

BB Better Business

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Adversity is a good thing

Practical help: Workshops include activities

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RENOWNED business coach and international trainer Tony Gattari will be one of the guest speakers at a free workshop later this month.

Better Business Wide Bay general manager Yale Morgan said he was happy with the calibre of speakers who would be providing advice for small business owners in the region, helping them get back on track.

"Through GlobalCare we have done these workshops before and attracted some great speakers," he said.

The workshop has been organised by Global Care Bundaberg, Better Business Wide Bay and the Bundaberg and District Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Morgan said these business leaders, trainers and consultants would deliv-

FREE WORKSHOP

Where: Citicoast Auditorium in Avenell Heights
When: Monday April 29
Cost: Free for business owners
Phone: 0488 266 637

er content business owners could use immediately.

"They will be given activities that will have a practical use," he said.

"Small changes can sometimes equal massive results."

Global Care National director Peter Pilt said he was delighted that Global Care could go beyond its main work of food distribution to now play a practical role in helping local businesses get back on their feet.

"This is taking Global

Care to a whole new level," Mr Pilt said.

With more than 20 years of experience, Mr Gattari said he had forfeited his usual fee because he wanted to share his knowledge with the Bundaberg community.

"This workshop has been specifically customised for the Bundaberg region," he said.

"I've found regional cities better appreciate loyalty than city businesses."

Mr Gattari said he would discuss how businesses could develop in regional areas not just financially but in their mindset.

He said the enemy of progress was not adversity but being too comfortable.

"Adversity is a good thing," he said.

Mr Morgan said this workshop was just the first in a string of workshops in Bundaberg over coming months.



RE-IGNITE: Laser Group general manager of sales and marketing Tony Gattari is coming to Bundaberg to deliver a workshop to small business operators. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

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■ Sue and her team from the Moore Park Mini Mart (the servo). Always helpful, polite and were great during the time we were cut off from town.

Linda Jenkins

■ Sharon Service Station went above and beyond the call of duty, allowing people to book up when the Eftpos service wasn't working. I hope everyone did the right thing and went back to fix up their accounts because they did the right thing by everyone.

Karen Jordan

■ I would like to thank Elvery's Electrical, who arranged a prompt and reliable service and assisted our family in getting power back on after we had half a metre of flooding through our house. Thank you for allowing us to move home sooner!

Kathy Ellem

■ Fur Kids Dip and Clip always reply to my SMS bookings, arrive on time do a fabulous job. My dog loves them, prior to this she hated groomers. If you need your dog groomed and looking for a mobile groomer call them.

Carol Levey

Super reforms to have little impact on average Aussies

LAST week the government announced further reforms to our superannuation system. Of course, there was the predictable outcry, but it's fair to say that, on balance, they are reasonable reforms and will have little effect on the majority of Australians.

The proposal to increase the concessional contribu-

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tion from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for older Australians is especially welcome – this is the group that is more likely to have the resources available to put money away for

a pending retirement.

The other major change was a tax of 15% on the income of superannuation funds in pension mode that exceeded \$100,000 a year per member. Initially the figure of \$2 million was suggested because a yield of 5% per annum would produce income of \$100,000 a year.

This led to a spate of

emails pointing out that most superannuation funds had done better than 15% for the last year, and many more retirees would be affected than was first thought. This shows a lack of understanding of the difference between capital growth and income.

If a fund returned 15% in a year when the sharemarket

was doing well, the return may well be 11% capital growth and 4% income. Only the income would be taken into account when calculating the taxable income.

The proposals are not yet legislated, and it is unlikely they will be. My advice is to keep buying and holding good quality assets within a tax-effective environment.



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