

WAUCHOPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC.

GENERAL MEETING 09-10-07

COMMENCE: 6.00pm

APOLOGIES: Karen & David Cane, Patty Cust & Garrick Gabriel, Peter Daniels, Noel Turner, Guy Jones, Jay Sidorenko
Moved: Adrienne, 2nd - Varan

ATTENDANCE: Gary Rainbow, Margaret, Fred & Anne Sykes, Alex Goor, Eva Cassegrain, Varan Freestone, Lyn Drew, Ken Weismantel, Danielle Maltman, Loris Hendy, Gary Gilbert, Ross Prince, Pop & Sherral Carney, Rosemary & Fred Sidler, Angela Johnston, Melinda Robinson, Peter White, Neroli Reid, Heather Cooper, Leanne Parker, Geoff Parker, Sorell Masters, Jeanette Rainbow, Peter Elfor, C. Salfus, Mark Livermore, Bob Gilroy, Michael Day, Ann Pereira, Di & Colin Amos, Matt Love, Myrna Hitchcock, Debbie Jones, Sue Carson

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING: Distributed for members

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - Nil

SOCIAL REPORT: Committee will be organizing an event for Christmas

TREASURERS REPORT: Read by Treasurer. Invoices for membership sent out on 2nd October. Fees now due.
Report moved: Myrna 2nd- Loris. Copies of monthly reports will be available to all members

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: New members - Monumental Masons, Dharam Events, Magswitch Technology, Holiday Coast Pictorial, J & R Roof Tiling Specialist, Neroli Reid, David Cane,

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- brochure at printers now, 10,000 copies to be distributed by distribution company
- banner completed – favorable comments
- PR consultant – doing work with Sydney Weekender
- Pictorial – front page for October issue. Adverts in also for Nov & Dec
- Report – moved Debbie 2nd Varan
Full report available from President

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: NSW Business Chamber x 3 –NSW State Govt 5 x PM Hastings Council – minutes & papers, Gabriel Brewer press release, Paper Girls Stationary & Office Supplies – thank you
PM Hastings Council – copies of magazine “Snapshots”
Terry Burn – King Creek IGA
Karen Cane-sending apology & giving proxy voting rights to Debbie Jones
David Cane-sending apology & giving proxy voting rights to Gary Jones

OUT: Paper Girls Stationary & Office Supplies
Debbie's reply to Terry Burn – King Creek IGA
RTA – answer to their 80km/h speed limit on Bago Rd
Correspondence- Moved- Sue Carson – 2nd Gary Gilbert

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Constitution – final draft was to be voted upon tonight. Lengthy discussions followed and Ann Periera commented that the final draft had not been available for 21 days, that we must comply with the rules and that we needed a special general meeting for members to vote for constitution changes. Anne proposed that the previous motion (to have the proposed constitution voted upon) be rescinded.
Moved Anne Periera, 2nd –Emily Cooper.
2. 5year plan – has been sent to members by email and will be placed on web site. It was proposed that it be taken to AGM for a final vote.
3. Major supermarkets in Wauchope – Mark Livermore, on behalf of the King Creek IGA, spoke to meeting regarding their application to Council that had been rejected at the previous evening's meeting. The minutes of this meeting are on Council's web site.
4. Removal of figs in Hastings Street. Lengthy discussions followed. Peter from Sundial Dentist in Hastings Street stated that all businesses in Hastings Street, with one exception had signed a petition to keep the fig trees but agreed that something needed to be done about the trees & their roots. Suggested that the Chamber should take note of this petition & that we forward a motion to council
5. A group called "Fix Our Figs" Wauchope & District Action Group gave a power point presentation to Chamber. They have commissioned an independent arborist's to report on the state of the figs. The arborist from Tree Services Pty Ltd has been an arborist for 25 years.
This report stated in part:
 - of the 29 trees, 24 "were given the all clear"
 - no pests or diseases of any significance were observed during investigation processes
 - the original funding of the trees was by community donation
 - recommended installation of root barriers in some areas –
 - Sawtell and Waverley areas were used as some examples of street beautification incorporating existing trees. At Sawtell the cost for root barriers was \$5000 plus council labour

Arborists report in full and copies of the presentation available from Adrienne (Wauchope Mortgage Solutions) phone 6586 1194.

More discussions followed regarding historical value, damage by roots to buildings both domestic and business, storm damage, people tripping over roots, the roots interfering with sewerage and water pipes.

It was also stated by the action group that they had been unable to obtain information from Council regarding the terms of reference for their reports.

Finally it was decided that Chamber put a submission to Council "in support of retaining the figs in Hastings Street Wauchope in an ongoing sustainable manner"

Moved Ann Periera 2nd Marlene Hawkins

For = 17 Against= 7 Abstained = 4

Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

