

# A whale of a time!

THE end to another successful year was toasted by more than 250 Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry members overlooking Frenchman Bay at Business After Hours for December.

Sponsors for the last BAH event for 2011 included Whale World, Galafrey Wines, Busy Blue Bus, Albany Party Hire and Skywest, with Whalers Galley Cafe providing finger food.

Glenn Russell from Whale World explained that there was a lot happening currently including the redevelopment of the retail souvenir shop. Also new to Whale World is Discovery Bay's Walk on the Wild Side - Australian Native Fauna Park with more than 30 species of mostly rare, endangered and vulnerable Australian native fauna. The fauna can be viewed on self-guided tours or fully guided, including nocturnal tours.

Glenn also announced their local resident holiday special which includes free admission to Whale World for local residents when accompanied by a paying guest. This offer is available from December 26 until January 31. Whale World is a not-for-profit organisation operated by the Jaycees Community Foundation.

While in Albany, Skywest's Sales Manager Darren Best had been gaining feedback from local businesses and agents which he said would be taken on board.

"We understand the importance of a reliable air service into a regional city like Albany," Darren said. "We appreciate your support and we aim to give you a good service especially to increase tourism to the region."

James McCabe from Busy Blue Bus took the opportunity to thank those people and businesses that have supported and used Busy Blue Bus throughout the year. Busy Blue Bus, a local coach and coaster bus charter and hire service, provided transport for BAH attendees on the night.

Kim Tyrer said Galafrey Wines produces quality wines from their 34-year-old pioneering vineyard located in Mt Barker. Galafrey varieties include riesling, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, muller thurgau, cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and merlot, and the award-winning label regularly receives rave reviews by the likes of wine aficionados James Halliday and Ray Jordan.

Kim wished everyone a happy Christmas and hoped everyone would give and receive lots of Australian wines.

January's BAH will be hosted by the ACCI, H+H Architects, Wauters Enterprises and Solargain Albany.

Glenn Russell from Whale World and Megan Wright from CRS Australia.



▲ James McCabe from Busy Blue Bus and Melissa Male from National Bank.



▲ Rachel Robinson and Amy Ledger from Great Southern Distilling Company.



▲ Toni Meli from Dome Cafe with Nathan and Cecilia Hadlow from South Coast Insurance Brokers WA.



▲ Rosie Deveson from Flinders Park Lodge and Nilla Spark from Jetset Travel Albany.



▲ Nigel Rowe and Kim Tyrer from Galafrey Wines with Damon Seymour from the Albany Club.



▲ Tim Sullivan and Alicia Molik from Wealth Advantage with Tony and Grace Monterosso from Nexus Wealth.



▲ Darren Best and Tim Cox from Skywest.

## Join us at...

### January's BAH

- > Wednesday 18 January
- > 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- > Hosts: ACCI, H+H Architects, Wauters Enterprises, Solargain Albany
- > Venue: ACCI
- > RSVP to [events@albanycci.com.au](mailto:events@albanycci.com.au) or fax registration form to 9845 7877 by noon, Monday 17 January, 2012
- > Registration form enclosed