



Media Release

David Campbell MP

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MINISTER GETS DOWN TO SMALL BUSINESS

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Minister for the Illawarra and Member for Keira David Campbell will today lend his support to Bella Grace Interiors and Gift Shop in Corrimal as part of the NSW Business Chamber's annual *Pollies for Small Business* program.

Mr Campbell said he would join over 80 of his state and federal colleagues in celebrating the efforts of small business owners, operators and staff.

"There are over 650,000 small businesses in NSW, providing jobs for more than one million people," Mr Campbell said.

"Small business is the driver of the NSW economy and the Rees Government is committed to supporting the sector's growth and development.

"*Pollies for Small Business* is a welcome opportunity for Members of Parliament to see first-hand the contribution business operators make and to show our support for this vital sector of the economy.

"The program also gives small business operators the opportunity to deal with their local member on familiar turf rather than meeting in an electoral office or Parliament House.

"I'm looking forward to working alongside Gail Murray at Bella Grace in Corrimal and I'll be taking this opportunity to listen and learn from Gail's small business experience in my area."

Proprietor Gail Murray said Bella Grace, formerly known as B Enticed Home Furnishings and Décor, reopened under the new banner 5 weeks ago.

"Our store has been in Corrimal Centre for 15 years and specialises in beautiful and unique gifts, furniture and furnishings," Ms Murray said.

"I'm looking forward to welcoming David Campbell in store to meet our wonderful customers, stock shelves and maybe even do some vacuuming."

Stephen Cartwright, CEO of NSW Business Chamber said with much of the focus often on the big picture issues, some politicians can at times lose sight of the concerns of small business.

"*Pollies for Small Business* puts our politicians at the coalface and gives small business operators the chance to raise their concerns directly with their local MP. During a global recession that opportunity has never been more important," Mr Cartwright said.

"This is a great program. It helps businesspeople and MPs understand one another better and we should encourage and support any measures that can help achieve that."

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