

## **YAMBA DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC**

**MINUTES** of a General Meeting held at Angourie Rainforest Resort on April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2009 at 7:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Daniel Reeves, Sammy Hunt, Bev Mansfield, Gerold Rupkalvis, Rick Angelo, Kathy Lollback, Tania Williams, Jane Mitchell, John Robson, Graham Lees, Marea Buist, Maria Evans and Karen Toms.

**APOLOGIES:** Gary and Sharon Foster, Trevor Hageman CVFS

### **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:**

The President opened the meeting at 7:10 a.m. The item of business showcase was removed from the agenda.

Media attention: re Aust traveller magazine rating Yamba as No 1 town in Australia; Review, Daily Examiner, North Coast ABC Radio, Newcastle ABC Radio, Brisbane radio, 2UE Radio, Esperence Radio, Prime TV, NBN Nine TV, Sunrise, NineMSN, SBS World News, other enquiries from media in Alice Springs London and more. Tania spoke to Nigel from Australian Traveller magazine about copyright and appropriate protocols. We have been permitted full use of the artwork and reference to the article as long as it Australian Traveller magazine when possible and the magazine are advised of uses. Businesses are encouraged to use on letterheads, use No1 on sign on highway. Melissa Lutton will have a link on our website.

Island Trader - request for support to letter from CV Chambers to request CVC advise how they are handling the possibility of the Island Trader relocating away from Yamba.

Election of office-bearers . Tania advised application forms are available to all members are on the table at the meeting. Calling for nominations for all positions. Tania advised she will not be re-nominating for the President role. Kathy Lollback advised she will not be re-nominating for the Secretary role.

Tourism Touchscreen – are now located in the YHA.

**Treasurers Report.** See attached.

Maria advised the accounts have been overhauled including writing off some equipment which inflated our assets e.g 'online equipment'.

Discussion was held about offering a pro rata for new membership from 6 months. Moved Rick Angelo, sec. Sammy Hunt.

Maria moved that her report be accepted, sec. Bev Mansfield.

**Correspondence.** Listed by Tania, mentioned:

- Copy of letter from Jim Critchley, Iluka Chamber supported by Clarence Valley Chambers to CVC r/e Island Trader relocating.

- Letter from C-BEAS re: seed funding – Karen Toms. Chamber will support this and Tania will request Karen organise to invoice chamber \$250.
- Request to have James Moloney, Director Gallery Foundation speak to May meeting re: Gate to Plate on 14<sup>th</sup> June which was approved.
- Invitation – Karen Toms hosts forum with Clarence Cusack Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability.
- CVC re: 'Keep Aust Beautiful' awards open. No members expressed an interest in taking up this project. It has also been forwarded to all members via email.
- Email re: B2B internet system. Noted for future reference.
- CVC March minutes (in future the Chamber will request that a hard copy is not sent – can be accessed online.)
- WHK Camerons seminar offer.

**Plastic Bag Committee Report by Maria Buist.** (attached)

Jane Mitchell advised the Coastal Views will give 10x11 cm space for this project as long as required to get the program up and running. Members passed that the Chamber sponsor \$2500 - \$500 for stickers and \$2000 to be held in provision until such time required.

Reports presented by Sammy Hunt - attached:

**Coffs/Clarence Community Safety Precinct Committee.**  
**Clarence Valley Crime Prevention Advisory Group**  
**Lower Clarence Liquor Accord.**

**Councillor Karen Toms advised:**

Iluka Yamba Sewerage Augmentation Project Update. Drilling will commence soon and CVC are weighing up options for timeline for drilling.

Plans for Medical surgery – 3 doctors – at Kangabunnaby Pre School – parking not a problem – no window access to children. Cutting childcare positions from 100 to 50. Will be opportunities for public to put forward for and against.

**Relay for Life** – Bev Mansfield updated on details of this event – to be held 16 and 17 May. Chamber to put info out to members with theme 'paint town purple'. Shops to dress windows from 27<sup>th</sup> April. More teams required – have about 23 registered and need at least 50 altogether.

**Powerhouse Museum** – Marea gave update.

Sammy Hunt requested that a letter be sent to Council r/e condition of breakwall due to weather. Karen will send the letter.

Meeting closed 8.20 a.m

Next meeting 4 May 2009 – 7.00am Angourie Rainforest Resort.

