



Uralla Shire Business Chamber Inc  
Meeting held at the Uralla Bowling Club  
Thursday 3 October 2019 5.30pm

**Meeting Opened:** 5.35 pm

Present: Teresa French (President), Rus French, Colin Hull, John Buckingham, Bob Crouch, Corinne Annets

**Apologies:** Nil

**Visitors:** Russell Stewart, Chair, Regional Development Australia, Northern Inland.

**Presentation by Russell Stewart on Our Awards Presentation Night.**

Russell, gave his perspective on our business awards night and associated processes. As well as Chair of Regional Development Northern Inland Russell is also president of Narrabri Chamber of Commerce.

Key points from Russell's presentation for consideration:

- Nominated businesses get free membership for one year
- Judges are anonymous and include one from out-of-town
- Businesses are encouraged to send in a portfolio
- Judges can move businesses between award categories
- During presentations have specific themed music relevant to winners
- Start night with a cocktail party (say ¾ hr) followed by sit down meal
- Sell tables of 8 to 10
- Engage a professional comedian to MC (Russell has some recommendations <\$3000)
- Cost of attending Narrabri's night \$90, members \$80. Actual cost \$150 pp
- Look for sponsors that operate in the area but are larger companies. Eg
  - RDANI
  - Drought funding and other government event funding
  - Renewable Energy companies
  - Banks
  - Job networks
- \$2,500 per sponsor, with one major sponsor. Two tickets per sponsor
- Close ticket sales a week before the event
- Get venue to manage the drinks and meals.

**Minutes from the September meeting:** Carried over to November

**Business Arising:** Carried over to November

**Financial report:** Carried over to November

**Correspondence:** Carried over to November

**General Business:** Next meeting to be a breakfast meeting at Michaels Café to receive a presentation for Walcha Energy

Next meeting 7.00 am 7<sup>th</sup> November at Michaels Cafe

Meeting closed 6.45 pm