

17th June 2019



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**Maclean Business Chamber
Annual General Meeting 11th June 2019
Maclean Bowling Club – 5.30pm**

Minutes

Meeting Opened 5.30pm

Welcome by outgoing President Peter Gordon

Refreshments and 15 minute networking

Attendance: As per attendance book (16)

Apologies: Geoff Worrill, Simon Worboys, Paul & Wendy King, Bruce Nelson.

Guest Speaker: Phil Nicholas “Riverside Picnics”. Phil put a lot of thought and hard work into setting up the 3 Picnic events in Maclean’s beautiful riverside park. All 3 were successful and achieved a great result by attracting approx 440 locals and visitors into Maclean CBD. Some local business benefited directly from the picnics but the biggest benefit was showing off our lovely area and what’s on offer to visitors. There is another Picnic planned for Maclean early in 2020.

Update, Business Excellence Awards: Update from Cathryn CVBEA Marketing Exe. Entries closed on 31st May and are now in the hands of the judges. Hopefully Maclean will be strongly represented in the entries and winners. Good luck to all entrants.

AGM - Chairman -Steven Fraser, Maclean RSL.

Outgoing Presidents overview of past year: Peter spoke about the time he and other members of the Executive Team have invested communicating with the key players driving the boom conditions our area is currently seeing including:

- CVC, RMS, NBN, Serco, Pacific Complete, State & Federal Members, Mayor Jim Simmons, Peter Lee IGA.

We are also active partners with other organisations such as:

- NSW Business Chamber, Healthy Towns Maclean, Other Chambers, CVBEA and Local Community organisations and have assisted with the Energy Offer to Members, The “What’s on” booklet to the community and we pass on relevant and informative information and invitations to Members from other organisations such as the recent Retail Revamp workshop from CVC.

Meetings and Events: We have arranged informative and interesting speakers for General Meetings over the year including 2 Breakfast's:

- John Holland – Correctional Centre Construction
- Mental Health First Aid
- Clarence Valley Business Excellence Awards
- Mick Eaton Local Police
- NBN Roll out
- Serco, Correctional Centre procurement

Chamber's ongoing projects:

- Growing Industry in Townsend Industrial area
- Maclean Visitor Centre
- Upgrade of Goodwood Street
- Warehousing facilities at Townsend Industrial Centre for the Jail.
- Supporting the CV Business Excellence Awards
- Community Notice Board.

Minutes from previous AGM (14/5/18) Accepted. Moved: Cathryn Hopson - Seconded: Julie King

Treasurers Report and presentation of Financials' Presented by Outgoing Treasurer Cathryn Hopson.

Moved: Peter Gordon, Seconded: Julie King

Election of Executive Members for 2019/2020:

All positions were declared vacant.

- **President.** Nominations received.

Nil

Position of President is vacant (Acting President – Peter Gordon)

- **Vice President.** Nominations received:

Brendan Reeves. No other nominations received

Nominated by Peter Gordon **Seconded:** Julie King

Elected unopposed.

- **Secretary.** Nominations received.

Christine Tyler volunteered to remain in the position.

No other nominations received.

Elected unopposed

- **Treasurer.** Nominations received

Corinne Smythe.

Nominated by: Peter Gordon, **Seconded:** Cathryn Hopson

No other nomination received.

Elected unopposed

Joanne Worboys, Graeme Nicholson and Bruce Nelson complete the Executive Team.

General Business:

- Outgoing Treasurer advised Chamber has 65 financial members 57 business and 8 community.
- Chamber is to follow up with RMS on the location of the Tourist Route 22 sign from the new highway to ensure Maclean is not bypassed.
- Executive committee to discuss Phil Nichols Riverside Picnics request for a \$500 donation.
- Lions president Denise Worrill advised Lions are installing 3 new Town Centre signs and a new (lions owned) sign directing people to the Lookout at a cost of \$1,188. A motion was moved by Denise Worrill and Seconded by Steven Fraser that the Chamber pay 50%. Chamber will confirmation with Council that they approve the installation prior to funding at next Executive Meeting (24/6).
- Chamber has been asked to write to CVC in regard to the unacceptable way the graffiti is removed from the new toilet block in McLachlan Park.
- John Nilon has asked the Chamber to write to CVC in regard to a clean-up around a second boat ramp (an old ferry approach) in the Harwood Bridge area to complement the existing one already in use and very busy at times.

Guest Speaker: Travis McConnell L J Hooker Maclean.

Travis gave us a run down on the current rental market in and around Maclean post workers moving on from road and bridge work. The amount of rental properties is at a 2 year high and rents dropping to attract tenants. The rental market is returning to normal local market conditions.

Meeting Closed 7.20pm.