

SUNBURY

# Time for women to talk

## NEW NETWORK GROUP SET UP

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SUNBURY Business Association believes it's high time women had the chance to network.

The group will launch the Sunbury Business Women's Network at the inaugural Women in Business dinner in October.

The event will be the first of ongoing opportunities for Sunbury's entrepreneurial women to share their thoughts and experiences at meetings timed to suit their busy lives.

Organising committee member Erin Callejan said Sunbury Business Association now had more women members than men, but very few turned up to events.

"The make up of the SBA has undergone a phenomenal change in recent times, with membership now 60:40 women to men," she said.

"However, we've noticed that women haven't been coming to our breakfast events because of their other responsibilities.

"The feeling is that businesswomen share similar

experiences. They are also carers, partners and supporting their husbands in their business. So, maybe women need a context where they can come on a semi-regular basis and talk about life?"

Sunbury Square Shopping Centre manager Marnie Harding said she was proud to be an inaugural member of the network.

"The SWBN will be a group of diverse, professional women offering support, inspiration and mentoring, as well as celebrating each others' achievements," she said.

The network is expected to hold several events each year and also provide opportunities for members to share their thoughts on how to make workplaces supportive of women's health and wellbeing.

Broadcaster, actor and author Libbi Gorr will be guest speaker at the inaugural event on October 1, which will also raise funds for breast-cancer research.

Details: [sunbury-women-in-business-dinner-w-libbi-gorr.eventbrite.com.au](http://sunbury-women-in-business-dinner-w-libbi-gorr.eventbrite.com.au)



Sunbury businesswomen Prue Eales, Marnie Harding and Sharon Whorlow, who will be part of a new Sunbury Business Women's Network. Picture: DENNIS HANKTELOW