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Everyone,

And so the 2007 journey begins.

On behalf of the team at the Capital Region BEC I wish you all the business success for 2007.

It is now two years since we expanded our operations from covering Queanbeyan to cover the whole Capital Region. When I look back, I am amazed at what we have achieved.

Just to give you a few statistics, we held 19 Breakfast Networking functions, 24 Business Skills workshops and 8 specialised workshops. In total, 2051 people attended these events.

We also saw over 550 clients for business assistance for an hour or more and fielded over 2500 information enquiries. Our website alone fielded over 1300 downloads of specific information sheets.

We assisted and worked with many chambers of commerce, state and federal government departments, networking groups and local councils.

Our strategy for the next two years is to work even more on the business advisory service and workshop programs, also develop our strategic alliances all to support you, our clients.

Of course, all this is not achievable without the support and trust of you, our clients, whether you are a department, chamber, alliance, local council or a business person seeking help and direction from us.

Also, in 2007 you will see a more visible national BEC Australia network, working to bring the best business practices to as many operators that we can reach right across Australia. www.beca.org.au

I would like to thank Helena for her dedication and support.

Although January is traditionally a very quiet month for us, we are still providing full services. Our networking events, however, will kick off in February.

Best Regards

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