



| Forster Tuncurry Business Chamber 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) |   |                     |
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| Date: Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2017                      | Time Commencement: 6.30pm   | Venue: Club Forster |
| Attendees   | Gary Gersbach (GG); Jan Lee (JL); Bob Lee(BL); Michael Pring (MP); Charles Degotardi (CD); Grahame Roberts (GR); Jenny Rodick (JR); Jim Morwitch (JM); Cheryl Williamson (CW); Geoff Hosey (GH); Scott Brown (SB); Graham Robertson (GR2)   |                     |
| Apologies   | Maxine Calladine; Steve Bromhead; Margaret Shannon; Ian Croker: Judi, Linda and Lori (Seal Rocks)   |                     |
| Agenda Topics   |   |                     |
|   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome by Chair</li> <li>2. Apologies</li> <li>3. Confirm the Minutes of the AGM held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 14 December 2016 at Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club</li> <li>4. Confirm Returning Officer and Assistant RO who will act on and for the purpose of the ballot</li> <li>5. To receive and adopt the Director's reports for the financial year ended 30 June 2017</li> <li>6. To receive and adopt the Full Financial report for the year ended 30 June 2017</li> <li>7. To declare all Executive Committee positions vacant</li> <li>8. To appoint a temporary Chair</li> <li>9. Election of the Executive for the ensuing year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President</li> <li>Vice President</li> <li>Treasurer</li> <li>Secretary</li> <li>Executive Position One</li> <li>Executive Position Two</li> <li>Executive Position Three</li> </ul> </li> <li>10. Appointment of               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Officer</li> <li>Auditor</li> </ul> </li> <li>11. Address by New President</li> <li>12. General Business</li> <li>13. Date of next Meeting</li> <li>14. Close</li> </ol> |                     |
| Agenda Topic 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5                                       |   |                     |
| Discussion  | <p>The 2017 AGM was called to order by President Gary Gersbach at 6.30pm.</p> <p>GG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- called for apologies</li> <li>- welcomed all attendees</li> <li>- reviewed &amp; confirmed minutes from 2016 AGM</li> <li>- confirmed Jim Morwitch as returning Officer for the ballot</li> <li>- presented the 2017 President's report (as per attached report).</li> </ul>  |                     |
| Action Items  | Moved by  | Seconded            |
| Proposed resolution: That the Minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted.  | GR  | BL                  |



Agenda Topic 6–Treasurer’s Financial Report

Discussion Treasurer’s Financial Report for the 16/17 financial year was presented (as per attached report)

| Action Items  | Moved by | Seconded |
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| Proposed resolution: That the financial statements tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted | JR       | GH       |

Agenda Topic 7, 8,9 and 10 –Election of Executive for the ensuing year and appointments

Discussion

Gary Gersbach vacated the Chair and JM took over the meeting as temporary Chairperson, declaring all Executive Committee positions vacant.  
JM called for nominations and confirmed that the Constitution stipulated the Executive comprise a minimum of seven (7) members.

In accordance to correct protocol & availability of nomination forms for all positions:  
Jim Morwitch commenced due process for nominations:

- 1) President- Gary Gersbach accepted the position and declared elected (no other nominations received)
- 2) Vice President- Michael Pring accepted the position and declared elected (no other nominations received)
- 3) Treasurer- Michael Pring accepted the position and declared elected (no other nominations received)
- 4) Secretary- Maxine Calladine declared elected (no other nominations received)

Executive Committee Member positions available – 6 nominations received. Grahame Roberts accepted the position and declared elected

- Bob Lee accepted the position and declared elected
- Jenny Rodick accepted the position and declared elected
- Charles Degotardi accepted the position and declared elected
- Geoff Hosey accepted the position and declared elected
- Janine Duncan declared elected

Jenny Rodick was appointed Public Officer.  
It was noted by MP that the Constitution does not stipulate a set interval for auditing but that it was done periodically for prudence. Moved GH and seconded by CD that Beaver Novello Moss be appointed as auditor and that a 3 year interval be adopted. The motion was passed.

| Action Items   |  |  |
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| JM congratulated the new committee and handed the chair back to GG as the re-elected president.<br>GH extended his congratulations to the Committee expressing the view that from his observations they do an outstanding job. |  |  |



| Agenda Topic 11 – Address by new President            |   |            |
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| Discussion  | <p>Gary Gersbach retook the chair as re-elected president for 2017 and expressed his thanks to JM for conducting the ballot.<br/>GG gave the new presidents address and thanked the Committee for their efforts for the prior year.</p>   |            |
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| Agenda Topic 12 General Business Item A               |   |            |
| Discussion  | <p>GG noted that Taree recently held a fun day in the main street which was supported by Council and was successful. GG noted that Great Lakes Council had never been supportive of such events in Forster and concluded it was the old Taree component of Council that had come to the fore. JM supported this view noting the that now the Taree event had set a precedent.</p>   |            |
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| Agenda Topic 12 – General Business Item B             |   |            |
| Discussion  | <p>BL expressed his disappointment with Council's relationship with the Chamber citing the example of a meeting with Council at which information on the proposed surf club redevelopment was withheld. He feels there is a culture of not respecting the Chamber.<br/>There was general discussion on the 'REDS' consultation process.</p>   |            |
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| Agenda Topic 12 – General Business Item C             |   |            |
| Discussion  | <p>JM acknowledged the potential for the mooted Council move to the Masters site to have an adverse impact on the Forster economy. He advised that Council have indicated a business plan will be finalised in the next two months.</p>   |            |
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| Agenda Topic 12 – General Business Item D             |   |            |
| Discussion  | <p>JM suggested the Chamber might like to consider that Great Lakes residents have been paying higher rates than the other two merged LGAs. Under the terms of the merger rates would be frozen however Midcoast Council has received a special rate variation which is to be applied pro rata across the LGA. He suggests the Chamber should ask Council how they propose to 'harmonise' rates across the LGA going forward.</p> |            |
| Action Items  | Person Responsible  | Deadline   |
| Place on the Agenda for the next meeting with Council | GG  | Early 2018 |



Agenda Topic 12 – General Business Item E

Discussion

MP acknowledged the assistance Jan Lee has given to him as Treasurer.  
GG acknowledged the assistance of Lesley Pring to the role of Treasurer.

- Meeting Closed: 7.35 pm
- Next meeting Scheduled 7.00am 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
The Deck Tuncurry