



# Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 3 October 2018 at 7:30am

**Venue:** Altitude on Montville

**Attendance:** Shiralee Cooper, Otto Lechner, Carol Elms, Allen Rhode, Bertrand Cadart, Tony & Marion Cooper, Ryan Hollis, Sarah Hallam, Deborah Hammond, Greg Burnett, Rosemary Kirkby, Hannah and Rich Hayes, Ruth Kuss (Secretary/Admin.)

**Visitors & Guests:** Kerry Neill, Goombuckar Creations, Jozefina Obradovic, Pru Hansen, Peter Bassett (new member)

**Apologies:** Edi Heide, Barbara Lamont, Margaret & Philip Casey, Peter Collins, Andrew Powell, Rafer Rodgers, Susan Brant, Julianne Maher, Andrew Fairbairn VSC, Cr Jenny McKay, Lynn and Andrew Fallon, Merlin Coughlan, Greg Guilford, Kate Scrace, Tracey & Wayne Malkin

**The Meeting opened at 7.45am with Shiralee Cooper as Chair.** Shiralee welcome members and new member, Peter Bassett and guests. Shiralee also passed on apologies from Jenny McKay, daughter's wedding tomorrow and she has been summoned to help out. She will however, catch up with the Chamber within the next month.

She also welcomed guest speaker Kerry Neill. Shiralee spoke about the amazing evenings held at QCCC.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Shiralee asked that Correspondence be accepted.

Moved by: Marion Cooper

2<sup>nd</sup> Allan Rhode  
Carried

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST MEETING

Shiralee asked the Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 8 August 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved by: Allan Rhode

2<sup>nd</sup> Otto Lechner  
Carried

## Guest Speaker

### 1. Kerry Neill

Kerry introduced himself as one of the Gubbi Gubbi people and acknowledged the Jinibara and thanked them for letting him and his company called Triballink on their land. Kerry asked if anyone really knew what 'acknowledging the traditional custodians' actually meant. He explained that it was basically remembering the ancestors that were here before us. Triballink is about what life was like before European people arrived here, it's about educating people, bridging the gap between past and present. Triballink is about sharing experiences, learning bush crafts and eating really good food. His entertaining style educated everyone with his knowledge and

wonderful sense of humour and timing. He talked about the names of the local areas with humour and enthusiasm. He invited everyone to come along to QCCC and enjoy the Triballink experience – contact QCCC Mapleton for more information on dates.

Shiralee thanked Kerry for his very interesting and entertaining story. She suggested to Kerry that Triballink could have something in Russell Family Park, possibly during the Bunya Festival. This might take a bit of negotiation to come to fruition.

She said Montville were going to have a Zip Line and the Jinibara people were very supportive of this concept, however a change of government caused this concept not to proceed.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Just over a week ago Allan Rhode, Kerry and Shiralee went to a meeting to look at our 'identity' – what makes us special and different. It's timely that we have a member, Peter Bassett, who is in Public relations and has worked across many areas. Our area is quite distinct in that our climate on the Range is quite unique and very different from the Coast.

Arts Connect are putting up a Pop-up Exhibition at the Belvedere Building, Gary Myers is also in the same building. She also acknowledged Little May Espresso for their Art Showcasing each month. Plans are in place to increase the Artisan Village concept.

Arts on the Edge were also congratulated for their brilliant exhibition at Spicers Tamarind.

We would like to encourage buskers back to Montville to give the Village that extra vibe, especially heading up to Christmas. There was a young violinist that use to busker, if anyone knows who she is could they please contact the Chamber. The Chamber can pay the busking licence if it's on Council land. Hannah (Little May) said there is no fee if the busker is on private property, eg. outside the Water Wheel.

**Business Ideas:** Senior Cards – it's free to register on line and something worth supporting.

Small Business Grants up to \$10,000 for businesses with under 20 employees and under \$2 million turnover this closes 8 October.

