

## Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of 10th Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012

At Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club at 7.00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Gerard and Sue Walker (Stewarts Menswear), Arthur and Margaret Hatch (Mooyabil Farm Holidays), Jenelle and Dean Stanford (Mullumbimby Newsagency), David Piesse, Simon Richardson (Councillor, Byron Shire Council), Jeanette Martin (Mullumbimby Community Garden), Basil Cameron (Councillor, Byron Shire Council), Susan Tsicalis and Stephen Hall (Brunswick Valley Historical Society)

#### Apologies:

Paul Medieros (Edens Landing), owner of new Chemist shop, owner of Telco Green

#### 1 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 1.1 The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 9th meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 as true and accurate (m) Arthur Hatch (s) Gerard Walker

#### 2 Treasurers Report

- 2.1 Attached. Balance \$3527.06

#### 3 Business Arising

- 3.1 Alan Morden meeting to be organised. Trevor Watts and Desley Creighton have agreed to attend the meeting.
- 3.2 Line marking. Main street parking spaces have been marked. Working on getting the side streets done.
- 3.3 The Museum is still available for meetings. Heartspace (Santos) is not available. Next meeting at The Business Heart. Jenelle to confirm.
- 3.4 David Piesse recently attended the VIA (Visitor Industry Association) meeting and gave a report (see attached). Local tourism needs strong body to attract Government funding. Membership of VIA is \$100.00 (m) David Piesse (s) Susan Tsicalis for the Chamber to become a member of VIA. David Piesse to be our representative at their meetings. Basil Cameron will also attend as Council representative.
- 3.5 David provided contact details for tourism operator bringing tourists to visit Mullumbimby:  
Green Cauldron Tours 0402 406 441  
[kristinadraper@bigpond.com](mailto:kristinadraper@bigpond.com)  
[www.greencauldrontours.com](http://www.greencauldrontours.com)
- 3.6 A prior member of the Mullumbimby Chamber, Kim Rosen, said there was a plan developed for Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce about 6 years ago. Kim is very active in the Brunswick Chamber and Commerce and it would be good to invite her to one of our meetings to share her knowledge.
- 3.7 Simon Richardson asked if the Chamber had any specific requests to Council. General discussion about parking difficulties, need for bike racks (encourage cyclists), bikeway between Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads. Also needed is a place for caravans to park in town so they can enjoy our facilities en route to camping grounds. Is there a possibility for a dump site for caravans as well?
- 3.8 Chamber asked Council representatives if any money was available to help implement Alan Morden plan (when it has been prepared). May be something in the Tourism Officer kitty, Jeanette to contact Joanne about this.

- 3.9 Discussion about the old Telstra site. Can it be used for parking and Tourist Information Office? There is low level contamination at the site, it can be leased out to tenants but cannot be redeveloped. Council will be asking for expressions of interest and may offer it to Social services as a homeless refuge.  
Suggestion that perhaps all we need for Tourist Information Office is a small removable building at the front of the site.
- 3.10 The organisers of the Mullumbimby Festival have run into some obstacles with the street parade. The Festival will go ahead on 27<sup>th</sup> October as a food festival (similar to last year) with a view to organising a street parade for next years' event.
- 3.11 David Piesse to speak with his neighbours about possibilities of access to Mt Chincogan for race purposes.
- 3.12 Have heard that Lions Club is looking at reviving Mullum to Bruns walk. Sue Walker to talk to Lions about the possibility of having the walk from Bruns to Mullum instead.
- 3.13 Dean has drafted a letter to NSW Police about their response time for incidents. Letter needs to state we are asking for faster response times rather than extra policing. Ask a question to necessitate their reply i.e. what is the standard response time? Dean has also received an invitation to attend a Tweed Byron LAC meeting.
- 3.14 Update and discussion about Hospital issues.
- 3.15 Paul Medieros is taking a temporary break from Secretary duties. Sue Walker to take the position temporarily.

**Meeting Closed 8.20 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at The Business Heart at 7.00p.m.**

Signed:

.....(President)