

Lindfield Chamber of Commerce

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Notice of NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Chamber is on **Wednesday 28th October at 6pm** at the offices of Peter Vickers & Associates Pty Ltd: Suite 2, 345 Pacific Highway, and is open to all business people in Lindfield.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Financial report
- Vacant shops and offices
- Graffiti and report on Rotary's new activity
- Christmas activities
- The never ending saga of the Ku-ring-Gai Plan

Father's Day Art Competition

Once again, our annual Father's Day Art Competition was a great success! A big thank you to Holy Family Catholic School and Chromehurst school for participating, as well as local businesses for making prize donations: Delish, Fresh at Lindfield, Lindfield Pharmacy, Lindfield Bookshop, Village Pharmacy, Linqvist Hair Studio, Paul Mathieson Pharmacy, Bruno the Hairstylist, Lindfield Hardware, Perspective Counselling and Twinkles 2 Trills Music School.

Upcoming Events - Christmas Hamper Raffle

To celebrate the Christmas season and as a thank you to local customers, why not be involved in the Christmas Raffle Hamper this year? Simply donate a gift to go into a hamper, and you'll receive raffle tickets for your customers. If you're interested, please contact Lauren on 9416 9266 or laurenb@pva.com.au

www.lindfieldbiz.com.au is now up and running, and will continue to develop this year. If you would like to advertise your business or special promotions on the website, call Lauren on 9416 9266 to find out how! If you do not have a website, we can organise one for you. Chamber members can have their full details and links listed on the web site.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Vickers
Secretary

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POLITICAL COMMENT ON VACANT SHOPS AND OFFICES IN LINDFIELD SHOPPING VILLAGE

For the first time in living memory we have many vacant shops and offices in Lindfield. A thank you to Dr Brendan Nelson for resigning as this has meant his likely successor Mr Paul Fletcher has leased one of the vacant shops at least until his probable election.

At the next meeting of the Chamber we propose to make a list of types of businesses that we would like to see in Lindfield. Please send your list of suggestions to laurenb@pva.com.au a day before the meeting so that we can compile a list for consideration at the meeting.

It is suggested that we then send this list to all the real estate agents that have property listed in Lindfield. If specific retailers are mentioned then the Chamber can send a letter to those retailers suggesting that they contact the agent. We may even put a general ad on the internet. However we expect owners of these buildings to pay their membership invoices. If you are a paid member then we will ensure that your category of business is not included.

The owner of the old hardware shop on the Highway has spent a large sum of money fixing the leaking roof, rotten floors etc. It would have been nice if he had done these repairs while he had a tenant. The level of this repair work would indicate that this site is unlikely to have a seven story development on it as proposed in the Ku-ring-Gai strategic plan.

The Curves franchise has recently closed due to poor trading conditions. However Chris Jessop of Vision Personal Trainers has his staff peddling furiously in the mornings to drum up business. It would be incorrect to directly relate the closure of various businesses to the Global Financial Crisis. Many owners just felt that it's just a good time to retire or try something else. Business is always hard work and some of us sadly just find that we do not have what it takes. Reasons are always complex and varied.

The Chamber would like to start a regular email to local residents. Woollahra has an email newsletter refer to www.woollahravillage.com.au. Our plan is to ask for email addresses instead of telephone numbers in our Christmas raffle in order to build up our mailing list. If you have an email data base and would like to participate then please let the Chamber know. (We need to be very careful about privacy concerns).

This comment has been written by the chamber secretary, Peter Vickers, and all comments and abuse should be direct to him.