



Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 4 April, 2018 @ 7-30am

Venue: The Edge, Mayfield Centre, Montville

Attendance: Shiralee Cooper, Jeanette Treweek, Edi Heide, Barbara Lamont, Tony & Marion Cooper, Carol Elms, Bevan Christensen, Allan & Tina Rhode, Andrew Powell MP, Aldy Johnston, Peter Collins, Deborah Hammond, Kerri Heard, Julia Walters, Ryan Hollis, Naomi Ellis, Karen Muir, Andrew Hargreaves, Maree Van Oirschot, Ruth Kuss (Secretary/Admin.)

Guests: Andrew Wallace MP, Adam Montgomery Principal MSS, Pauline Goundrey

The Meeting opened at 7:35am with Shiralee Cooper as Chair. Shiralee welcomed Guest Speakers Andrew Wallace MP, Andrew Powell MP and Adam Montgomery, Principal Montville State School and also Maree Van Oirschot the Co-ordinator of A Village Wedding Expo.

Shiralee also welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Merlin Coughlan, Stephen Treweek, Margaret & Philip Casey, Lynn & Andrew Fallon, Tracey and Wayne Malkin, Kate Scrace, Bertrand Cadart, Cr Jenny McKay, Otto Lechner, Susan Brant

CORRESPONDENCE

Russell Family Park update as attached to Agenda
Correspondence from Minister Bailey – clearing of the verge.

Shiralee asked the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved by Jeanette Treweek 2nd Edi Heide Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Shiralee asked the Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 7 February 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Barbara Lamont 2nd Andrew Powell Carried

GUEST SPEAKERS

Shiralee welcomed Andrew Wallace, Member for Fisher. Andrew said he will soon be doing Poly Pedal, a fundraising initiative for Soldier On. This is a charity that raises money for Veterans, particularly young Veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Last year they raised \$500,000 and they hope to do the same this year. Over the past 21 years Poly Pedal has raised over \$5 million.

On 12 April Andrew is Hosting a Google event in Caloundra Events Centre. It's called Google Garage and will show businesses what Google can do for their business. Bookings are essential as there are only 350 seats available.

Bruce Highway upgrade is a work in progress with probably another 2 ½ years of work.

The Deputy Prime Minister visited last week and the Sunshine Coast was successful in winning a Grant for a feasibility study for the Fast Rail Network. The trip from Brisbane to Nambour will take under an hour and there will also be a Spur Line from Beerwah to Maroochydore. This will revolutionise transport to the Sunshine Coast as we can't keep adding lanes to the Bruce Highway.

Andrew is also working on a petition ensuring a Casino will not be built at Maroochydore. He feels that it wouldn't be good for business or for communities. It will increase crime and domestic violence. A debate will be held at 17 April at Kawana Waters State College. Guest speakers are Dr Charles Livingston from Monash University, who is an expert on the effects of gambling and also Chris Sang an ex Qld Police Superintendent, who was a member of Crime Commission and Organised Crime Squad.

Andrew Wallace mentioned the proposed Sekisui development. In 12 months 3,200 residents signed the Petition to stop this development, in comparison, in the 3 months he's had his Petition against the Casino he's had over 5,500 signatures. He believes residents are speaking very loudly saying they do not want a Casino

Approx. 2 weeks ago the Prime Minister announced that South East Qld would be home to 211 Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles which will be built in Ipswich, this will have significant impact on the Defence Industry. A number of small businesses on the Sunshine Coast contract to the Defence Department. The Government will be spending \$200million on Defence over the next 10 years. The Government's first responsibility is to the safety of its citizens. Shiralee thanked Andrew for his work in putting the Sunshine Coast on the map.

Andrew Powell spoke on the response from Minister Bailey re the roadside vegetation. The great thing is the Contract is up for renegotiation. He tried to get 2 members from each organization MCOG and Maleny Chamber to be on a panel with the local TMR to address the issue on what should be in the new Contract, unfortunately they didn't agree.

Shiralee mentioned that one of the Executive, Otto Lechner, has spent a lot of time researching all the Government policies. We will continue to address this issue by replying to The Minister's response to Andrew Powell.

Andrew mentioned the launch of the Glassy's at the joint Montville/Maleny Chamber Breakfast. It's our version of the Logies. He encouraged everyone to nominate a business and/or employee. There are 4 regions – Montville (includes Palmwoods and Eudlo), Maleny, Glasshouse Country and Moreton Bay. There are only 3 days left for nominations and he's only had 10 businesses nominate and 3 employees. The voting then opens in a couple of weeks so he encouraged everyone to go to his website and nominate. 3 Regions - Gold, Silver, Bronze. Bronze is a popularity vote. Silver are selected by the Chambers and the Gold is the overall winner – one employee and one business. The Gala Event will be held at Beerwah Hideaway. A really enjoyable evening.

Shiralee welcomed Adam Montgomery, Principal, Montville State School. Adam thanked Shiralee for inviting him to speak. He said that he is endeavouring to make the school reflect the Community. He said he has 9 new staff, at one stage there were 3 Acting Teachers in the classroom, 2 teachers are now permanent. He acknowledged the State Government's help in cleaning up the school after the severe storm.

Federally \$43,000 has come in. This money will be spent on training teachers, providing extra Teacher Aide time and resources.

He said they have started a Community Advisory Group which met last week. This will be held once a term. It's not a decision making group, it's an information chat group. Email or visit him if you have any suggestions.



