

YAMBA DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC

MINUTES of a General Meeting held on 2nd February, 2009 at 7.00 am at Angourie Rainforest Resort.

PRESENT: Tania Williams, Bev Mansfield, Marea Buist, John Robson, Stewart Robertson, Graham Lees, Kellie Henwood, Doug Hackett, Mark Grace, Kathy Lollback, Graham Lees, Stewart Robertson, Kaylene Reardon, Gerold Rupkalvis and Jane Mitchell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Holley (Neighbourhood Watch)

APOLOGIES: Maria Evans, Sammy Hunt, Trevor Hageman, Rick Angelo, Vanessa Bonnette, Peter Muldoon

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: The President welcomed all members to the meeting. All members introduced themselves and their business. President introduced the draw winner from the previous Meeting, Bev Mansfield, Mansfield's Marine.

Mansfield Marine

Mansfield Boatharbour Marine moved from Inverell to Yamba approx 15 years ago. This successful business is located at the Marina. Mansfield's Marine has a well equipped workshop, chandlery and boat brokerage. Dealing in Honda, Evinrude and Johnson Outboards together with Quintrex Boat Packages. Situated at the Yamba Marina since its inception in 1994 Mansfield's Marine boasts a fully qualified diesel mechanic with 40 years experience and a fully qualified outboard mechanic on hand. Open Monday - Friday 8am to 5 pm/Sat. 9 am - 1 pm.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

President advised the minutes can be accessed via the Chamber's website www.yambansw.com.au. President asked the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as read. Moved Kathy Lollback, seconded Graham Lees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tourism Touchscreens – Following discussions with Westlawn Property Trust re: locating a kiosk at Yamba Fair, it was decided the centre was not an appropriate spot. Subsequent discussions have taken place and it's been agreed to locate the touchscreen kiosk at the front of Yamba YHA Backpacker Beach Resort. YHA has completed all the paperwork, Kellie will follow up progress.

Christmas Sponsor program – Despite receiving fantastic support from the members of the Chamber and early media support, the program will not be carried out as the sponsor family selected by Salvation Army has been unable to visit. Recommend we consider a similar program next summer.

Film Friendly Policy – After discussions with Council it has been determined the draft film friendly policy referred to on CVC website did not progress to being adopted. CVC has advised the Local Govt and Shire Assoc is involved in developing statewide protocols – further information will be provided to CVC when available. Bottom line is CVC does not have any specific film friendly policy.

Customer service award. – No progress has been made on this yet, but it is aimed to have a draft of how this could work for next meeting.

As indicated in the Newsletter, Northern Rivers tourism, along with CVTourism & Angourie Rainforest Resort held a conference for international managers of NSW Tourism late last year in Yamba. Tania left the dinner feeling very positive that all visitors were very impressed by Yamba. Good outcome was the opportunity to spend time with Russell Mills of NRT who holds Yamba in very high regard and sees Yamba as being a vital part of a marketing push into SE Qld – for which he has already been advised will be funding to a large degree announced in the last state budget. Further, he has indicated if we are able to contribute to this funding, which will then be matched by federal funding, Yamba will be well placed to be incorporated in the SEQLD marketing plans. Tania has asked Russell to keep us advised of this opportunity.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Tania read the current financial statements. Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as read, Tania Williams, seconded by Doug Hackett.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bev Mansfield highlighted all correspondence. Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted as read, Bev Mansfield, seconded by Kellie Henwood.

MATTERS ARISING:

Letter of Resignation from Secretary, Elizabeth Kime.

Further to the resignation of the Secretary Elizabeth Kime, Tania highlighted from her letter of resignation the reasons for this. The issues raised have been discussed at length at Executive level. Tania thanked Liz for her efficiency and the huge amount of effort she has put into the website. No nominations were received for this position. This position will be temporarily filled by Kathy Lollback who will look after Minutes of meetings, and Tania and Bev who will address any correspondence.

Peter Muldoon’s email

Peter had highlighted visitor concern about the behaviour taken place at Yamba New Years Eve. Graham Lees and Kellie Henwood advised that a couple of their visitors had also experienced unpleasant behaviour. This feedback will be taken to the next Liquor Accord and Street Cruise meetings. Tania will approach local police for an overview of how crime and anti-social behaviour was recorded over this time.

