



Uralla Shire Business Chamber Inc
Meeting held at the Uralla Bowling Club
Thursday 2 September 2019 5.30pm

Meeting Opened: 6.09pm

Present: Teresa French (President), Rus French, Colin Hull, Iain Mackintosh, Trish (From Bushranger Motel) (observer), John Buckingham, Bob Crouch, Wayne Howard, Darren Stephens, Natasha Ledger (observer).

Apologies: Corinne Annetts, Sonia Repin

Visitors: Kate Woodbridge, nbn Local Manager

Presentation by Kate Woodbridge, NBN Local Manager.

Kate gave a summary of the role of NBN and talked about:

Scams: NBN does not ask for remote access to your computer and will never ask for payment for an NBN powered plan. If you think you have been scammed contact the police, your bank, and IDCARE on 1300432273.

Priority for medical alarms during outages.

Business vs residential services

Small providers

Modems, there is wide range of quality. Place modems as high as possible and minimise unused land line connections to phones from the modem.

Problems with NBN, feel free to contact Kate. The business chamber has her contact details.

Minutes from the July meeting.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a correct record. John/Darren CARRIED

Business Arising.

Awards night: A big thankyou to Darren for his work associated with the evening. Most comments received were very favourable.

Points for improvement include:

- Price of tickets too high for meal provided

- Need for music later in the night

- In planning the night think of the younger people

- Make the prizes more relevant to the category

- Liaise further with Russel Stewart

Motion: That Russel Stewart be invited to address the Chamber in one-or-two month's time to discuss Awards night options. Wayne/ Col CARRIED

My Community project: The president advised our application for the Hill Street Loos was not successful.

Motion: The Chamber write to Council to advise council of the outcome emphasising the need for these facilities. John/ Wayne CARRIED

Business Directory: The president advised that the Business Directory was now up and running, and there was need for a marketing campaign.

WiFi for the main street. Options provided by Optus were too expensive and the chamber generally felt technology had moved on. The need is generally addressed by smart phones and local hot spots. Bob to discuss with the Acting Council General Manager.

Financial report: Attached

Correspondence:

In: Advice from the Commonwealth advising Hill Street Loos Project was not successful.

General Business:

NTP will provide window space for a display

Marketing needed to promote the free membership for a year to new businesses and new owners

Xmas get together. Decision deferred to next meeting

New look website: The president advised that we have a new look web site. Check it out and get back to her with comments

Editors/contribution for facebook and website. Darren indicated he is still interested in contributing.

Thunderbolt Festival: Bob to talk to Leanne about business chamber input if any?

Other Business:

Breakfast meetings. Plan to have a breakfast meeting for the November meeting. Invite businesses at cost.

Bob to discuss a presentation to the Chamber by Walcha Energy with Mark Waring.

Recycled products; Bob to get details from Natasha.

Next meeting 5.30 3rd October at the Bowlo

Meeting closed 7.08pm