



# Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 5:30pm

**Venue:** Montville Gourmet Pizzeria

**Attendance:**

**Members:** Anton Kardash, Allan Rhode, Bevan Christensen, Sarah Hallam, Naomi Ellis, Chris & Ann Wells, Edi Heide & Barbara Lamont, Walther & Willy Van Alphen

**Guests:** Melanie-Lee Anderson (Admin), Wolfgang Engel, Ruth Kuss

**Apologies:** Merlin Coughlan, Cr. Jenny McKay, Shiralee Cooper, Tony & Marion Cooper

**Welcome:** Anton opened the meeting at 5:40pm and welcomed Members and their guests.

**Visitors were asked to introduce themselves to the meeting.**

**MOTION:** 'That the Minutes from the previous General Meeting, dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.'

**This has been put on hold for further investigation prior to being put to a vote.**

**Parking and Russell Family Park updates:** A letter was received from the Sunshine Coast Council stating that they are considering a timed zone being put into place. The 10 minute zone is proposed for in front of Fudgyboombahs/Black Bean Cafe, providing the businesses affected sign off on this. Anton has approached all but 2 business owners, gaining their consent. It is also proposed to put in motor bike parking just north of the tentative 10 minute zone, along with no parking signs.

Shiralee & Anton had a meeting with Gary Taylor & Jenny McKay regarding Russell park upgrades to expand the number of parking spaces. Somewhere between 55 and 200 car spaces will be part of the Russell Park upgrade, dependant on funding. A timeline was indicated - worst case scenario 2017-18; best case scenario would be the maximum recommendation of 200 parking spaces during 2016-17.

Allan added that this number of car parks could prove to be a traffic problem with regard to exiting the park. Others agreed it is an unsafe exit.

Cr. Jenny McKay will meet with Shiralee & Anton again within the next few weeks to discuss streetscape & parking. Cr. Jenny will be asked to provide further information on funding also - Streetscape budget will be shown during the next meeting. These meetings will continue approximately 3 weekly to maintain momentum.

It has been ascertained that Chapel Lane is private property - there is nothing within Council's power to order this to be opened as public parking.

Walther added that the parking problem is to be considered a 'luxury' problem as it means we have a full Main Street, and questioned do we have the infrastructure in place for such an influx of visitors to the area? With only one road, could a roundabout be put in place? Anton commented that this

was something that was discussed but not an option due to it being a State Government road without the necessary space.

Barbara wanted to ask if it was possible to have a 1hr disabled car park within the proposed 10 minute zone? This question was in reference to the Sunshine Coast Council letter.

With regard to staff taking public car parks, it appears that Maleny had similar parking issues - see more detail in the Vice President's Report below.

Sarah suggested a letter being sent out to all business owners alerting them to the problem and the possible actions, such as timed parking, being suggested. Allan and Anton noted that it is a cultural shift that is required in order to satisfactorily solve this issue.

Anton finished the discussion by explaining we could consider it a win if we have new Russell Park parking put in place by February 2017, he will continue to update everyone on progress.

#### **Membership Renewals for 1st July 2016 – 30th June 2017, options to be given:**

1. Pay as per Renewal
2. Pay 9 months Renewal at \$95.00 (for existing members only)\*
3. For those who have already paid their RENEWAL, option to receive a \$30 rebate next Financial Year 2017/18.\*

\*Please note that these options do not apply to those who have become Members during the 2015/16 Financial Year.\*

Willy wanted to clarify the voting comments, Anton explained that in order to vote at the AGM the constitution states that you must be a Financial Members within 30 days of the start of the Financial Year, now being 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 due to the change of Financial Year.

#### **AGM date set for Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – venue to be arranged**

**Nominations for AGM:** Nominations will be called to fill vacancies on the Committee. Anton explained it would be great to fill the Committee to ensure delegation of duties was spread across the many rather than the few.

