

WAUCHOPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

...MEETING 14TH AUGUST 2007 – COUNTRY CLUB

Attendance:

Myrna Hitchcock, Peter Daniels, Rex & Carolyn Fowler, Loris Hendy, Mark Livermore, Neroli Reid, Ross Lindsay, Ross Prince, Peter White, Ann Pereira, Robert Hinkson, Varan Freestone, David Cane, Noel Turner, Gary Jones, Rebecca Jones, Sherral & Pop Carney, Adrienne Van Spanje, Eva Cassegrain, Marlene Hawkins, Ian Cadden, Sue Carson, Gary Gilbert

Apologies:

Peta Simmons, Colin & Diana Amos, Sue & Colin Turner, Ken Wiesmantle
Patti Cust, Garrick Gabrielle, Karen Cane, Debbie Jones

Meeting commenced at 6pm. Chaired by Peter Daniels (Junior Vice President)

Welcome to new attendees: Mark Livermore, Noel Turner

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Moved as correct – Sherral Carney, 2nd – Loris Hendy

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: Later in meeting

Treasurers Report: Information available from the Treasurer, Myrna
Moved: Adrienne Van Spanje, 2nd: Sue Carson

Membership Report: 5 x new members
Timbertown Retreat – Gary Jones
G & D Jones Group – Noel Turner
Bunyah Land Council – Guy Jones
Bindi Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Centre-
Isabell Moran
Monumental & Stone Masons – Lyn Kelly

Social Report Nothing to report. Karen & Ross were congratulated on success of Black Tie Ball

Correspondence:

IN: Bank Statement

NSW - Business Chamber – events calendar

Customer Care – nominations from Chamber

Wauchope Patchwork Quilters – offer of donation of \$500 in 2003- does it still stand?

Grey Nomads Employment – info on their new web site

Eva Cassegrain – her views re fig trees

Expressway Spares – thank you – re their nomination – PM Business Awards

Gabriel Brewer – media release

Save the Children's Fund – Chamber want to be involved?

Wauchope Show Society – re increase in fees for Lasiandra Festival 2008
Lasiandra Festival – answer to request for Chamber funding
Marlene Hawkins – presidents views in Gazette on fig trees/5 year plan/constitution
Robert Hinkson – request for executive minutes
Jenny Pursehouse – resigning as Minutes Secretary
Dept Fair Trading – copy of original constitution

OUT:

Lasiandra Committee- reply to executive committee – re funding
Organisers of F1 Superboats – enquiry to hold in Wauchope 2008
John Meldrum – Thank you for support

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter Daniels read Debbie's report which is attached & includes two pages of Tourism report. Full documentation available from the Secretary (sue@aquasonic.com.au)

RESIGNATION OF MINUTES SECRETARY - Jenny Pursehouse

Discussions followed if a new Minutes Secretary be appointed or should Secretary, Sue Carson, continue to take minutes until AGM, as she has previously done in Jenny's absence
A vote was taken and majority ruled that Sue would take minutes.
Moved: Ann Pereira, 2nd: Sherral Carney

FIG TREES IN HASTINGS STREET:

Marlene Hawkins expressed concerned regarding a sentence that was printed in the Gazette underneath a photograph which stated that "the decision to replace the figs has met with support from the Chamber of Commerce". This story quoted president Debbie Jones but the caption under the photograph was the responsibility of the Gazette & was the topic being discussed. Marlene showed concern that this opinion was not the opinion of the majority of Chamber members. The editor, Peter Daniels accepted responsibility for the caption but could not write a retraction because of length of time that had elapsed since publication of this story. Peter agreed to comment in the Gazette and to also publish any comments by individual members in letters to the Editor.

Peter Daniels asked, as a matter of interest, for a show of hands to indicate numbers of members who would like the trees removed. Seven showed hands to that effect. Peter has also written to Lindsay Field, arborist from Hastings Council asking,
--is independent arborist's report available for distribution to the Chamber/Gazette
--if not, when will it be available
--on behalf of the chamber, can we receive copies of all submissions that are made to council

Ian Cudden believed that articles written by council regarding the trees were often misleading & commented on what he believed was council's bad track record. Gary Gilbert commented that the trees were an issue 10 years ago & something needed to be done. Adrienne mentioned that she has asked council for details of any meetings held with regards to the fig trees.
Council submissions close on 24th August. (Since being extended to 28th September

EXECUTIVE MINUTES.

