

**MINUTES WAUCHOPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2008**

1. OPENING & ATTENDANCE

The meeting was declared opened by Marlene Hawkins at 6.03 pm and a welcome was extended to attendees.

In attendance – refer attendance schedule

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from David le Page, Garrick & Patti Cust, Adrienne Van Spanje, Myna Hitchcock, Peta Simmons, Neroli Reid.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

6.04 pm

Motion: that standing orders be put aside to enable presentation to occur prior to formal meeting.
Moved Julie Muller **Seconded** Marlene Hawkins

Julie Muller tabled a proposal to Chamber the Chamber applying for funding to the Department of State & Regional Development, to employ a person to coordinate an Economic Development Program for Wauchope.

Motion: that Chamber invite Pieter Verasdonck, who is the Economic Development Manager, Department State & Regional Development, to speak at September's meeting. **Moved** Peter Daniels **Seconded** David Caine.

Chamber passed on thanks to Julie for the effort she has put in to gather this information.

4. 6.30PM NORMAL MEETING RESUMED

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 10TH JUNE 2008

Motion: the minutes of the meeting held 8th July 2008 be confirmed. **Moved** Barry Breckenbridge **Seconded** Marlene Hawkins.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no further business arising from the minutes

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Ken Weismantle reported that current balance of funds held is \$27,747.

Income: \$66 Wauchope High School & C Membership

\$4 Interest earned

Expenses: \$225 Wauchope Country Club

\$550 Port Macquarie Chamber Membership

Motion: the Treasurer's report be accepted. **Moved** Ken Weismantle **Seconded** Rob Hamilton.

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Memberships: Robyn Flanagan – Travel World Wauchope

9. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President's Report was moved to General Business

10. (a) CORRESPONDENCE – IN

ANZ Bank Statement

Membership Invoice for Australian Business

Lions Club of Wauchope re participation in street flags program

Mid Coast Training – invitation to awards night

Andrew Stoner – confirmation to attend October meeting

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PM Hastings Council re pedestrian crossing
PM Hastings Council re council meeting to be held in Wauchope
Invite to participate in Save the Children Fund Calendar
Courses at Port Macquarie Community College
"Giggles Gazette" from Camp Quality
PM Hastings Council minutes
Business papers & posters for the Glasshouse promotion
DSRD economic profile
By email – David Morton re supermarkets in Wauchope

(b) CORRESPONDENCE - OUT

Invite to Andrew Stoner
PM Chamber awards

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Community Meeting 6pm this Thursday with Council re parking Hastings Street

(b) Excellence in Service Awards

Jenny Pursehouse spoke re this years Excellence in Service Awards.
A letter will be sent out to all business in the 2446 postcode area outlining the awards.

Motion: that prize for individual be increased from \$100 to \$500. **Motion** was put to the vote: **Result** carried unanimously.

Motion: Community Spirit Award to not go ahead this year due to not enough time to organise properly. **Motion** was put to the vote: **Result** carried unanimously. Peter Daniels abstained from voting.

(c) Excellence in Service Workshop

Jenny Pursehouse has contacted Council re having a coordinator come to Wauchope to conduct a workshop for Wauchope business's, this is currently stalled due to staff changes at Council. Jenny will continue to pursue this matter.

(d) CBD Masterplan & Heavy Vehicle Deviation

Jenny Pursehouse recently conducted a survey of High Street Business in relation to Heavy Vehicle deviation and due to lack of response she suggested that Chamber no longer push for deviation but approach Council re having funds reallocated towards beautification instead. Lengthy discussion followed and the general consensus is that Chamber should not give up on the deviation that this should be the preferred first step.

Geoff McNeil, Barry Breckenbridge & Sue Carson are to attend Council meeting in Wauchope on 27th August to bring this matter up with Council.

Invitation is to be sent to all Chamber members asking for people interested in forming a sub committee to pursue the deviation plan.

12. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on 9th September 2008

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.