

Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

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Secretary: Kathy Giddens

Treasurer: Stephen Naughton



TOCUMWAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM

Minutes of the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce & Tourism meeting held at the
Tocumwal Golf & Bowls Club on Tuesday 12 September 2017 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7.10pm

2. Attendances

S. Redegalli, A. Henderson, C. March, L. Lang & K. Giddens.

3. Apologies

C. Jones, K. Davies, M. Lee & J. Savage.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Meeting 09.05.17

It was moved by S. Redegalli that the minutes of the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Meeting held on the 9 May 2017 as presented be accepted, seconded by A. Henderson. Carried.

5. Matters arising

5.1 Skate Park Signage

There is no signage visible

K. Giddens will make contact with R. Bodey regarding the signage.

5.2 Events & Advertising Coordinator Position

S. Redegalli and L. Lang will speak to an individual who has expressed interest in this position and go from there in regards to the outline of the position and duties that would be involved.

There could be potential growth in this position if other local chambers were interested in assistance.

5.3 Radio Advertising

At the next meeting S. Redegalli will bring in some information on radio advertising packages for the township.

L. Lang suggested we collate some information on radio advertising and email to chamber members to see if there is interest in this.

5.4 Town Flags/Seasonal Rotation

S. Redegalli advised that the Chamber of commerce applied for a grant to the value of \$4000 through Strawberry Fields for flags. These flags could be displayed on the road out to the Strawberry Fields festival. The council did express some negativity about permanent flags, so temporary flag poles could be an option.

L. Lang asked if the council were still supplying the town flags. S. Redegalli advised that the town would get roughly 4 flags.

Currently the Chamber have Christmas and Australia Day town flags however it would be nice to have flags all year round.

S. Redegalli advised that flag brackets had been ordered with Vanderhoek Engineering.

After some discussion it was decided that we need 20 brackets made, another 25 rod brackets to keep the flags rigid and more flags.

The chamber only has 20 Christmas flags which are fading. L. Lang suggested we purchase more Christmas flags with a colour that will fade less. The committee agreed that 40 flags of each will be the amount required to make an impact in the town.

- 5.5 New Tocumwal Signage
A letter has been drafted to be sent to the council which was approved by committee. There will be a secondary letter noting that some of the history on the reverse of the town signage is actually incorrect as are some images.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Inwards
6.1.1 Nil
- 6.2 Outwards
6.2.1 Nil

7. President's Report

- 7.1 S. Redegalli reported that our finances are looking good with the money receive from the grant, memberships coming in and the fact we haven't spent anything of recent.

8. Finance Report

- 8.1 Nil

9. Membership Approval

- 9.1 S. Redegalli advised that there may be a few new members joining this year.

10. Events

- 10.1 Winter Festival
The winter festival and the date of the festival is currently up for discussion. A date for this event or something to replace this event for next year needs to be sorted. The local Rod & Custom club are looking at changing their swap meet date due to football clashing with this event. This could impinge on activity for the winter tournament. The Chamber will need to speak with the Rod Club and work in with them.

11. General Business

11.1 Town Map

L. Lang advised that the Town Map needs to be redone and more printed, especially coming into busy season. K. Giddens to contact S. Naughton about this.

11.2 Visitor Guide

A. Henderson advised that four people have come to her motel with the old visitor guide which was picked up in Finley.
K. Giddens will contact Finley Chamber about removing old Visitor guides.

11.3 Postcards

Nothing further on this matter as the Information Centre has taken this on.

11.4 Flags

The Chamber would like to have town flags all year round. L. Lang suggested that the Football Club or the Foreshore Committee (Markets) be approached to see if they are interested in having their own flags for special events or certain times of the year.

It was decided that a total cost for these needs to be established first before approaching any local groups.

L. Lang advised the Fire & Rescue were happy to continue to put up and remove flags.

11.5 Christmas Lights in Trees

S. Redegalli has most of these lights however the chamber is unsure of where the other lights have gone. We require volunteers to put up Christmas lights this year and remove them.

11.6 Big Breakfast – Sunday 5th November

L. Lang asked for help with this event as we are short on volunteers.

The Chamber of commerce sets this event up, organizes tables and chairs, the advertising and a raffle, and local groups and schools run the food and beverage.

If anyone is available, please contact L. Lang.

11.7 Christmas Carols – Sunday 17th December

Volunteers are required for this event.

11.8 Christmas Stocking

L. Lang will approach the preschool about taking this raffle on.

11.9 Christmas Lights Competition

L. Lang will get confirmation on the prize amount for this competition, then we will advertise in the Toc Flyer.

Volunteers are required as are judges for the event.

11.10 Storage for Chamber Christmas Decorations and Flags

Sergio will store all Chamber items.

11.11 Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 14 November. Kathy will place an advertisement in the SRN.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 October 2017 at 7.00pm, at the Tocumwal Golf & Bowls Club