

TRIBUTE TO DAVID NICHOLSON

Yamba District Chamber of Commerce Inc is saddened to hear of the death of David Nicholson. David will be fondly remembered, and sadly missed, by many members of the Chamber as one of its founder members, and as President for the year 1997/98. Always a hard worker, David remained as a wise adviser to the Chamber and its successive presidents for many succeeding years.

The present Chamber is a mutation from several previous chambers and David was quick to notice, when he first moved to Yamba, that there was room for a new and more highly charged version of the chamber, to grow with the sleepy little town whose businesses were beginning to experience a rapid period of expansion.

With memories of the unfortunate experience of the “Yamba Spectacular” happily and rapidly fading from Yamba’s collective memory, David as newly elected President, quickly swung into action with a programme designed to promote Yamba as a holiday destination and as a place in which both old and new businesses could prosper. The Chamber rapidly developed to represent businesses beyond the central village core, and to include those in the newly built and established Yamba Fair and Treelands Drive area as well as those in the Industrial Estate.

All the members of the small but very energetic “Uptown Committee”, which chiefly comprised businesses along Yamba Street and the rapidly expanding Coldstream Street sector, joined with the new Chamber and a considerable number of them remain as members still. David has, thus, left a very lasting legacy to the business community of Yamba and the Chamber wishes to express its gratitude on its behalf.

The Chamber would also like to express its sincere sympathy to David’s wife, Sue Schmolke for her great loss, and also to David’s son, Peter Nicholson and his family. (Written by Elizabeth Kime).

The next general meeting will again be a breakfast meeting 1st September, 7am Angourie Rainforest Resort. RSVP for catering to info@yambnsw.com.au by 28th August. Main agenda item will be a continuation of our strategic planning session.

Members who have not yet paid their annual membership and/or submitted their information for their FREE website are encouraged to do so ASAP. Only financial members will be eligible to win the naming rights of the Surfing the Coldstream Artwalk, which will be drawn at the next meeting.