



# Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## NETWORKING MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 5:00pm for 5:30pm

**Venue:** Sassy Beans & Bites

**Attendance:** Julie Bevan, Philip & Margaret Casey, Bevan Christensen, Shiralee Cooper, Tony & Marion Cooper, Merlin Coughlan, Naomi Ellis, Carol Elms, Mark Foxley-Connolly, Christine Kardash, Ruth Kuss, Allan Rhode, Rafer Rodgers & Sarah Hallam

**Guests:** Melanie-Lee Anderson (Admin.), Cr. Jenny McKay, Michael & Marie Miller

**Apologies:** Karen Barnett, Ellen Cummings, Peter Collins, Andrew & Lynn Fallon, Andrew Fairbairn, Teagan Gibney, Andrew Powell MP

**The Meeting opened at 5:30pm with Shiralee Cooper as Chair.**

Welcome Members & Guests, and special thanks to Carol Elms of Sassy Beans & Bites for her generous supply of food and fantastic new venue for the evening.

### President's Report:

- **Strategic Plan Review:** we will be devising a questionnaire for members with provision for feedback on key elements of our plan on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> April Business Breakfast Meeting at Montville Coffee.
- **Sunshine Coast Small Business:** *To help local businesses better understand what high speed broadband could mean for them, council is launching the 'Level Up' digital up-skilling program. Business owners and their staff are invited to find out how this program can benefit them at a free information session on Tuesday 28 February from 5:15pm (for a 5:30pm start) at Lake Kawana Community Centre.*

*The Level Up program is a Sunshine Coast Council funded program aimed at helping local small and medium businesses connect to faster internet (where available), and to ensure they have the necessary skills and capacity to fully utilise digital tools, innovation principles and business solutions to enable them to improve their productivity, profitability and ability to compete locally, nationally and internationally, where desired. You can read more about the program here: <https://levelup.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/>*

- **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunshine Coast Art Prize:** this years' residency sponsored by Montville Country Cabins, well done to Anton & Christine Kardash. Entries are due by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.
- **Visit Sunshine Coast (VSC) Advertising Campaign:** is being displayed via various platforms and feature captivating pictures of the Hinterland.
- **VSC Update Sessions:** being held on 9<sup>th</sup> March at Secrets on the Lake from 9:30 – 11:30am. RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2017-conversations-with-vsc-industry-updates-tickets-31441029967>
- **Sunshine Coast Council Grants:** are open! Don't miss out, closing date is 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 for the major grants round. Minor grants opening 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. See here for more details: <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Grants-and-Funding/Community-Grants-Program>
- Parking Meeting was held with Cr. Jenny McKay, an ongoing issue with aims to resolve and reduce the impact on local business. Update to be provided by Cr. Jenny McKay, see below.

## Guest Speaker:

- Updates from Cr. Jenny McKay:
  - Upgrade of Russell Family Park Carpark will start on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017, with the formulation of approximately 90 bays.
  - **Russell Family Park:** have received complaints about the dis-coloured water. Sunshine Coast Council is going to hire portable toilets whilst they address this issue.
  - Zebra crossing is signed off to be implemented outside the Visitor's Information Centre, inclusive of a speed reduction to 40km/hr. There will be a loss of 4 parking spaces due to this crossing. Some members questioned the positioning of the crossing so close to the exit to Russell Family Park.
    - \* Design Map distributed with these Minutes.
  - Cr. Jenny has asked for the support of the Chamber to lobby for the upgrade of the Western Avenue / Main Street intersection.
  - Missing piece of footpath outside Hoopers Foundry hopefully being completed as a budget item.
  - Council has welcomed the new Streetscaping Committee, with representatives from the Chamber. Meetings will be held in the very near future.
  - Footpath extension to Altitude on Montville funding has been allocated. In final stages of proceeding with work.
  - **Tent pegs into the ground:** general blanket rule in all parks that you cannot use tent pegs because of underground power lines. Shiralee to pursue possibility to request an SEQ survey to ascertain where the power lines are on the Montville Village Green. Cr. Jenny will then take this back to the Council.
  - Penny Poets received a \$50,000 grant for Poetry in the Park Stage 3 - Art creation and installation
  - No provision for rural subdivisions.... continuing to lobby this decision.
  - NBN meeting was held, their view was that the Council is making it too difficult for them to install NBN through the wider Hinterland regions as there are 35 more towers required and many residents unwilling to compromise. The Montville township will, however, receive NBN. Cr. Jenny has asked for the support of the community by becoming more vocal on allowing installation.
  - **Air B&B's:** problems are arising due to the lack of regulation required for this type of accommodation, with numerous complaints being received regarding noise pollution and other issues affecting residents. There is a consensus from the Accommodation providers' that it is unfair to subject their type of Accommodation under a separate legislative requirement to everybody else. It was pointed out that there are two separate types of accommodation and therefore they do require separate legislation. The issues arise when the Air B&B's are managed incorrectly.
  - Velethon Sunshine Coast is being held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, with the event passing through Montville on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> as a designated feed station.
  - Paid parking and public transport strategy will be forwarded to Shiralee. Investigate the possibility of including the new Mary Cairncross development as a stop for the bus route.



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Shiralee thanked Cr. Jenny for her attendance and input.

**A Village Wedding Expo:** Julie Bevan spoke about the 2017 Village Wedding Expo, held each year in the Montville Village Hall and St Mary's Hall. The Chamber is exploring options to expand this year with a larger yurt plus possible use of other facilities. The expo is being held on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**The meeting closed at 6:40pm and Carol Elms of Sassy Beans & Bites was thanked for providing food and her new venue.**

Next General Meeting will be a Breakfast Meeting held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30am at Montville Coffee, 20-22 Balmoral Road, Montville.

Signed:.....  
Shiralee Cooper, President