

LAUNCH OF 'CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY' PUBLICATION

LUNCHEON

CANBERRA ROOM, HYATT HOTEL

12.45pm to 2.00pm

Thursday 4 December 2008

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies

David Michaelis

ACCI Deputy President

On behalf of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry I extend a warm welcome to you all at this book launch of ACCI's *Captains of Industry* publication.

Let me introduce myself; I am David Michaelis, Deputy President of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

I particularly welcome former colleagues, many whom have travelled some distance to be with us today.

These include:

- former President of the Confederation of Australian Industry Ross Berglund AM;
- former President of the Australian Chamber of Commerce Graham Byrne; and
- former Presidents of ACCI, David Gray, Neville Sawyer and Peter O'Brien.

We also have with us former leading executives of our organisations, including:

- former Secretaries of the Australian Chamber of Commerce Ray Pelham-Thorman AM, George Webb and Don Larkin;
- former Executive-Director of the Australian Council of Employers Federations and the Confederation of Australian Industry George Polites AC CMG MBE;
- former Director-General of the Confederation of Australian Industry and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bryan Noakes AO;
- former Chief Executive of the Confederation of Australian Industry and our inaugural Chief Executive of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ian Spicer AM;
- former Chief Executive of ACCI, Peter Hendy;
- former officers of the ACCI Board Owen Brown OAM and Graham Sherry OAM; and
- former executives of ACCI John Garrety, John Martin (now ACCC Commissioner), Dr. Steven Kates (now Productivity Commission Commissioner), Reg Hamilton (now Deputy President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission), Karen Curtis (now Privacy Commissioner), Eugene Bajkowski, Malcolm Overland, Stan Moore and Nicolle Flint.

If I have missed any of our former colleagues, please forgive me.

I should also record that we have received sincere expressions of regret from former Presidents John Collins, Robert Gerard and Dr. John Keniry, and former staff member Steve Balzary, amongst others.

The publication we are launching today was conceived, researched and edited by former Chief Executive Peter Hendy, and Peter will shortly address us.

Given the wealth of experience and history we have in the room, we thought it would be remiss to launch the publication without giving an opportunity to hear from some of our former colleagues about our work in previous decades.

We will also hear in order from Ian Spicer, Ray Pelham-Thorman, Bryan Noakes, and George Polites.

Each will be briefly interviewed by our current Chief Executive, Peter Anderson.

Our current President Tony Howarth AO will launch the publication with former Presidents in the period leading up to our merger in 1992, Graham Byrne and Ross Berglund AM.

At the conclusion of the event I will be moving a vote of thanks to the past service of our Presidents, and to Peter Hendy for bringing that past service to life in this publication.

Everyone here at the luncheon today will receive a complementary copy of the book, together with our ACCI Annual Report for the past year, and our future Strategic Framework that has been endorsed this week.

Please avail yourself of copies from our staff as you leave today.

All past Presidents, Executives and former staff will be invited to remain in the room for photographs.