

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday 19TH March 2025 | Cater & Blumer | 5.30pm

Meeting Opened 5.35pm

ATTENDANCE: John Nikolic; Manjit Lally, Dean Owen, Thomas Ford, Amanda Quarisa, Daniel Roller, ,

APOLOGIES: Jason Dossetor, Michael Rowley, Doug Curran, Carmel La Rocca, William Phillips

1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Manjit Lally

Seconded: Daniel Roller

2: FINANCIALS

Presented by Manjit Lally

Moved: Dean Owen

Seconded: Thomas Ford

Membership renewals to be sent out mid April

3: AGENDA

Business Awards 2025

Sub Committee presented a summary of event and format.

Motion: To proceed with ideas and format presented

Moved: Thomas Ford

Seconded: Daniel Roller

Employment Expo 2025

Discussions have been had with Katie Pastro (Grow Our Own), Katie Friedlieb (REIP), and Nadine Whalan (Workforce Australia) to come up with a compromise to host 2 events (Griffith & Leeton) and address the concerns of Careers advisors. A letter to be sent to Careers advisors to obtain feedback. Tentative date of event has been pencilled in for 17th or 24th October.

Events

Behind the School Gate – Griffith Site. Excellent event.

Veritech Presentation – 13th March – Postponed

Spend Mapp – 3rd April. Format has changed and will include a workshop/forum afterwards.

Meet the Candidates – 10th April. Region Riverina, Triple M, Area News confirmed their participation. All 3 major Candidates have tentatively confirmed. Waiting for election date to be announced to confirm and proceed.

Advocacy

- a) Impacts of Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023 on NSW regional communities – submissions close 14 April 2025
(<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3089>)

Chamber to lodge a submission.

- b) Feasibility study into statewide expansion of DAMA – update meeting 14 March 2025, Wagga; submissions close 15 May 2025 (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/visas-and-migration/dama>)

Chamber to lodge a submission.

- c) Temporary and Seasonal Worker Accommodation

Chamber submission submitted

- d) Proposed submission to Roads, Parks and Pathways Committee of Griffith City Council re improvement of Banna Avenue (<https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/Council/Governance-and-transparency/Council-Committees>)

Chamber to prepare a submission following Spend Mapp Presentation to gain ideas

Support local

- e) Why Leave Town / Local gift card – update meeting 18 March 2024.
Information forwarded to Executive to review.

Motion: Chamber to apply for a grant and discussion with Griffith City Council to assist with funding

Moved: Daniel Roller

Seconded: Dean Owen

Application for grant – NSW Sustainable Communities Program – Early Investment Round (see: [NSW Sustainable Communities Program Early Investment Round Program Guidelines | NSW Government](#))

- f) Griffith Monopoly

Reviewed the idea and agrees that it's a fantastic concept. However, at this stage, we don't have the financial or staff resources to implement the project. Amanda to follow up.

- g) Office of 24 Hour Economy

The Office of 24 hour Economy wish to chat with the Chamber. The objective of this consultation is to gather insights into the specific needs of regional business communities, particularly around capacity-building and collaborative models for economic growth, both during the day and at night. They are using the [Uptown Program](#) as a case study to help inform the development of a new or evolved program tailored to regional needs. John to follow up.

Other

- h) Website

Chamber is currently on a temporary server as approved at previous meeting. Need to look at costings for a new website. Manjit to come back to the Chamber with a website proposal.

i) Business NSW

John met with Business NSW for an informal catch -up update on what both chambers are up to.

4. NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Valentine Modes

4. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

21st May 2025