

MINUTES



Business Northwest

General Meeting

16/03/2023

Start time 6:01:00 PM Elapsed

Held at RSL

End time 7:31:00 PM 1:30:00

1.00 Welcome

2.0 Attendees

I Jones, J McErlain, A Dry, D Austin, T Brumby, J Packham, G Simpson, S Overland, S Arnold, M Cannon.

3.0 Apologies

S Kons, P Holm, A & M Leeson, J Whitely

Note

Last meeting December 20 2022

<i>Moved</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Note</i>
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4.00 Confirmation of minutes

<i>T Brumby</i>	<i>J McErlain</i>	Carried	
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4.10 Business arising

5.00 President's Report

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<i>I Jones</i>	<i>G Simpson</i>	Carried	
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Develop as a community app (develop further). Discussion on cruise ship markets, stall holders at capacity. Working well. Should push out on social media beforehand. BCC Strategic Plan first zoom meeting today - disappointing numbers. Breakfasts - Ark Energy, Justin & Cyndia on Table Cape project, ALP team. New members - Josh Whitely from APP & Kais Mohamed from RooRush Digital. Currency drop 35% over ten years. Business Tasmania small business growth strategy - grants available.

6.00 Treasurer's Report

BoUs Account	\$ 68,714.34	BoUs Investment	\$30,180.64
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Per Report

Promotions account	\$ 2,797.64	PayPal	\$0.00	\$ 244,942.14
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Table Cape Experience	\$ 109,956.50	Float	\$120.00
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CCOM account	\$ 33,173.02
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7.00 Communication

7.01 • Inward

7.02 • Outwards

7.03 • Media

7BU broadcasts every 2nd Tuesday.

7.04 Membership update

84 members currently. TasPorts joined as silver member.

<p>8.00 General Business</p>	<p>Discussion on pitch for grant, partnership with UTAS. VR training opportunities - Keystone. Enterprize breakfast Friday - John Perry decision about UTAS space. Thankful for Jim Cavaye - great asset. Coworking spaces, Simon - use for BAFC. Camera stolen from penguins (2nd one stolen) - footage from UTAS security cameras to police.</p>
<p>8.01 Breakfast sessions</p>	<p>29/3 Simon Overland, 12/4 Decem</p>
<p>8.02 Events</p>	
<p>8.03 Chamber Alliance update</p>	<p>No update</p>
<p>8.04 Promotions</p>	<p>No update</p>
<p>8.05 Tourism</p>	<p>Update by Justin - tourism solid on N/W Coast, February 99% occupancy & expecting to run in high 90s this month. Bad price gouging in market. Expect tourism numbers to slow down April/after Easter. Railway to shut down over winter due to derailment. West Coast chronically short of accommodation as mining companies snatching it up.</p>
<p>8.06 Retail / Real Estate / Business / Performing Arts / Agriculture</p>	<p>A Dry - EVRG Cruise ships very good, generating profit surplus for 1st time in 3 years. Volunteer workforce holding up. Burnie High kids coming up - volunteer on Tuesdays. Cruise ship visitors love meeting mayor/deputy mayor. Visitors raving about it. Moving around.</p> <p>D Austin - Caravan business New normal after golden period -> reinvented moving forward, now servicing caravans. Sales still good. Accommodation going very well - noticed renting houses at top end becoming</p>
<p>8.07 GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>T Brumby Met with all Braddon ministers - discussed budget, courthouse (not \$40 million anymore), Gateway project, coastal pathway (\$12 million -> Minister Ferguson. Get project started - start September), Strategic Plan upcoming, BCC councillors representing BCC on SeaFM radio with Leigh Kenworthy once a week, met with Senator Lambie, Upper Burnie cleanup footpath etc., met with representative for Islamic Medical Centre - to attract Muslim medical professionals, want place to pray/temple (have hired Uniting Church in Cooee).</p> <p>S Arnold Stubbs in paper. Moorville Rd Youth Independence. Start project civils. Still staff shortage.</p> <p>M Cannon Business forever changing, plodding along. New novel sales are low - but advertising is only by word of mouth.</p> <p>J Packham Excited to come along to meeting & see what's going on. DoMaur Productions - local, many shows, amazing show, amateur production. D Austin: write letter to acknowledge them. Doug should come to meeting & honour him.</p> <p>D Austin: acknowledge John - has farewell dinner thanking him for 15 years from age 75 at Bay Renaissance.</p>

G Simpson

Cruising along, dance studio renovation, this year doing 2 concerts in town theatre - over two days. Lots of events. Doing 'Pink Up' October, bringing Tracy Bevan from McGrath Foundation over October 29th, joined with Communion and Chapel for events. Ask for tree to be lit up pink that month. Doing fundraiser for coastal group in Upper Burnie - 100 seat high tea. Got someone coming from Love Your Sister to event with businesses in Burnie. Hopefully October. Push businesses to sign up - 1000 businesses. Communion on board. Lots of fundraisers happening.

S Overland

Start 12th April renovation of BAFC - phase 1 finish Sept, then move to phase 2. Phases due to Commonwealth funding. Adjust funding deed. Project manager great. Builder is VOS.

Subcontracting bit problematic. Completion due mid 2024.

Band room complete soon, hand over Mar 31. Pipe band moving in, continue to work with brass band as best as can - Open Day for people to form own views. Discussion followed.

D Austin

1. Energy costs up, even though TAS has renewable energy. Increases out of proportion. Letter to Ministers - Minister Barnett & Treasurer, ask to meet on behalf of industries in region.

Discussion. 2. State of highway near Rabbit Island - footpaths need to be pressure cleaned. Area unbelievably bad-looking. Contact dep State Growth.

3. Business at Somerset (Wells) pressure cleaning, ask for quote - submit to State Growth. S

Overland: issues with closing highway. Write to State Growth about the state of the highway.

4. Airport bedlam, 2 flights in. Need top terminal re-opened. Refurbish buildings. Suggest meet with airport board. S Overland: BCC having same conversations with board. Discussion.

Plans for airport. Recent change of chair, discussion. Could write as private citizen to airport board.

Dennis asked for private meeting with one director.

5. Restructure BCCI into a board with CEO. Agreed it would happen. Rewrite constitution. I Jones would like to form committee of 3 people to review constitution. Can't make changes without special meeting 75% to pass. I Jones would like Shona & John. Discussion: CEO salary, advance Burnie, city link, chamber struggling to run already without a board too, main problem: Ian & Justin need more compensation for what they do, about long-term sustainability. Council will see what's proposed.

Draft budget April. D Austin: motion, write proposal for additional \$60-40K from council for BCCI people running projects. 100K is tough ask from council. Or, untie the \$40K already from council & add a bit - \$20K. Still must make case to council - seriously provide justification. Discussion. Remember already have council administration resource. Need to get approval from BCCI membership if changing anything. \$40K + \$25K -> \$40K + full live FTE.

Meeting closed 7:31PM