops and seminars, and stay informed about important issues affecting Albany and the Great Southern.

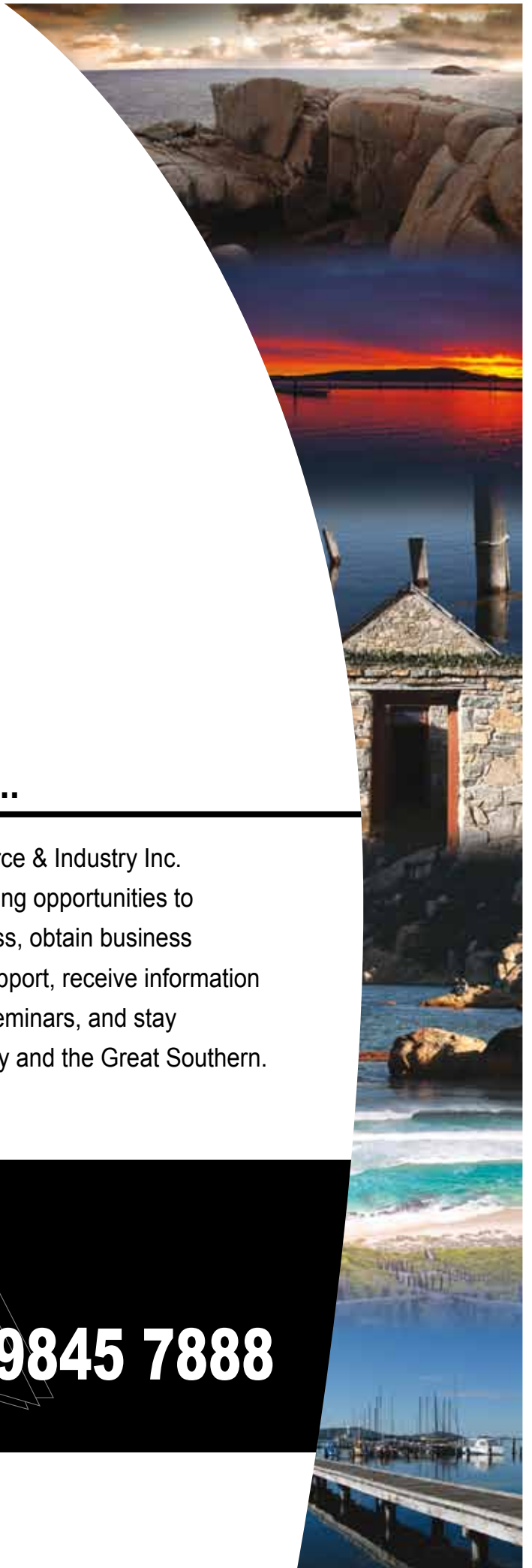
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ASSISTANCE

Business Assistance and Referral Service

ACCI is a not-for-profit membership based organisation that receives no external funding for its day-to-day operations. As such it is able to provide fully independent advice and assistance on a whole range of business activities and information. In addition it can refer businesses on to other private and Government agencies for assistance including business planning, recruitment and training, financial, taxation and legal advice, sales and marketing, occupational health and safety information, statistics, and strategic planning needs.

ACCI's alliance with CCIWA provides access to an extensive suite of business services. We can also facilitate improved access to all levels of Local, State and Federal Government.

Representation and Lobbying

ACCI is the voice of business in Albany and across the Great Southern, whether on behalf of individual members, as an industry group, or the business community as a whole. ACCI is represented on numerous committees and boards to lobby and provide input into policy development and reviews.

Written submissions on issues affecting local business are presented to Local, State and Federal Governments. Letters of support for tenders, grants and applications are also written for members and community organisations upon request.

ACCI is a member of the Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry WA, which provides an opportunity to create a united voice in representing all Chamber members throughout regional Western Australia.

Employment Issues

ACCI provides a referral service for advice on Industrial Relations and Human Resources issues such as: Awards, Australian Workplace Agreements, and discrimination, equal opportunity, and unfair dismissal claims. In conjunction with Workwise Advisory Services, a free Business Health Check is available to all members to ensure compliance with all Fair Work legislative requirements.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY


Advertising Discounts

Members can receive 20% discount (5% earlybird discount plus 15% member discount) on their ACCI Business & Community Directory advertising, if booked and paid by 29th June 2012.

Red Bold Listing

Members are featured in **RED BOLD** within the telephone listings section of the Directory so they stand out from the crowd.

Business Advertising

Member advertisements in the Business Advertising section feature the distinctive  ACCI logo which indicates Chamber membership. Members like to do business with other members.

PROMOTIONS

Newsletter

ACCI produces a monthly newsletter with a circulation of approximately 800. It features all ACCI activities, a calendar of events, training opportunities, information sessions, social functions, recognition of member achievements, business articles and general information.

Newsletter Flyers

Members can distribute promotional flyers in the monthly newsletter at low cost. Members report this medium as a highly effective marketing tool as the number of different flyers per newsletter is limited.

Buy Local Campaign

ACCI is committed to promoting local businesses and encourages everyone to give local Albany and Great Southern businesses the first opportunity to quote for your business requirements. ACCI is committed to buying local wherever possible.

