



GRIFFITH BUSINESS CHAMBER INCORPORATED | Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday 19th July 2017 | Cappello Rowe Lawyers, 462-468 Banna Ave Griffith | 5.30pm

Meeting opened 5.40pm.

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Pat Pittavino, Paula Johns, Julia Puntoriero, Sky Han, Amanda Quarisa, Katie Lucantonio, Martin Ruggeri

APOLOGIES: Dean Owen, Paul Pierotti, Denis Conroy

1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Read & accepted as being a true and correct version of events.

Moved: Paula Johns

Seconded: Katie Lucantonio

Motion carried.

2: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

3: CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT: Since last Executive Meeting 17th May 2017

- In**
- 23.5.17 Griffith City Council – Promotion Campaign to attract skilled workers to Griffith
 - My Credit Union – Term Deposit (emailed to Sky 4.7.17)
 - 5.7.17 - Email from Narrandera Shire Council. Re: Follow up from meeting on 27th June 2017
 - 6.7.17 - Griffith City Council – response to Telecommunications letter sent 25.5.17
 - 7.7.17 - Email - Phil Badura Business Coach Presentation request
 - 11.7.17 - NSW Government Premier & Cabinet – Stage 2 Grant Regional Growth – Marketing & Promotion Fund
 - 11.7.17 - Beyond Bank Statements
 - 12.7.17 - Email – Paige Campbell Griffith City Council - Funding Success to attract Skilled Workers
 - Various email correspondence with Martin Albrecht re: Toowoomba delegation
 - 19.7.17 – NSW Community Cabinet Invitation – sent to Paul Pierotti 19.7.17
- Out**
- 30.5.17 – Confirmation of Co-contribution to Griffith City Council re: 'Regional Growth - Marketing and Promotion Fund of \$2000 + GST
 - 25.5.17 – Griffith City Council re: Telecommunications & 94A DA
 - 25.5.17 – Griffith City Council re: Intention of formal invitation to join GBC in Toowoomba
 - 25.5.17 – Martin Albrecht re: Meeting request in Toowoomba Aug 2017
 - 30.5.17 – The Hon Minister Barilaro - Cash Contribution of \$10,000 towards stage 2 of Trust Mark if successful

4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Martin, Paul and Amanda to liaise to write a letter to Griffith City Council in response to their reply re: Telecommunications and section 94A.

Moved: Paula Johns

Seconded: Katie Lucantonio

Motion Carried

5: FINANCIALS

Financials were emailed to Executive prior to meeting. Prepared by Treasurer Sky Han.

Moved: Katie Lucantonio

Seconded: Julia Puntoriero

Motion carried.

6: AGENDA

Grant Update. Stage 1 and 2.

Stage 1: The final report was prepared by Alvin Lee from Deakin University. A copy of the final report and launch of the Trust Mark is yet to be made available til the trust mark is protected. All funds have been cleared and paid and stage one is now complete.

Stage 2: Griffith Business Chamber applied for a new Grant through Regional Growth – Marketing & Promotion Fund of \$50,000. Chamber engaged the services of C2Hills to prepare documentation. Griffith Business Chamber were notified that we were unsuccessful in obtaining the grant. Refer to Correspondence in 11.7.17. Feedback will be provided soon to understand why we weren't successful.

Amanda has already asked C2Hills to look into feedback and the best way to move forward and continue our Trust Mark process. Will report to committee upon receipt of information.

Phil Badura – seminar/presentation

Information was circulated to Executive prior to meeting. Upon discussion the Executive have decided that given our agenda we cannot fit in before AGM. Amanda to follow up to obtain more information.

ABN update

Griffith Business Chamber have a current ABN registered with the ATO under Griffith Chamber of Commerce and Industry, but are registered with Dept of Fair Trading as Griffith Business Chamber. Due to confusion, it was timely that Chamber unify it's trading name to just one. ie: Griffith Business Chamber. Treasurer Sky Han confirmed this has occurred and will provide new ABN.

Side Walk Sale

Amanda received an email from Christine Stead on 4.7.17 requesting a discussion about The Side Walk Sale following a letter that was sent to council on 1.5.17. After a brief phone conversation a meeting was scheduled for Thursday 20th July at 11am at Council Chambers with Paige Campbell, Karly Sivewright, Christine Stead and Amanda Quarisa.

Amanda raised 3 main points with Christine on the phone to discuss further in our meeting.

- 1: The compliance issues need to be simplified
- 2: Council have more resources and experience with compliance and liability
- 3: It's an unnecessary risk for a non for profit organisation to run such an event and have to have Tony Joe's Amusement rides included in our blanket DA.

Upon reflection, Amanda suggested with the committee about a joint 50/50 venture and to work in conjunction with Council. Committee were happy with this suggestion to be floated at the meeting. Amanda to report back to committee with the outcome.

Decentralisation Initiative / plan

Katie Lucantonio raised she is keen to attract more people to live and work in Griffith. All agreed and explained Chamber have already committed \$2200 towards Griffith City's Council marketing initiative to attract Skilled Workers, but want to explore further incentives separate to this campaign.

Martin Ruggeri gave the committee insight about examples of towns in a 'Western Division' which offer incentives for government employee's to live in remote areas. If Griffith could be moved into this "Western Division" it would

make Griffith more attractive to relocate to. This fits in with our 10 point plan and something Chamber are very keen to pursue. Martin to research and report back to committee.

Toowoomba Delegation

Amanda Quarisa has been in contact with Martin Albrecht re: Toowoomba delegation to try and organise dates.

The purpose of the trip is to

- 1: Explore air & rail freight
- 2: Air Passenger transport options. In addition to this Chamber are keen to meet with
- 3: The Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) which is a separate Economic Board to their local council. It's a proven model with great success.

Griffith Business Chamber see a massive opportunity to distribute products from the food bowl region as well as provide additional air passenger options. Transport is one of our priorities in our 10 Point Plan.

Once confirmed, Amanda to formally request by way of invitation for Mayor John DalBroi, Griffith City Council GM Brett Stonestreet and Director of Infrastructure & Operations Phil King to attend by way of support.

Griffith Skate Park & potential inclusion of a 'Pump Track'

Martin Ruggeri has been approached by a business and local bike riding enthusiasts regarding the redevelopment of the Griffith Skate Park in Olympic Street.

Martin sent Executive the revised Skate Park design. The interested parties were interested to see if Council would consider creating a 'Pump Track' at the same time or making provision for a potential future 'Pump Track'.

Martin requested if the Chamber's representative on the CBD Enhancement Committee or the Skate Park Committee table the idea of a 'Pump Track' at the next Skate Park Committee meeting. Pat Pittavino suggested Chamber are happy to provide a letter of support when needed.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Executive replies

Amanda requested that ALL Exec's please respond within a reasonable time to internal requests as well as member events, as she cannot make assumptions with no response.

Website

Content is being uploaded, hope to have a preview within the next few weeks.

HIA Presentation 17th August

So far well received by members and have invited a number of non members too.

Resignation

Paul Snaidero has officially resigned from Griffith Business Chamber on Tuesday 18th July 2017. Griffith Business Chamber would like to Thank Paul for his valuable contribution to Griffith Business Chamber over a long period of time and we wish him all the best for the future.

8. NEXT MEETING

Members Event: 17th August 2017

Next Executive Meeting: 20th September 2017 (TBC)p

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Amanda Quarisa | Secretary