



# Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 6 February, 2019 @ 7-30am

**Venue: Elements at Montville**

**Attendance:** Shiralee Cooper, Andrew Powell MP, Julianne Maher, Merlin Coughlan, Tony & Marion Cooper, Tracey and Wayne Malkin, Ryan Hollis, Tamara and Jonathan Large, Allan Rhode, Susan Lyle, Rafer Rodgers, Aldy Johnston, Peter Collins, , Tan Norton, Paul & Julie Walters, Judith Brosnan, Lynette and Mario Vecchio, Ann Wells, Ruth Kuss (Secretary/Admin.)

**Guests:** Andrew Wallace MP, Cr Jenny McKay, Susan Diplock, , Martin Duncan, Candy Nash, Brett Abbenbroek, Adam Montgomery.

**The Meeting opened at 7:40am with Shiralee Cooper as Chair.** Shiralee thanked Sarah and her team for welcoming us to Elements.

Shiralee welcomed members and guests with a special welcome to our elected representatives, Andrew Wallace, Andrew Powell MP, Cr Jenny McKay and Brett Abbenbroek, Montville Tennis Club Inc. and Adam Montgomery, Principal Montville State School.

**Apologies:** Edi Heide, Barbara Lamont, Carol Elms, Margaret & Philip Casey, Linda Jones, Bertrand Cadart, Lynn & Andrew Fallon, Kate Scrace, Deborah Hammond, Diana Heck, Greg Burnett, Chris Wells, Peter Bassett, Graham Lumley, Otto Lechner,

## CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards Correspondence:

Letter from Andrew Powell to Andrew Wallace MP regarding roadside vegetation.  
Chamber Alliance asking all Chamber's to work together.

Shiralee asked that correspondence be accepted.

Moved by Tamara Large                      2<sup>nd</sup>      Julianne Maher                                      Carried

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Moved by Julianne Maher                      2<sup>nd</sup>      Julie Walters                                      Carried

## GUEST SPEAKERS

### ANDREW WALLACE MP

Andrew updated the members and guests on what is happening. He spoke about infrastructure upgrades. This is one of the major issues constituents contact his office. The Bruce Highway upgrade from Sunshine Motorway to Caloundra Road; is at the unofficial half way mark. This first stage should be finished by end of 2020. They have just signed off on the design process for 3 lanes on the Bruce Highway from Bribie Island to Steve Irwin Way which is scheduled to commence in 2020. All the funding has been locked away and this project should be completed mid 2020. The Federal Government has allocated \$3.13 billion since 2016 to upgrade the Bruce Highway between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

He acknowledged the work Andrew Powell and Jenny McKay have done. We also need to invest in rapid transport as upgrading the highway won't fix the transport problems.

The Federal Government have put in \$390million on the table to duplicate the railway from Beerburam and Landsborough but to date the State Government have not come on board to match this. He said they also have a planning study that is due out soon, which will deliver fast rail from Brisbane to Sunshine Coast. This is only one of 3 projects in Australia funded by the Federal Government. The concept is to travel Maroochydore to Central in 1 hour.

**NBN:** There was another NBN forum in Caloundra last week and the representative said that Montville should have NBN by July 2019. Not building the Maleny tower will not affect Montville as NBN are working on solutions to this issue. (The NBN towers work like a daisy chain, NBN has advised that they are engineering it so that Montville and other areas will not be impacted.)

He said that if anyone wanted to be connected to the NBN via satellite they can ring NBN and ask to be connected now rather than waiting for the fixed wireless.

Rafer asked about mobile phone coverage. Andrew suggested that anyone who had a problem they should write to him; the more complaints he gets the better argument he has.

**Note: Later in the meeting Andrew updated the NBN connection date to June 2020 with apologies.**

## **MARTIN DUNCAN**

Martin introduced himself as 'Sunshine Coast Foodie', he does Social Media for food events, recently the Ginger Festival. He's also the Food Agribusiness Ambassador. Martin asked who was on Instagram and FB – business or private? Everyone should have a business page and only post business pics. He emphasized the art of taking great pics and walked the members and guests through the process on how to take great pics with their phones. He asked everyone to take pics of their breakfast, but ensure the lens is clear prior to taking the pic. With the 'grid on' tap the screen and auto focus. He emphasized the need to take the photo with the food the focal point and nothing busy in the background.

Martin suggested that everyone should have a Business page. If taking videos make sure they are no longer than 30 seconds, no one has the time to watch anything longer. Take videos in landscape. Turn off flash and adjust the photo manually with an App. There are a number of Apps available from App Store eg. VSCO, Foodie. should be set to HDR which is the best quality. Be aware of the use of @ and #. He asked that everyone use #sunshinecoastfoodie (28k followers) if food related and for Montville use #sunshinecoasthinterland #visitsunshinecoast. In regard to Posts write as you talk so that it sounds interesting – not too long.

Best time to Post is Sunday night and Thursday nights – people are often looking at what they're going to do during the week-end. Think about your audience and Post when you think your audience are watching; school pickup time when Mum's are waiting for their children is a good time.

Shiralee thanked Martin for his interesting talk.

## **UPDATE FROM CR JENNY MCKAY**

Jenny spoke quickly on the NBN. The Council are part of the Planning Scheme and when it came to a tower in Maleny, they bowed to public backlash in the first instance. She apologized for this.



