

Gunnedah & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.
Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday January 21st 2020 - 5:30 PM

Namoi Valley Bricks Meeting Room 37-39 Mullaley Road

Invited: Juliana McArthur, Treena Daniells, Angela McCormack, Ashleigh Foster, Tracie Finlay, Michael Broekman, Gerry McDonald, Susan Frater

Apologies: Stacey McAllan, Tana Byrnes

Visitors: Joshua Cameron, Scott McCalman

Chair: Juliana McArthur (President)

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. Minutes of November Meeting Moved as correct Finlay Seconded Broekman. Carried.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Expenses for approval – any accounts left over from Christmas Fair to be emailed around for Committee approval – Report moved Daniells seconded Finlay Carried.
- b. Suggestion of more events for Members (as fundraising)

3. Presidents Update

- a. Meetings & Briefings- Monthly Meeting with Council
- b. Letters written to Gunnedah MS Inc and Letter of Support Gunnedah TAFE, thank you to Whitehaven for Christmas Fair Sponsorship
- c. Bit of media for AgBiz loans
- d. Spoke to Bega Chamber of Commerce and impact of Christmas/New Year bushfires in the south coast region, profound effect, want people to know they are open for business, appreciated being thought of, how Gunnedah Chamber can assist the combined Chamber – maybe \$500?
- e. TAFE Pre-Apprenticeship – Promotion to members and about the region
- f. Admin Role – changes – in response to AMH
- g. Bookkeeping quote of \$50 an hour to discuss budget, scope of role and workload expectations on previous history and circulate to Executive Moved Broekman Seconded McArthur Carried.

4. Secretary's Report

- a. Correspondence – Media Releases
- b. Publicity – Facebook posts wishing members Happy New Year 31 Dec19, Shared NVI AgBiz Loans Story 22Jan2020, Shared TAFE Pre-Apprenticeship Post 22Jan20
- c. Plan for Membership Drive – After discussion the motion was put that we have a membership drive with a half price rate for six months articulating value for membership. Membership fee to be \$90 with an A4 flyer promotion. Moved Frater Seconded Foster. Carried. Further ideas are to reinstate the membership certificates and better promote the Chamber brand and activities e.g. through an AgBiz Loans Workshop idea. A committee Workshop to discuss the A4 Flyer wording to be held at Gunnedah Hotel 5.30pm Tuesday 28th January for anyone wanting to attend.

5. Christmas Fair Update and Actions Arising

Final Report and Survey Results pending, thank you letters have been sent.
After discussion the motion that the date for 2020 be confirmed as Friday 27 November 2020 with the event to be called Gunnedah Spirit of Christmas Fair was moved Finlay seconded McArthur. Carried. Secretary/Publicity Officer to put Claim the Date on Facebook and Website.

6. General Business

- a. Guest Speaker – Scott McCalman (Chamber Member) representing Mullaley Gas & Pipeline Accord Inc tabled a letter to the Committee noting concerns with a 20 November 2019 Gunnedah Shire Council resolution. A positive discussion was generated around the longterm best interests of Gunnedah Shire businesses and residents, the need for balance, vision and sustainability and the options for new/best energy sources. The Committee did not act to support or not support the letter and the topic was held over for a written response to be drafted and circulated for review.
- b. New members Rome Mortgage Services and Oldfield Poll Herefords were tabled for acceptance moved McDonald seconded Finlay. Carried.

Next Meeting will be the February Committee Meeting Tuesday 18th February 5.30pm at Namoi Valley Bricks.

Meeting closed 7.20pm.