

Nimbin Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes July 2024

Date: Thursday, 4th July 2024

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Location: Nimbin Bush Theatre

Opening Section

1. Call to Order

- David Hyett, the Chairperson, officially called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.
- Acknowledgement of Country was made by David Hyett.
- Minutes taker: Aline Binetruy

2. Members Present: David Hyett (President), Aline Binetruy (Vice President), Ben Hartley (left the meeting at 2pm) & Diana Roberts

The quorum was not reached and resolutions will need to be ratified at a meeting where a quorum is present.

- **Apologies:** Nicole Lindner (Secretary), Ariescia Matheson (Treasurer), Chris Guinness, Jeanne Platel, Caroline Todd

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- None declared.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Resolved that the minutes from the meeting dated 6th June 2024 be accepted.
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Ordinary Business

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

- **Nimbin High School Market Fair de-brief.**
Update provided by David Hyett
- **Nimbin Brochure – Final Draft.**
All changes have been made.
Action: Ben Hartley to require two quotes (Lismore Printery + another) for 2000 and 4000 copies and send to committee for sign off.
- **Aether – June's DCM Action Sheet Update – A part of the tasks has been completed.**
Action: Aline to update DCM Action Sheet and follow up with Wick.
- **Upcoming NCOC General Meeting (17 September) Networking event.**
Action: David Hyett to organise and to contact businesses for presentation (Ideas: new owner of Nimbin Tax & Accounting, Emporium, Wild Dog MMA, new post office owners)

In addition to the networking event, a political event "meet the candidates" is being organised between the 19th and 23rd of August at the Town Hall.

Action : Diana Roberts to organise & invite the candidates. Event will be facilitated by NCOC.

- **Mural Tin Audit.**

12 new tins were produced, 8 were located, 4 were returned and have been banked.

Action : Diana Roberts to contact Caroline to get a list of locations and when the new tins were collected/delivered + to clarify what happened to the 4 tins that were replaced but not returned

Mural Tin Donations Deposited.

The mural tin funds, totalling \$371.10 has been deposited into the murals account. This amount includes \$28.05 from the Bush Theatre tin, \$55.70 from the Apothecary tin, and contributions from two other tins whose sources weren't specified.

- **Annual Self-Review Reporting Obligation (Ariescia)**

Carried over

- **Women in Business Winter Event "Talking circle about money"**

A free BYO event (with donation coin at the door), will be held the 19th July at B&B

- **Out There Book.**

20 books were promised in exchange for financial support. A box of 12 was delivered at the Bush Theatre by Chris Guinness.

Deferred to the next meeting: clarify with Chris Guinness what happened to the 8 remaining Stock situation for the box of 12: Donations: 2 to the RTRL, 1 to NCS Library, 1 to Business NSW. Sales: 3. Remaining in the box: 5

Books can be purchased online and at the Bush Theatre.

Action: Nicole Linder to write to RTRL to confirm that the books were donated to the RTRL for the mobile library by NCOC, to ask if the books are in the online catalog yet + to specify that NCOC is keen to have these books available in the mobile library for locals + wondering about possible "book launch"

Action : After confirmation received from RTRL: Nicole to ask Rain to promote on social media + put information on NCOC website.

6. Correspondence

Incoming:

- **Business NSW - Launch of 2024 Business Awards for Northern Rivers.** Business NSW has launched the 2024 Business Awards for Northern Rivers, featuring 17 categories. The awards celebrate regional business talent, with winners advancing to the State Business Awards in October. All businesses in the Northern Rivers region are encouraged to enter.

- **Public Speaking Workshop and Request for Funding to Lismore City Council Lismore City Council – Tina Irish.** Lismore City Council has assessed the funding request for the Public Speaking Workshop in Nimbin. The Destination and Economy panel supports the project, noting substantial benefits for the business and wider community, potential for local and regional reach, and economic benefits for Nimbin. However, the recommended contribution is \$1,000 (excluding GST), not the requested \$2,500.

Lismore City Council – Wil Polson. Agritourism Business Education Workshop Scheduling.

