

## Nimbin Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes November 2024

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Time:** Commencing 5.30pm

**Location:** Nimbin Bush Theatre

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### Opening Section

#### 1. Call to Order

- David Hyett, the Chairperson, officially called the meeting to order at 5.36.
- Acknowledgement of Country was made by David Hyett.

#### 2. Members Present: David Hyett (President), Aline Binetruy (Vice President), Ariescia Matheson (Treasurer), Diana Roberts (OAM)

- **Apologies:** Nicole Lindner (Secretary)
- **Guests:** James Wickham

#### 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- None declared.

#### 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Resolved to approve the minutes from the meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 as presented
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### Ordinary Business

#### 5. Carried Over Topics from Previous Meeting/ Business Arising from Minutes.

- Byron & Beyond Visitor Guide – Nimbin Information Section Update (Caroline)  
Deferred to the next meeting in the presence of Caroline.
- Sustainable Nimbin Community Plan & Nimbin Place Plan – Chamber Project Summary (Aline & Diana) Review of NCOC leading roles on SNCP and Nimbin Place Plan (attached to these minutes as an appendix)  
**Action:** Resolve that the new committee survey businesses and contacts key people from key organisation to gauge interest in participating in the interagency committee.  
**Resolved:** that Diana address the council meeting on Tuesday on behalf of the committee supporting adoption of the place plan while stressing the need for a complete traffic management plan for the village, the need for council to resource the plan, and other issues worthy of highlighting.
- Visa card – Information: All paperwork done, Chamber's credit card on its way to Ariescia

- The brochures will need to be distributed in town with stands. **Action1:** Ariescia to distribute to shop in the main street + Blue Knob Hall, + accommodation providers. **Action2:** add to DCM action sheet to post on socials that new brochures and stands are available for pick-up at the Nimbin Bush Theatre.

## 6. Correspondence

- Incoming from Lee Toomey – Business NSW - Local Chamber Alliance Program Business NSW - October update - Northern Rivers. For information only.
- Incoming: North Coast Print Hub – Brochures are ready for collection – Have been collected by David.
- Incoming: Tina Irish – LCC - Nimbin Chamber Catch up Meeting Notes 16 October 2024.
- Incoming: Cliff Chadburn – LCC – Western carpark added to cleaning schedule.
- Incoming – Letter of support thank you letter from Aquarius Archives Centre.
- Outgoing: Email to Roger Foley Fogg asking for an itemised cost break down of lighting proposal.
- Outgoing: Email to LCC – Destination & Economy team Re Crystal Tourist Park

## 7. Business Arising from Correspondence

- Roger Foley Fogg lighting offer: Diana reported that Roger Foley is willing to do something, whatever the NCOC budget is. Lighting is planned from the Apothecary to the car park entrance. The solar powered energy supply infrastructure is already in place. The budget is between AUD 20'000 and 30'000. **Action:** Find a suitable grant and decide on the Chamber's contribution. Breakdown from R. Foley needed. Diana did the previous grant for lighting, open to doing this one as well. Newsagency mural update (Diana). The board is in very bad condition, cannot be repaired. Any replacement will need better weather protection on top of the board.  
**Action:** David to ask Neil to contact the owners of the Newsagency building and ask them if they would be prepared to contribute towards the purchase of a new mural board if the Chamber managed the rest. David to estimate what the cost of this might be.
- Report back Perceptio side wall mural/signage: Information: New signage will be on the Perceptio wall for RWT promotion funded by the Economic Development unit of Council
- Lighting to eastern car park: *Council's response: Confirm the DA did not require lighting as part of their application. In saying that lights could be installed (without a DA) however ensuring there is no light spill or nuisance to adjoining owners or impact to pedestrian access or carpark spaces – and meet the Australian Standards. Solar lighting bollards could be the way to go. She suggests the first step is for the Chamber to liaise with the School of Arts as landowner to explore their level of interest in installing along the driveway section. Once this is confirmed, Council can look at specification requirements for the lighting, and we can work with them on grant funding opportunities. It would be also good to get some clarity if there is interest for only lighting down the driveway, or into the lower carpark itself – if that is the case, then discussions will need to also occur with the owners of 45 Cullen.*
- Water bubblers in main street: Information: bubblers are identified in the Place Plan and NCOC is not the driver.
- Crystal Tourist Park. It looks like the caravan park is not open, but people are still living there. **Action:** David to clarify the situation with the new manager.

## 8. Financial Report

Deferred. Financials will be emailed to all committee members by Treasurer, Ariescia Matheson outlining the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce's (NCOC) current financial commitments and standing. Subcommittee has met between the monthly meetings.