RTA plans on Community Notice Board

Off-ramp would remain at Harwood if Lower Bridge Option accepted. If Higher Bridge option accepted then would be further along.

GUEST SPEAKER BRIAN HOLLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

Brian advised that a previous member Sammy Hunt attends the meetings and will liaise with the Chamber. Neighbourhood Watch wishes to have a stronger relationship with the Chamber. Neighbourhood Watch has a Newsletter. Brochure needs updating and this could be done with the financial assistance of the Chamber. President Tania advised that this funding may be able to come from ‘Small Chambers of Commerce Fund’ application under the Rees Government’s \$85 million Building the Country fund.

Motions: that the Chamber fund the brochure, max \$2000 and look at recuperating these Funds through this grant, by Graham Lees, seconded Marea Buist.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Plastic Bag Free Yamba.** Marea Buist reported on the results of a simple business survey to gauge business support for this initiative.

- surveyed 54 businesses
- had positive responses
- questions to be addressed: What resources are available, and then where to from here?
- Marea to contact other towns with this in place to draw from their experiences.
- Work with CVC if possible
- The majority of members present were in agreement that this be fully supported by the Chamber and be followed up by Marea and Jane.

Meeting closed at 8.30 am

Next meeting 7am, March 2 2009, Angourie Rainforest Resort.

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Balance Sheet

As of January 2009

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Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Commonwealth Bank	-881.86	
BCU	12,004.10	
Total Cash On Hand		11,122.24
Savings Funds		
Westlawn YT0279/2	0.00	
Westlawn YT0279/1	9,671.47	
Total Savings Funds		9,671.47
Trade Debtors		4,274.00
Overpaid PAYGW		264.00
Total Current Assets		25,331.71
Property & Equipment		
yambaNSW		
Equipment at Cost YOL	18,590.02	
Equipment Accum Dep'nc YOL	-6,143.52	
Total yambaNSW		12,446.50
Community Notice Board		
Equipment at Cost CNB	3,492.27	
Total Property & Equipment		15,938.77
Total Assets		41,270.48
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	-6,666.49	
Accruals	2,090.00	
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	2,663.96	
GST Paid	-1,267.11	
GST Overclaimed	-244.00	
Total GST Liabilities		1,152.85
Total Current Liabilities		-3,423.64
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		-3,423.64
Net Assets		44,694.12
Equity		
Member's Equity		
Member's Capital	37.20	
Total Member's Equity		37.20
Retained Earnings		17,994.63
Current Year Earnings		2,077.60
Historical Balancing		24,584.69
Total Equity		44,694.12

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Profit & Loss [Cash]

1/07/2008 through 23/01/2009

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Income		
Membership Fees		\$8,072.96
Noticeboard Advertising		\$3,834.27
Highway Signs Advertising		\$1,000.00
Sponsorship/Advertising		\$3,027.27
Calendar		\$10.91
Unidentified EFT Memberships yambaNSW		\$70.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$14.09	
Total Income		<u>\$16,029.50</u>
Cost of Sales		
Purchases for Resale		
Total Cost of Sales		<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit		<u>\$16,029.50</u>
Expenses		
Bank Charges		
maintenance	\$762.00	
Insurance		
Dept. Fair Trading	\$213.18	
Advertising General	\$2,625.73	
2008 Advertising 100 yrs SLSC	\$6,929.00	
Sponsorships	\$5,454.55	
Meeting Expenses	\$228.63	
Postage & Box Rental	\$182.68	
Printing & Stationery		
Stationery other	\$154.73	
Dues & Subscriptions		
Highway Signs	\$550.00	
yambaNSW		
Website Costs YOL	\$364.14	
Domain Name Registration, YOL	\$150.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$17,614.64</u>
Operating Profit		<u>-\$1,585.14</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income	\$1,439.81	
Total Other Income		<u>\$1,439.81</u>
Other Expenses		
Net Profit (Loss)		<u>-\$145.33</u>