

Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

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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 7.05pm by K. Davies.

2. Attendances

S. Redegalli, S. Naughton, C. March, H. Byron, A. Henderson, L. Lang, K. Davies, R. Bodey & L. Smith.

3. Apologies

C. Wileman.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Meeting 13th February 2018.

It was moved by L. Lang, that the minutes of the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Meeting held on the 13th February 2018 as presented be accepted, seconded by S. Naughton. Carried.

5. Matters arising

1.1 Fishing Competition

Representatives from the Tocumwal Angling Club attended the meeting to seek assistance with the revival of the annual fishing competition. They intend to start small with a one-day competition in 2019.

S. Redegalli expressed that Chamber would be in a position so assist with the marketing and promotion of the event, as it fits with the TCCT focus on events that market Tocumwal.

S. Redegalli will attend the next Angling Club meeting to further discussions.

Financial support was offered by The Boat Bloke, and assistance with sourcing sponsors offered by H. Byron.

1.2 Boomerang Bags – Kristine Philpot

Kristine Philpot verbally presented a letter to TCCT the regarding Boomerang Bags project, a community-based initiative to focussed on reducing plastic waste. A working bee with be held on Sunday 18th March in the Memorial Hall to start making the first 1,000 bags.

The initiative seeks small donations from local organisations to cover the initial costs of the project.

L. Lang moved that chamber contributes \$220 for the labels, they are an advertisement for Tocumwal, as well as the use of the Memorial Hall without charge. Seconded by A. Henderson. Carried.

1.3 Submissions of discussion from Facebook audience – Lost Trades Fair and Solicitor’s Office

L. Smith has had some feedback through the TCCT Facebook page regarding the Lost Trades Fair and state of the Solicitors office. K Davies suggested that we do our own research on the Lost Trades Fair and re-table the idea later date.

TCCT has advised L. Smith that enquiries regarding the state of the Solicitors Office need to be handled by the members of the public themselves as it is not an abandoned shop.

1.4 Mother’s Day Fun Run

A. Henderson advised that the event coordination is running along nicely. They have funds donated by a few local organisations Money cannot be retained in the budget from one year to the next, but A. Henderson is trying to work around it and will research if money can be kept in a holding account for the following year.

S. Naughton suggested that funds can be held by TCCT.

1.5 Storage Shed

L.Lang requested that TCCT research a place to store Chamber related material. R Bodey will research the Council shed on Bruton Street where the community car is kept.

It was also suggested that the local Storage Shed company may be in a position to exchange a storage shed for a Chamber Membership.

1.6 Fairy Lights

Berrigan Shire Council has written to TCCT regarding the fairy lights in the main street. A woman was allegedly caught in dangling lights outside IGA, so have requested that TCCT tidy the lights, or BSC will remove them.

A. Henderson has offered S. Redegalli assistance to get the lights strung up again properly with cable ties.

1.7 Winter Festival

A pre-meeting for Winter Festival was held on Thursday 8th March with the three schools. The children will make hand held lanterns to parade at the Lantern Festival on July 7th. There will be live music, fluro painting and hot drink and food stalls.

L. Smith will seek a council grant to assist with the associated costs of the Festival. Focus will be put on the school involvement, and the potential for the Festival to grow with hot air balloons and lanterns with flames.

L. Smith is to seek permits to have flame lanterns for this year as well and approach the other schools in the Shire to be involved.

At this stage the Rock and Roll night will not be going ahead, but Chamber will support the Rock and Roll club should they wish to pursue it.

A budget of \$2,000.00 has been allocated to the event. Moved by S. Redegalli. Seconded by L. Lang. Carried.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Inwards

Letter tabled by Kristine Philpot regarding the Boomerang Bags project.

6.2 Outwards

Sympathy card for George Chrystie on the passing of his wife.

7. Finance Report

Funds are sitting at \$11,182.74, with incoming funds from Australia Day celebrations, Jumping Castle Hire and the Maps.

Outgoings have been predominately flyer related, flags, website, PO Box rental, Leonie Smith consulting charges and Australia Day costs.

8. General Business

8.1 R. Bodey advised TCCT that a letter from the Minister for Roads has been received by Council regarding the instillation of a truck parking area on the 14 acres of land on the Northern side of town on the Highway. Finer details and infrastructure is still to be discussed

8.2 R. Bodey advised that the Foreshore has cancelled website as it has got too expensive. Facebook interaction is free and more value for money. L. Smith is to do research, sooner rather than later, to find new host for the TCCT website.

- 8.3 C. March has advised that QANTAS was looking at building a training site in Albury but this will not go ahead due to space restrictions. TCCT has asked R. Bodey if Council look at the possibility of it being built in Tocumwal, with the pilots being trained here.

L. Smith to also write a letter to Qantas to start the discussion on the matter.

- 8.3 C. March has advised Tocumwal has no wall for Cremations. R. Bodey will open this discussion with Council.

- 8.4 Volunteers for a New Year's Eve event committee will be attending the next TCCT meeting.

- 8.5 L. Lang has advised that the signage in the laneway between Palms and the Antiques Shop is inadequate. The Pedestrian sign is bent and buckled, and the one-way sign is confusing to caravanners. R. Bodey will take the matter to council and investigate the requirement of having the One-Way sign placed where it is. L. Smith is also to take a picture and write to council on the signage.

- 8.6 S. Redegalli met with a representative from Strawberry Fields Festival this afternoon and discussed the involvement and potential business opportunities in 2018 and beyond Festivals.

Strawberry Fields will Hire the Memorial Hall for couple of weeks where they can have an address for couriers, a stage for music to practice and a Bus stop for Baldwins buses. The front section of the hall may be used a gallery to show video and images of past events where the public can see more of the event. Income will be gained from the hall rental fee.

Strawberry Fields are interested in purchasing 40 flags to display in town, with a donation with the fire service to install them and have offered TCCT the coordination of the Community BBQ to do food at the festival. TCCT would need to hire caterers to manage the event, but the potential income is high.

Discussions were also opened on creating a dwelling to have a "community hub" with the chemist supplies, IGA products and where other local businesses can have their products for sale. This may be a permanent structure on site where the landholder can use it for storage during the year.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th April at 7.00pm, at the Tocumwal Memorial Hall