



# Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 6 June 2018 @ 7-30am

**Venue: QCCC Mapleton**

**Attendance:** Shiralee Cooper, Edi Heide, Barbara Lamont, Tony & Marion Cooper, Carol & Vern Elms, Deborah Hammond, Margaret & Philip Casey, Bertrand Cadart, Otto Lechner, Susan Brant, Tracey and Wayne Malkin, Julie and Charlie Bevan, Julianne Maher, Roger Loughnan, Monica McLaren, Jeamba & Monique van Mellick, Ruth Kuss (Secretary/Admin.)

**Guests:** Andrew James, Susan Diplock, Lynette & Mario Vecchio, Jennie Saville

**The Meeting opened at 7:59am with Shiralee Cooper as Chair.**

Shiralee also welcomed members and guests to QCCC and reinforced our delight at being invited to such an innovative venue.

**Apologies:** Merlin Coughlan, Stephen & Jeanette Treweek, Allan & Tina Rhode, Bevan Christensen, Cr Jenny McKay, Andrew Fairbairn, Andrew Powell MP, Peter Collins, Sarah Hallam, Rafer Rodgers

### **Guest Speaker**

**Shiralee welcomed Andrew Grant, Director of QCCC.**

Andrew thanked everyone for coming and then spoke on how much school camps have changed over the years. QCCC welcome over 30,000 students through their doors annually. They have 80 staff, which includes catering and outdoor education instructors and 300 beds. Wednesdays (today) are change over days where buses are coming and going, a very busy day for them as is Friday when the week-end groups arrive.

Andrew acknowledged country. Kerry Neill, of Goombuckar sent his apologies, the Sunshine Coast Council needed his expertise elsewhere this morning. The land is Jinibara land. Late last year they signed off an Agreement for the QCCC to provide Aboriginal Cultural Activities. He acknowledged the local custodians and the heritage of the Bunya Festival. Andrew said has been watching '13 Reasons Why' on Netflix and spoke on how social media has changed the way young people communicate and how they live in a fastpaced world. Their aim, at QCCC, is to give the students time out for reflection and relationship building. They try and create life changing opportunities, all hands on and great for their development.

QCCC is a Baptist owned campsite so it has a Christian background which was established in 1983. They're looking to be innovative so that their activities are in line with what appeals to the students and educators.

QCCC Mapleton has launched the Triballink Centre, a joint venture with the Gubbi Gubbi people. It will be run by Aboriginal people with 6 daytime activities focused on Aboriginal Culture where they will have night time performances. Andrew invited members to join him in a tour after the meeting.

They have just taken over 30 acres right next door. They are now able to give the children a real life farm experience. They want to keep the farm as a working farm, presently it has 350 avocado trees. They are going to restore the property and have indigenous food alongside everyday foods.

Andrew handed out a flyer for a Triballink Night time experience – theatre restaurant type experience to be held on Friday 20 July 2018 5:30pm for a 6pm start \$70 per person (limited to 100 people) Bookings essential. For bookings phone: 5476 4182 [bookings@triballink.com.au](mailto:bookings@triballink.com.au)

Shiralee thanked Andrew for his interesting talk, she said a lot of people didn't know what was there and the QCCC was an asset to the area and to the Sunshine Coast.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING**

Shiralee moved the Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 4 April 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Lamont

Carried

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from the MCOC to Minister Bailey in response to his correspondence to Andrew Powell MP re. clearing of the verge to improve the quality of our scenic drive.

Shiralee moved the Correspondence out be accepted.

2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Elms

Carried

MCOC will have this correspondence attached to the an upcoming Newsletter.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Glasshouse Business Awards are over and altogether there was about 80 businesses involved. In our area the Bronze winner was Monty's of Montville, unfortunately Greg couldn't be present as he had the flu. He has done a lot of work expanding his shop and sourcing locally made condiments, making gluten free products and 49 flavours of milk shakes. An excellent business, a credit to his hard work.

Staff - the silver winner was Mel Smyth, Palmwoods Bakery

Staff Excellence Award in Montville area – Katrina Beaumanis, The Edge Restaurant

In Councillor Jenny McKay's absence, information was passed on in relation to Russell Family Park upgrade. It is on schedule as they are working very long hours. It is hoped that it will be open for part of the July school holidays. The Montville State School have their Oval open (weather permitting). The footbridge near Hoopers Engineering is progressing well. The pedestrian crossings will be completed after the RFP upgrade.

As of July 1 single use plastic bags are banned. There will be fines up to \$6,000.

**Level Up** – if you still need help with Social Media. There is a session on Monday 11 June from 2-3:30pm at the Maleny Library a Sunshine Coast Council initiative.

Nambour Show holiday is on 15 June.

#### **VELOTHON UPDATE**

The Velothon will once again be coming through Montville on Friday 20 July. The organisers and riders were very grateful for all the help and welcome they received when they rode through Montville. The Station will be food and drink and will be set-up near the Village Green and hopefully the children will once again come out and cheer the riders on. The Volunteers will be required from about 9-30am and by finishing about 2pm. Not all Volunteers will be needed for the



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whole time. Friday is Day 1 and we will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> feed station. There was a 4 page printout with all the information. Edi asked for Volunteers to put their name down and T-shirt size.

Edi said we should make Montville a place that, not only the cyclist love, but the visitors love and then return again and again.

## A VILLAGE WEDDING EXPO

Shiralee talked about A Village Wedding Expo which is on Sunday 29 July. We encourage more Exhibitors to sign up in the next 2 weeks due to June 20 advertising deadline for Hinterland Times.

This year it's a little more challenging as Maleny have their Expo and there's one at Surfair on the same day. There will be a free courtesy bus service between Maleny and Montville.

We will have some special surprises at our Expo to attract our A Village Wedding Expo visitors.

## MONTVILLE MAP – Otto

Otto spoke about the Shopping Trail Map. He volunteers at the Information Centre and is often asked what is there to do here. The map identifies all the retailers in the Main Street of Montville. There is no cost to retailers to be on the map and on the back is a list of the business and a short bio on their business. There will be a trial starting on 6 June to see how successful it is. If successful, a full print run will be done. Susan Diplock asked if a larger map could be printed that could be left outside the Visitor's Information Centre.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**Streetscape:** Wayne asked about the shed that is on the road past Montville State School. The vegetation is overgrown so there isn't much view. Edi said it's being addressed by the Streetscape Committee.

**NBN** Mapleton has the NBN hardwired but Montville has Wi-Fi and is not connected yet. There is no NBN tower planned for Montville.

Shiralee welcomed Mario and Lynette Vecchio from Taman Sari Pavilions, they are new to this area and hope they will join the Chamber.

Julie Bevan asked about the Observatory at Mapleton School. She thought this should be utilised more as it's so unique and a wonderful experience.

There was discussion on the need to have coffee shops open later in the day. A speaker at a recent 'Getting Ready for Asia' came in early in the evening but couldn't find anywhere to have a coffee. There was a discussion that perhaps the coffee shops could have a Roster System where one Coffee Shop stays open until the restaurants open. All the others would have a notice directing people to the open Coffee Shop.

**Next Meeting is on Wednesday 4 July at 5:30pm at Montville Village Hall.**

Shiralee thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9:01am

Signed:.....  
Shiralee Cooper, President