

**Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Yamba Bowling Club,
Boardroom on Monday 4th April, 2011 from 6pm.**

Present:

Bev Mansfield, Laurie Marchant, Graham Lees, Jude Macbeth, Rick Angelo, Phil Boughton, Brian Holley, Kathy Lollback, Lou Larder, Maggie Barnewall, Ken Adams, Karen Toms, Jane Mitchell and Bruce Tarvit.

Apologies:

Sue Hughes, Maria Buist, Liz Fairweather, Sue Moten, Sheila Moore and Catherine Poster.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes are on our Website and will also be forwarded to members. Minutes moved to be passed by Rick Angelo and seconded by Laurie Marchant.

Treasurers Report:

As per attached Report. Moved by Rick seconded by Kathy Lollback.

Secretaries Report:

Letter sent to Stuart McPherson re: Chamber purchasing Drinking Fountain for public use. 17/3/11.

Letter being sent to Stuart McPherson re: Parking in Yamba 4/4/11.

8.1 Business Ex. Awards: It was decided to sponsor these awards for \$2000 in the Tourism category. The Launch will be held at the Yamba Golf Club on Friday 8th April, 2011 from 6pm. This event is FREE to all businesses. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Bev to contact Dawn Collison re agenda for the evening.

8.2 Networking meetings: It was decided not to pursue this as CBEA's is already doing these.

8.3 Christmas lights: It was decided to pursue this. Karen Toms will ask Council if it would allow the Chamber to install lights in a tree in Yamba Street. Bruce Tarvitt will price lights for businesses to dress their windows during the Christmas period & also price outdoor lights for the tree. Country Energy to be contacted for sponsorship of erecting the lights in the tree. Executive to canvas shops to gauge interest in putting up lights.

8.4 Rates Review Committee: As the Chamber needs a representative on this Committee and no members have come forward, it was suggested to ask Greg Moore of Angourie if he was

interested in representing the Chamber, Ken Adams is interested if Greg declines. Bev to phone.

8.5 Yamba Town entrance Sign: As Liz Fairweather could not attend the meeting it was held over till another date. Liz will be contacting Graham Lees in the near future.

8.6 Membership & Executive Drive: The Executive, with the help of members, will endeavour to attract new members through personal contact. The new website will be a very encouraging asset to gain new memberships as only members will be listed on site.

8.7 New Website: A Motion was put forward that we Accept Option 2 from Yoohoo with an outlay of \$7480.00 with option to pay in three instalments of \$2500 X 2 & \$2480 X 1. It is envisaged that the new site will be up and running by the end of June 2011. It will be very user friendly.

9.1 Hemp Bags: The Hemp bag committee will be selling bags at the Yamba Shopping Fair on Thursday 7th. The fee for this stall is \$33 which was agreed to be paid. Moved Jane Mitchell and seconded Graham Lees.

9.2 Drinking Fountain: As we have no reply from Council yet Karen will follow up on Tuesday.

General Business:

Laurie Marchant (Bendigo Bank) suggested having youth members to bring a different perspective to meetings and learn protocol of meetings and how businesses work. These students could come from Tafe, Schools etc. doing business studies. A letter would be sent to schools etc. for expressions of interest. To be discussed at our next Executive Meeting.

Clarence Ahead will be held in Yamba on 29th June, 2011. Topic was to be National Broadband, but of no interest to Yamba. They are looking for a new topic. If anyone has a topic that would be of interest please contact a chamber member. The chamber will contact Laurie Marchant as soon as possible. To be discussed at our next Executive Meeting.

Bendigo Bank have their Grants Programs happening again. Apply now.

Neighbourhood Watch are concerned about the adverse publicity in media. Replies have been made by Graham Lees. Also there is a good news story of how great Yamba is going in "Northern NSW Sample Magazine" in the near future.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm
Next Meeting 2nd May.
Next Executive Meeting 18th April.

FREE Clarence Valley Business Excellence Awards
LAUNCH NIGHT
Friday 8th April – COCKTAIL PARTY
Yamba Golf Club – 6 to 7.30pm