#### **Report on A Village Wedding Expo & acknowledgement to those who contributed:**

Despite the weather, the Expo was considered a success with:

- 57 exhibitors - mixture of static and staffed stands
- Several late exhibitor cancellations due to the weather
- One late exhibitor
- 65 registrations
- Good reports from exhibitors – ie. those that turned up were serious about planning their wedding
- 2 very happy prize winners - both getting married in Montville, one had stayed at Montville Country Cabins the night of the expo, one had chosen their wedding ring from The Opal Cutter



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- A de-brief meeting was held on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, have documented all suggestions for changes and improvement. Still receiving feedback forms from exhibitors and yet to send out feedback form to attendees.

A great effort from a small team of only four, however we do need more volunteers to share the load. Sandi Shankster did assist with Facebook ads.

Special thanks was given to Julie Bevan, Shiralee Cooper, Merlin Coughlan & Allan Rhode for their tremendous effort.

### **Vice President's Report:**

#### **WHAT'S ON**

- **Christmas in July:** Montville Bar and Grill; Secrets on the Lake & Flaxton Gardens.
- **July 1 – 10 Arts Connect:** Our Mountain Home Members Exhibition at Maroochy Regional Botanic Garden 9am-3pm daily
- **9 July** Montville Markets
- **8-10 July** Young Musicians Festival, Lucas Parklands Friday & Saturday 7-8:30pm, Sunday 2:30pm. Ph: 5478 5667.
- **8-10 July** Queensland Garden Expo:0  
A 'must see' in 2016 for green thumbs and novice gardeners alike. Held in the Sunshine Coast hinterland town of Nambour, from 8th to 10th July, this three day expo is Queensland's premier gardening event attracting over 35,000 visitors from all over Australia and New Zealand.  
Enjoy over 360 exhibitors including 60 nurseries, fantastic landscape garden displays as well as a giant organic kitchen garden, floral design and our Gardeners and Gourmets cooking stage.  
With three full days of free lectures and demos from some of Australia's leading gardening experts as well as all the free advice you might need, the Queensland Garden Expo is a treasure trove of gardening delights.
- **9th & 10th of July** Abbey Medieval Festival:  
Each day begins with the Grand Parade, the opening ceremony of the 27th Abbey Medieval Tournament. Witness more than 500 knights, warriors, ladies and their retainers present themselves to the crowd.
- **July 17** Australian Motocross, Conondale
- **July 23** Sustainability Expo, Maleny Showgrounds 9am-3pm.
- **19 – 21 Aug** Sunshine Coast Marathon
- **4 September** Ironman 70.3 Mooloolaba

#### **Parking info from Maleny Chamber Newsletter:**

Parking in Maleny continues to be an issue. As our town and tourist numbers grow it becomes increasingly difficult to find a parking spot right in-front of the shop you'd like to get to. However, Maleny Commerce is working with shop owners to reduce staff parking on the main street and with Sunshine Coast Council to increase parking areas and provide parking information to the general public to reduce the pressure on Maple Street. In addition, I would encourage residents of Maleny to assist in reducing our need for more parking spots by car pooling, walking, cycling etc.

Russell Family Park plans to relocate the Flying Fox. A meeting of the MVA, MCOC (Allen) agreed to the relocation with council.

**Visit Sunshine Coast:**

Visit Sunshine Coast Migration Vacation is on in Southern States, NZ. There is a Marketing meeting scheduled with Simon Latchford about a replacement for the dis-continuing Real Food Expo later this month.

Chamber Alliance is seeking a Sunshine Coast Regional Council grant - Working co-operatively with Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

**General Business:**

**Montville Masonic Lodge:** Bevan Christensen spoke about the Montville Masonic Lodge.

**Montville Village Association:** The Montville Markets are on again this Saturday, please come along and support the breakfast.

The meeting closed at 6:30pm. The next Breakfast Networking Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7:30am at Secrets on the Lake.