

# MINUTES



Promoting Regional Growth

## Business Northwest

### General Meeting

**16/08/2023**

Start time 6:05:00 PM Elapsed

**Held at RSL**

End time 6:59:00 PM 0:54:00

### 1.00 Welcome

### 2.0 Attendees

I Jones, J McErlain, C Hilliger, A Winch, T Brumby, D Pease, T Aitken, M Gates, M Cannon, J Whiteley, G Austin, J Packham, A Dry, S Overland, V Terry, G Simpson, G Atkinson.

### 3.0 Apologies

D Austin, R Forrest, R Woolley, R Jaensch, G Pearce, D Hodgetts, S Kons, P Holm.

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### 4.00 Confirmation of

<i>D Pease</i>	<i>S Overland</i>	Carried	
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### 4.10 Business arising

### 5.00 President's Report

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### Comment

Highlights - big breakfast with PM Richard Marles & Simon. Marles complimentary of developments at Jayben. Elphinstone awarded Land 400 contract. Defence dollars coming into the region. Table Cape Experience launched June 30 - great run over July, 1300-1400 viewers. VR exhibits at WoW were popular. Dr. Zi paper on VR presenting in Japan. August break from breakfasts, next one in 2 weeks with Alicia Perry from VXT - training, hospitality, tourism & retail. Sorting breakfast schedule for rest of year. Several ministerial visits over July-August - Chris Bowen, Julie Collins, Richard Marles, Andrew Leigh. Large spike in anti-social behaviour, with Council organised community meeting with police, principals of high schools & community groups - formed a document that T Brumby & I Jones distributed around CBD retailers detailing security measures. Document was well-received. Apart from recent Wilmot incident, has been quiet. Another meeting with group tomorrow night at 5:30PM at Council. Concerns about state gov - Project Marinus, discussed with TCCI CEO Mike Bailey, seems Gov is posturing, announcement from Feds expected. Lost Richard Ruddle - solid contributor to BNW, married on Wednesday before he passed away.

### 6.00 Treasurer's Report Per Report

BoUs Account	BoUs Investment
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#### BANK BALANCES at 31 July 2023

Business NW Working A/C	\$	32,277.48
Business NW Term Deposit A/C	\$	50,000.00
Cradle Coast Market	\$	4,273.22
Table Cape Experience	\$	34,546.75
Burnie Council Promotions A/C	\$	32,971.34
	\$	<b>154,068.79</b>

### 7.00 Communication

#### 7.01 • Inward

#### 7.02 • Outwards

Usual - IN/OUT.

#### 7.03 • Media

7BU spots plus a couple of comments in The Advocate & a ABC Radio spot.

#### 7.04 Membership update

90 members. Membership invoices to be sent out in the next week or two.

### 8.00 General Business

#### 8.01 Breakfast sessions

Next one 30/08, developing remainder of the year's schedule next week.

#### 8.02 Events

No update.

#### 8.03 Chamber Alliance update

No update. Next meeting Sept 6th.

#### 8.04 Promotions

No update.

#### 8.05 Tourism

J McErlain: Still people around, mainly corporate-based, a few visitors - not as many as this time last year. Hospitality in cafes & restaurants being knocked around - hard going. Tourism Tas ramping up campaign activities. Rex flying to Hobart & nationally out of Wynyard.

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

**G Simpson**

Fundraising - organising Pink Up stuff. Fundraiser for Burnie Coastal Art Group. Inspiring Youth Awards coming up - any nominations?

**Discussion on youth** --> Residents on guard. Only 12 youths. Impact of police & youth workers. G Simpson hanging with youth at area around bus stops. Working with principals. Working out ways to engage with the youths. Not Just Books friendship with a youth & Matt. The youths have a lot of trauma in lives.

**V Terry** Tourism 2030 have noted OCG leading worker accommodation work. CCA project - place based capital program - making it easier to invest in local community, locally led, locally owned & controlled.

**A Winch - civil contractors**

High vis army project, getting jobs with Stornaway - info sessions in Devonport, Queenstown. 2 programs out of Burnie Tafe with 90% employment rate. Programs generate employment.

**T Brumby**

Today filmed footage for Project Marinus - partnering with them to deliver community fund, 2 different community groups to receive 20K each. Sale of Camdale property to JMC - intend to build accommodation cognizant of the environmental space - hovering design. Discussion. TasNetworks approached council, looking to start significant works - need places for 100 staff in next 6-12 months. Elphinstone won contract with Aus Army, will need 100 people also. Antisocial behaviour - dominated last few weeks, 12 young people, 15-year-old female isolated rampage last week. Roundtable - need community-birthered solution. Increase calls when issues arise, helps with statistics for Gov to allocate sufficient police resources. Higher police presence in CBD now - agitated quickly. Met with police commissioner. State-wide issue. Need long-term community solution. Gov considering raising criminal age 10-->14 - what's the Gov's plan? Talking with Attorney General next week. 5:30PM community meeting agenda - trauma-informed lens, police will share, G Simpson update, BCC response. Meeting with ministers R Jaensch (education) & F Ellis (police) - looking at how Education Department can play a part. Can Education Department support outreach workers to engage with disadvantaged young people? Minister Ellis - we need more police. HIF meeting - keen to invest in Tasmania. Awaiting State Gov. Meet with premier. Exciting times - on the cusp, small businesses hang in there because great dividends on other side. Businesses are still coming. Mallee Grill - owners want to get it painted but can't find a painter.

**8.07 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**D Pease - retail**

Discretionary spending down on last year. Work-related spending good. Impact of inflation, wage & super increases. Margins screwed tight for small/medium retailers - coming into a tough time.

**T Aitken - industrial**

Going well. Good trade ahead. Council - proud taking on issue re anti-social behaviour. Praise for addressing the issues.

**M Gates**

BCC doing a good job & I Jones too. Printing down 30% in June/July. New printing press in 2 weeks. Positive outlook. Discussion.

**M Cannon**

Graphic design industry pretty slow. Music composition & video editing filled void to certain extent.

**J Whiteley** TasWater ended headworks holiday. Charges 1-200K. *Discussion.* EPA levy for landfill or waste. Lobby for exclusion clean fill 3-400K.

**G Austin**

Great year for Blackleys 60% higher than last year. 15% up on July. Agriculture in good shape. Viticulture buoyant. Mining - generally taking market share. Not all growing. So far we're in front. Ag in good place except for beef & lamb. Milk prices still high.

**J Packham**

Brass band recital - great crowd, well received. Soiree - Victor Zapner, lovely evening. Domaar Production Letters to Lindy. (T Brumby left)

**A Dry**

EVRG June & July quiet - closed till Oct 2 for renovations. Spring Festival 7-8th October. Next weekend hosting the Australian Rhododendron Society Conference. Renovations look really good. (G Simpson left)

**C Hilliger**

Renew Burnie - K Mueller Jeweller leaving. Look for another enterprise to come in. New pop up shops. Overview of Renew Burnie. Rent \$25+25 = \$50. Great to get enterprises off the kitchen table.

**S Overland**

Soccer game - theatre at Arts & Functions Centre open, doors open 7:30.

**I Jones**

(P Holm) Raise price of breakfast from \$20 to \$25. Had same price for 5 years, good value. Meeting resolved to increase to these prices as of Feb 2024 \$25-\$30.