The Agritourism business education workshop is planned to be delivered in Nimbin on Wednesday, July 31, facilitated by Lismore City Council staff. A lunchtime session is proposed, with lunch provided by LCC. Before finalising specifics, input is requested from the Chamber on whether the target audience (farmers, rural landholders, etc.) will be available at this time. Alternative suggestions for times within business hours are welcome. Once the advertising copy and details are finalised, they will be sent for distribution to relevant

members and stakeholders.

7. Business Arising from Correspondence

- **Public Speaking Workshop in Nimbin.**
Outcome: In view of LCC's requirement to grant only part of the funding, the organisers found other solutions. The workshop will take place (12 & 19th of October) and the Chamber's contribution of AU\$1,000 remains valid.
- **Agritourism Business Education Workshop Scheduling**
Action : Nicole to reply to Wil Polson that the Chamber assumes that if the audience has interest and if the event is well promoted people will make the time.
- **Nimbin Chamber Executive and Lismore City Council Monthly Informal Meeting - 19 June 2024** Update provided by David Hyett

8. Financial Report

Deferred. Subcommittee has met between the monthly meetings.

9. Committee and Task Force Reports:

- Mural Sub-committee:
- **Bakery wall** mural update
The owner contacted by David Hyett is in favour of the project. Theme desired: natural environment
Action : Diana to manage bakery wall mural project and have it done and paid by the 30th of September if possible
- **Community centre mural** (Uncle Gilbert's project)
Action : Diana to confirm funding from NCOC to NCC but needs to be done and paid by the 30th of September
- **Nimbin Newsagency Mural.**
Carried over. Options need to be explored (maybe just put it back for now). Diana to explore copyright ownership with NNIC - who received a grant for the original mural
- **Organisation of a meeting with all mural stakeholders**
carried over

10. Applications for Membership: Nil.

- Onboarding of new members:
 - Liz Wilson (Liz Wilson Art)
 - Wick & Rain (The Aether Agency)
 - Anna Conley (Ethos Digital Agency)
 - Stuart Bright (Arrunga Farm Stay)
 - Jenny Cornish (Church of Aquarius)

Action : Aline to put on DCM Action Sheet for Wick to send new welcome letter + upload profiles on website

11. General Business

- Framing of donated Aquarius prints (Goff Photography).
5 pictures were chosen to be framed and hung at B&B. Cost AU\$ 175ea. Total to be taken from mural budget AU\$ 875.-. Must be invoiced and spent before the 30th of September
Action : Diana Roberts to organise with David Hallett
- SBRVL
Action: Aline to update Excel file and to send to Diana
- Main inbox/ letterhead with detailed email addresses.
Concern that not all emails are always r processed on time or allocated with tags that are not consulted. **Action**: Nicole redirects emails to the right people
Letterhead/logo: **Action**: everyone makes sure to use letterhead with the new logo (available on the drive). **Action**: Ben to change logo + contact address with treasurer@ in QB (membership fees invoices)
- Free membership for committee members
Action : Nicole to add an agenda item for the next AGM : approval free membership for one year for committee members + catering for committee meetings
- Committee team building activity (to be taken from our funds)
Carried over
- Request to send minutes more promptly.
- Shifting meeting times back to 5.30 pm
Carried over
- Committee members: need for the committee to be strengthened with business from the main street/main business entity + gauge the interest of current members in remaining on the committee.
Carried over
- Sustainable Nimbin Plan (social and political 27.7).
Diana, David & Aline will attend.
Within the SNCP workshop we will suggest exploring the opportunity to bring back to life a “Think Tank” twice a year with key people of major local groups meeting to network and explore actions/activities with overlap between organisations
- Aquarius money has been discussed.
Action: David to report at the next meeting
- “Neutral” NCOC + WIB business cards (no name) + banner for event.
Action: Ben to make a project design and get quotes
- Diana’s OAM: The cheering crowd recognises and congratulates Diana on her well-deserved OAM .

12. Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Action: Aline to add all events and important dates on DCM Action Sheet to update website

13. Open Forum

Closing Section

14. Next Meeting

- Proposal to move the next committee meeting to **Monday 29th of July at 1pm** at the Bush Theatre instead of 1st of August.
- **Action**: Nicole to send separate information to all members to get feedback. Note: Zoom participation will not be available for this meeting.

15. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3.08pm by Chairperson David Hyett.
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