

# Notice of General Monthly Meeting

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 | Griffith Leagues Club | 5.30pm

## AGENDA

Meeting Opened 5.44pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Amanda Quarisa, John Nikolic, Alycia McLean, Michael Rowley, Darryn Savage, Carmel La Rocca, Daniel Roller, Steven Bourke, Dean Owen, Ross Davidson, Kira Boswell, Sally Demamiel.

**APOLOGIES:** Daniel Meadows

### 1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Moved:** Daniel Roller

**Seconded:** Michael Rowley

### 2: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

### 3: FINANCIALS

Apologies, due to time constraints with final week of entries for Business Awards, financials were not prepared for this meeting. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Amanda to discuss.

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

Heiko Meins resigned, Daniel Meadows is unsure if he will continue with Chamber due to a change in his role. Special rate variation will be discussed afterwards. Amanda will provide an update on the Business Awards and Employment Expo further in the meeting.

### 5: AGENDA

#### Events update

#### 5.1 Business Awards 2023

Nominations are doing well. Been tough to get nominations. Deadline been extended to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm to allow last minute nominations.

#### 5.2 Employment Expo 2023

Around 25 businesses have secured a spot. Coasting along nicely. Finally got hold of venue to confirm. Need to follow up.

#### 5.3 Small Business Month

Funding criteria was released this week. Eligible for \$3,500. Event must be held in October 2023.

Topics are • My Small Business Brand • My Small Business Cyber Security • My Small Business Health • My Small Business Online • My Small Business Resilience • My Small Business Team • My Small Business Trade.

Chamber to decide on what topic, speaker etc and apply before 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Previous suggestion was partner with Griffith City Council to engage with Economist Simon Kuestenmacher however his costs will exceed \$10,000-\$1,000. Council are only eligible for \$2,500.

With the funding falling lower than expected, Chamber may need to revisit the idea. Council are still willing to collaborate and will have to check what budget they have available.

John to speak to Council re: funding

Motion: For Chamber to spend up to approx. \$4000 to engage with Simon Kuestenmacher on a co-contribution basis with Council upon confirmation of their budget.

Against: Darryn Savage, Amanda Quarisa

Motion carried

Plan B: Is to contact Regional Australia Institute Kim Houghton.

#### 5.4 Special Rate Variation

Griffith Business Chamber Executive held an open meeting with Council last month. Council presented their SRV presentation. Chamber must now decide as a collective and provide a written submission to the proposed increase. Chamber discussed the draft submission prepared by John with members in attendance. And will meet as an Executive to prepare a formal submission.

#### 5.5 DAMA Update

John emailed RDA to ask for an update, response was that's it's still sitting in the queue with Department at Home Affairs. Write to Minister of Home Affairs, Helen Dalton and ask Business NSW to assist and local councils in the geographical area.

### **6. NEW MEMBERS**

Aisling Distillery

Rural Financial Counselling Service

### **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Resignation of Heiko Meins and possible Daniel Meadows. Daniel Roller was nominated to join the committee and Carmel La Rocca is happy to assist on special projects when needed.

Motion: Daniel Roller to join Chamber as a casual vacancy.

Moved: John Nikolic

Seconded: Michael Rowley

7.2 ABC wanting to interview Chamber about the energy increase. It's a difficult time for business operators with 25% increase in energy prices from 1<sup>st</sup> July combined with

Meeting closed 6.50pm

Meeting for July will be cancelled due to Employment Expo the following day and Business Awards the following week.