Robert Hinkson again requested copies of minutes of the chamber executive committee meetings. Loris said that there may be confidential matters that needed to be discussed (e.g., dismissal of a member). Other executive members stated that the executive meetings needed to be open & transparent. There followed discussions on whether the receipt of the minutes would encourage or stop people coming to ordinary meetings.

Moved: Robert Hinkson, 2nd: Myrna Hitchcock. That all members receive all executive minutes as soon as possible after a meeting. A vote by show of hands indicated a majority in favour.

PUBLIC ENQUIRY – PM HASTINGS COUNCILLORS - CHAMBERS SUPPORT?

Debbie had asked for discussions on whether the Chamber should make a submission supporting the Council in relation to the Glasshouse enquiry.

Ian & Robert expressed views that there were too many variations of individual opinions for a consensus of Chamber to be given. It was agreed that any submissions should be made on an individual basis.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Brochure – Carolyn from the sub committee gave an update. A draft was shown with advertising around the map & one with no advertising. Printing cost for brochure is \$2360.80. It was originally agreed that advertisers around the map would contribute \$2000 towards payment & balance paid by Chamber. Some members commented that the map would look better without advertising, Chamber incur total costs & that it would then appear Chamber is doing something for Wauchope. A vote by show of hands was taken & ruled that there be no advertising.

Moved: Sherral Carney 2nd Carolyn Fowler.

Peter White from M & S Printers - Peter asked for a comment on rumours that M & S had taken too long but nothing arose & he was complimented on the finished draft.

Adrienne asked that we send flowers to Jenny Pursehouse for her outstanding work within Chamber. Sue asked that we also send a get well card to Garrick following his illness.

Moved Adrienne- 2nd Sue. Peter asked Neroli to attend to these matters on behalf of the Chamber.

Discussion re removal of fig trees – Two letters had been tabled by Eva Cassegrain & she spoke of the landscaping of Wauchope & how she would like to be involved with the future tree planting for the town.

Lasiandra's Small Farm Field Day Committee – request for Chamber funding.

The committee had previously requested a \$1500 donation from the Chamber to help with the increased costs that the Show Society had requested for rental of the Wauchope Showground. 2007 was \$2500 & 2008 would be \$4000.

Sue Carson commented that as a result of the Lasiandra committee many donations are given to worthy causes & read from a list that had been submitted within a letter from the Lasiandra Committee– e.g., SES, RFS, Helicopter Service etc & asked that a motion be moved for Chamber to supply the funding

Discussions followed & opinions were for & against this motion. Some members agreed that it was for the overall promotion of Wauchope. Carolyn commented that at the last executive meeting, it was questioned as to why we should contribute to their fundraising, Peter Daniels said that the Field Days should stay in Wauchope & Dave Cane commented on a rumour that Rotary had not been paid for their

services. It was agreed also to source more information from the Lasiandra Committee on their forecast gate numbers & the possibility of increasing the gate fee from the relatively inexpensive \$2, to \$3 to help cover the increased costs.

More discussions followed & it was suggested that Sue write letter to the Lasiandra Committee requesting a list of expenses in relation to the running of the Field Day, expected number of stall holders & a list of expected donations as a result.

BANNER

It has been proposed that the Chamber purchase a pull-up banner which can be taken to events where Chamber is involved. Gordon has offered to do artwork at no charge. Cost of banner is \$500

BUSINESS ARISING ACTION SHEET.

The first action sheet was distributed to members. It is proposed that there will be one circulated each meeting & that from this sheet, members can see an update on progression of projects & activities within the Chamber

2008 SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

We have been asked by the organizers of this calendar to have Chamber entries listed
Moved: Carolyn Fowler 2nd Peter Elfar. All in favour

Please note that for all discussions where a show of hands was required, Peter Daniels asked Ross Lindsay to take counts.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00pm