

GRIFFITH BUSINESS CHAMBER INCORPORATED | Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 | Griffith Leagues Club | 6pm

## MINUTES

**Meeting Opened:** 6.10pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Amanda Quarisa, Darryn Savage, Michael Rowley, John Nikolic, Alycia McLean, Ross Davidson, Heiko Meins

**APOLOGIES:** Daniel Meadows

### 1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**Moved:** John Nikolic

**Seconded:** Darryn Savage

**Motion carried**

### 2: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

### 3: CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT:

Discussed that Amanda will distribute any major correspondence to Exec's when required.

Intereach – Access at a Glance

### 4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL

### 5: FINANCIALS

P&L and Balance Sheet was emailed to Executive prior to meeting.

**Moved:** Alycia McLean

**Seconded:** John Nikolic

**Motion carried**

### Change of Signatories Update

Alycia is all set up – Visa card on the way

John – still to complete

Amanda – Visa Card received

Water Account was closed on 7.11.22

Beyond Bank are still in the process of removing Peter Schirripa.

### 6: AGENDA

#### **6.1: Sub Committees**

Abolishing sub committees and all Executive to be involved where possible. However in regards to Water, Chamber to ask Paul Pierotti to represent Griffith Business Chamber.

## 6.2: DAMA

RDA Riverina is no longer proposing a stand-alone Riverina DAMA, and that RDA Orana intends to expand the current geographical area of the Orana DAMA to include the Riverina. Expected to be around February 2023.

Should the Department of Home Affairs approve RDA Orana accept RDA Riverina into their DAMA, Griffith Business Chamber will engage the services of Geoff Heath to run information sessions. Griffith City Council has confirmed that they are willing to come on board with the tentative quote up to the value of about \$2,500 to cover Geoff's expenses (should the RDA Orana accept RDA Riverina into their DAMA)

**Motion:** Chamber to co-fund 50/50 of \$5000 with Griffith City Council to engage the services of Geoff Heath once the DAMA variation is approved.

Moved: John Nikolic

**Seconded:** Darryn Savage

Motion Carried

Alycia to circulate the Orana DAMA to Executive.

## 6.3: Term Deposit

Amanda enquired about a term deposit with Beyond Bank and it's currently 3.65% for 12 months for \$50,000>

**Motion:** To investigate investing \$70,000 in a term deposit with Beyond Bank for 1 year

**Moved:** Darryn Savage

**Seconded:** Ross Davidson

## 6.4: New Social Networking Events

John is keen to provide a social network for new people moving to town. Amanda to meet with John and Shari to discuss further.

## 6.5: Events/Meetings Coming up/Calendar of Events:

### Qantas Meeting

Was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October between John Nikolic and Joshua Hogan Regional Sales & Development Manager – NSW / VIC Global Sales - Australia & Pacific Region Qantas Airways Limited. Not much to report. They were seeking feedback.

### Small Business Month

FYI – Chamber & Council were successful in obtaining \$5000 each to host an Economic Presentation. Speakers fee is \$8,700 ex GST. Cost is free to attend. Amanda is liaising with Karly to promote event and prepare. Approx 23 coming so far. Exec to RSVP please.

Info about the event is below.

### ***“WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?” A LOOK INTO GRIFFITH'S FUTURE ECONOMY***

Griffith Business Chamber and Griffith City Council will be holding a free business event in November as part of NSW Small Business Month. The evening will include an economic update and forecasting session hosted by Michael Campbell, Director of Lucid Economics.

Michael will present trends at a global & national level and shed light on issues that our Griffith business community is facing.

Using a variety of data and research analysis, Michael will explain how we use market research to forecast and identify key areas of opportunities and trends. This data enables Griffith businesses to set relevant and achievable short-term and long-term goals for a sustainable future.

About our Speaker

Keynote speaker Michael has over 20 years of experience in economic development, tourism, property and industry/economic research that spans three continents. Michael works with both public and private sector clients using economic and financial analysis to inform strategy development, investment decisions and government policy. Michael was one of the first in Australia to receive the ACEcD (Australian Certified Economic Developer) accreditation

from Economic Development Australia (EDA) and is a member of the International Advisory Committee of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in Washington DC.

**When:** Tuesday 29th November 2022

**Where:** Griffith Southside Leagues Club

**Time:** 6pm

### **Members Only Christmas Party**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Sporties 6pm. Drinks & Food Supplied by Chamber for approx. 30 people.

### **OPTUS Meeting**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – lunch meeting with Nicholas from OPTUS, John, Alycia, Amanda.

### **Cyber Security Event – pencilled in for January 2023**

Moved to January and NBN have indicated they want to be a part of this event. Currently liaising with them both to fine tune the content of the event.

### **Business Awards / 70th Birthday**

Would have to be mid to end of July.

**Motion:** In principle will pursue a 2023 awards/70<sup>th</sup> birthday – aiming for August.

**Moved:** John Nikolic

**Seconded:** Ross Davidson

### **2023 Employment Expo**

To continue around the same date as it worked in well with schools. End of July 2023.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Motion:** Heiko Meins to fill the casual vacancy as general committee member.

**Move:** John Nikolic

**Seconded:** Darryn Savage

Motion Carried

Intereach – Access at a Glance. Amanda to send to members.

Frequency of meeting – every quarter.

Membership increase should be a focus and expanding the types of businesses. Catch up with Serena from NSWBC.

Housing to be an agenda item for next meeting.

## **8. NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Early/Mid February 2023. Specific date TBC.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 7.45pm