



## Working Together

Kaya! Some exciting news to share this month! The Working Together Strategy is now on the Chamber's website.

You can find information, updates and events on the 'Working Together' tab at or go to <http://www.bgcci.com.au/home-sento/working-together>.

May is a busy month. I have been organising the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre workshop 'How well do you understand the Aboriginal people you employ – or want to employ?' as well as an Indigenous Eco Tour in conjunction with Ngalang Wongi Aboriginal Cultural Tours, Troy Bennell and the Dolphin Discovery Centre.

NAIDOC week is fast approaching and along with the Chamber we looking forward to hosting an event as well as participating in community events.

A reminder that the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre (AWDC) have a free Jobs Board to assist if you are looking for an Aboriginal employee or employees; there's no better place to advertise your vacancy than here.

As a registered employer, this service lets you create and post advertisements and AWDC will also look for matches with their registered job seekers and refer them to your vacancy.

There are also online recruitment tools available to help cut down on the work involved in dealing with the recruitment process and applications. Registration is free. Go check it out and get yourself set up!

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# Elders' SDEA Acquisition



Visitors to Bunbury's CBD may have noticed the new red signage on the real estate offices next door to Chamber House in Stirling Street.

Well established firm Southern Districts Estate Agency recently became a wholly owned subsidiary of listed company Elders Ltd.

The move is part of Elders' national push into real estate, focussing on residential and commercial sales and property management.

All the "old" staff and owners have been retained, but Southern Districts now enjoys all the benefits of a national company for training, marketing, reputation and reach.

Elders Southern Districts Estate Agency has two offices in Bunbury; a more traditional Elders branch in Halifax, where some of the rural and residential sales representatives work, as well as a full service real estate office in Stirling Street, offering rural, commercial, residential and business sales, along with commercial and residential property management.

This full service model is also offered from offices in Capel and Collie, making Elders Southern Districts Estate Agency the only South West real estate office to offer such an extensive and comprehensive coverage of all real estate offerings.

Southern Districts, which now has a staff of about 65, will soon be celebrating 50 years of operation.

Branch Manager Drew Cary has been with Southern Districts for 11 years and says the business has retained the best aspects of customer service provided by a small, almost family-owned style of firm, while having all the benefits of large corporate support.

On being a Chamber Member, Drew said: "If you interact on a business level locally, then it is essential to participate in your local Chamber of Commerce.

"It is the one place that all business owners can share experience, work together for the betterment of the whole business community – competitor and customer alike."

## Remember: Friday with Friends

**A nice quiet place to relax, to have a chat and drink with friends at SWC Chamber House every Friday 4.30pm to 6.30pm.**