

MINUTES



Business Northwest

General Meeting

17/03/2021

Start time 17:57:00 Elapsed

Held at RSL

End time 19:01:00 1:04:00

1.00 Welcome

2.0 Attendees

I Jones, J McErlain, J Packham, S Overland, P Holm, R Luck, D Pease, S Arnold, A Leeson, M Leeson, C Stafford, M Cannon, G Simpson, S Kons, T Ferencz, K Dorsey

3.0 Apologies

R Jaensch, L Hiscutt, A Dry, K Hingston, R Ruddle, B Campbell, G Pearce, M Gaffney, A Barry, G Williams, J Pease

Moved Secoded Vote Note

4.00 Confirmation of minutes

A Leeson D Pease Carried

4.10 Business arising

no

5.00 President's Report

Moved Secoded Vote Note

I Jones S Overland Carried

Comment

Update on Hire Car issues, discussion on workforce, questions on CLTP

6.00 Treasurer's Report

BoUs Account	\$ 21,452.77	BoUs Investment	\$19,748.29	TOTAL
Promotions account	\$ 42,500.43	PayPal		\$ 107,060.52
MBW Grant account	\$ 17,389.85	Float		
CCOM account	\$ 5,969.18			

Moved Secoded Vote Note

J McErlain M Leeson Carried

P Holm, questioned on funds what are ours, explained by I Jones

7.00 Communication

7.01 • Inward

usual inward / outwards

7.02 • Outwards

BBRF -Round 5, BNW submitted Mobile VIC Funding, we funded \$2500 towards grant application.

7.03 • Media	Regular 7BU broadcasts, Renew Australia and Renew Burnie	Facebook
		Followers 408
		Instagram 155
		LinkedIn 520
7.04 Membership update	78 At the moment please pay subs if not already done	
8.00 General Business		
8.01 Breakfast sessions	March 3 Daryl and Co from CCA	
	March 17 News Corp	
	March 31 Fiona Turner (Start-up Tasmania)	
	Bruce French host at his premises - hard to find him at the premises.	
8.02 Helping Burnie Work	March 22 Start. Good support and feedback from James McCormack. Wants us to carry on	
	with what's needed and look at placements in next round.	
8.03 Events	We will do the Excellence Awards later this year. R Luck to head the committee and start off	
	in April.	
8.04 Chamber Alliance update	Call last week - All regional chambers provided updates.	
8.05 Promotions	Cyndia and Burnie 2.0 projects Renew Burnie - first tenants will move in mid April	
8.06 Tourism	Verbal update: all going well for March. More mainland cars on the road lately	
8.07 Retail / Real Estate / Business / Performing Arts / Agriculture	Retail	
	D Pease;	
	- Steady retail	
	- good trade	
	- lots of mainland travellers for first time	
	- tourism sector helping	
	Real Estate,	
	R Luck and C Stafford;	
	- stock tight / strong demand	
	- 20 +Applications per rental	
	- Short days on market	
	- Interstate relocate - safer - desirable	
	(discussion followed)	
	Performing Arts,	
	G Simpson;	
	- numbers slow still down on last year, 100 students	
	- getting through it, no production this year	
	Training	
	K Dorsey	
	- state govt grants \$5000, New Employee Federal grant \$7500 per quarter + \$4000 on	
	completion	
	(discussion followed)	
	Construction	
	S Arnold	
	- overheated environment difficult to tender / price jobs	
	- Staffing issues- Cost of staff / Sub costs going up	
	- FIFO options	
	(discussion followed)	

8.08 CCOM

Reskin coming, meeting with Switch Tasmania

8.09 GENERAL BUSINESS

S Arnold

Break ins and thefts on the rise (Discussion followed)

R Luck

Home inspections finding strange things eg a Gun (Gel Pellet). Called police and charged.
Difficulty with policing rentals
Starting NW Business Awards preparation BCC/WWC G. Simpson assist

I Jones

Great lunch , International Women's Day . I Jones won a prize donated by Sen. A Urquhart

A Leeson

Raised from last meeting Page 2 of 3, Re Makers / Museum closure. Signage directory to WWC. Closure reason statement regarding concern and what is happening to visitors / volunteers. Want Answers.
Repeated that this has been answered previously

S Overland

Responded, changed M-F VIC not staffed on Saturday. Most people after ticket for free camping at Cooe Point. Can get ticket on-line this is the main reason people go there. Visitors numbers just not there when open. Work with commercial operator at VIC. Barely enough work to keep salaried employees, not enough for volunteers together with COVID impacts.

M Leeson

Never problem with tourists coming , talked about role and Queensland closure.
J Mcerlain responded re visitor economy and strong occupancy
K Dorsey Responded talked about back packers
S Kons / T Ferencz all responded talking about visitor numbers and strong occupancy
(General Discussion Followed)

S Arnold

Write to Ten Days on the Island congratulation on opening especially.
R Luck support ten days are appreciated

P Holm

Talked about Cam Bridge and former premier, expressed his view

D Pease

Rex and discussion followed - Rex will reinstate 4 flights per day in the near future

P Holm

Should review breakfast fee.
I Jones comment Wellers are happy with existing fee for breakfast and we want to keep it very affordable.

Meeting closed at

19:01