



LOXTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.
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| Meeting: | General Chamber Meeting | Date: | 10 th July 2017 |
| Chair: | Deb Petch | Location: | Loxton Hotel |
| Time: | 7.35pm | Taken by: | Tessa Kirk |
| Attendees: | <i>Catarina Santini, Sonya Altschwager, Lew Gibbs, Sharyn Schlein, Annette Winter, Paul Lewis, Gordon Thomson, Tim Saul, Chrystal Goodhand, Jane Wilson, Tim Vivian, Sally Goode, Deb Thiele, Fred Petch, Phillip Goodes</i> | | |
| Apologies: | <i>Ryan Seaman, Michael Searle, Kristy Hobbs, Glanys Schubert, Caroline Tuhoro, Deb Ebert, Julia Dansie, Jodie Koch, Anne Battams, John Tiver, Sheree Cameron, Connie Dziwoki, Donna Felder, Ted Sinoch</i> | | |

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| 1. | Confirmation of previous General Meeting Minutes dated 8 th May 2017 | <i>No changes. Moved: Tim Vivian Seconded: Annette Winter</i> | |
| 2. | Business Arising: <i>Main Street Toilets</i> | <i>A letter was received from Deb Thiele about how they will be approaching the maintenance.</i> | |
| 3. | Correspondence in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>In reply to Correspondence Out B) Loxton Council were happy to hear of our support in seeing the Pedal Prix extended to a two day event with Saturday trading. Initial planning meetings upcoming with dates TBC. Sonya will attend on behalf of the Chamber to the initial meeting.</i> b) <i>Loxton Christmas Lights Committee May Meeting Minutes.</i> c) <i>Email from Carlene and Graham Wallis. Winners of our "500 Reasons to Shop" Promo. Thanking us and complementing our beautiful town. Said they can't wait to visit again.</i> d) <i>Email from Tim Saul offering to brief the Chamber on NBN. We accepted and he will present later this meeting.</i> e) <i>Invitation to Business SA's Regional Chambers of Commerce Annual Conference in Adelaide on Friday 28th July 2017.</i> | <i>e) We would like to send someone as a rep.</i> | |

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| | <p>f) <i>Loxton Lights was nominated for a Tourism Award in the South Australian Community Achievement awards.</i></p> <p>g) <i>Council correspondence in: Riverland Solar & Storage Project.</i></p> <p>h) <i>Loxton High School are looking for businesses to participate in their Pathways Evening on Wednesday 2nd August 2017. We included the information for any members potentially interested in our Chamber Chat this month.</i></p> <p>i) <i>Received an email notifying us our application for the SA Water Sponsorship for Lights Up Day was unsuccessful.</i></p> <p>j) <i>Captain Cook Cruises are delighted to offer our Members a very special offer on selected Murray River cruises aboard the PS Murray Princess.</i></p> <p>k) <i>SA Regional Tourism Summit, thanking the Chamber for their contribution and involvement in the event.</i></p> <p>l) <i>CMZ Group Foundation, will be sponsoring Arts on Terrace.</i></p> | <p>f) <i>We will accept and complete nomination pending deadline & cost.</i></p> <p>g) <i>Will include in next Chamber Chat</i></p> <p>J) <i>Will include information for anyone interested at the end of these minutes.</i></p> | |
| 4. | <p>Correspondence out:</p> <p>a) <i>Email to Flinders Rangers Visitor Information Centre. They had enquired about our 'Loxton Gift Vouchers' system and how it works. Sonya replied with the necessary information.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Email to Peter Ackland at Loxton Waikerie District Council. Advising that the Chamber was in support of the council's initiative to introduce Saturday activities to future Pedal Prix events, extending it out to a two day event.</i></p> <p>c) <i>Chamber Chat June 2017</i></p> | <p><i>All correspondence favoured</i> <i>Moved: Catarina Santini</i> <i>Seconded: Jane Wilson</i></p> | |
| 5. | Reports: | | |
| | <p>a) <i>President's summary of Executive Meeting held 5th June 2017</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chamber was represented at LHS business week by Catarina</i> | <p><i>Tabled: Deb Petch</i></p> | |

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| | <p><i>Santini. This is the 2nd year running that the Chamber has been asked to be involved.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Our pop up office is now open in RLS, call in to see Sonya.</i> • <i>The Annual Dinner was a huge success. Increased numbers attended, with potential new members attending. The Arnolds Bros Story was very interesting and well presented. Mayor Stas attended and spoke about the positive relationship between Chamber and Council. Big thank you to Sonya for all the work she put into the night.</i> • <i>The chamber budget was accepted at the last exec meeting and our membership drive has started.</i> • <i>The end of the main street is seeing plenty of activity, work commencing on fire damaged buildings, the hydrotherapy pool coming along at the physio, Koch's IGA is looking bright with new signage and paint on the inside. We have a new funeral director in town, with Warren Altschwager purchasing the funeral business from the Bradtkes. If you go for a drive out to the industrial area, you will see a new shed being built. Which means movement for another business. All really positive for our town!</i> | <p><i>Report Moved: Sharyn Schlein Seconded: Paul Lewis</i></p> | |
| | <p><i>b) Loxton Waikerie Council Report provided by Deb Thiele:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Congratulate Chamber on their successful dinner held recently.</i> • <i>Acknowledged correspondence about Parking.</i> • <i>Public consultation for budget has finished.</i> • <i>Commencement of</i> | <p><i>Tabled: Deb Thiele</i></p> | |

