

General Meeting held on 6th June, 2011.

Held at the Yamba Bowling Club @ 6 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bev Mansfield, Laurie Marchant, Rick Angelo, Graham Lees, Marea Buist, Bruce & Julie Tarvit and Ken Adams.

APOLOGIES:

Sue Hughes, Brian Holley, Maggie Barnwall, Karen Toms, Phil Boughton and Jane Mitchell.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of previous meeting moved by Laurie Marchant and seconded by Marea Buist.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As attached to this report. Moved Rick and seconded Graham Lees.

SECRETARIES REPORT:

Bev stated that the Chamber Noticeboard advertisement side is now full. Renewal notices will be sent out soon.

Moved Bev and seconded Julie Tarvitt.

AGENDA ITEMS:

· Website – Yoohoo is on track to have site up and running by 1st July, 2011. PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR YOR INFORMATION AND ADVERTS. If they need changing please let us know ASAP so we can get Yoohoo to put new info onto new site. Forward new info to info@yambansw.com.au NOW!!!

· Yamba Town Sign – Signcraft are looking at types of impressions off the Master Plan 2003. CVC to advise.

· Highway Signage – BIG THANKS must go to Graham Lees, President, Ken Adams, Executive and Graham Mackie, roped in, for clearing around signage on highway north of the Harwood Bridge with chain saws, whipper snipers, mowers and a LOT OF WORK on 17th May.

· Christmas Lights – Mitre 10 showed the Chamber the types of LED lights suitable for shop window displays. 20M string @ \$24 and 10M string @ \$15. Graham Lees moved that the Chamber purchase 20 X 20M strings of lights. Seconded Ken Adams. These lights will be

distributed to shops in Yamba and Coldstream Streets in December (if not before) and collected in early February 2012. These lights will always be the property of the Chamber to be used each Christmas.

- NSW Business Chamber – PLEASE NOTE – You will have received an email from the Northern Rivers NSW Business Chamber for you to fill in so the Yamba Chamber can become a member of same. The benefits available to our members are numerous and stated on page one. PLEASE COMPLETE asap and fax back to 02 6686 9090 as stated. We need your support for this to go ahead. Please read carefully. This is a FREE service to Yamba Chamber members.

- Bev to contact Essential Energy's Mike Hely on 6643 7783 to follow up, as we have had no response from a letter sent on 2nd May. Asking for assistance in putting up Christmas lights on a Norfolk Pine near Calypso Caravan Park.

- Energy Efficient Building and Carbon Neutral Communities – Letter to be sent on to members for their information.

- Access Committee – Karen Toms asked if Sue Howland CVC could be a guest speaker at one of our meetings. It was decided to ask Sue to our August meeting. The Executive will canvas shops in CBD.

- Map of Yamba and Beaches – It was mentioned that there are numerous enquiries from visitors asking if we have beaches in Yamba VERY UNBELIEVABLE BUT TRUE. It was asked by Bruce Tarvitt that we look into getting a info map (with beaches) in a prominent site for visitors to look at. Site mentioned was Ford Park. The Executive will follow up.

- Membership – It was discussed that there may need to be a increase in the membership fees for 2012 due to the outgoings with new website and maybe NSW Chamber membership. To be discussed at an Executive meeting. IF MEMBERS HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS please email info@yambansw.com.au

- Shop Local – The Chamber has had a request from Graftons Chamber to join them and other Chambers in the Shop Local campaign. The executive will follow up.

- AGM – To be held at our July 4th Meeting. Advertising will be done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports.

MOST IMPORTANT AND URGENT

All Chamber members should have received a notice of our upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held at the July 4th Meeting.

PLEASE CONSIDER nominating for a position on the Executive.

We really need to get an active executive who will get Yamba "moving forward" and helping all businesses.

The executive are helping members with having Chamber members on the RATES REVIEW advisory committee. Following up with our YAMBA sign at the entrance to Yamba. Revamping the Chamber WEBSITE which should be a great advantage to Chamber members (don't forget to check your info on the old site). Continuing to keep the HIGHWAY SIGNS clear of saplings and grass. Obtaining CHRISTMAS LIGHTS to brighten up our town for our very necessary visitors and tourists.

We are all doing our bit to help members FREE.

It would be great if all members give a small amount of their time to also help and bring some new idea's to the table and GET INVOLVED in YOUR TOWN.

It has been a tight year for many, and let us hope that the future will improve.

ALL positions are up for nomination.

Look around and see who might want to join the Executive and give their bit.

WE NEED:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer and Executive Members (at least 3)

We have had some of the Executive in positions for up to 15 years...WHY!!

We are all passionate in wanting to help keep businesses informed.

VOLUNTEERS DO IT FOR FREE, BUT NOT FOR NOTHING

NEXT MEETING – Monday 4th July, 2011 @ 6pm @ Yamba Bowlo

AGM will be held after a very quick General Meeting and then there will be some nibbles and chatting. Drinks will be available at the bar.