

Mogo Village Business Chamber Ltd

Minutes of ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Mogo Aboriginal Pre School

On

2nd May 2016

MEETING OPENED: 5.35pm

PRESENT: Sue Proctor, Will Proctor, Melanie Seczawa, Brian Franklin, Amanda Williams, Phil Mayberry, Gayle Smith, Maureen Nathan, Deb Gough, Evin Gough, David Wallace, Lucas Hammond, Janine Adams, Richard Adams, Theresa Matthews, Gil Matthews, Teresa Horsburgh, Barry Horsburgh, Juanita Sharp, Barrie Cavanagh, Chris Jones, Lyndell Allen, Laisa Tague, Joanne Comi

APOLOGIES: Linda Carlson, Sarah Cooper, Mal Rixon

Minutes of previous ordinary general meeting held on 4th April 2016 accepted as a reasonable record of the last meeting

ACTION PLAN ISSUES

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1) **Bins & Public Toilets** – Richard emailed president of Tilba Chamber of Commerce re: style & funding of Tilba bins. Gayle has submitted photos of bins & public toilets showing no changes in 4 years. Repairs and maintenance needed immediately and cleaning/service of toilets should be reviewed as they are not up to an acceptable standard.

Signage – Richard stated the parking signs are at the depot and awaiting installation. Still waiting for information from council regarding the other signs

Motion: Secretary to submit a full report including photos to the General Manager of the ESC and CC in Andrew Greenway.

- 2) **Event Management – Leisa Tague ESC**

Leisa is developing new guidelines and procedures including risk management and has provided us with copies of the booklet 'Promoting your Event'.

Leisa discussed previous bike events and future events involving the Deep Creek Dam track. She explained State Forests position on one off events now requiring an occupation permit. Council is considering taking on the risk management with the current 14km loop track attracting a \$1000.00 p/a licence fee. Questions relating to the occupation permit were not fully answered but can be discussed at a later stage. Leisa suggested ideas for Mogo regarding the hosting of any future events and how the community can work together with a collection of skills and ideas to create a successful event. Leisa also offered to process 'DA' required. If anyone has any ideas/suggestions for future events please forward them to be tabled at future chamber meetings.

- 3) **Membership** – Financial Members currently at 10

It has been decided the dates of financial membership shall run from the 1st June to 31st May and shall offer two types of membership – Full Membership \$120 or an Associate Membership \$60 (which has no voting rights) – will need a special meeting to change our constitution to be held immediately before the next monthly meeting.

Also, need everyone to pay asap by cash or cheque made out to Mogo Village Business Chamber

- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – (Juanita Sharp)

Bank account has been set up with NAB but due to extra costs we are unable to accept membership payments by credit card. Have accepted approximately 20 memberships resulting in an anticipated income of \$2280 – debts incurred to date \$1981.70

Paid – all set up costs including ASIC, webpage domain names, but not including AON Insurance who have provided a quote. This has been accepted. Moved: Richard Adams Second: Chris Jones
Richard and Juanita were acknowledged for their hard work in getting us to this stage so far.

5) Digital Media – (Theresa Matthews)

Domain names registered are: mogovillage.com and mogovillage.org.au

Council has agreed to pay the first 12 months of email hosting & web page hosting – Theresa will be meeting with Sarah Cooper

Chamber email addresses to be available to executives

Discussed Logo/Facebook page

NBN wireless is available in Mogo (if you need a supplier check with Georgie at Gold Rush)

6) Advertising & Marketing – (Chris Jones)

Chris discussed two main issues in advertising and marketing

- Flags being a useful symbolism for towns & cities (re: video Ted Talks)
- TV advertising (Brandworks Package) – this package needs to be confirmed asap (email Chris) with all sign ups done within the next 2 weeks...this package is for 12 months
- Logo for Mogo..? the gold panning man was suggested by Gayle
- Radio advertising proposals 2EC to be invited to a meeting
- It was also suggested that all business should be members of the Visitors Centre to increase foot traffic directed by staff, also brochures can then be left there for distribution to tourists

7) Media Release – Sarah not available for report

8) Eurobodalla Business Awards – (Richard)

Currently have 4 gold sponsors with the website due to be up and running entries open the 23rd May

Everyone is encouraged to nominate as obviously this is good for Mogo (leaflet was given outlining details of awards etc)

9) Suggestions for more items and new business – Lucas Hammond

- the town notice board was again discussed, can we organise some paint/materials etc and make an improvement
- Sub-Committees were discussed to help spread the workload around the community

10) Bats – (Maureen Nathan)

The problem of dispersing the bats from the Water Gardens in Batemans Bay is a pressing issue. The size of the colony has now generated pollution problems which impact on households, way of life, health (the hospital) and tourism. We are aware that the species like an environment with trees and water and few predators. There is an abundance of State and National Park land and waterways in the shire. Our village has three dams of The Original Gold Rush Colony in close proximity to The Mogo State Forest, as well as the dams at Mogo Zoo and other private properties. Many residents rely on tank water...the Mogo Village Business Chamber hereby puts the ESC on notice that when the bats are dispersed, we wish the process to take our needs and those of other similar communities into account, as we do not want them in our back yard.

11) Graffiti – there has been acts of vandalism in Mogo recently with graffiti on the ‘Merchant of Mogo’ sign and also on ‘Hidden Treasures’ sign. All CCTV should be kept on.

Note: Maureen Nathan will not be able to take the minutes for the next six months but will still receive emails. We would like to thank her for her contribution to the Chamber and minute taking and wish her safe travels to France.

Next Meeting : Monday 6th June as 5.30 pm at Lands Council Building, Cnr of Sydney and Annett Street.

Meeting Closed: 7:55pm