

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

**MINUTES of a General Meeting held at Angourie Rainforest Resort on July 7, 2008 at 7:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Bev Mansfield, Karen Toms, Brett Morgan, David Brandon, Gerold Rupkalvis, John Robson, Gai Pritchett, Kathy Lollback, Grant Gillies, Cathy Scattergood, Janelle McAlpine Rick Angelo, Lyn McGuire, Judy King, Ken Adams, R.Gardiner, Dom Ferry, Tania Williams, Elizabeth Kime, Margaret Burrige; Maria Evans, Jody Coulter

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Ian Tiley, Jim Dougherty, Lorraine Wiseman, Ray Burrige, Alan Schofield, Brian Badgery, Maria Buist, Daniel Reeves, Liz Maroney, Peter Munro, Debrah Fisher, David Wiblen

**APOLOGIES:** Trevor Hageman, Melissa Lutton, Sammy Hunt

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

The President opened the meeting at 7:05 a.m. by welcoming the Mayor, honoured sponsors and guests, and all members to the Meeting. She gave a brief outline of the Chamber's campaign in promoting Yamba as a safe beach holiday destination, via a television campaign, whilst simultaneously supporting the celebrations surrounding the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The 30 second commercial is to air on Southern Cross 10 across Coffs Harbour, Tamworth and Lismore broadcast windows and features music by Colin Hay. Colin Hay, together with local photographers, Debrah Fisher, Adam Hourigan and Melissa Lutton, the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club, Clarence Valley Review, Daily Examiner, and the Yamba Historical society have made this commercial possible by freely donating music and photographs. It is hoped that the commercial will air for six months

She hopes that this is a first step in a marketing campaign as she feels that the Chamber should have a stronger contribution to make to the marketing of this area. A copy of the media report for this initiative is attached hereto and forms a part of these Minutes.

### **MAYOR IAN TILEY**

The President then introduced Mayor Ian Tiley to the group. The Mayor thanked the Chamber for inviting him to the launch and offered his congratulations to the newly elected Executive for supporting and publicising the Surf Life Saving Club's Centenary Celebrations which, he said, would be a huge event and would involve the whole of the Clarence River Valley.

This advertising campaign, he said, would be good for tourism, good for drawing attention to the importance of patrolled beaches which the Council strongly supports, and good for Yamba's financial well-being as well. He congratulated Westlawn Finance for supporting such a worthy cause in such a generous manner and hoped that other institutions would be forthcoming for the extra financial support needed for the campaign to air for the full six months.

He then congratulated the Chamber for the hard work it does for the community and for its members, and he commented that Yamba District Chamber of Commerce Inc. leads all other chambers of commerce in the area.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been distributed to members and also being tabled, were accepted as read.

Proposed Kathy Lollback  
Seconded Karen Toms.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Secretary reported that all correspondence for the preceding month was tabled. She drew attention to several items of particular interest and Karen Toms undertook to study the Clarence Valley Economic Monitor to determine if there were items of importance to the Chamber contained within it.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT the Correspondence for the month of June be accepted as read.

Proposed E. Kime  
Seconded K. Toms

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented to the meeting a financial statement as at 30 June, 2008. This statement is attached hereto and forms a part of these Minutes

The Treasurer reported that quotes for upgrading signage have now been received. They are as follows:

3 Banner Poles – both sides using Existing banner material	\$ 511.50
Village Map & Sign Board to be totally repainted, structure and surfaces, new map, new pins etc.	1,116.50

IT WAS PROPOSED that the above financial statement and quotes be accepted.

Proposed Rick Angelo  
Seconded John Robson

The Treasurer further reported that the rental for the southern highway sign is now overdue.

He also reported that the small advertising signs on the Village board has been increased to \$250 per year and that the not-for-profit organisations are being moved to the opposite side of the board. This has left two new signs for rental and one of them has already been taken, leaving one still for rent.

## MATTERS ARISING

1. Whiting Beach Signage. Bev Mansfield reported that nothing can be done to further this matter until Roger Warsop of Vital Signs returns from holiday. Negotiations continue with the Council and it has been agreed that the sign board will be oiled and not painted.

2. Extension of Executive Spending Limit. The President explained to the meeting that the \$200 limit on Executive spending, which was first agreed to 12 years ago, is now insufficient. She therefore proposed that the limit be increased to \$1000, although she pointed out that the Executive will still be responsible for bring all amounts of money disbursed to General Meetings as a matter of routing.

