

**Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Pacific Hotel
(downstairs) on Monday 7th February, 2011.**

Present:

Bev Mansfield, Brian Holley, Laurie Marchant, Rick Angelo, Jude Macbeth, Matt Erby, Nathan McGrath, Dane Mitchell, Kathy Lollback, Graham Lees, Maggie Barnewall and Ken Adams.

Apologies:

Julie & Bruce Tarvitt, Sue Hughes, Tania Williams, Sue Motens, Jane Mitchell, Karen Toms and Sheila Moore.

Presidents Report:

Graham welcomed all attendees and thanked Matt from the Pacific for the use of the venue.

Reporting that the Website will be upgraded in the near future.

Guest Speaker:

Nathan McGrath – Enterprise Connect

Nathan gave an overview of what Enterprise Connect is. EC is a \$251 million Australian Government initiative designed to boost productivity, improve innovation and increase the competitiveness of Australian small and medium sized enterprises.

Anyone interested in knowing more can contact the Chamber to receive a folder with what is available.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes are on our Website and also forwarded to members.

Minutes were passed by Brian Holley with second Laurie Marchant.

Treasurers Report:

As per attached report with addition of Insurance to 120 members @ \$60 extra. Reinvestment of Westlawn Term Deposit for short term, due to cost of Website upgrade.

Moved by Rick and seconded by Kathy Lollback.

Secretaries Report:

Bev read the resignation letter from Tania Williams as Vice President

and Executive member. All other correspondence has been forwarded to members.

Bev Moved report and seconded by Maggie Barnewall.

Matters Arising:

8.1 Town Sign – Roundabout supposed to be underway this financial year. Offered the Clarence Valley Council some Chamber input.

Graham will follow up with Liz Farweather.8.2 Public Drinking – Police Matter &/or Council Ranger. Letter to council re Rangers duressdiction or action, giving contact numbers etc to members so they may contact them when needed.

8.3 Parking Enforcement – Email to be sent from Sue Hughes requesting weekly un-announced visits. Previous response from Council not satisfactory

8.4 Water stations – ongoing. Expecting more information at March meeting.

8.5 CVC Rate issue – Maggie B moved that we contact Councillors that Yamba District Chamber of Commerce. We totally oppose any changes in the Business Rate Structure without further consultation. Grafton is wanting parity in Rates.

8.6 Seniors Discounts – Few Yamba businesses offer these. The Chamber encourages Yamba Businesses to consider looking into this source of customers. Businesses should go to the Seniors Card directory and find out how to advertise with them.

8.7 Website – Maggie and Sue H to follow this up, contact the EOI participants and arrange meetings with each.

8.8 Bev to contact Bob Thompson. He is to be asked to be MC at the upcoming Meet the Candidates night. To be held on Tuesday 22nd February from 6pm at the Yamba Golf Club.

General Business:

· Gate to Plate in Grafton on 11th Sept 2011.

· Business Excellence Awards to be held on 17th Sept 2011 at the Yamba Golf Club.

· The Awards Committee want to launch these Awards in Yamba in the near future. Suggestions were put that a Cocktail Party in April, maybe a Friday, for about 2 hrs. at a venue to be decided. Maggie will look into this and we also call for any other suggestions.

Meeting Closed @ 8.30 pm

Next General Meeting: 7th March, 2011. @ Pacific Hotel

Next Executive Meeting : 21st February, 2011 @ Sound Lounge.
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND GENERAL MEETING @
PACIFIC HOTEL @ 6 PM