

Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of 13th Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2012

At Mullumbimby Museum at 7.00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Dean and Jenelle Stanford (Mullumbimby Newsagency), Gerard and Sue Walker (Stewarts Menswear), David Piesse and Judy MacDonald (Mullumbimby Keep it Local), Margaret and Arthur Hatch (Mooyabil Farm Holidays), Jeanette Martin (Mullumbimby Community Garden), Malcolm Price, John Bennett (Tallowood Ridge Estate), Ash Stennett and Obi McDonald-Saint (Mullum Mac), Philip Preston, Suvira McDonald,

Apologies:

Paul Medieros (Edens Landing), Lisa Every (The Business Heart), Greg Dutton (Mullumbimby Community Garden)

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 1.1 The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 12th meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 as true and accurate save for an amendment to 3.1 in relation to the meeting with Alan Morden. Amendment attached to these minutes (m) David Piesse (s) Dean Stanford

2 Treasurers Report

- 2.1 Attached. Balance \$2812.06
Discussion about renewal of annual memberships – need Tax Invoice. Also discussed Pro Rata rates for members joining during the year. Margaret to bring something to next meeting. Need to obtain list of members from Paul. Invoices to be sent out for Mullumbimby Map sponsorship @ \$50.00. Cost of printing is \$160.00 and the \$50.00 ad space is for one print run of 16000 copies only. Next print run businesses will need to pay again. Ongoing money making project.
Crystal Castle have donated 10 x \$200.00 vouchers to be used for fundraising. These were given to the Treasurer for safe keeping.

3 Business Arising

- 3.1 David Piesse attended the Tourist Attraction Signage Assessment Committee meeting. David's report is attached. Letter written to Council about Telstra site and TASSAC meeting. Tourist route is strongly support by Brunswick Chamber and also by Crystal Castle. Suggestion for the Route to be named "Magical Way".
- 3.2 Carols by Candlelight committee to meet soon to finish finer points. Posters will be out soon. Schools have been notified. Lilac Ladies to help.
- 3.3 The date for the Local Area Command meeting was changed and Dean missed attending. There is a new Police Office in residence. Perhaps we could ask him to speak at one of our meetings.
- 3.4 Letter from Byron Shire Council about reducing single use plastic bags. Council are urging State and Federal Governments to introduce legislation to ban plastic bags in the shire.
- 3.5 Letter from TS Consultants. They are preparing a Social Impact Assessment for the Blues Festival. Seeking comments and concerns.

- 3.6** Jenelle suggested we all sing a song to be uploaded on utube to enter the Mullumbimby Music Festival Competition.
- 3.7** Paul Medeiros has resigned as Secretary. Sue Walker to look after the position until the AGM in January. David Piesse to assist with letter writing as necessary.
- 3.8** Phil Preston has recently attended the Regional NSW Trade Investment Business Development Organisation Awards as a representative of Byron Youth Service. Would be well worth the Chamber nominating next year.
- 3.9** Phil would like us to give some thought to an L & P Driver car rally to end at Mullumbimby. Perhaps the Showground would be suitable. Need some sort of entertainment to engage the young people involved. Phil spoke about STEER a youth project which involves school presentations, provide information for parents – promoting safe transport options.
- 3.10** Suvira gave a presentation on plans for a sculpture walk along the cycleway from Heritage Park to the pool. Also opportunities for mural art along laneway walls and sculpture on intersection corners. Council have developed public art policy and Section 94A (Public Art money) funds are put aside as priority No. 5 on a list of possible projects. Council respond to initiatives which come from the community. Would be great to have the voice of Chamber could help gain council funding.
- 3.11** Funding bodies respond to partnerships. David suggests we form sub committee to look at street scaping. Tourist drive will encourage people to come through Mullumbimby. Crystal Castle to support by way of donation of rose quartz to town of Mullumbimby – 87% of his visitors come through Mullumbimby. John Bennett Suggested that Christopher Dean may want to be part of the committee. Sub Committee is to be formed (m) Dean Stanford (s) Jeanette Martin. Committee members Judy McDonald, Christopher Dean, Suvira McDonald, David Piesse, Stephen Hall. Need to look not only at art/sculpture but also the look and feel of the town.
- 3.12** Malcolm Price spoke about plans for Brunswick Heads. Used architecture and landscape architecture students to prepare ideas. Also used historical, community mapping and story board skills to come up with a master plan. Funding becomes available through many sources however you do need to have a costed project and marketing documents prepared to apply for those funds. As a quick fix, have a plan prepared which is then promoted in the media to create public interest. Use this to pressure council for funding.
- 3.13** Suvira is having his annual Open studio and art sale this weekend. 300 Mafeking Road.
- 3.14** Susan Tsicalas is representing the Chamber at a training day for Byron and Brunswick Visitor Centres. Delegates will visit Community Gardens and Mullumbimby Museum. No-one is coming from Byron Visitor Centre. Monday 5.30 till 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.00 p.m.

Next meeting 11th December at Art Piece Gallery (to be confirmed) at 7.00p.m.
Bring a plate to share.