

Yamba District Chamber of Commerce Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting held on
Monday 5th September, 2011.
At Yamba Bowling Club Boardroom from 5.30 pm

Present:

Cathy Porter, Laurie Marchant, Deb Phee, **Bev** Mansfield, Bob Thompson, Geoff Edwards, Chris Thomas, Barry Adams, Bren Salisbury, John Murray, Ken Adams, Geoff Edwards, Rick Angelo and Scott Walcot.

Apologies:

Graham Lees, Karen Toms and Sue Hughes.

Special Guests:

Toastmasters Yamba were our very special guests at a most enjoyable meeting. Margo Scott and friends gave the meeting an overview of how toastmasters works and invited any members and/or their friends to come and join them at their meetings. Toastmasters is a great avenue to become confident in public speaking, whether forced (funeral/wedding etc) or needed (work). The demo was great and the interactive section with the attendees really showed how shy or not we are and how we can come out of ourselves in fun. We thank the girls very much.

Nortec Deb Phee gave an overview of Funded Training being offered by Nortec in Yamba. This encompasses traders working together, talk up the town, customer service improvement, and a media plan. Check their website. Contact: deb.phee@nortectld.com.au or www.nortectld.com.au

Centrelink, Human Services, Scott Walcot stated that they are pleased to be in Yamba and is looking at ways to better support our community, alleviate unemployment, improve services and housing in Yamba. They are still looking into having Medicare with them in their 1 – 3 Treelands Drive, Yamba address.

Contact: scott.walcot@humanservices.gov.au or 02 6645 8406.

NSW Business Chamber Northern Rivers John Murray gave an overview of where businesses were going and how hard it is in today's economic climate. The business chamber has an amazing amount of resources that members can access. He and we are encouraging all our members to sign up so we have the numbers to join this wonderful and helpful chamber. John says we are nearly there with only a few more members needed to be signed up. THIS IS A FREE TO MEMBERS SERVICE. John.murray@nswbc.com.au or nswbusinesschamber.com.au

Rates Committee, Bob Thompson showed the meeting the difference between Grafton and Yamba rate structure and states that there will probably be rate rises for Yamba in the coming years. The committee is still meeting.

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by **Bev** and seconded by Barry Adams.

Treasurers Report: Rick stated that there needed to be an addition to the Treasurers Report of \$2000 for the Surfing The Coldstream Festival that was moved in previous minutes. Moved by Rick and seconded by Ken Adams.

Secretaries Report:

Corro In:

- Guide Dogs – letter of appreciation
- CVC – Draft Clarence Valley Contributions Plan 2011 on exhibition until 21 October 2011
- CVC – Clarence Food Month September 2011
- Port of Yamba Historical Society – Contact Newsletter
- Yamba Surf Life Saving Club – Newsletter
- CVC – Economic Development eNews
- CVC – Living sustainably Awards 2011 – Winners
- Chris Thomson – Google Adwords Flyer
- Ad copy from CVReview – Clarence Scene

Corro Out:

- Letter to Liza Bloomfield – Yoohoo re Website holdup
- Letter to L C Community Radio Inc – Support for station in obtaining permanent license.
- Letter to CVC – “Report It – don’t ignore it!” booklets
- **Bev** thanked Sue Hughes for putting together a nomination for Jim Agnew as our face on the local Phone book. We hope our nomination is successful and Jim gets his just reward.

General Business:

*Clarence Ahead – Next meeting – Another Sugar Mill tour will be arranged for 17th November, 2011 so look for the notice. Last time the tour was booked out.

*Bendigo Bank Grants Programs will be out in December for 2012.

*New Yamba resident Geoff Edwards – Applied Resolution Technologies, Laser Technology business owner has set up his office in Sullivans Road and awaits the rest of his family.

Meeting Closed @ 7.30pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – Due to the Long Weekend in October the next meeting will be held on Monday 10th October @ 5.30 pm



Treasurers Report as at 5th September 2011

Cash at bank as at 5/9/2011

Cheque account BCU	13,964.99
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Outstanding Cheques as at 5/9/2011

Cheque account BCU	0.00
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Outstanding Deposits as at 5/9/2011

Cheque account BCU	0.00
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Accounts to pass for payment

0.00

Clarence Valley Business Excellence Awards	2,000.00	
One Telcom (web Hosting)	265.36	
Surfing the Coldstream Sponsorship	2,000.00	4,265.36

Funds available in BCU cheque A/c after above provisions	9,699.63
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Term Deposits

Westlawn Term Deposit YT029 @ 6.5% maturing 19/10/2011	\$9,671.47	
Interest to date invested @ 6.5%	\$1,935.38	
Interest for 9 months ending 31/8/11	575.61	12,182.46

Plastic Bag Free A/c

Balance as at 5/9/2011	3,601.93	
Deposits since 4/7/2011	0.00	
Plus interest received	0.00	
Balance as at 5/9/2011	3,601.93	

Rick Angelo

Treasurer