## 9. Committee and Task Force Reports:

David reports on the membership lists. All contacts have been updated in Gmail; they are now under business names. Membership list is also up to date. 59 current members, including 16 community organisations and 43 paid memberships. + 32 unpaid memberships. David has checked bank + Quickbooks. **Action:** Send invitation to AGM but mention that membership must be paid to vote. They are all welcome to come anyway but cannot vote if membership is unpaid.

**Action : Put DCM as a standing agenda item.**

## 10. Applications for Membership: -

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## 11. General Business

- Murray Ings' request (Diana) – Project to relocate Lismore houses. Looking for land. Murray Ing's role unclear to us, and we don't have the capacity to get involved in such a project. **Action:** Diana to suggest he contacts Wil and/or Virginia + write an article in NGT. Project could possibly be brought to the Inter-Agency Committee.
- Refining the grant guru criteria – **Action:** Diana to refine criteria to match our needs.
- Village street cleaning including skate park. Council have included Western carpark in cleaning schedule but the skate park has not been included at all. Neil is basically just doing it on a voluntary basis. **Action:** Diana to mention to LCC, in relation to the Place Plan, that the new cleaning schedule doesn't meet the needs.
- Roots festival report back (Diana). Good success. 900+ tickets sold. 97% people from outside Nimbin, quality of music was exceptional. Room for improvement on food and accommodation. Not enough food venues or closed early, slow. FB on camping wasn't good: 100% price increase at showground (security - insurance). Room for improvement as well in terms of communication between festival organisers and locals. Maybe it would be appropriate for Lou to come to Nimbin and liaise with local organisations, brainstorm on how to get the most out of the festival, e.g. night street market, maybe thinking about proposing a cheap quick menu for festival goers etc... Share a clear vision and clear requests. Promote free tickets for volunteers, cheaper tickets for locals who buy in advance, **Action1:** Level of business support for the festival to be canvassed in our survey. **Action2:** Diana to see if Lou Bradley would attend a meeting with key stakeholders in Nimbin early in the new year. **Action3:** David to share our thinking in his chamber chat
- Planners' response regarding new fence around police owned house, The planners say they don't have to follow the heritage rules as they're State govt so exempt. Chamber disagrees and thinks they should comply. The community has also registered their dislike through social media and complaints to Council. **Action:** Nicole to write to LCC, Police and Janelle Saffin to express our disgust and request they either paint the fence to blend in or replace it with something that blends in with Nimbin's heritage streetscape
- Chamber committee possibilities. Deferred for now. We have a solid core and meet the criteria of 3 to 7 board members. Executives (but not President / Vice-President) can run two positions. **Action:** add to AGM invitation that members can nominate themselves from the floor.

- AGM format: **Action:** David to ask David Spain to be “returning officer”.  
**Resolved** to hold the AGM at the Bush Theatre as we are running out of time and options. At the request of the other committee members, David agreed to organise and cater for 30 people. **Action2:** David to provide an offer and breakdown of costs.  
**Action2:** David to ask Virginia Waters to come as a presenter **Action3:** David to prepare information and reports for the AGM. *Updates after meeting closed: Virginia not available, David to ask Tina. David Spain isn't required if we don't get more nominations than the 7 (maximum) positions.*  
**Action 4:** add to DCM Action Sheet: send invitation to members, remember that membership must be paid in order to vote, and that one can nominate on the day if fewer than 7 nominations received before the meeting and if they want to join the committee.
- SBVRL – deferred to the next meeting
- Board Nomination Forms – **Action:** all returning committee members to fill out the form and to send to Nicole.
- Maintenance Rainbow Walk going forward – Information: Cliff from LCC agreed to do the maintenance of the Rainbow Walk for the next 5 years.

## 12. Upcoming Events and Important Dates

AGM Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 5.30 at the Bush Theatre.

Inauguration of the Rainbow Walk is most likely to be held in February 2025

## 13. Open Forum

ATO income tax self review reporting. **Action 1: (Urgent,** as now overdue but we could ring for an extension as this is the first year. David to ask Peter to put himself and Ariescia as contact points for the ATO **Action 2:** David to fill in the form and apply for charity status in consultation with Diana.

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## Closing Section

### 14. Next Meeting

- Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024. **Note: Diana will be on apology at the next meeting. .**

Note: Zoom participation will not be available for this meeting.

### 15. Meeting Closure

- The meeting was closed at 19.30 by Chairperson David Hyett.
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