



Minutes

Meeting Opened: 6.14pm

Welcome from President: President, Teresa, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Teresa French, Bob Crouch, Russ French, Matt Campbell, Darren Stevenson, Iain Mackintosh, Michael Batt, Dan Ward, David Mailler, Clare Mailler, Collin Hull. Kate Jessep (observer)

Apologies: Wayne Howard

Motion: that the apology be accepted John Buckingham/ Iain Mackintosh

CARRIED.

Previous Minutes:

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a correct record John Buckingham/ Iain Mackintosh **CARRIED**

Business Arising:

- Letter to Council re the need for signage warning about reverse parking in Bridge Street. An email has been received from the Director Infrastructure and Development advising the matter has been referred to the Local Traffic Committee
- Promotion of the Chamber. Survey results. Deferred to General Business
- Speakers for next meetings: Kate Jessep, Shire General Manager, October.

The meeting discussed the suggestion that members and Uralla Businesses be given the opportunity to address the Chamber on services they offer, including the local banks. The meeting was particularly keen to hear from some of our more successful small businesses.

Action: The executive to identify and contact potential speakers

- Insurance: need to consider options as our income stream is limited. Deferred to General Business

Financial report:

	Debit	Credit	
Opening balance 05 August 2020			\$2516.70
Memberships (15 +2)		\$1520.00	
Total	\$0.00	\$1520.00	\$4036.70
Closing balance as per Bank Statement 02 September 2020			\$4036.70

Motion: That the financial report be accepted. Bob Crouch/ John Buckingham

CARRIED

Correspondence:

In: Email from council Re Reverse Parking.

Email from Kate Jessep, Uralla Shire Council GM regarding potential speakers for our meetings

Insurance renewal

Out: Nil

General Business.

1. New members

New members: Dannielle Batt – E&B Batt Pty Ltd – Uralla Clinic

Michael Batt – M.G. Batt

Matt Campbell – Top Pub Uralla

Community Members:

Helen Evans – Chaucer on Bridge (no voting rights)

Were accepted by an executive email poll on 21 August 2020

2. Insurance renewal.

Motion: That we renew our insurance with Aon as per the offer received. David Mailler/John Buckingham

CARRIED

3. COSBOA Go Local First Campaign

Correspondence has been received from the Council of Small Business Organisations Australia about their Go Local First Campaign. They are seeking to support small Local Businesses through a campaign to encourage Australians to choose local small businesses when purchasing products and services. The campaign's research indicates that at a tactical level simply knowing what products and services are available from local small businesses is influential in encouraging Australians to spend more locally.

The campaign has supplied a tool kit to use digital channels to promote small businesses and is seeking success stories to use as case studies on the GO Local First web site to promote local businesses.

Action: We are seeking ideas from members and the broader community to identify businesses in Uralla Shire we could promote as case studies adapting successfully to the rapidly changing conditions of 2020. Any suggestions please advise our President.

4. Distribution of information on Government assistance

The questionnaire we circulated before our August meeting asked about the need for more information on Government assistance. NSW Business Chamber and other sources regularly send information out to the executive of the Chamber. These could be distributed. Some members indicated that they would like more information whilst others are wary of receiving yet more emails.

Action:

1. Ask members if they wish to receive these emails.
2. Create a member's only part of the website

5. Interpretation of "retail" in Uralla Local Environment Plan

An issue has arisen whereby there is some confusion and disagreement on the interpretation of "retail" in the Uralla Local Environment Plan that is causing concern to some businesses in Uralla Shire. Council and councillors are seeking advice and working to resolve the issue.

Motion: That Uralla Business Chamber write to NSW Business Chamber for advice on the interpretation of retail for home businesses. David Mailler/ Michael Batt

CARRIED

6. Awards night 2021

General discussion indicated support for an awards night in 2021. Further discussion deferred to our February Meeting.

7. Business plan for the year including outcomes from questionnaire

The business plan prepared in October 2017 was critically reviewed and revised. We particularly want to strengthen our relationship with Uralla Shire Council, hold promotional events, and periodic social events. Periodic breakfast meetings are seen as part of this process.

Actions: The suggested revisions be incorporated and circulated to the Executive for discussion/modification at an executive meeting to be held in the week of 14th September.

Next meeting: Thursday 1 October 2020

Meeting close: 7.28pm