

MINUTES

Business Northwest

General Meeting

21/06/2023

Start time 6:03:00 PM Elapsed

Held at Burnie RSL

End time 7:15:00 PM 1:12:00

1.00 Welcome

2.0 Attendees

I Jones, J McErlain, D Hodgetts, S Overland, S Arnold, D Pease, T Aitken, G Simpson, T Brumby.

3.0 Apologies

M Cannon

Note

Nigel Morgan in car accident & brain tumour found in hospital. Recovery will take several months

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

<i>D Hodgetts</i>	<i>S Overland</i>	Carried	T Aitken question re hung parliament & whether it ever happens.
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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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Comment

Comment on economy and trade in Europe by Ian. Congratulations to Dennis for winning his award in the national caravan industry. Business Northwest awarded \$50K grant from the Dep of State Growth to develop feasibility study exploring how VR can be used to meet needs of workers & trainees - mostly relates to renewable energy sector. Collaboration with UTAS. Congratulations to Justin & Cyndia for putting that together. S Arnold comments on VR - VR in construction. Discussion. Breakfast with S Overland speaking July 19th on development of the strategic plan so far. Budget feedback - 1 submission. Table Cape Project - rapidly coming to a conclusion. Video shown.

6.00 Treasurer's Report Per Report

BoUs Account	46,696.50	BoUs Investment	50,000.00
Promotions account	25,915.08	PayPal	\$0.00
Table Cape	\$0.00	Float	\$0.00
Experience			
CCOM account	3,640.85	TOTAL	126,252.43

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<i>T Aitken</i>	<i>D Pease</i>	Carried	
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7.00 Communication

7.01 • Inward

State Growth deed

7.02 • Outwards

7.03 • Media

Interview on 7BU from London

7.04 Membership update

No change since last month

8.00 General Business

Anti-social behaviour update S Overland: Still being worked on, but security & attention from Tas Police has seemed to have quietened things down. State Budget Dinner.

8.01 Breakfast sessions

COTA on 21/6 Southern Cross Austereo on 5/7 S Overland on 19/7

8.02 Events

8.03 Chamber Alliance

No update.

8.04 Promotions

No update.

8.05 Tourism

Table Cape - launches 30th June, lead to extra \$50K grant. Tourism forum tomorrow in Devonport 1pm by WxNW. Cyndia on TICT board, TICT T30 review conference in Stanley - tourism doc out of Gov for next 10-20 years. Tourism numbers have been great up to about mid-May and then started to slide away. Might peak a bit in July with school holidays. People heading overseas. Domestic tourism slowed down, but corporate market is red hot. Noticeable slow-down in hospitality sector - people cutting back on per head spend. A lot of price gouging in the last 6 months - coming back to bite. Still reasonably positive going forward, hopefully this is a short dip.

8.06 Retail / Real Estate / Business / Performing Arts / Agriculture

Arts & Functions Centre update: project on track. Staircase out this week. Funding slow/difficult. Some risk for stage 2. Need funding deed signed.

Family Law Court - T Brumby

Update: not heard back. 2 locations are ready. Discussion.

Retail D Pease

Fell off mid-May after interest rate rise. Major suppliers' stores are over-stocked now, e.g. Anaconda. Over supply of product/stock dumped on market. Discussion.

Wholesale

T Aitken

Last best

month ever. All sectors good. May best, June good winter month. May was a 'January month'. Credit watch/put on credit cards. Discussion.

Construction S Arnold SERS - Steve not well. Lost 1 tradesman and some apprentices. Templar - shut down. All finding it hard to get resources. Discussion followed. Mooreville Rd proceeding.

Engineering D Hodgetts (UTAS) Transformation projects at UTAS, finish by November. Will make a huge difference. Parking precinct users.

Arts

G Simpson Events coming up - cancer event Saturday. Shows underway. Tracey Bevan. Fundraiser for Burnie Coastal Art Group. Tickets need to be put out - interested in Cradle Tickets platform. Working on Australian of the Year awards and Tas community awards. Although not happening here, many NW people get nominated.

Education Working

with Burnie Works on high school attendance. Really bad on NW coast at the moment - about 78% attendance. Problem in Burnie region. Discussion.

8.07 GENERAL BUSINESS

T Brumby

1. Tuesday public meeting re budget, etc. interested to see what media does because there's been a more positive slant in media lately.
2. Met with Launceston City Council & Mayor Fuller from Central Coast. They've moved people on from creek bed. Talked with Michael Stretton.
3. Rugby dinner - Burnie Townhouse, Brett Kershaw. Migrant community interactions amazing. Met a couple who recently moved to Burnie & sang praises of Burnie. Migrant resource centre discussion.
4. Cruise ship feedback. This year starting October, probably need to disembark near Marine Terrace Carpark, could block off space in carpark for stalls. Not decided yet.
5. Conversations with Anita Dow of Labor's intent to fight harder for CBD. Discussion on court building.
6. Woodchip piles getting higher.

D Hodgetts response to no. 1. Budget Best councillors talk to the motion. T Brumby response: motive & reason behind decision. Discussion.

Meeting closed 7:15PM