



13th February 2020

Minutes – Maclean Business Chamber Executive Meeting 11th February 2020

- **Attendance:** Brendan, Peter, Christine, Corinne, Joanne
- **Apologies:** Bruce
- **Mail:** Nil correspondence
- **Treasurers Report:** Read and accepted.

New Business:

- 2020 Membership report – 52 members have so far renewed membership, many haven't. The 3rd (and last) round of invoices will be sent out soon. If you have overlooked your membership it's not too late. A successful, strong Chamber heavily depends on the support of its Members. We will try and contact all unrenewed members shortly so we can keep our records up to date, perhaps we have old contact details.
- CVC and Maclean Chamber – Executive Members meet regularly with David Newberry, Industry & Engagement Officer and Liz Fairweather, Coordinator Community & Industry Engagement. This will be on Tuesday 3rd March. We are happy to receive your feedback to discuss at the meeting.
- CVBEA 2020 Sponsorship. The Chamber has agreed to support the Clarence Valley Business Excellence Awards in 2020 and signed up for Silver Sponsorship. Maclean had some excellent entries last year with Maclean Podiatry making it all the way to State Finals and Maclean Bowling Club progressing to Regional finals.
- Business Plan. – The Executive Members have reviewed and simplified our Business Plan and the document is almost finished and will be available on our website soon. We will update you when it is posted.
- Newspaper Advertising. – In March the Chamber will be placing a full page add in the Independent and Members are invited to book a spot for your Logo to be included. Not sure how many places will be available as yet so register your interest asap as will be on a first in basis. Cost will \$50.

- Membership Certificate and Window Stickers. - All financial Members will soon receive a Membership Certificate and Window Sticker. As many as possible will be hand delivered and the others mailed.

- 2020 Calendar Events: 4th Tuesday of the month.
 - March, July and October – Breakfast Meeting
 - May, Sept and November – Business after Hours Networking Event
 - June – AGM
 - December – Christmas Party.
 - April and August No plans

- Regional Advisory Committee meeting report from Brendan.
 - Grants following the bushfires are available for Councils to help with the recovery of facilities to assist tourism, jobs and general community wellbeing.
 - The new structure for NSW Business Chamber and name change will be launched soon.
 - There are plans being developed for a Northern Rivers Regional Tourism hub.

- Working with CVC, Councillors and staff...and how the Chamber can assist members navigate through Council processes. The Chamber executive will ask to meet regularly with the Mayor, General Manager and senior CVC staff. Purpose is to highlight issues from our Members, Community issues and how best we can help members understand Council's process.

- Lions Club have provided an update of their major projects.
 - MacMarkets, had another very successful year with 65 stalls booked. Next year the Committee have engaged the help of the LCRLC to set up and take down the infrastructure which will be a great help to the committee and Lion Club members. They are also in need of a booking officer for 2021.
 - Return & Earn Station has been so successful that they are in urgent need of volunteers to help run the program.

Kind Regards,

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