

Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013

At Mullumbimby Museum at 7.00p.m.

MINUTES

Present: : Gerard and Sue Walker (Stewarts Menswear), Sally Roper (Phoenix Menswear and Vintage furnishings), Margaret Hatch (Mooyabil Farmstay), Suvira McDonald (Sculptor), Alice Cadwell (Spaghetti Circus), Susan Tsicalas (Brunswick Valley Historical Society), Jeanette Martin (Mullum Community Garden), Richard Hughes (Linknet Communications), Dean Stanford (Mullumbimby Newsagency), Stephen Hall (Brunswick Valley Historical Society), Obi McDonald and Ash Stennett (Mullum Mac), Hans (Byron Shire Echo)

Apologies: Arthur Hatch (Mooyabil Farmstay), Jenelle Stanford (Mullumbimby Newagency), Kane Spooner (Spaghetti Circus), Christopher Dean (Tallowood Ridge Estate), Liz & Nick (Mullumbimby Physiotherapy), Phil Preston (Building Partnerships), Chiron Weber (Mullumbimby Medical Centre), Kelvin Kite (Source de Luxe), Judy McDonald (Mullumbimby Keep it Local), Malcolm Price (Social Habitat)

1 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th June 2013 as true and correct (m) Obi McDonald–Saint (s) Suvira McDonald

2 Correspondence

Sydney Airport Future MasterPlan!

3 Treasurers Report

No reports since 9th April as Margaret has been away. Current report attached.

Current balance \$5883.59

4. Executive Report

4.1 Current membership total is 60. Recruiting drive to come.

4.2 Following an Executive meeting, introduction of timed reports (10 minute limit) to shorten meeting times. Agenda items to reach Obi by day prior to meeting.

4.3 Executive meeting endorsed support by Chamber of Commerce of Community Festivals. \$500.00 to be given to each of Living Earth Festival and

Spaghetti Circus Festival (Bus Sponsorship). Further consultation required on other two requests.

Suvira spoke for the Sculpture walk project. Project Team will be a member of the Chamber, the project may not be a Chamber project; however the team will maintain connection with Chamber and appreciates the support of the Chamber. Will have financial autonomy to keep it simple. Request for contribution by Chamber is urgent so they can commence fundraising. New group called Friends of the Sculpture Walk (Fundraising arm of the project) keen to get moving. Council require evidence of support plus detailed plans etc. Executive to meet and discuss with Suvira within the week.

5. Festival reports

5.1 Spaghetti Circus. Alice thanked Chamber for their support. First double page spread has been printed in The Echo. Alice thanked Business community for support.

5.2 Living Earth Festival. Successful meeting with Trevor Watts to discuss Parade. Team of 25 people working on different elements on the Festival. Draft poster presented to meeting. Parade bookings are a bit slow – personal contact to be made. Decision to not have prizes for parade – suggested that participation certificates might be good.

Chamber entry in parade. Suggest green moustache shapes with green sparkly hats plus carry banner. Parade participants invited to have a stall at the festival. Will Chamber have a stall? Will it be static or manned? Susan offered tables and pin boards from museum. Could be set up in the foyer of the museum as it will be open on the day.

6. Placemaking Committee Report

6.1 Public Art Project. Friends of the Sculpture Walk ideas for fundraising include: Donation boxes, seniors donating their IGA Discount to the project, public donations large and small, voluntary levy. Talk to schools about becoming involved – ask for ideas of how bus shelters can be decorated/refurbished.

Model of gateway project to be displayed in Stewarts Menswear window to generate public support.

6.2 Chamber Noticeboard. Suvira presented two options, each costing about \$500.00 each. Malcolm Price has volunteered installation on Newsagent wall. Suggested that board should be installed without council application. Document a policy about management of the board and a key given to Newsagent and a member of the Placemaking Committee. Meeting felt it best to apply to Council. Would Council charge an application fee? Suggested a digital display in Mullum Mac window instead? Executive meeting to discuss.

6.3 Narrative Mullumbimby story. Malcolm spoke with Mandy Nolan. Idea of bringing stories of Mullumbimby into a cohesive collection. Idea for street theatre spots around town . Go to a site and bring up an App on the phone which provides information.

7. General Business

7.1 Presentation by Richard Hughes, Linknet Communications.

With the introduction of NBN internet, small local providers may no longer exist.

Proposal to create a Community Co-operative for communications services. Retain employment in regional Australia, save money. Is there interest from the Chamber or Business people of Mullumbimby to form a cooperative. Draw on 100,000 plus households (Byron and Lismore Shires). Further information to be provided and passed on to Chamber members.

7.2 Gerry wants to donate seedlings to the Palmetum. Who manages this?
Jeanette to contact Council.

7.3 5 recent new members: Mullumbimby Farmers Market, Linknet, Evolved Websites, Retyred furniture, Phoenix Menswear.

7.4 Railway Station has empty rooms. Possibility for pop-up gallery. Platform could be used as a venue.

Meeting closed 8.20 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday 13th August 2013. Venue to be advised.