

GRIFFITH BUSINESS CHAMBER INCORPORATED | Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday 14th May 2020 | ZOOM Meeting Online | 6.00pm

AGENDA

APOLOGIES: Peter Schirripa

1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Moved: Natasha Keoller

Seconded: Pat Pittavino

Motion carried

2: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3: CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT: since 28.10.19

- In**
- Various Invoices
 - 24 Feb – Resignation of Public Officer Amanda Quarisa
 - 27 Feb – Resignation of Sara Pixley
 - 2 Mar – Resignation of Josh Nadzielski
 - 2020 School Leaders Civic Reception
 - Griffith City Council – Side Walk Sale Approval
 - Virtual Side Walk Sale
 - Grow our Own Working Group
 - Response to Council Elections submission
- Out**
- Monthly E-Newsletters
 - Surviving COVID 19 document to members and various emails re: stimulus packages
 - Media Releases – Keelty Report, Covid 19, MIA Communities various media releases
 - Letter of support for Deakin University
 - Cancellation of MN Event
 - Cancellation of Sussan Ley Event
 - Forwarding of press releases to MIA Communities
 - Griffith Business Survey Results
 - Council Elections reinstatement submission

Please see our newsletter, facebook page and website for further information or contact any Executive committee member for more details.

4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

A #griffithvirtualsidewalksale was in the process of being planned. But with ease of restrictions it's been held off. Discussions were raised about the possibility of a December Side Walk Sale.

5: FINANCIALS

Peter Schirripa emailed financials via email prior to meeting.

Moved: Natasha Keoller

Seconded: Pat Pittavino

6: AGENDA

6.1: NSW Farmers Membership

Reciprocal membership arrangement. Amanda to contact NSW Farmers.

6.2: Executive Positions:

Since the resignation of Josh and Sara, Chamber are seeking new committee members. We've had a few people interested and keen to join.

George Youseff – Pat will continue to liaise with George

Heiko Meins – Amanda to speak to Greg Murphy from WIN TV

Stephen Violi- approached, but fear's he really couldn't give it the time it needs/deserves.

Mark Zalunardo- pleased to see such keen interest, however the hurdle of location in Sydney could be an issue for Mark to be on the Executive, however encouraged to become member.

6.3: MIA Communities Sub Committee recap

Paul and Amanda gave a brief overview of the work conducted so far by the committee. Membership of farmers is difficult at the moment because of COVID and they are constantly being asked to join or pay a levy from every type of industry group. To ease the pressure on farmers and to gain support in numbers the sub committee has brought to the Chamber Executive a solution to overcome this hurdle.

Motion: To offer a no-cost trial membership to MIA Communities for 12 months only for MIA water users. These members will then become an associate member of Griffith Business Chamber to help build strong support in numbers.

Moved: Paul Pierotti

Seconded: Natasha Keoller

Motion carried

6.4: Membership Renewal plan

As per email, Amanda and Peter will work closely to roll out renewal invoices. Considerations were discussed regarding membership support for COVID affected businesses. This is to be reviewed in a few months time once feedback is received.

6.5: Motor Neurone Webinar

Chamber have been working on hosting a guest presenter on Motor Neurone pre COVID. This event was cancelled due to COVID and was suggested to host a webinar. However, upon reflection as the restrictions that are being lifted it's best to host this as a face to face event in October possibly. Natasha to continue to liaise with presenter.

6.6: Economic Forecast

The conversation from 6.5 lead to the Financial and Economic Impact of COVID and all were in agreeance that Chamber could deliver a *Post COVID Survival and Economic Forecast* presentation around the end of August (depending on restrictions). Paul to look into presenters and the content.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

For personal reasons, Pat Pittavino stepped back in his role since around March 2020 as Chamber President and has asked Paul Pierotti to be Acting President.

8. NEXT MEETING

TBC

Meeting Closed 7.00pm