

GRIFFITH BUSINESS CHAMBER INCORPORATED | Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday 21st January 2020 | Griffith Leagues Club | 5.30pm

MINUTES

Meeting opened: 5.42pm

APOLOGIES: Josh Nadzielski, Sara Pixley

ATTENDING: Pat Pittavino, Amanda Quarisa, Peter Schirripa, Natasha Keoller

1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Moved: Peter Schirripa

Seconded: Natasha Keoller

Motion carried

2: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

3: CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT: since 28.10.19

In

- Various Invoices
- Dept of Fair Trading – change of public officer
- NSW Health re: Dr Hopp Allergy Clinic
- Christmas Cards: Griffith City Council & Helen Dalton MP
- Senate Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, witness statements and correspondence regarding times of hearing etc.
- Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment Team reply to Project Committee
- Release of Issues Paper and invitation to make a submission to MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTION OF THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN
- Letter from Vice President Josh Nadzielski

Out

- Monthly E-Newsletters
- Griffith Base Hospital re: Project Committee

4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment Team reply to Project Committee

Natasha & Pat attend a meeting with Helen Dalton and MLHD re: Hospital. The outcome of the meeting was positive and a committee with formed through Helen Dalton and Chamber will be a nominated representative on this committee.

Senate Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan,

Following from the meeting held in December Paul reported on upcoming inquires and submissions

Feb 5: Keilty Review asked for private meetings

Feb 7: Paul asked to speak at Senate Inquiry on growing agriculture to 100 billion dollars by 2030.

5: FINANCIALS

Peter presented financials via email prior to meeting.

Moved: Peter Schirripa

Seconded: Natasha Keoller

Motion carried

6: AGENDA

6.1: Murrumbidgee Industry and Agriculture Communities – new proposed sub committee of Griffith Business Chamber

Paul Pierotti is Chamber's water spokesperson and would like to form a new sub committee called Murrumbidgee Industry and Agriculture Communities. (M.I.A Communities). There is a big gap missing to represent farmers to government.

The purpose of the group to independently represent farmers in our region, make submissions, meet with key stakeholders in government. The Chamber are seeking as many farmers as possible to become members of Griffith Business Chamber to build strength in numbers.

The proposed sub committee are;

- Paul Pierotti
- Debbie Buller
- Leo Iearci
- Dem Torino
- Robert Quolding
- Darren DeBortoli
- Johanna Brighenti
- Michael Crump
- Tayna Ginns
- Vito Mancini - TBC

Requesting \$5000 start up costs eg: flyer & research.

For proper process, the committee in principle will approve once a budget has been provided by Paul.

Moved: Paul Pierotti

Seconded: Natasha Keoller

6.2: Executive Roles and portfolios

Natasha will take on portfolio of Health. Paul will take on the portfolio of Water.

In the previous meeting Sara indicated she was keen to represent retailers. Amanda to confirm with Sara.

Due to work commitments and as per correspondence in , Josh Nadzielski feels he cannot fully commit to Griffith Business Chamber in the capacity of vice president, however he would still like to remain part of the Chamber.

Motion: Based on Josh's recommendation for a temporary successor, it was suggested to appoint Paul Pierotti as acting Vice President for the interim.

Moved: Peter Schirripa

Seconded: Natasha Keoller

Steven Violi is keen to be a part of Chamber. Amanda to invite Steven to our next meeting.

6.3: Side Walk Sale

Due to the shift in Executive Roles, Amanda is looking to delegate this event. As Sara is keen to represent retailers and fits within this scope. Amanda will talk to Sara with all details surrounding Side Walk Sale and ask if Sara can take on this event.

6.4: 2020 Business Awards

NSWBC still have not released any information regarding 2020. There is supposed to be a huge overhaul by NSWBC but not confident feedback from past years will be taken on board. The committee discussed a number of different scenarios and the general consensus was to not run a business awards this year. This is due to a number of factors; burn out from organiser being Amanda herself, possible decrease in entries, too labour intensive for people to enter, it's a massive event to run, feels it needs a break etc. The committee expressed a number of opinions and ideas floated as possible bi-annual event, possible local awards only. Amanda to consider ideas and come back to committee with decision as to whether to hold an awards event or not in 2020.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Karly Sivewright from Griffith City Council contacted Amanda in regards to a Marketing Event conducted by Cassandra Cadarin. Karly asked if Chamber would like to partner in the event at a possible cost of \$500 contribution. The committee agreed in principle upon expenditure/budget of event.

8. NEXT MEETING

Next Executive Meeting: 25 February 2019 5.30pm

Meeting closed 7.06pm

Amanda Quarisa | Secretary