

# Notice of General Monthly Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 | THE GEM HOTEL | 5.30pm

## AGENDA

Meeting Opened 5.35pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Amanda Quarisa, John Nikolic, Alycia McLean, Cassandra Cadorin, Michael Rowely, Darryn Savage, Jon Bisetto, Shari Blumer, Stefan Guglielmino, Nathan Guglielmino, Carmal La Rocca, Daniel Roller, Daniel Meadows. Doug Curran, Brett Stonestreet, Daniel Tidey.

**APOLOGIES:** Anne Napoli, Court Sayer Roberts, Dean Owen.

### 1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Moved:** John Nikolic

**Seconded:** Danny Roller

### 2: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

### 3: FINANCIALS

**Moved:** John Nikolic

**Seconded:** Darryn Savage

### 4: PRESIDENT'S REPORT by John Nikolic

Prepared the 'Griffith Worker and Housing Shortage Taskforce' Terms of Reference and sent to Griffith City Council to look over. Response was received with feedback that GCC would like to keep the taskforce less formal. Will meet with Council to clarify and confirm.

Update on DAMA – contacted RDA asked for an update. RDA replied with no further advancement. Chamber will seek further clarification ourselves and seek to pursue the matter. Chamber are keen to keep the pressure on.

Chamber have provided Griffith Golf Club a letter of support for their watering system.

Business confidence was topical and an article was released in Area News.

### 5: AGENDA

#### Events update

##### 5.1 Business Awards 2023

Trying to secure last sponsor for Excellence in Micro Business before end of week. Awards program officially launches next week. Calling on all businesses to enter and encourage employee's to enter as well.

##### 5.2 Employment Expo 2023

Around 10 businesses have secured a spot. Hoping to reach 50 exhibitors given we have a large venue. All highschools in the region have been invited to attend and Dept of Education and Training have offered financial assistance to schools with Bus Hire. Liaising with the venue is proving difficult. If we need to move venues it was suggested to move to a Highschool Hall.

### 5.3 Social Business Network

Held at Owen Toyota in May. Great event with around 60 people attending. Country University Centre are looking to host next event. Will ask Griffith City Council to host a future event.

5.4 Special Guest Presenters – Mayor Doug Curran and Brett Stonestreet who attended to have an open discussion about Griffith City Council’s proposed Special Rate Variation.(SRV)

## **6. NEW MEMBERS**

Griffith Meals on Wheels

Commins Hendricks Lawyers

Griffith Community FM Association (95.1)

Tyson Excavations & Plumbing

CVGT Employment

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1.1 Any other topic, issues or concerns that members may wish to raise

7.1.2 Business Survey

In 2019 Chamber and Council collaborated to release a Business Survey. Will be participating again and expected to be released in October to December. With results being released in February 2024.

In regards to Business Confidence, John asked members what are they experiencing or know what other businesses are experiencing?

Cost pressures, supply chains issues, interest rates. Aren’t maintaining margin, quite on the retail front. Still struggling to find Employee’s with the added pressure of nowhere to live. Discretionary spending is less. Worst is yet to come with most coming off low interest rates within the next 6 months.

However despite these challenges, Chamber need to maintain confidence and continue to equip members with the tools and knowledge, presentations to get through those hard times.

7.2 Meeting closed 6pm