



# Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## GENERAL BREAKFAST MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 9 October 2019 @7:30am

**Venue: Altitude on Montville**

**Attendance:** As per Sign In Sheet

**Guests:** Cr Jenny McKay, Neale Kurtz, Project Officer, Sunshine Coast Council

**The Meeting opened at 7.36am with Shiralee Cooper as Chair.**

Shiralee welcomed members and introduced guest speaker Neale Kurtz from Sunshine Coast Council Parks and Gardens.

**Apologies:** Merlin Coughlan, Philip and Margaret Casey, Peter Collins, Julianne Maher, Linda Jones, Kate Scrace, Nicole Hilton, Edi Heide, Barbara Lamont, Paul and Karin Orwin, Deborah Hammond, Ann Adams, Andrew Grant

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD IN AUGUST.

Shiralee moved the Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 7 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tracey Malkin

Carried

### SHIRALEE INTRODUCED NEALE KURTZ, PROJECT OFFICER SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL

Neale spoke about the works commencing today in Russell Family Park. The upgrade to the playground is starting today and subject to good weather should be completed by December school holidays. Work includes new play equipment, concrete pathways, rock sealing walls, artwork, planting of softscapes, drainage improvements.

There will be improvement work to the toilet amenities. Upgrading will include on-site wastewater treatment.

Street lighting beside Camphor Cottage will have 4 more lights installed.

Shiralee mentioned there is also powerpoints on the Deck should anyone hiring the space can apply for access to through Council. There is 3phase power as well as 10amp. Having the area covered would be an advantage.

### SHIRALEE INTRODUCED CR JENNY MCKAY

Shiralee asked Jenny to comment on the proposed boundary changes.

Jenny thanked Neale and said we have the best operator working for us. She acknowledged Neale's skill and expertise.

The Change Commission has proposed changing the Local Government Divisional boundaries, with Woombye removed and both Kenilworth and Mapleton added to the division. This has increased the coverage to more than any other division up to 4 times the size of some of the other areas. The Change Commission was responding to growing numbers in some divisions with the size dependent on numbers of residents.

Cr Jenny said she is off to New Zealand with the University and the Brisbane Astronomy Group to progress the eco-tourism on the Dark Skies. The South Island of NZ is a leader in this area and is renowned for the number of people travel there. and the Maleny Golf Club is home to the Brisbane group who gather there to observe the Dark Skies. Hales Knob, Cannondale is where they go to see the Dark Skies. This is important tourism attraction.

Streetscape are addressing the Northern end of Montville.

Jenny also said she was happy she was able to work with the Chamber and Montville Village Assoc. to ensure the Visitors Information Centre (VIC) remained open as is the one at the Airport and Glasshouse. Both organisations worked with VSC to ensure this.

Cr Jenny McKay also mentioned through the Chamber Alliance Chamber member businesses can apply for the mentoring program for \$200. What a great opportunity for any size business to have that sort of help.

The Environment Levy paid by rate payers has allowed council to purchase land at Coolum called the Blue Heart to help with water retention and biodiversity and climate change. They are getting ready to launch a book to help new home builders to ensure they build homes that are better able to utilize the natural attributes. It's still in the planning stage, possible name is 'Elevate'.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Shiralee spoke about the new Executive Committee but also asked for helpers for the upcoming Christmas Campaign. She as President thanked Otto Lechner as Vice President, Linda Jones as Treasurer, Committee: Julianne Maher, Tracey and Wayne Malkin, Susan Brant, Tracie Sanim, who has recently moved into Montville and has put her hand up for a Division 5 Candidate, also Kate Scrace and Lisa Brereton for giving up their precious time to support the MCOC.

Recently Shiralee attended a luncheon at Twin Waters with speaker Bernard Salt. His presentation covered the tourism growth blueprint. He urged tourism industry players to take the initiative and change the future of the Sunshine Coast. He said that China is set to replace the US as the Number 1 economy. Bernard Salt said the Sunshine Coast was really 'rich per capitata' and should position itself as a destination to be indulged. Our area is attracting older tourists whereas Noosa is attracting a younger demographic. The Airport expansion will allow for more 'short breaks' and will increase occupancy. In 10 years time we will need a larger Convention Centre as well as more 5 star accommodations.

He pointed out of the University students at USC, ¼ are from overseas which in turn attracts overseas visitors (family and friends).

The Olympics is 2032 should also be a great tourism attraction and builder of infrastructure if well managed.

