



# Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## BREAKFAST MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 4 October, 2017

**Venue:** Altitude on Montville

**Attendance:** Shiralee Cooper, Edi Heide, Otto Lechner, Barbara Lamont, Allan Rhode, Carol Elms, Margaret Casey, Philip Casey, Tony Cooper, Marion Cooper, Wayne Malkin, Karen Muir, Phillipa Robertson, Rafer Rodgers, Kate Scrace, Maree Shannon, Deborah Hammond  
Ruth Kuss (Secretary/Admin.),

**Guests:** Frith Duggan, Pru Islip, Ishkhan Kojayan, Marie Shannon, Susan Diplock, Amanda Gooddy, Clare Lahti.

**Guest Speakers:** Andrew Powell MP, Cr Jenny McKay, Cameron Dann-SSC Council, Mike Foster-SEQ Water, Kay Leach-Arts Connect

**Apologies:** Tracey Malkin, Bevan Christensen, Lyn and Andrew Fallon, Stephen and Jeanette Treweek, Peter Collins, Julie and Charlie Bevan,

**The Meeting opened at 7:40am with Shiralee Cooper as Chair. Guest Speakers, Members and guests were welcomed. Shiralee welcomed Ruth Kuss as the new Admin Officer and Secretary of the Montville Chamber.**

### CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY:

- Correspondence received from SCC regarding a Streetscape Meeting to be held on 18 October.
- Correspondence received from SEQ Water regarding current water conditions in Baroon Pocket Dam.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

**MOTION:** 'That the minutes of the Breakfast Meeting dated 2 August, 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.'

Moved: Andrew Powell

Seconded: Marion Cooper

For: UNANIMOUS

**CARRIED**

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

- **Cr Jenny McKay.** Jenny spoke on the reshuffle in Council. All departments have been aligned to be the best they can be to ensure the Council works efficiently for the community. Jenny also thanked Mr Hooper for his assistance in regards to the footpath section that will need to be cantilevered. Jenny also thanked Eric Anderson and Diana O'Connor for their dedication to the care of Russell Family Park.  
There are also plans for the extra crossings in the Main Street, meeting will be held within the next 2 weeks. TMR have been working on this, Jenny said that we either go ahead or money will be distributed to other areas.
- **Cameron Dann, Landscape Architect from SSC Council** outlined the current plans for Russell Family Park car park. Council has rescheduled car park works to commence at the start of April 2018  
Work will be completed by the end of June 2018  
Key project outcomes include:
  - 125 formalised car parking bays
  - lanes will be traditional asphalt pavement
  - parking bays will be a combination of asphalt and permeable pavers
  - Stormwater management infrastructure is included
  - weed removal - several large trees will be removed
  - landscape works will include offset tree planting to compensate for the tree removal
  - The unsealed car park (within the parkland) will be shut-down during construction
  - Amenities building will remain open during construction
  - Private property access from the park will be impacted
  - Council will provide signage to available car parking within the village to compensate for the car park closure during construction

- Council will launch a website for the ongoing development of the park to keep the community updated - scheduled to go live this week

- **Andrew Powell, MP** said that the pedestrian crossing will have to be a **yes or no** from the Community. TMR have standards that have to be upheld in regard to safety.  
He also spoke in support of Montville State School and said the new P&C are looking forward to engaging with the Montville Chamber and the local community.
- **Mike Foster – SEQ Water** Shiralee Cooper welcomed Mike Foster and noted that from September 25 visitors may no longer swim in nor launch water craft from the northern Montville section or even fish from the Montville edge due to the shoreline hazards. This is very detrimental to the recreational facilities of our tourist based region. Shiralee requested that SEQWater through Mike Foster submit plans to upgrade facilities such as the boat ramp. It was also reported that our local tourist transportation service no longer takes visitors down to Lake Baroon.

Mike Foster updated the meeting on the condition of Lake Baroon. Baroon Pocket has experienced consecutive failed wet seasons and unprecedented low inflows last summer. This has been followed by a record dry winter and hot start to Spring.

