

Gunnedah & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.
Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday November 19th 2019 - 5:30 PM
Namoi Valley Bricks Meeting Room 37-39 Mullaley Road

Invited: Juliana McArthur, Tana Byrnes, Angela McCormack, Ashleigh Foster, Tracie Finlay, Michael Broekman, Susan Frater

Apologies: Stacey McAllan, Gerry McDonald, Treena Daniells

Chair: Juliana McArthur (President)

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 15 October meeting as circulated were moved to be correct. Moved Broekman seconded Foster. **Carried.**

2. Presidents Update

- a. Canberra Delegation – Drought focus meetings key message about talent in small biz but local stimulus needed
- b. Meet the Committee Breakfast 16 October – very successful, 40 attendees
- c. Monthly Council Meeting – Postponed in October, next meeting is Thursday 28 November
- d. Met up with Retail Breakfast Group – well attended and dynamic
- e. Media – Interviews were undertaken for Canberra

3. Treasurer's Report – No report tabled

4. New memberships

Three new memberships Impressence Web Studios, Conadilly Street Laundrette and HE Silos accepted moved McCormack seconded Foster. Carried.

5. Christmas Fair Update and Actions Arising

78 stallholders/businesses have signed up to date. Stalls are free this year. Issues still to be resolved include the number of bins and seating. The road is closed at 4.30pm, it is gazetted as the highway so hard to close. Shop Local (receipts into barrel) going really well, Christmas Fair Coordinator going really well.

President advised Whitehaven willing to sponsor \$4,000 for Christmas Fair to cover the Coordinator. It was moved McArthur seconded Broekman that Whitehaven sponsorship be accepted.

This returns funds to Chamber which may be repurposed to pay for tables and chairs from local groups e.g. the Rugby Club or Showground. It was moved Broekman seconded McCormack that the Coordinator be approved to source and pay local groups for hire as needed.

A WHS check to be undertaken when stallholders are set up and Council and has advised a food inspector will probably attend.

6. Subcommittees Update

- Retail Precinct – Christmas Fair
- Skills Roundtable – One expression of interest, need a thinktank, Skills Breakfast?
- Membership?

President suggested maybe one event a year for each subcommittee? Discussion by committee of new role as Business NSW need a strategic direction, is it advocacy, is it networking, what's new... how to harvest benefits from membership, issue management...? To champion small businesses? Further discussion needed.

7. Chamber representative updates (if available)

- Hay & Harvest Festival
- Crime Prevention
- Access - next meeting 28 November
- Economic Development
- Gunnedah Scholarship Fund
- Sister Cities and Friendly Relationships
- NSW Business Chamber Regional Advisory Council

8. General Business

- a. December Networking Thursday 12 December 5.30pm
- b. A letter to View Street Shop Sarah McCann of Congratulations - Corner Shop – congratulate you on starting your new business, great to hear its been a success so far, we offer our knowledge and experience and support
- c. Future businesses Katie Byrnes – see if something is new

ACTION TRACKING

Meeting	ACTION	Responsible	Progress
February 2019	Consider a survey of members re business crime, vandalism and break ins	Ange/Stacey	
October 2019	Marketing local benefits package for Members as to Benefits to Members for GCC Membership as opposed to free NSW Business Chamber membership Young Chamber?? Welcome to New Businesses E.g. Vouchers for calls,100% free Workshops		Pending November vote for February implementation Gunnedah Business Direct local support... What is the purpose, the vision... are we just waiting
October 2019	Fundraising for Scholarship Fund		

	Representatives on Working Groups and other Committees to report back		
	Sub Committees to be set up		

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Not tabled.

Next Meeting – December.