Montville Futures are looking at changes such as more shared accommodation and possibly smaller accommodation for retirees, as well as sewerage/pumpout issues, NBN/Telstra. Also respondents saw the need more activities within Montville. The Montville Art Festival, presently in discussion for October 2020 is in the planning stage.



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The Montville State School are holding a Children's Festival in June 2020, they are looking for people to contribute to this event – stalls, coffee stands etc.

Sunshine Coast Business Awards: Congratulations to Montville Coffee, Splash Marketing and PR, Flaxton Gardens and The Country House at Hunchy for making the finals.

### **Christmas Campaign**

This is looming and we would like to have everything in place by the second week in November. Shiralee asked for a show of hands regarding TV advertising, there was a negative response to this. The MCOC is looking for ideas to make it bigger and better. The Chamber has put in a Major Grant Application for more events on the Main Street. She needs business owners to help create the Christmas vibe.

Shiralee said they were hoping to have an empty shop available to create a Christmas Grotto and have Santa on the weekend.

Susan Maynard, representing Visit Sunshine Coast Hinterland Tourism, said she has some ideas.

Shiralee asked Graham Lumley to give members an update on his Christmas Wonderland.

### **Graham Lumley, Christmas Wonderland**

He is trying to overcome problems with Council in regard to the opening hours. He wanted to have on-line ticketing but had to cancel that idea. He later had a call from Council stating that he could open as long as he put in an application for 'Material Change of Use'. This would cost up to \$50,000 which is not manageable.

Graham is in the waiting stage and is hopeful that they will allow him to open each weekend leading up to Christmas and the week before Christmas Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There will be shuttle buses from outside the school (pending Council approval).

He has been told to follow due process but this is very costly. They are trying to keep it open for 2019 but 2020 remains to be seen unless Council are more flexible.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Martyn Baldwin. Support2U**

He explained his businesses. His main business is a support for National Disability Support Industry as well as working for Noosa Council as Project Officer/System Analysis and Director of Range Care. Is very happy to become part of the Montville Chamber.

#### **Tamara Williams, Naamba Holistic Day Spa**

She said she has a boutique Day Spa in Mapleton and invited everyone to her Grand Opening on Saturday 19 October from 2-4pm. RSVP to Tamara.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Shiralee asked if Jenny could do anything in regard to the Dome. It is unsafe, slowly collapsing and is an eyesore. Jenny said she would follow this up.

Shiralee said we were hoping to do more with Streetscape, but the footpaths need work. Many Montville residents and business owners are wanting to have more Artwork in the Village. We are looking at ways of funding some public art and looking for funding and/or sponsorship.

Reminder to vote for Sculpture on the Edge at Tamarind. The Chamber sponsors Peoples' Choice, the artist whose sculpture gets the most votes receives \$500.

SconeTime needs everyone to spread the word to encourage older residents to attend as well as sponsorship. FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Sconetime-331414217590876/>

Bookings for the Trivia Night on 2 November in Montville Village Hall. RSVP Marcel: 0408 845 021 or email: [montville.trivia.night@outlook.com](mailto:montville.trivia.night@outlook.com)

Aldy Johnston, Secrets on the Lake is holding a fundraiser called 'Helping Hands'. They have chosen The Shack Community Centre in Nambour and Lily House in Palmwoods and The Neighbourhood Centre in Maleny. The tickets are \$5 each and the prizes are Accommodation packages and dining at Secrets.

She has tickets for sale today as well as at Secrets. Please email her at Secrets. [info@secretsonthelake.com.au](mailto:info@secretsonthelake.com.au) for more information.

Susan Maynard said Hinterterland Tourism have just relaunched their website and it's now called Visit Sunshine Coast Hinterland – website <https://visitsunshinecoasthinterland.com.au>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**21 September -13 October – Sculpture on the Edge Spicers Tamarind**

**19 October - QCCC – Blackall 100 Mapleton**

**26-27 October – Sunshine Coast Arts and Craft Fair Montville Village Hall**

**28 October - SconeTime hosted by Martin Duncan at Montville Village Hall**

**2 November – Trivia Night Montville Village Hall**

Shiralee thanked everyone for attending and thanked Ryan and the staff at Altitude for their delicious breakfast. The meeting closed at 8:45am

Shiralee invited everyone who had the time, to have a look at Montvale at Montville. Ann and Clive Adam's new wedding venue behind Altitude.

Next meeting will be an evening meeting on Wednesday 13 November at Montville Thai and Takeaway. More details to following in the Newsletter.

Signed:.....  
Shiralee Cooper, President