- Seqwater is operating the Water Grid to take pressure off Lake Baroon and conserve levels.
- Seqwater has also restarted the Ewen Maddock Water Treatment Plant and is investing \$20M to improve its capacity to move more drinking water to the Sunshine Coast, if required.
- Sunshine Coast dams, while small, are traditionally the best performing dams in terms of rainfall compared to most other dams across SEQ. Consecutive failed wet seasons is very abnormal and Seqwater is continuing to monitor closely. There has been no pumping from Lake Baroon to the South since the middle of 2016.
- Seqwater also understands how important our lakes are for recreation, tourism and economic development in the region and understands the importance of Lake Baroon to Montville businesses and community. More than 2.7 million people visit Seqwater lakes every year.
- While Lake Baroon levels are low Seqwater will be undertaking some capital upgrades including: new car park surfacing on the southern side; new toilet block northern side; and boat ramp maintenance northern side. Once the levels increase again a new designated swimming area will be installed.

- **Kay Leach, Arts Connect** spoke on the Sculpture on the Edge at Spicers Tamarind. The 3D Exhibition is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and open to the public until 24 October free of charge. The Award offers approx. \$9,000 in prize money. The Official Opening/Awards Night is to be held on Thursday 5 October at Spicers Tamarind when all the winners will be announced. There is also a special dinner to be held at Spicers Tamarind on Sunday 15 October if anyone would like to meet any of the Artists. Bookings: Spicers Tamarind.  
Kay thanked the Montville Chamber and Illume Creations for their sponsorship of this event. There is also the Open Studios program information on the website [www.artsconnectinc.com.au/sculpture-edge-2017/](http://www.artsconnectinc.com.au/sculpture-edge-2017/).  
Arts Connect have books for sale \$25 a copy with information on all the Artists, there's also a raffle with some lovely prizes – Tina Cooper Glass Bowl or Dinner for 2 at Spicers. Tickets available at Spicers Tamarind.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Shiralee Cooper** explained the need to remove some trees from Russell Family Park for the new car park. Eric Anderson and Diana O'Connor are revegetating Russell Family Park removing weed species whilst planting some 8000 trees Shiralee emphasised that if we want the extension to all day parking, we will need to let SCC know. It has taken 10 years to secure this extension, we don't want to lose this crucial infrastructure.

Shiralee also spoke about the 4 crossings that TMR has put forward for the Main Street of Montville. There is a meeting to be held in 2 weeks in regard to this matter. The areas are: Mayfield Centre, existing school crossing, outside Little May and near Jasmin Cottage. TMR said we have to have all 4 crossings or no new ones added. They stated that it is necessary to calm the traffic, hence the raised sections. Frith Duggan asked for more details from TMR in relation to this and more information be given to ensure the community actually want these crossings.

**CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN** will be on this year now we know we will still have our car park. Expect to hear more information in the near future. Shiralee encouraged more businesses to come on board to make this event even bigger and better.

**BE PREPARED WORKSHOP – AMANDA GOODDY, SSC COUNCIL** Leading into the storm season there are a number of Workshops being held across the Sunshine Coast. An information Be Prepared brochure was distributed with our September newsletter.

**To register for any of these events visit [events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)**

Lake Kawana Community Centre 24 October 7.30am

Maroochy RSL 24 October 5:30pm

**Maleny Community Centre 25 October 7.30am**



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**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Karen from Hinterland Times encouraged everyone to take a copy of the HT. She has been out and about in the last month encouraging everyone to shop local. She also commented on the Melbourne Cup functions on across the Range.

### **BUSINESS CARD DRAW:**

#### **Member Presentation – Member Presentation – Otto Lechner, Aim to Be.**

Otto has a Property Management business helping people manage the property they live in. They aim to help people to manage their affairs from getting work done on their home to understanding their goods and services eg. gardening/landscaping, electricity, computers. Generally enabling the person to stay in their home and be able to get the best deals. Otto is registered with the Office of Fair Trading as a Property Manager. Otto and his partner Phillipa also have a property called 'Springfalls' – a self-contained studio in Flaxton.

**October Draw:** The winner Wayne Malkin from Montville Art Gallery.

Shiralee thanked everyone for attending and welcomed a new retailer to Montville – Ishkan Kojayan from Laurisha Jewellery (behind the Water Wheel).

**The meeting closed at 9-05am. The next Meeting will be an afternoon/evening meeting on Wednesday 1 November. Venue TBA**

Signed:.....  
Shiralee Cooper, President