

LOXTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2016

1. **Welcome:** 7.32pm.
2. **Present:** Sonya Altschwager, Steph Nitschke, Lew Gibbs, Sharyn Schlein, Ryan Seaman, Deb Petch, Catarina Santini, Annette Winter, Stefan and Caroline Hirschi, Jane Wilson, Donna Felder, Jodi Koch, Fred Petch, Sally Goode.
3. **Apologies:** Julie Dansie, Connie Dziwoki, Mick Searle, Mark Howie, Phillip Goodes, Kristy Hobbs, Caroline Tuhoro, Deb Ebert, Paul Lewis, Joy Kloesters, Chioma Amaechi, Michael Hitch.
4. **Confirmation of previous minutes from meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2016.**
5. **Business arising from previous minutes – Nil.**
6. **Correspondence – In**
 - *2016 Regional Wellbeing Survey.
 - *Minutes from Loxton Christmas Lights September meeting.
 - *Letter from Loxton Hotel re: sponsorship for Loxton Lights Up.
 - *Update from Craig Ferber of Warners/Woolworths Walkway.
 - *Ella Winnall from Berri VIC asking for sponsorship re:SA Tourism Summit.
 - *Chamber Chatter from Riverland West Chamber of Commerce.
 - *Free TafeSA workshops at Loxton.**Moved: Annette Winter. Seconded: Jane Wilson.**
7. **Correspondence – Out**
 - *Letter to Loxton Hotel regarding sponsorship for Loxton Lights Up.
 - *October Chamber Chat.**Moved: Sharyn Schlein. Seconded: Donna Felder.**
8. **Business arising from correspondence – Nil.**
9. **Reports**
 - a. **Business watch SAPOL – Mick Searle (absent).**
 - b. **Loxton Waikerie Council report – Deb Thiele (absent).**
 - c. **Treasurer’s report – Catarina Santini (no report).**
 - d. **Business and events manager – Sonya Altschwager (see below).****Moved: Sharyn Schlein. Seconded: Jane Wilson.**
10. **General business**
 - *SA Tourism Summit.Loxton Chamber is being asked to sponsor a three-day tourism summit being held in Berri between May 16-18. In addition, organisers are asking for someone from the

chamber to speak at the Loxton VIC on Wed, May 17, regarding vouchers and other chamber collaborations with the VIC. The sponsorship amount is \$750.

Sharyn Schlein moved that the sponsorship amount be declined, but Sonya attend and speak at the Loxton VIC as our contribution to the summit.

Seconded: Annette Winter. All in favour. CARRIED.

***East Terrace Revitalisation**

During the October Loxton Waikerie Council meeting, there had been discussion about projects which may be funded by revitalization money. These projects included barricades (bollards) for outdoor dining locations, replacing seats around the rotunda and replacing the septic tank for the public toilets. Lew Gibbs questioned why these projects should be paid for using revitalization funds, instead of general works.

Lew Gibbs moved that the chamber write a letter to council and question why these projects are being considered using revitalization money. Seconded: Jane Wilson. All in favour. CARRIED.

In addition, Jane Wilson moved that chamber write a separate letter regarding the upcoming work at Habel's Bend. She would like clarification about the toilet block/car park that is being built as part of that development, as the high river may be a concern in that area in the future. Seconded: Lew Gibbs. All in favour. CARRIED.

***Fountain outside Loxton Public Library.**

The fountain is leaking badly and there is discussion about it being moved by council. Sharyn Schlein said perhaps chamber have some ideas about where it should be moved to. Sonya suggested that we mention the fountain in the next Chamber Chat newsletter, and invite members to suggest what they would like to see happen with the fountain. After chamber receives suggestions, Sonya can feed the information back to council.

Moved: Sharyn Schlein. Seconded: Ryan Seaman. All in favour. CARRIED.

***District Council of Loxton Waikerie Australia Day Awards.**

Sonya asked whether members thought she should nominate a chamber event in the 'Community Event of the Year' category. The nominations close on Friday. It was decided Loxton Lights Up should be nominated.

Moved: Ryan Seaman. Seconded: Sharyn Schlein. All in favour. CARRIED.

11. Next general meeting: Monday, December 12, 2016 at the Loxton Hotel from 7.30pm (following Chamber Christmas party).

12. Closure: 8.49pm.

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Light Up Day

- Reindeer Rd activity all confirmed with free giveaways
- Program finalised as well as all activities and volunteers, being distributed.

- Need help with Santa's in Cave throughout December 9.30-11.30am on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.
- Budget \$3k in profit to date
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Late night trade, Thursday 22nd December 2016

- Pop up cinema in Library confirmed as well as 8 free bags popcorn from Greg Ormay.
- Music Alive coordinating Carollers to sing in doorways.
- Quote for advertising Feature - support ads would help. Push WOM through businesses
- Need help with Santa in Cave this night 6pm – 8pm
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Membership

- Requested certificates be designed from That's Graphic. Quotes being sought from Print DNA and Totally Exposed for printing certificates.
- All outstanding membership fees have been followed up. Some issues experienced with online form automatically forwarding invoice which is lost by members.

General Business

- Council now charging for copying at .15c per page
- Frankie & Dandelion now bronze members
- Consider submitting entry in Council's Community Event of Year awards