



NETWORKING MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 7th June, 2017

Venue: Secrets on the Lake

Attendance: Julie Abbott, Charlie & Julie Bevan, Philip & Margaret Casey, Bevan Christensen, Shiralee Cooper, Tony & Marion Cooper, Geoff & Merlin Coughlan, Adriaan & Anny Kraal, Carol Elms, Aldy Johnston, Kim Jones, Wayne & Tracey Malkin, David & Karen Marsh, Karen Muir, Angela Murchie, Andrew Powell MP, Allan Rhode, Rafer Rodgers & Sarah Hallam, Kate Scrace, , Adam & Wendy Sundin

Apologies: Judith Brosnan, Susan Diplock, Lynn & Andrew Fallon, Linda Jones, Ruth Kuss, Otto Lechner & Phillipa Robertson, Cr. Jenny McKay, Bill Scurry, Susan Skermer

The Meeting began with Networking and opened at 5:45pm with Shiralee Cooper as Chair. Members and guests were welcomed and a special thanks given to Aldy Johnston of Secrets on the Lake for hosting.

GUEST SPEAKER – ANDREW POWELL MP

Andrew thanked Montville for their participation in the recent Glassy's Business Awards. This year was a huge success with participation from 91 local businesses and 55 employees, and 1300 votes received. He also thanked Shiralee Cooper for her prize contributions.

He spoke of his attendance at the recent lunch at Spicer's Tamarind with Jon Krause MP, with a focus on improving Sunshine Coast Hinterland Marketing and Tourism.

His last point was about the Zebra Crossing to be implemented in the Main Street. He thanked the three Community bodies – Montville Chamber, Montville Village Association and the Streetscaping Committee – for their efforts in coming to an agreed position for the crossing. This information has been taken back to QLD Transport & Main Roads for further decision.

Questions from the floor:

- Will the Tourism Levy be applied to Air B&B Accommodations?
Andrew responded that, at this stage, he was unsure where the Council stands on this matter. His understanding is that Council does now have power to inflict local laws to regulate this type of Accommodation.
- Are there any plans for a Retirement Village in Montville?
Andrew supports the concept of an over 50's style community. The block to this idea is at a State Level and one that is difficult to overcome. Any development must adhere to the Urban Footprint plans that, for Montville, have remained unchanged for many years.

FROM THE DESK OF CR. JENNY MCKAY:

- Mulch located at Russell Family Park (RFP) will be cleared by 14th July.
- Repair of the erosion present on the stairs located behind the shops in RFP will be included in the budget for 2017/18.
- A request has been made for doggy bags in Russell Family Park.
- A request has been made for repairs to taps located in the toilet in RFP.
- A request has been made for a replacement bin near Chic and Sassy and a new one near Gourmet Pizza.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It is great to welcome everyone to Secrets tonight, especially all of the new members present at the meeting. A big shout out to Andrew Powell MP for coming as our Guest Speaker and the continuation of his wonderful initiative supporting local businesses. It was great to have the opportunity to show appreciation to both businesses and staff at the recent Glassy's Business Awards. Next year we will endeavour to encourage even more involvement.

Montville has welcomed nearly a dozen Cruise Ship day tours from Princess Cruises this year, with the Sun Princess visiting on 1st July. Both Edi Heide and myself have been personally welcoming guests as they arrive.

Our Membership renewals are coming out in a week along with the Value Statement. Look out for this in your inbox!

The Sunshine Coast Council is going to be providing some funding to help with the promotion of the Velothon, coming through Montville on Friday, 14th July. The Montville Chamber placed a 1/3 page advertisement in the Velothon section of the 'My Events 2017' supplement in My Weekly Preview (220,000 copies distributed in the Sunshine Coast Daily, The Courier Mail and Toowoomba in addition to all competitors in upcoming events).

All businesses take note that the basic wage will increase by 3.3% 1st July.

A VILLAGE WEDDING EXPO BY JULIE BEVAN:

The Village Wedding Expo has received 39 registrations to date with lots of exciting exhibits this year that are in line with promoting a festive occasion. Some categories are full whilst we still have vacancies in the categories of cakes, florist, gowns and suits, transport, makeup, pampering and entertainment.

Montville Chamber of Commerce members are entitled to leave brochures and business cards on display at no charge. A reminder to all accommodation providers that you can register to be on the Venue and Accommodation Map for only \$75. The map is a keepsake for the brides and grooms so you do not want to miss out. You will also have a listing on the beautiful Village Wedding Expo Website for 12 months! Non-members Map Only/Website listing price is \$100.

So, if you have not registered please go to www.avillagewedding.com.au and click on Business Registration. You will receive an automatic email with further instructions.

MEMBER PRESENTATION BY KAREN MUIR OF HINTERLAND TIMES:

Karen commented on the importance and reliability of print media, whilst pointing out that Hinterland Times is far from being a one format news source - they also advertise heavily in digital format.

BUSINESS CARD DRAW:

Next months' winner is Kim Jones of Tinker Travelling Events.

NEW MEMBERS:

Our new Members were welcomed and offered the chance to introduce themselves and their businesses. New Members in attendance were:

- Julie Abbott of Temple Massage
- Kim Jones of Tinker Travelling Events
- Wayne & Tracey Malkin of Montville Art Gallery
- David & Karen Marsh of Makersville
- Kate Scrace of Ask for Kate
- Adam & Wendy Sundin of Jellyfish 1770

The meeting closed at 7:00pm. The next General Meeting will be a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, 5th July - venue to be advised.

Signed:.....
Shiralee Cooper, President