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CANBERRA
BUSINESS COUNCIL

WE LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES...



CANBERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL'S primary objective is the economic development of the ACT, and right now, economic development in the Region has taken a blow as part of the global economic downturn. The latest unemployment figures for example show that the jobless rate in the ACT rose to 2.8% in March 2009 in trend terms. Worrying news indeed – until it's taken in the context of a national unemployment rate of 5.4% (trend); clearly while Canberra is doing it tough, we are weathering the storm much better than any other national capital.

During this difficult period, I believe the Council has an even greater role to play. We are taking every opportunity to influence the ACT Government to develop and maintain a pro-business stance. The ACT Chief Minister has made it clear that he understands that businesses are the engine of economic growth in the ACT

– what's good for business is good for the ACT and Region. A priority of the CBC is to ensure that business always has a seat at the table when Government policy is being developed at all levels, and to date the Council has been quite successful in doing exactly that.

The Council doesn't operate in a vacuum. We must have input from business, because we strive to represent the wide variety of businesses in the ACT. Accordingly, I am constantly looking to engage with and consult with our member businesses, and I invite you to be a part of the process if you are not already involved. ■

*Chris Faulks,
CEO, Canberra Business Council*

Pictured above at the CBC Business Roundtable event:
(L-R) Glenn Keys – Aspen Medical,
Eric Koundouris – Koundouris Group,
Katy Gallagher – Deputy Chief Minister and Treasurer, and
Craig Sloan – Chair, Canberra Business Council

ABOUT US

CANBERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL is the leading business organisation in the ACT and Capital Region and is committed to the sustainability and economic development of the ACT and Capital Region.

In serving its members Canberra Business Council:

- Represents business interests to influence public policy at a Federal and Territory level.
- Develops and participates in key initiatives to further the economic and business development of the Capital Region.
- Provides member services to meet the needs of members.
- Provides a forum to discuss matters of interest to business.

To find out more about Canberra Business Council membership, contact 02 6247 4199 or info@canberrabusinesscouncil.com.au or canberrabusinesscouncil.com.au

MEMBER SERVICES

WORKPLACE ADVICE LINE: 13 29 59
Canberra Business Council has an affiliation with the NSW Business Chamber. This means that members of Canberra Business Council can also access a range of NSW Business Chamber managed services, such as the Workplace Advice Line.

Canberra Business Council members can call 13 29 59 for sound workplace relations advice on issues such as Awards, leave provisions and superannuation as well as for help with complicated workplace management issues. ■

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2009 – CANBERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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YEARS

1979–2009

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IN 1979 A GROUP of industry associations banded together to represent the views of the Canberra business community. This 'Committee of 22' grew to become the Canberra Association for Regional Development (CARD) in 1980, and by 1991 CARD had renamed itself Canberra Business Council. Today Canberra Business Council is busy building on the legacy of the Committee of 22 and CARD. Thirty years on the Council retains the same spirit of commitment demonstrated by the original Committee of 22, namely the desire to provide a strong voice for business, and to bring together its members and government in an effort to ensure that the future of the Canberra Region is prosperous and secure. ■