IT WAS PROPOSED that a limit of \$1000 be available to the Executive Committee if needed.

Proposed Tania Williams  
Seconded Bev Mansfield

Gerold Rupkalvis said that he thought the Chamber ought to make the Minutes of its Executive Committee available to all members of the Chamber. It was pointed out that information important to members was included in the newsletter already distributed. The President invited Mr. Rupkalvis to make a formal motion but the option was declined.

3. Council Elections. The members were advised that the Chamber is proposing to host a "Meet the Candidates Night" with respect to the forthcoming Council Elections. Tania Williams, Bev Mansfield and Liz Kime all volunteered to help with this event. Further volunteers will be required and should contact the Chamber on [info@yambaNSW.com.au](mailto:info@yambaNSW.com.au)

It was announced that Karen Toms will be running for the position of Councillor and she received a round of applause from members present.

4. Surfing the Coldstream. The organiser of this event, Dom Ferry, addressed the meeting and advised the members that there had already been two successful festivals running over a 2 day period. This year it is planned to hold the festival during the fourth week in October so that it will be happening in conjunction with the Markets. Over 10,000 visitors are expected which, in previous years, brought an estimated \$250,000 to the town. The festival is an Arts festival and has a large youth involvement.

The festival has always been sponsored by the Chamber as a 'Gold' sponsor which, this year would cost \$6,000. For this the Chamber would receive a lot of publicity including having one of the festival events or sites named for it. A grant from the government in the amount of \$20,000 has already been received and further grants are expected from the Council and the Department of State and Regional Development.

The festival this year will run over a three day period and will include 110 different acts, most of them new to Yamba

Mr. Ferry asked if there were any questions from the floor, and there being none, IT WAS PROPOSED that the Chamber again become a Gold Sponsor with a donation of \$6,000.

Proposed Dom Ferry  
Seconded Tania Williams

5. Committee Reports. i. Website. The Secretary reported that quite a lot of progress has been made on the up-grading of the website. All the missing Accommodation listings have now been redone and are in the hands of Melissa Lutton. A disc has been discovered which has both the complete workings and contents of both the "Photo Gallery" and "Postcard from Yamba" features on it. This will make life much easier for Melissa. She will be starting work on the website during the coming few weeks.

The Secretary requested that all members who have business listings on the website should check them and if any corrections or alterations are required they should let her know what they are, **before August 1.**

Committee Contacts. The Secretary reported that she is having trouble getting an accurate list of the various committees upon which the Chamber is represented. The most up-to-date information is given below and if there are any errors or omissions would members please contact [info@yambaNSW.com.au](mailto:info@yambaNSW.com.au) so that this job can be put to bed for the next 12 months.

Neighbourhood Watch  
Clarence Valley Tourism Board

Youth Community Facilities Development  
Surfing the Coldstream Festival  
Yamba Markets  
Community Health  
Police Accountability Committee Team  
Clarence Ahead Inc  
Yamba Sewerage Augmentation Project  
Street Cruise  
Clarence Valley Business Excellence Awards  
Clarence Tourist Awards  
Lower Clarence Liquor Accord  
RTA Deviation Committee  
Crime Prevention Group  
Plastic Bag Free Yamba

Yamba Water Recycling Management

Sammy Hunt  
Bob Thompson  
Sammy Hunt  
Sammy Hunt  
Bev Mansfield  
Bev Mansfield  
Sammy Hunt  
Sammy Hunt  
Bob Thompson  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Kathy Lollback  
Vacant  
Sammy Hunt  
Vacant  
Sammy Hunt  
Sallyanne Madden  
Tania Williams  
Maria Evans  
Vacant

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bev Mansfield reported to the meeting that the Relay for Life will be held next year on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Yamba Bowling Club. Please contact Bev if you would like to participate in this very worthy event.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS** the Meeting closed at 8:10 a.m.

**The next General Meeting of the Yamba District Chamber of Commerce Inc. will be held on August 4, 2008 at the Angourie Rainforest Resort at 7:00 a.m. Please advise [info@yambaNSW.com.au](mailto:info@yambaNSW.com.au) prior to July 28, 2008 if you are planning to attend so that we can advise the catering staff.**