

Yamba District Chamber of Commerce Inc.
General Meeting held on Monday 4th June, 2012.
At Yamba Bowling Club Auditorium from 5.30pm.

Present:

Bev Mansfield, Graham Lees, Marea Buist, Paul & Christel Skippen, Laurie Marchant, Nerida Donges, Rick Angelo, Lyn McGuire, Lyn Watson, Cath Porter, Margot Scott, Bren Salisbury, Barry Adams, Sue Hughes, Angus Suttor, Scott Gollan, Ilma Hynson, Ken Adams, Bruce Tarvitt, Fran Dowsett and Ann Mazzetelli.

Apologies:

Karen Toms

Minutes of previous meeting distributed & on Website:

Moved they be accepted by Lyn McGuire and seconded Christel Skippen.

Treasurers Report:

As Attached. Moved by Rick Angelo seconded Cath Porter.

Secretaries Report:

- Letter sent to Jim Agnew – Congrats on Health Centre approval
- Letter from Westlawn – Invitation to Race Day 5th July.
- Email from NSW Police Force – Coffs/Clarence Safety Precinct Committee meeting on 9th July @ 10am.
- Sue Hughes Nominated Jim Agnew, OAM, for Local Health Hero to be featured on Coffs/Yamba Phone directory.

Agenda Items:

- 8.1 Tourist Centre – Need to push for one in Yamba. Send invitation to Mark Aston, Chairperson, Grafton Tourist Centre, to attend a Chamber meeting in the near future, maybe July. Sue to follow up with costings etc.
- 8.2 Touch screen – Installed in Yamba Bowling Club.
- 8.3 Why Leave Town Promotion – Discussion on who might participate, what it will entail, costs and need for Chamber and WLT to work together. Costs would be – Setup \$55, ¼'ly fee \$75, #3 per card. It has its merits if at least 20 businesses join. A motion was put by Graham

to pay for the set up fees of the first 20 business to sign up. It was agreed in principal. To see if 20 participants can be found. To get a list of target participants and let WLT to follow up. The Chamber and CVReview will contribute to an advertorial once the 20 have signed up.

- 8.4 Yamba Festival – Dave Irving, Co-Ordinator, gave a very detailed overview of what to expect. Having Kate Matthews co-ordinating the Website- www.surfingthecoldstream.com.au and Marshall Neville co-ordinating the print media, 80% of the program is full and looking solid. This FREE family friendly musical event with a parade and kids activities is building to become a very important event in Yamba. The Chamber will look at inviting the shops to “dress up” their businesses to have a festi feel. A motion by Sue Hughes for the Chamber to sponsor the festival in the BRONZE SPONSOR category with \$3000 seconded by Barry Adams. Carried (Bev did not vote due to vested interest).
- 8.5 Mayor Richie Williamson will attend the July 2nd meeting.
- 8.6 Midnight Sports – Christel gave an overview. After the third Friday night, attendance is about 16 – 20 kids. All participants are enjoying it and hopefully by the 7th week there will be a good foundation for them to work on. Anyone wishing to volunteer let Bev know 6646 9433, times are Friday 7pm to 11 pm. Some men would be great to help out with the basketball and futsal sessions.
- 8.7 Big thing for Yamba – A suggestion of putting something on the proposed Roundabout (cnr. River & Coldstream St's). Maybe a surfboard or Tommy Walker memorial. Sue to follow up.
- 8.8 Meet the Candidates – Elections on 8th Sept. Put an advert in media etc to have a meet the candidates evening on our General Meeting night on 3rd Sept. at 6pm in the Yamba Bowling Club Auditorium.
- 8.9 AGM – To send nomination forms to members. All

positions will be vacant. We need members to step up and have a go to progress Yamba. Hope to see the forms coming in. The AGM will be held at our July 2nd General Meeting at the Yamba Bowling Club Auditorium.

General Business:

- Networking night trial – Sue Hughes suggested that the Chamber and Rotary reintroduce the networking evenings. These would be held in chamber members businesses with a guest sponsor (ie: local business) to be held in Yamba only, quarterly, maybe some breakfast networking, It would be great to hear from businesses that would be interested in participating and/or attending. Call info@yambansw.com.au or phone 6646 9433 Bev Mansfield. Information is to follow.
- Facebook – Sue has put us on facebook. All are asked to “like” us. This will help us keep you up to date on activities of the Chamber.
- Google Analytics – Website stats. Good to see that of all the visits there are 3,075 unique visitors, new ones, we just need to put lots of interesting pictures and information on the site to keep them interested and keep visiting. If you haven’t updated your information on our site please look at your data and jazz up your business profile. We are looking at having links to video clips ie festival, surfing etc. We will contact John Bunch to see if he can help.
- We have some new corflute boards with chalk board section. These will be seen around Yamba SOON, letting you and the community know of upcoming activities and events.
- Save Yamba Project – Cath Porter gave a overview of this new group. This project will look at activities/events/idea’s for Yamba. Hopefully working with and in conjunction with the Chamber to boost and grow Yamba in bringing tourists and others to town to help with the economic viability of businesses.
- A notice needs to go to businesses etc. to state that you don’t

have to attend meetings to become a Chamber member.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm
Minutes by Bev Mansfield

NEXT MEETING:

**AGM & General Meeting and meeting with the Mayor
Richie Williamson**

**Monday 2nd July, 2012 @ 5.30 @ Yamba Bowling Club
Boardroom**

MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS MOST WELCOME