Changes are happening re Casual Employment because of a recent Court case – watch this space.

### **What's On:**

Visual Arts Exhibition – Charlie Bevan portrait was a winner and everyone encouraged to go and have a look at the exhibition in St Mary's Hall.

LifeFlight Everesting will be held on 6 October – 24 hours to compete this event riding up and down Razorback Road (weather permitting).

QCCC Blackall 100 will be held on 20 October, this will be run over 2 days.

Sunshine Coast Arts and Craft have their Fair on the last weekend of October 27 – 28 October in Montville Village Hall. They've been here for more than 20 years and have been struggling to keep afloat, so their twice yearly Fair helps to boost their coffers.

Festive Tree Lighting Saturday 1 December. Looking to make it even more exciting this year.

Visit Sunshine Coast are having an event to talk about their new Food Event coming in 2019. This event will particularly showcase the Hinterland.

Village Wedding Expo - Hinterland Tourism had their Maleny one this year. In discussion with new

President of HTSC, Kerry Brown from 'Come on Up', there's a good chance that we can have a joint event in 2019. It's looking very positive.

### **Christmas Campaign**

This is a huge thing to organise. We have 'Point of Sale' with entry into the draw for purchases of over \$25. We usually have over \$10,000 in prizes which is incredible for such a small area. We also need to promote Christmas Shopping in Montville. Last year we didn't do any promotion in November so we need to keep this in mind as last November was quiet. We had Hot91 visit with Santa.

Need to have some volunteers to come forward to help organise the Christmas Campaign this year. We were also thinking of having Christmas Markets before the Festive Tree Lighting as well as on the night of the Tree Lighting, stands and markets with local businesses selling their products. Biggest problem is the weather because of the summer storms. The Twilight Markets are also a good idea.

**Please come forward if you're interested in being part of the Christmas Committee.**

### **Streetscape**

We have the 4 crossings, not everyone is happy. Council have done a great job with both Crossing and Russell Family Park Carpark. The pedestrian lighting installed is unfortunately not as we expected. We've had discussions on how to beautify them, possibly with the history of Montville on them. Not necessarily painted; could be a sculpture. Waiting to hear back from Jenny McKay re what can be done to beautify the poles.

Carol from Chic and Sassy said she has put on another staff member as visitors walk across the crossing and walk straight into her shop.

### **Spotlight Your Business**

Each member present gave a 30 second overview of their business.

Sarah Hallam - Elements at Montville and A Little Beauty

Tony Cooper – Colour and Aromatherapy

Pru Hansen – Hot91

Greg Barnett – Monty's of Montville, Gourmet Gelato and more

Ryan Hollis – Everfocus: sustainability

Carol Elms – Chic and Sassy Fashion

Rosemary Kirky – Treetops Seaview Accommodation

Peter Bassett – PB Public Relations

Rich and Hannah Hayes, Little May Espresso

Otto Lechner – Operates a B&B with his partner and also helps out at the Information Centre and a lot more

Bertrand Cadart – Fournales, imports shock absorbers for Harley Davidsons, comes to meetings because he meets such interesting people

Allan Rhode – Montville Real Estate

### **Correspondence**

The Chamber website members list was recently used by an agent, Hamish Bolderston from Amber Werchon Property to invite members to a property he is selling behind Gypsy's Table. He has apologised for using the Chamber's database for this SPAM email.

Email from Bertrand said he is working with a Nambour Think Tank. There will be a meeting which will be held on Sunday 21 October in the CWA Hall Nambour from 2 – 4pm.

Let Shiralee know and she can give you Bertrand's email address for further information.

Shiralee reminded everyone that the Chamber needs volunteers to help with the Christmas Campaign.

Thanked Kerry for his interesting talk and thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56am

**Next Meeting will an evening meeting on Wednesday 7 November, 2018 commencing at 5:30pm.  
Venue TBC**

Signed:.....  
Shiralee Cooper, President