

Nimbin Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes June 2024

Date: Thursday, 6th June 2024

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Location: Nimbin Bush Theatre/ Zoom

Opening Section

1. Call to Order

- David Hyett, the Chairperson, officially called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.
- Acknowledgement of Country was made by David Hyett.

2. Members Present: David Hyett (President), Aline Binetruy (Vice President), Nicole Lindner (Secretary), Ariescia Matheson (Treasurer), Chris Guinness & Ben Hartley.

- **Apologies:** Jeanne Platel, Diana Roberts & Caroline Todd.
- **Guests:** Miranda (Nimbin newsagency mural artist)

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- None declared.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the meeting dated 2nd May 2024 were approved as presented. **Motion:** Nicole Lindner moved the May 2024 minutes be accepted. **Seconded:** David Hyett.
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Ordinary Business

4. Carried Over Topics from Previous Meeting/ Business Arising from Minutes.

- **NCOC Public Liability** has been renewed.
- **Nimbin Village Map Update.** The map has been updated but has not yet been sent to the printers.
Action: Ben Hartley to send a copy of the map to the committee for review of any amendments. Changes should be submitted to Ben by Monday 10th June, after which the map will be sent to the printer.
- **Buy Local Campaign** (carried over from May). The Buy Local Campaign initiative was discussed but concluded that the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce (NCOC) lacks the resources needed to develop it further at this time. Planning and implementing the campaign require significant time and effort, which are currently unavailable due to existing commitments of the Chamber.

Resolution: *The Buy Local Campaign will remain on hold until the Chamber can allocate the necessary resources and time to effectively launch and manage the initiative.*

- **Public Speaking Workshop and Request for Funding to Lismore City Council** (carried over from May). The request for financial assistance from Lismore City Council (LCC) to support the delivery of the Public Speaking Workshop has been submitted. LCC has acknowledged receipt of the request, and a decision is expected by June 18.

Motion: *David Hyett proposed that the Chamber allocate \$1000 from the SBVRL towards the workshop delivery. **Seconded** by Chris Guinness.*

- **Business Education (Effective Workplace Solutions)**. The workshop is confirmed to take place on Tuesday, July 18th, at Nimbin Bush Theatre. The booking link is live, and registrations are required. The event is actively promoted through social media and NCOC channels.

Action: *Nicole Lindner to add marketing of the Business Education Workshop delivery to the DCM Action sheet for Aether.*

5 Correspondence

- a. Destination NSW: NSW Choose Tourism Professional Development Day, held in Byron Bay 26 June.
- b. NNIC (Steph) Sustainable Nimbin Community Plan (SNCP) next workshop revising the Sustainable Nimbin Community Plan (SNCP) is this coming Saturday 1st June, starting at 10.30am at the Town Hall.
- c. Nimbin Youth (Rain Wickham): Financial Support Request to NCOC.
- d. LCC (Tina Irish): Lismore Economic Profile Link in response to a request for Nimbin economic data.
- e. Business Before Hours Event: Hosted by Southern Cross University June 5th
- f. Hemp Embassy: Copy of June 2023 invoices for AQ50 reimbursement due to be paid.
- g. Outgoing: Nimbin Community Centre – Cessation of Nimbin Cultural Centre rent and request for final invoice.
- h. Outgoing: NCOC submission to LCC for financial support for public speaking workshop.

6. Business Arising from Correspondence

- **Nimbin Youth Request to NCOC:** The Chamber acknowledges the request for rent support from Nimbin Youth but currently lacks the capacity to provide funds for this purpose. However, the Chamber expresses willingness to explore alternative forms of collaboration in the future.
Action: *Nicole Lindner to draft a letter conveying this response and suggesting potential collaboration opportunities in the future.*
- **AQ50 Hemp Embassy Invoice Payment Request:** The Premier's funding grant has been received and deposited into the bank. The disbursement of funds will follow the agreed-upon process. The Chamber is responsible for distributing the funds.
Action: *Ariescia Matheson to transfer the appropriate amount to the AQ50 account. David Hyett to process the payments in batches, with approval from Ariescia.*

7 Financial Report

A financial debrief was presented by Treasurer, Ariescia Matheson outlining the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce's (NCOC) current financial commitments and standing.

Motion: Ariescia Matheson proposed acceptance of the financial report and that the Chamber can meet its financial obligations and pay its debts as and when they fall due. **Seconded:** David Hyett.

8 Committee and Task Force Reports: Nil

9 Applications for Membership

9.1 Jenny Cornish – Church of Aquarius

9.2 Anna Conley – Ethos Digital Agency

9.3 Rain & Wick – Aether Agency

Motion: David Hyett proposed that the above nominations be added as members to NCOC.
Seconded by: Nicole Lindner.