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| | <p><i>redevelopment of the recreation centre will begin soon. Council were successful in their first round of grants (receiving \$351,000) and will begin redoing the courts first. Still awaiting Federal Grant for other stages.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Main St revitalisation ongoing, bus bay is currently underway.</i> • <i>Pedal Prix, Lights Up, Gift, Chamber and Arts on Terrace are all being supported locally in the council's budget.</i> • <i>Currently finalising a review on a final way to operate the Historical Village. Stay tuned on possible opportunities to lease sections.</i> • <i>Congratulated B & E M. A great year and wish a successful 2017/18 year ahead.</i> • <i>Fixing fountain in front of the library also.</i> | <p><i>Report moved: Paul Lewis Seconded: Annette Winter</i></p> | |
| | <p>c) Business Watch SAPOL</p> | <p><i>None, was an apology</i></p> | |
| | <p>d) Treasurer's Report – Catarina Santini</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Executive Committee finalised and approved the budget for the 2017/18 year.</i> • <i>Catarina did the opening speech on behalf of the Chamber at the recent LHS Business Week. Was a fantastic week and would support Gordon's suggestion (listed later in the minutes) to have future meetings presented by them. The High School are always welcoming businesses to get involved as judges and mentors.</i> • <i>Memberships are starting to roll in. PayPal and Credit Card are now available on website. Payment is due on the 18th August 2017. Due to previous bad debtors, the executive committee decided Silver and Gold need to be paid by then to be included in the advertising on TV and vouchers. The form can be found online,</i> | <p><i>Tabled: Catarina Santini</i></p> | |

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| | <p><i>cheques can be delivered to Catarina at Maddens Accountants. Or pop in and see Sonya at RLS.</i></p> | <p><i>Report moved: Annette Winter Seconded: Paul Lewis</i></p> | |
| | <p>e) Business & Event Manager's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Main focus at the moment is membership. Prospectus sent out last week. Thank you to those who have renewed already.</i> • <i>Can be found at RLS 10am – 2pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday.</i> • <i>Working on Arts on Terrace Event for August 13th. Brochures & art trail, including a special exhibition of Frida Khalo, junk art sculpture competition, four creative workshops, kids activities and special Sunday Trading.</i> • <i>Sponsorship requests for Lights Up Day will be sent out soon. As will stall holder applications. Whilst we were unsuccessful for the SA Water grant this year, they have reassured us that they will support again in the future.</i> • <i>Nothing new to report on the Woolworths Walkthrough Project. Still waiting on quotes to come back for the framework.</i> | <p><i>Tabled: Sonya Altschwager</i></p> <p><i>Report moved: Catarina Santini Seconded: Paul Lewis</i></p> | |
| 6. | General Business | | |
| | <p>a) Introduce: Gordon Thomson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Currently in 2nd week as Director of Corporate & Community Services at the Loxton Waikerie Council.</i> • <i>His areas of interest are the</i> | | |

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| | <p><i>library, historical villiage, planning & infrastructure.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recently attending Year 11 Business Week at LHS. Was very impressed. Encouraged Chamber to invite 1 or 2 of the teams to give their presentations to the chamber at a meeting. Even potentially put them on display in an empty shopfront.</i> • <i>Really just wanted to use this opportunity to say hello and introduce himself. Looking forward to strengthening the council-chamber relationship, be a regular face and contact point alongside Deb Thiele. Customer service will be a strong point along with an approachable and friendly new team.</i> | | |
| | <p>b) Tim Saul: NBN presentation</p> <p>Formed in 2009 by the government, their mission is to bring fast reliable internet to all. Currently 50% complete (including Loxton). 93% of people use the internet to research products and services.</p> <p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Overview. • Digital Business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More innovative - Level playing field - Enhance collaborations - Reduce barriers - Expand digital marketplace - Eg. Video conferencing - Some of the world's biggest companies are based online with no physical real estate • Local Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fibre to the node • Get Connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benefits of an advanced online business - Higher revenue & more diverse marketplace • Business Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACC will be releasing a | <p><i>The old network will be switched off in Loxton from August 2018 within the NBN network area. Fixed wireless won't be disconnected though. To find out where you sit, visit the website: www.nbn.com.au</i></p> <p><i>A complete checklist of what to do to prepare for NBN is also there.</i></p> <p><i>Tim was very helpful with troubleshooting problems and acknowledging local concerns with NBN. He said the service should be good all the time, so if your service is any less than that to be following it up.</i></p> <p><i>First of all raise a complaint with your provider. Make sure you get a reference number for any conversations with them.</i></p> <p><i>If there is still no success with them then escalate your complaint directly to NBN. However you will need to have talked to your provider first.</i></p> | |

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| | provider comparison website soon. | <i>Tim listened to number of issues people locally are facing and encouraged anyone experiencing them to 1) speak to their provider. 2) send Property Address, Provider Name, Fixed Wireless or Fixed Line and contact number to Sonya who will then forward it to Tim who will look into it and hopefully provide help.</i> | |
| | Meeting Close: 9.10pm | Next Meeting: AGM 11 th September 2017 Location TBC | |

Captain Cook Cruises Offer:

Captain Cook Cruises are delighted to offer your Members a very special offer on selected Murray River cruises aboard the PS Murray Princess.

There are a number of dates available with the options of 3, 4 or 7 night itineraries – all departing from Mannum.

These cruises carry a huge 50% discount on July departures, for further information and bookings please phone 1300 729 938 and quote MP50.