



Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

JOINT MEETING WITH MALENY COMMERCE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 8 August 2018 at 7:30am

Venue: Spicers Clovelly Estate, Montville

Attendance: Shiralee Cooper, Edi Heide, Barbara Lamont, Carol & Vern Elms, Allan & Tina Rhode, Tracey & Wayne Malkin, Margaret & Philip Casey, Bertrand Cadart, Peter Collins, Tony & Marion Cooper, Naomi Ellis, Deborah Hammond, Aldy Johnston, Susan Brant, Julianne Maher, Andrew and Leni James, Bobbie Murphy, Andrew Fairbairn VSC, Ruth Kuss (Secretary/Admin.)

Visitors & Guests: Samantha Dalla International Sales VSC, Cr Jenny McKay, Adam Montgomery, Maree van Oirschot, Maleny Commerce Members as per sign in sheet.

Apologies: Otto Lechner, Andrew Powell, Sarah Hallam, Rafer Rodgers

The Meeting opened at 7.45am with Shiralee Cooper as Chair. Shiralee welcome members, guests and Members of Maleny Chamber of Commerce.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. RFP car park Extension
2. Pedestrian upgrade

Shiralee asked that Correspondence be accepted.

Moved by: Allan Rhode

2nd Barbara Lamont
Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING

Shiralee asked the Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 4 July 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record with one correction, the walkway from Hooper's Engineering cost was \$.5million not \$8.5 million.

Moved by: Tony Cooper

2nd Barbara Lamont
Carried

Guest Speakers

1. Cr. Jenny McKay

Jenny spoke about Russell Family Park opening and made special thanks to Montville State School and the Principal, Adam Montgomery for opening the oval for parking during the RFP upgrade. She also said the toilet block and septic system in RFP will soon be upgraded.

No news on the new owner of the Dome, she'll keep us informed.

Congratulations to Montville and Maleny organisers of the recent Weddings Expos.

The next big construction project planned for the Range is the Maleny District Aquatic Centre. A report will be going to Council in the next few months. There is only one suitable site.

Gardeners Falls – there is now a bridge design which runs from Obi Lane to Maleny precinct. Congratulations to Spicers who have been very generous with their time in relation to the bridge and also Mr Hooper for his contribution to the new walkway in Montville. There will be an official opening and possible naming.

Maleny Golf Club were also acknowledged for their contribution to the Australian Cross Country.

The local Government Authority visited Council in regard to AirBnB; short stay accommodation, the planning scheme. The Local Government Authority (LGAQ) are looking at the impact on the community. AirBnB is not sharing the location of the properties on their books. She thanked Nicole, Maleny Commerce and Shiralee for their input in this ongoing problem.

Clive Waring asked about the proposed Petrol Station across from Maleny Primary School. The Planning Scheme allows for Petrol Stations in town centres, however, Council have asked for more information from the Applicant. They have until the end of August, r the Application will be void.

Allan Rhode asked about SCRC's response to the state planning change re Sundale. Jenny said it was too early to comment on this. The Montville rezoning has been too small and probably not feasible.

Shiralee thanked Jenny for her time and passion to this community.

2. Andrew Fairbairn and Samantha Dalla from VSC

Andrew and Samantha spoke on KITE - Know How for International Tourism Excellence. They gave KITE Fast 20 tips which usually take about 2 hours, their presentation will be approx. 20 minutes. It's 20 points on encouraging tourism to your region. These talks are given all across Australia to train businesses on international tourism. Samantha referred to the Tourism Export Tool Kit – TEXT.

Andrew gave the MCOC the toolkit (on USB) for distribution to our members, and Maleny Commerce if interested. This is a 50 page document explaining the tools that will help you in servicing the 2.7 billion visitors to Queensland each year, 300,000 international visitors to our region. Our prime market is New Zealand then UK, Germany and North America.

Samantha encouraged everyone to send their product news, content and updates to Visit Sunshine Coast, they will load it onto the website where the International Distributors get their information.

They finished their presentation hoping they had sparked something with everyone to change their way of thinking.

Shiralee thanked Andrew and Samantha for their presentation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Russell Family Park has been 20 years in the making and it now looks amazing and worth waiting for.

The Montville Main Street Map Version 1 has been produced, any feedback is appreciated. Susan Brant from Remax has some Montville and District maps that were financed through RealEstate.com. She is happy to give them to anyone interested.

Sunshine Coast Chamber Alliance have organised this year's Sunshine Coast Business Awards and is happy to help anyone with the process. Applications close 27 August. They are also looking for business mentors. Visit Sunshine Coast Chamber Alliance website for more information.

Montville Chamber's AGM is on 5 September at Flaxton Gardens. We would like to welcome some new nominations to fill the Executive positions.

Andrew Wallace held an inaugural meeting with a number of different people from the tourism sector.

Andrew Wallace opened the floor for discussion. The main concerns discussed were AirBnB and the other was the need for a new Arts Centre, similar to the one at Tweed Heads. They were looking at the Hinterland as a possible spot. Russell Family Park already has a suitable spot identified and we would welcome such a worthwhile project.

This year our annual A Village Wedding Expo combined with Maleny Wedding Festival which enabled many more of our wedding professional to showcase their business. Shiralee thanked Maree for her hard work and dedication along with this year's committee. Shiralee also paid tribute to the great work of our previous wedding expo co-ordinators, Merlin Coughlan and Julie Bevan.

A Village Wedding Expo

Maree reported on the Expo. We had a full house with exhibitors packed in both halls, Memorial Lane and the Village Green. Approximately 114 registered brides/grooms, 70 on line and many more just walking in. There were 5 lucky winners for the amazing prize pool, \$4,500 in prizes. Maree thanked Hinterland Times and our prize sponsors for their assistance. She is looking forward to 2019.

Streetscape

The pedestrian lighting installed is unfortunately not as we expected. Similar lighting to the pole across from the Newsagent is what was discussed as the cast lighting that exists is very expensive. There have been complaints regarding the brightness of the lights near Connemara Cottage.

Sculpture on the Edge

Richard Muldoon spoke on Arts Connect – Sculpture on the Edge opens on 10 September. The Award evening is on Wednesday 12 September at Spicers Tamarind. This is their premier art event. He thanked the sponsors, Maleny IGA, Montville Chamber, Maleny Commerce, Illume Creations, Montville Art Gallery, Razorback Gallery, Spicers Tamarind, Maleny Credit Union and Hammond Optometry.

Putting on his Wedding hat Richard said that Maleny had a successful inaugural event with over 700 attending the Maleny Wedding Festival.

Velothon

Edi thanked the Volunteers for their help. The cyclists loved the children waving them on from the Bridge over Razorback. He said he would like to see the local businesses get more involved.

Montville State School Raffle

Secrets have donated two prizes to help raise \$8,000 to air condition the Library. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. First prize is accommodation at Secrets, 2nd prize is a voucher for their Café. Tickets at MSS and Illume Creations and other businesses across Montville. If anyone wants tickets to sell contact the Chamber at info@montvillecommerce.com.au. Prizes will be drawn on 31 August.

GENERAL BUSINESS

As there was no General Business Shiralee thanked Bobbi for welcoming us to Spicers.

Shiralee thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10am

Next Meeting will our AGM at Flaxton Gardens on Wednesday 5 September, 2018 commencing at 5:30pm

Signed:.....
Shiralee Cooper, President