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## Balance Sheet

As of 5/04/2009

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Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
BCU	\$7,473.73	
Total Cash On Hand		\$7,473.73
Savings Funds		
Westlawn YT0279/1	\$10,720.57	
Total Savings Funds		\$10,720.57
Trade Debtors	\$1,162.50	
Total Current Assets		\$19,356.80
Property & Equipment		
Community Notice Board		
Equipment at Cost CNB	\$3,492.27	
Total Property & Equipment		\$3,492.27
Total Assets		\$22,849.07
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$2,268.58	
GST Paid	-\$1,458.69	
Total GST Liabilities	\$809.89	
Total Current Liabilities		\$809.89
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		\$809.89
Net Assets		\$22,039.18
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$13,258.25	
Current Year Earnings	-\$15,803.76	
Historical Balancing	\$24,584.69	
Total Equity		\$22,039.18

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## Profit & Loss [Cash]

1/07/2008 through 5/04/2009

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Income		
Membership Fees	\$8,196.48	
Noticeboard Advertising	\$3,917.11	
Highway Signs Advertising	\$1,000.00	
Sponsorship/Advertising	\$3,027.27	
Calendar	\$10.91	
Unidentified EFT Memberships	\$70.00	
yambaNSW		
Miscellaneous Income	\$14.09	
Total Income		<u>\$16,235.86</u>
Cost of Sales		
Purchases for Resale		
Total Cost of Sales		<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit		<u>\$16,235.86</u>
Expenses		
Debts Written Off	\$136.36	
maintenance	\$1,217.80	
Gifts/General Donations	\$35.45	
Plastic Bag Free Yamba Project	\$60.45	
Insurance		
Public Liability	\$292.50	
Dept. Fair Trading	\$213.18	
General Expenses		
Advertising General	\$4,080.73	
2008 Advertising 100 yrs SLSC	\$7,014.00	
Sponsorships	\$7,454.55	
Meeting Expenses	\$228.63	
Postage & Box Rental	\$416.32	
Printing & Stationery		
Stationery other	\$165.18	
Dues & Subscriptions		
Highway Signs	\$550.00	
yambaNSW		
Website Costs YOL	\$818.69	
Domain Name Registration, YOL	\$150.00	
Write Off YOL Equipment/Depn	\$12,446.50	
Total Expenses		<u>\$35,280.34</u>
Operating Profit		<u>-\$19,044.48</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income	\$2,488.91	
Total Other Income		<u>\$2,488.91</u>
Other Expenses		
Net Profit (Loss)		<u>-\$16,555.57</u>

**YAMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Meeting Monday April 6, 2009**

**Plastic Bag Committee Report**

Over the last three months we have been promoting and educating the community as we work towards Yamba becoming plastic bag free.

As the community has responded positively we feel the time is right to take the next step.

To get the ball rolling we need to secure funds of \$10,000 to purchase and print 3,000 hemp bags to be distributed through shopping outlets and other businesses in the area. Money raised through the sales will purchase more bags, and become a self sustainable project both educationally and economically.

The Committee is seeking financial support from the Chamber for a minimum of \$2,000 plus printing cost for fact sheets, business reward stickers and a banner to be displayed on Yamba Rd. example **"Yamba Chamber of Commerce Working Towards A Plastic Free Town!"**

In addition the Committee is applying for a grant through the Bendigo Bank and seeking support from CV Council.

A proposed Partnership Program - for the community to contribute donations with three entry levels - Gold \$500, Silver \$250, Bronze \$125. Currently we are seeking support from Coastal Views to promote the program.

**Marea Buist  
Coordinator**

Clamber

Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 09

Coffs/ Clarence Community Safety Precinct Committee.  
{Formally known as PACT}

1. Aboriginal liason officer's position finally filled.
2. 178 officers on the beat in the Coffs/Clarence area
3. Public must continue to be encouraged to report crime Police Assistance Line 131444 or 000
4. All incidents down over summer except reports of domestic assaults but this could be as a result of more incidents being reported.
5. The ILLUSION programme over the summer worked. This was the strategy of targeting the beach towns

Clarence Valley Crime Prevention Advisory Group

1. The Christmas and New Year Celebrations were successful from a policing point of view. The buses provided by the Crime Prevention Group worked fairly well, but some drivers had to be educated about pick up points. Perhaps the buses were not publicised enough
  1. Oceania Court -Beach Side. The submissions are being evaluated by Crime Prevention Officer, The police and The CV Council to now determine the best outcome.
  2. Up to \$500,000 is available though the proceeds of Crime Act Carolyn is to see if she can access some of this funding for future Street Cruise programmes.

Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June 09

Clarence

Lower Clarence Liquor Accord

5<sup>th</sup> March 09

1 .Coldstream Festival A need for buses to be used afterwards to help clear the town ? Discussions to be held with Festival organisers

2. Buses worked reasonably well over Christmas period . Needs fine tuning

3.Discussion about ongoing problems in Maclean in regard to the drinking problems along the river bank. It was suggested by the police that the Lower Clarence Liquor Accord ban could be implemented starting with individual premises in Maclean . If necessary the Alcohol Free areas could be extended to the courthouse in one direction and to the Fish Co op on the other . The police pointed out this was one of the benefits of having a Liquor Accord and how it could be used .

4.Current Statistics for this area.

Crime that was alcohol related	-22%	28% previous year
assaults	61%	66%

Next Meeting 9th June [ to be confirmed ]