EVENTS

Business After Hours

ACCI's monthly 'members only' Business After Hours networking event continues to be very popular with average attendances in 2011 exceeding 180 members and guests. Members take turn to host these monthly events which provide an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of their respective businesses and where new members can introduce their business to other members.

Training & Professional Development

ACCI conducts a number of Training and Professional Development workshops and seminars each year to assist in the growth of your business and your people. In addition, ACCI works closely with the Small Business Centre and Great Southern Institute of Technology in both the development and promotion of business related workshops.

Women's Leadership Forum

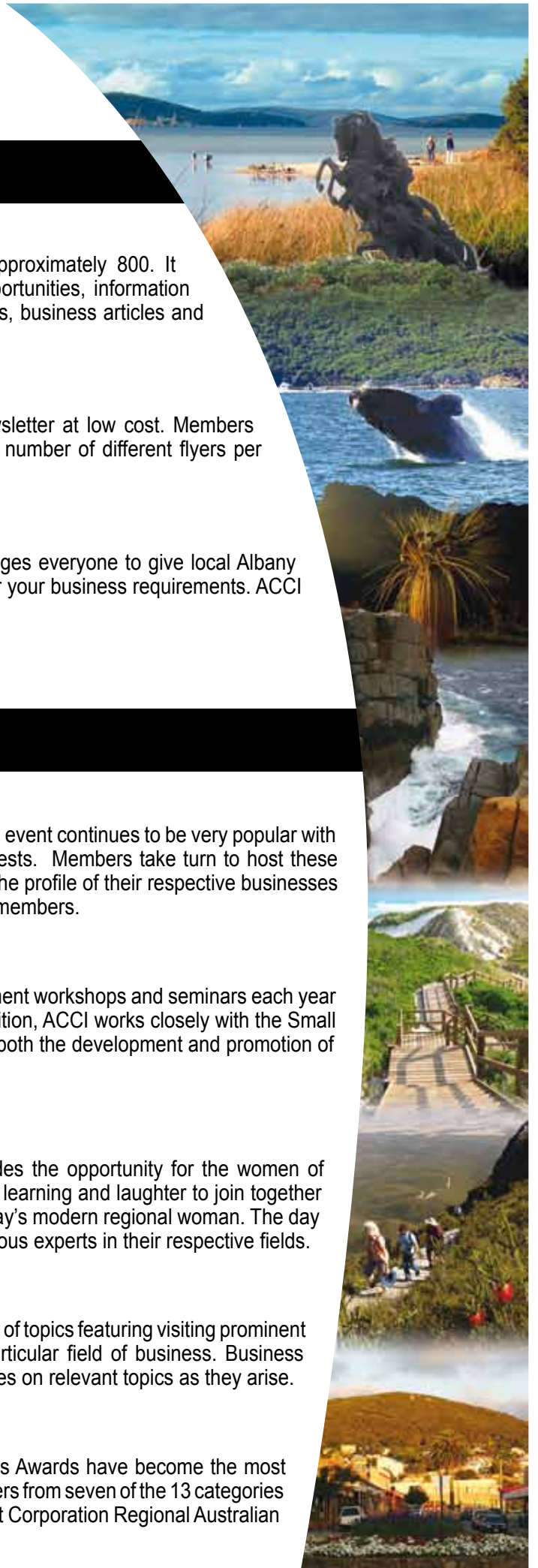
A Women's Leadership Forum is held each year which provides the opportunity for the women of Albany and the Great Southern to network in an atmosphere of learning and laughter to join together in exploring the challenges of leadership and lifestyle facing today's modern regional woman. The day features a series of presentations by keynote speakers and various experts in their respective fields.

Business Breakfast & Briefings

Throughout the year, ACCI hosts business breakfasts on a variety of topics featuring visiting prominent business people and keynote speakers with expertise in a particular field of business. Business briefings are also held from time to time to address various issues on relevant topics as they arise.

Annual Business Excellence Awards

Held in the first quarter of each year, the annual ACCI Business Awards have become the most prestigious event on the Albany Business Events Calendar. Winners from seven of the 13 categories go on to represent the region in the Small Business Development Corporation Regional Australian Business of the Year awards.





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“Serving Albany & the Great Southern since 1892”

2011 ACCI Business Awards



HHG
Business of the Year
Florescence

Florescence were also winners in the following categories:

- Australia Post Award for Businesses with 5-10 Employees
- Albany Port Authority Agribusiness Award
- Small Business Centre Great Southern Business Achiever Award



Telstra
Country Wide
Business Person of the Year
Tony Fitzpatrick

2011 Albany Women's Leadership Forum

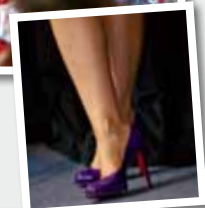
Accolades Galore!

The fourth annual Albany and Great Southern Women's Leadership Forum was again a raging success featuring various speakers ranging from RIRDC Australian Rural Woman of the Year to the Founder and CEO of ENJO Australia, to the Fremantle Dockers and the Perth Wildcats team dietitian, with a range of topics covering such issues as overcoming regional challenges, creating dynamic workplace environments, dealing with difficult people, business success strategies, and bridging the generation gap.

The fifth annual women's forum is scheduled for Tuesday 25 September 2012, so mark your diaries now!

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Be a part of this vibrant organisation.