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**The Razorback Shelter** has been identified at Heritage listed. They now have to go to State Government before work can commence. Wayne Malkin asked about the view. Only the Camphor Laurel trees can be removed, the other vegetation is on private land.

**The Dome:** Notice has been sent to the owner to have the land cleaned up. Under the Local Government Act Council can clear the land up and bill the Ratepayer.

In the upcoming budget there will budgeting to do remedial repair to the toilet block in **Russell Family Park** but it needs a much larger upgrade, and also to the playground equipment.

**Grant Workshops:** They are out now and she encouraged everyone to attend the workshops if they need assistance/guidance in writing a Grant Application. Contact her Office with any questions.

Well done to **Tony Gill** for his work in the Arts. It was great to see his efforts recognized in the Australia Day Awards.

**Sunshine Coast Airport:** On target and will be ready for opening late 2020.

Cr Jenny McKay also acknowledged the work the Federal Government has done in the Sunshine Coast.

She also asked if Montville State School need anything members of the Community can lobby, on the schools behalf, to ensure that any changes are workable.

Shiralee asked about Airbnb. Is the Tourism Levy going to be charged in the Rates? Jenny said that this is still a work in progress as the owner has to be contacted in the first instance. At the moment there is no level playing field for the people who have paid a lot of money to ensure their B&Bs are up to standard. The Sunshine Coast Council has employed a staff member to determine which properties are Airbnbs and if anyone has any information you can let Jenny's office know who they are.

Julianne asked about the carpark in Kondalilla Falls. Who is responsible for this area? Jenny and Andrew thought it was in part National Park and Council responsibility.

Jenny and Andrew will see who is responsible and report back to Shiralee.

Allan Rhode asked why the Council don't remove unsafe illegal signs that are on the side of the road?

Jenny will make sure Lesleigh, her PA, sends a copy of the paper that is going out for Consultation to Allan R.

More and more complaints about Religious groups. Under Local Law there are no laws preventing them from being there.

Zipline should be opened at the Big Pineapple in March, might encourage people to visit the Hinterland continue up the Range to Montville.

### UPDATE FROM ANDREW POWELL MP

Andrew thanked Jenny, the Chamber and the Streetscape Committee for their input in the walkway at Hooper's Crossing and the Pedestrian Crossings. He's had one complaint and all the rest of the feedback has been positive. The aim was to slow down traffic, which it has done. Andrew also acknowledged the work Adam Montgomery has put into Montville State School.

He spoke on the appalling appearance of the roadside vegetation done by the current Contractor. He did some research on QTender on the Road Asset Management Contracts and they are not including the roadside vegetation only the bitumen. The State Government has made a decision that RoadTek will be doing the vegetation which he thought was a good thing. The Tendering process has closed but it hasn't been awarded, possibly awarded in the new financial year. Many people are complaining they have lost their views but unfortunately most of the overgrown vegetation is on private property. He sent an email to the Minister, who isn't answering any of his emails, and asked that roadside management needs to be addressed and the Chamber kept up to date by RoadTek.

Shiralee thanked the Council for the \$3,000 grant for the Christmas Tree Lighting and said that they would be extending the Christmas Campaign and will be requesting more funding in 2019.

Shiralee introduced Brett Abbenbroek, Montville Tennis Club.

### **BRETT ABBENBROEK, Montville Tennis Club Inc.**

He introduced himself and spoke about the handout explaining how they want the Tennis Club to evolve. The Management Committee consists of Wayne Parcell, President; himself as Secretary and Treasurer Andrew Friday.

They are in a position to get the Club up and running again as a vibrant social tennis club. They approached the MVA Sportsground Committee who were very supportive of their ideas. They have raised \$18,000 so far. They signed the Lease on 15 January 2019 for a period of 7 years.

They are hoping to resurface the 2 courts and have a new Clubhouse stays in keeping with the size of the area, very much a community facility. They have had quoted done on the resurfacing and a Contractor will be coming up to do a site survey and also speaking to Council re planning. They are looking at what is affordable for the space. They have put in a number of Grant applications, first application not successful. They have signed up to the Australian Sports Foundation which means that any donations they receive will be tax deductible.

They have 2 permanent bookings as well as a number of casual bookings. He thanked the Montville IGA for their help with the hiring process.

Website is under construction.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Shiralee wished everyone a happy New Lunar Year of the Pig. The Chamber is planning on reviewing and updating their Strategic Plan. She said that we can't sit still as there is so much happening and we have to be proactive to keep our Community vibrant. We must remember our message goes all over the world with #montville #montvilleartisanvillage and more. Also it was noted that Montville Christmas Wonderland created a lot of interest in 2018. We're also looking at holding A Village Wedding this year and hope to work collaboratively with Hinterland Tourism to ensure better promotion as last year the Maleny sister Expo impacted on our registrations.

She had an email from a member of the Caloundra Chamber Executive saying how impressed she was with our Christmas Campaign and Streetscape.

The Sunshine Coast is getting more domestic and International visitors although the spending seems patchy.



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## What's On

22 February Queensland Day (6 June) Awards Nominations open

6 February VSC Networking Mooloolaba Surf Club

14 February Valentine's Day

23 February LNP Hosting a Small Business Forum (details next Newsletter)

7 March Maleny Commerce International Women's Day High Tea at Orangery  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BAFGO>

7-8 March Queensland Women in Business Summit

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Adam thanked everyone for supporting the school.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 6 March, venue to be advised.**

Shiralee thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05am

Signed:.....  
Shiralee Cooper, President