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Parking on the School Oval. On Friday afternoons a decision will be made as to whether the Oval is dry enough for parking. Community Groups will run the gates and keep a % of the takings. The Council will make any repairs to the Oval.

Adam said the school has 8 new enrollments this term. The school have received a Grant to air-condition all the classrooms. They have 2 more Grant Applications, one to get the Library air-conditioned.

They had 18 volunteers: ex- principals, speech language pathologists, teachers, librarians etc. who are going to run a Reading Intervention Program. They will be working with the students for 15 mins one on one to increase their reading ability. He encouraged anyone who might be able to help to please come forward.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Before her report Shiralee asked Andrew Hargreaves to introduce himself. He welcomed everyone to The Edge he is part of the Mayfield business, with his sister Adele, and came on board about 9 months ago.

Shiralee said how exciting it was that Barron Pocket Dam is now overflowing. She has spoken to SEQ Water and they stated that the Montville side is open for all activities but not swimming.

We will be sending more correspondence to the Minister re cleaning up the vegetation.

Shiralee went to a special ceremony at the Montville Masonic Lodge. This was a reenactment of the 100 year Consecration. She congratulated Bevan, as the Montville representative, for a very successful Ceremony.

The Velothon will once again be coming through Montville on Friday 20 July. They are calling us an Aide Station. Edi said that they want Volunteers, so if you want to Volunteer you will get a free T-shirt.

Cruise Ships are still coming up to Montville. Shiralee, Edi and Allan are meeting the coaches. The visitors are very impressed that someone is there to welcome them and say farewell. It's a long term strategy to get the Montville brand out to the world, in the hope of getting return visitors.

We'll also have LifeFlight fundraising Event which will be on in October. The event is called Everesting, which she thought sounded like a lot of hard work. The meeting in July will have members from LifeFlight talking about this event.

TELSTRA ISSUES AND PARKING

Allan said if you have any problems please contact Telstra Countrywide. Also let Allan and Shiralee know, in writing through the MCOC, what problems you have.

Allan wrote to Mayor Mark Jamieson but hasn't had an answer to date.

Shiralee thanked Adam for his offer of the School Ground for parking and also mentioned Altitude and possibly the old Dome (although no reply has been received from the owners).

She encouraged anyone who is free to come along as a Meet and Greet for the Coaches that come to Montville.

Shiralee said that Montville will not be getting NBN cable it will be getting a tower, site not yet approved. Mapleton and Flaxton have had cable put through, they've gone to Flaxton but not to Montville. This makes our Telstra issues more of a problem.

Andrew Wallace said there are 3 ways NBN is delivered – fibre optic, fixed wireless and satellite. Montville has been designated as Fixed Wireless. This method is least likely to cause problems. It delivers 50mbs/sec. and will soon deliver 100mbs/sec.

If you're got a problem contact Andrew Wallace's office. His office is able to get better results. There is a legislation that says every home should have NBN. You can go to the NBN website to see if it's coming to your area. If you can't get wireless then you should get satellite at a subsidized rate.

GUEST SPEAKER

Tony Cooper spoke on his business Unicorn 2000. He explained the structure of colour which he has taught around the world for more than 20 years. The colour of your business card is a signal to the receiver and then they read the text. The colour is the first impression the receiver gets. He gave out his book Colour the Cosmic Code. He also said he produces aromatherapy products and massage oils which they distribute across the world.

After lunch on Sundays Tony is at Illume for consultations on colour.

A VILLAGE WEDDING EXPO

Shiralee introduced Maree Van Oirschot, Co-ordinator, A Village Wedding to speak on A Village Wedding Expo. Shiralee said Hinterland Tourism have decided they can run an Expo in the Showgrounds as a sister event to the MCOC. There has been a bus organized run by Mystic Mountain Tours. It will run from Maleny to Montville and return.

Maree said they are making Instagram and FB posts and have a Marketing Video. She encouraged everyone to Like and Share. Hinterland Times have come on board as a sponsor and to assist in promoting the Expo. As more Registrations are received HT will offer promotional opportunities. She said she has also had offers from Business Matters magazine and Profile. Profile magazine are offering a 2 page spread. Business Matters need 12 advertisers to be interested. Their issue is focusing on Happiness.

There are early bird rates to be part of the Expo and also a benefit if you join the Chamber. She also acknowledged the people who have volunteered to date.

Jeanette Treweek has been visiting businesses to get interest in being promoted on the back of the Map. This is a business card size ad with an offer from the business, the businesses don't need to be part of the wedding industry. The cost of being part of reverse of the map is \$100 members, \$150 non-members. If anyone is interested they only have 4 places left.

Shiralee asked Adam if the school would be interested in assisting with catering for the event.

RUSSELL FAMILY PARK

Parking issues in Russell Family Park are still a problem. This next stage will see 125 formal car parks, when RFP has been fully developed there will be 200 carparks. Council sold the block at the Northern end of RFP as it wasn't fully accessible. We're hoping the park will be open in July even though planting will continue for up to a month.



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GENERAL BUSINESS

KAREN, HINTERLAND TIMES

April issue of the Hinterland Times is now available. Heatley and Michelle Gilmore have an Editorial on the inside cover talking how they're focusing on other issues. The new Editor is Victoria McGuin and an awesome person (herself) who will be in charge of Sales Advertising.

BUSINESS CARD DRAW

Edi Heide of The Opal Cutter was the business drawn.

Next meeting: Wednesday 2 May at 5pm at Secrets on the Lake

Shiralee thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9am

Signed:.....
Shiralee Cooper, President