

Gunnedah & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.
Committee Meeting Tuesday 13th December at 5.30pm
Rettie & Vickery: 101 Marquis St, Gunnedah

Agenda

Invited: Ben Hennessy, Paul O'Donnell, Keira Gifford, Josh Cameron, Craig Neale, Gemma Bunner, CJ Baldry, Sam Bath, Initra Larsen, Amanda Jefferys, Michael Broekman, Bill Ashford, Mikarla Commins (running late)

Apologies: Hollie Crawford, Darren Swain, Tracie Finlay, Damien Roman

Chair: Ben Hennessy

Meeting open: 5:41pm

Agenda Items:

- **Previous minutes**
Accepted as true and correct by Craig Neale, seconded by CJ Baldry
- **President's Update** – attached supporting document
Update moved by Ben Hennessy, seconded by Bill Ashford
- **Treasurer's Report** – attached supporting document
Report moved by Ben Hennessy – seconded by Michael Broekman
- **Secretary's Report**
 - Gunnedah Times event – approx. 35-40 attended, positive feedback
Damien Roman shifting positions to GBP Cranes, remains on as committee member
 - Sponsorship Doc
 - Assigned dates for Gunnedah Shire Council monthly (general) meeting attendance
 - In contact with Business NSW, Business Connect etc to clarify and re-market offerings to member base
 - **New members:**
GBP Cranes
Kennedy Air Ag
 - **Returned members:**
4eva Keepsakes
Second Edition Books
The Verdict Café
Juliette Scott Life Balance Mentor
Blue Denim
Maverick BistroReport moved by CJ Baldry seconded by Bill Ashford
- **Subcommittees/Chamber Representatives Updates**
 - **Regional and Industrial Development**
 - Craig has DA documents in place – revisiting after Jan due to commitments end of year
 - **Health Connect**
 - February event Focus on Function (Louise Whitton) – health focused – pain points in business, fill gaps – start up experience – Rugby Club (good partnership)
 - **Retail Precinct (CJ Baldry/Tracie Finlay)**
 - Retail precinct night – engaging outside main street and industrial (surprised to see Chamber) Push back on Christmas Fair (not well advertised, council). Biz quiz – opportunity to note services/get to know other business offerings
 - Shop local Gunnedah concept, comradery amongst retailers
 - Colouring in competition – purchased prizes, some additional donation top ups
 - February – Christmas Fair meeting as Retail Precinct

- **Social Events**
 - December 15th: Chamber Christmas Party (more dangerous cocktails) – tickets: 27
 - i. The Verdict partly catering hot food
 - ii. Bitter suit donating platters
 - January: nil
 - Feb: Crack Thump (Greg Sams) – Prydes for a demonstration
4eva keepsakes to be rescheduled – Campounds on Bagels, Coffee van
 - i. Health Connect Later in Feb?
 - March: Barefoot Bowls – GSBC
 - April: Stacey McAllen – TBC
 - May: Mannion Drilling
Retail precinct EOFY
 - June: DCCO hosting
 - August – Health Connect Trivia
 - Kylie Walsh – pencilled in quarterly events for Gunnedah Chamber of Commerce (quote proposals to come), can speak to any topic
 - **Business Partner Program Working Group (Josh Cameron)**
 - 4 applications, 1 ineligible.
 - Looking to rewrite proposal/framework with clarity on funding interests
 - **Crime Prevention Working Group** – (Amanda Jefferys) missed due to late notice
 - **Scholarship Fund Working Group** (Gemma Bunner/CJ Baldry) – In place 20 years, \$400+k grants award to 400 people – applications now open – then will participate in process to review, presentation on 30th Jan in Civic (guest speakers to speak to the audience)
Seeking further sponsorship – proposal to be circulated to engage and donate in any range
 - **Affordable Housing Working Group** – (Michael Broekman) no meeting as yet
 - **Skills Working Group** – (Michael Broekman) not meeting as yet
- **General Business**
 - Australia Day Awards Dinner: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – Chamber Table, yes
 - Next meeting – Tuesday January 17th, 5:30pm

Meeting close: 7:18pm

ACTIONS

Secretary

- Colouring in comp – collect submissions and display in window
- Schedule subcommittee meetings to produce official documentation
- Add retail precinct EOFY sales collaboration (shop local) to calendar for May
- Pencil #tradelocalgunnedah (similar campaign to shop local) to revisit
- Note possible business directory subcommittee
- Welcome to the Chamber – sponsorship doc recreated
- Research: Chelsea – Mudgee, Dubbo – town marketing

Treasurer

- Crest services – free membership

Unassigned

- Macca (Wayne Mckinnon) collect COC storage at Crest and bring back to Rettie & Vickery shipping container