10. General Business

- **Guest Speaker: Miranda, Nimbin Newsagency Mural Artist.**

Miranda provided an update on the current state of the Nimbin Newsagency mural, highlighting the need for extensive repair and remediation. The originally agreed-upon restoration amount of \$2500 was deemed unfeasible given the required repairs. Miranda proposed an alternative approach where a sign maker would replicate the artwork on tin, maintaining the site-specific design using high-resolution images from the mural's inception. Another option discussed was transferring the artwork onto a banner with assistance from LJ Signs. A quote for a 20 square meter mural printed on metal and installed totalled \$9,000, with an additional \$2,000 for copyright fees, making the total \$11,000. The durability and preservation of the design were emphasized as significant advantages of this proposal. Miranda recommended replicating the mural on metal as the preferred option, while suggesting consulting with artist Elsbeth for potentially simpler and cost-effective alternatives. A straightforward design by Elsbeth could range from \$10,000 to \$15,000, averaging around \$1,000 per square meter for mural work. The original artwork by a Nimbin artist, tailored specifically to the site, remains integral to the project.

Action Item: David Hyett to distribute the information provided by Miranda to committee members for deliberation at the July meeting.

- **DCM action sheet.**

To be included on all agendas henceforth. Please disseminate to Aether immediately following each meeting.

- **Report on General Meeting (GM) and upcoming GM 17 September.**

A report on the recent GM will be provided by Nicole Lindner to Aether for inclusion on the website. The next GM is scheduled for September 17th, and Nicole will also provide details to Aether for publication. Ideas for the format of the upcoming GM were discussed, including inviting potential new councillors and facilitating their participation in a debate, or open the event to non-members with ticketed entry. Further discussion will take place, especially when candidates are announced.

- **Bakery Mural Update.**

The Bakery mural has not yet progressed.

Action: David Hyett to follow up by speaking with Neil to determine potential contributions and establish the size of artwork required.

- **Mural Tins.**

An audit of the tins is required.

***Action:** Nicole Lindner to send a reminder to Ben Hartley regarding the collection of tins and ensure that collected tins are replaced.*

- **Wild Dog MMA Email Response.**

An email was received from Wild Dog MMA regarding support for local youth, membership opportunities, and sponsorship for local children.

***Action:** David Hyett to extend an invitation to their representatives to attend the next general meeting.*

- **Annual self-review reporting obligation.**

A new requirement mandates that Not-for-Profit organisations report to maintain exemption status. ***Action:** Ariescia Matheson to follow up on this requirement and report back at the July meeting.*

- **“Out There” follow-up.**

The printing process encountered a challenge when the printer went into liquidation. Of the initial 300 books ordered, 100 are still awaited to be printed. Currently, 70 books are in the Hemp Embassy, 12 in the Bush Theatre, the Chamber has 19 books and 100 copies have been sold.

***Action:** Chris Guinness to confirm the number of remaining books. Ariescia Matheson to ensure sale transactions of the books are recorded appropriately.*

***Motion:** Chris to donate two books to the Richmond Library on behalf of the NCOG. **Seconded:** Aline Binetruy.*

- **Nimbin Central School Community Career Fair Attendance and Upcoming Market Fair.**

The career fair was attended by NCOG and reviewed as an interesting and beneficial exercise for the Chamber. The presence at the fair was positive for community engagement. The upcoming Market Fair is scheduled for June 21st. The Chamber will participate with a table costing \$10. Copies of "Out There" will be available for sale at the Chamber's table.

- **LCC Follow-up and Tourist Drive Brochure.**

The tourist drive brochure has been successfully delivered to local businesses.

- **Women in Business (WIB) Second Event Debrief.**

The second WIB event was attended by 21 women and catered by Two Tarts. The event generated a profit of \$28. A Winter event is currently in the planning stages and will be advised at the next meeting in July.

- **Banking Changes Processed.**

Banking updates have been processed, with David Hyett now officially recognised as a signatory and president in the bank's records.

- **Nimbin Place Plan.**

Action: Nicole Lindner is tasked with distributing the Nimbin Place Plan to the committee for feedback. This feedback will be compiled and sent back to Lismore City Council (LCC) as an official response.

- **Rail Trail.**

The Casino to Bentley section is now open. There is an opportunity to engage with Lismore Council regarding potential benefits for Nimbin businesses.

10. Announcements – Nil

11. Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- a. Roots Festival
 - b. Staff retention workshop
 - c. Upcoming General Meeting in September
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Closing Section

12. Next Meeting

- a. Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 4th July at 1:00pm at Nimbin Bush Theatre.
Note: Zoom participation will not be available for this meeting.

13. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 3.10pm by Chairperson David Hyett.
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