

# Eden Chamber of Commerce



## November General Meeting

When 08-11-2016 at 17:30

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## Minutes

### 1. Attendance & Apologies

### 2. Previous Minutes & Matter Arising

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 1. Both Jenny Robb & Robyn Bain followed up with RMS/Services NSW & The Minister responsible. RMS are not moving, however are looking at options to move to another smaller premises or using a sub-agency. 2. Our Eden applied for a grant on behalf of the Warrens Walk Gardening Team. The Mumbulla Foundation has donated \$500 for new plants which will be planted as soon as the conditions are right. These gardens are not irrigated so timing during good rainfall is essential for the success of any planting.

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### 3. Correspondence

### 4. Presidents Report

No specific Presidents Report this meeting

### 5. Treasurers Report

No Treasurers Report tabled

## **6. Tourism Report**

No formal report provided by EVIC. However, verbally they can confirm that numbers are up. It is a very good Whale Season. Very good attendance was recorded by local businesses, stall holders and EVIC over the Whale Festival weekend. Show and Shine was very well attended and considered a huge success. Remote control boat event at Quarantine was also very successful. Matters to note: Industry Forum is occurring in Bega on 16th November. There are outstanding speakers attending this years event and it is worth Our Eden Members attending. More information will be sent out in a group email and will be put on our Facebook page. EVIC Bus: The bus will be running small town tours during the Cruise Season showcasing the beach, Kangaroos and in the afternoon taking Ship Crew out for beach volley ball events, cricket matches and bbqs. Customer Service Course: 9/11/16 there are a few places left. This will go on Facebook today to gather a few extra people.

## **7. Events Report**

1. A total of 27 businesses are involved in the Christmas Promotion which start on the 15/11  
2. Late Night Shopping is on 8th December 3. Christmas on Imlay is on 15th December 4. Whilst there is some confusion with the two nights, which is understandable being the first year, the concept of two nights is being well received. 5. The Australasia Steps are being used as a stage with various artists appearing during the evening for Christmas on Imlay 6. Generally there will be lots of new events for Christmas on Imlay and about 20 market stalls. 7. Kari has offered to wash the Christmas Flags 8. Clair is working hard on decorations - she need all local businesses (not necessarily from Imlay Street) to support funding for decorations.

## **8. Cruise Eden Report**

First Ship due in 19/11. Training and information nights have gone well. Further discussion on funding later in the meeting.

## **9. Council Report**

Both Robyn Bain & Sharon Tapscott reported for Council. Robyn Bain 1. All new Councillors have been attending 'council school' 2. Hotel Australasia - Cr Bain explained her decision to have the council request a new round of 'Expressions of Interest' for the ownership of the Australasia. Cr. Bain feels this should not be a council owned and expended building and that money could be better spent in the shire. Cr. Bain expressed concern about volunteers carrying out gardening work around the building siting that some of the actions were dangerous in her opinion. Council will endeavor to ensure that any new owner agrees to retain the facade of the building during renovation or redevelopment. It is unclear how this will be done or how enforceable such a contract will be and this will be advised by Cr. Bain once more work is done. Sharon Tapscott 1. Cr Tapscott advised that the scope for the bus driveway into the car park at the rear of Imlay St was in fact changed by an engineer within BVSC without consultation. This has resulted in a number of additional car parking spaces, but inadequate bus access. This bus access is seen as critical and council is conducting an investigation into how this occurred and what is required to correct this error. 2. Cr. Tapscott advised that the reports on all pools had been completed by the consultant. Cr. Bain also voiced concern about the Eden Pool heating and express a need for more resources to be spent ensuring the pool is usable. It was noted that there is a disparity between the cost of an annual pass for Eden Pool and the Pambula Pool of around \$70. There is also some difference in the benefits of each pool membership. The consultants report highlighted a number of issues which need further investigation and also drew some concern about the depth of research carried out and to what detail the consultants survey went to. Both Cr. Bain & Cr. Tapscott requested that ECOC write to Council highlighting the need for heating at the Eden Pool and request a review of maintenance & upgrade plans. EVIC will also write a letter to BVSC as many visitors also use this amenity. 3. Cr Tapscott also advised she is having a meeting with Jillian Skinner - NSW Health Minister this week to discuss having a Doctor at Pambula Hospital over the summer holiday season. Cr. Tapscott is concerned that services offered by the new regional hospital are not supporting residents in the southern area of the shire. Cr Tapscott will be working to negotiate a longer term arrangement with Ms Skinner. A report will be sent to ECOC which will be circulated to members as there are no more meetings this year.

## **10. General Business**

The President asked each person around the table to contribute to the discussion. Reports as follows.

## **11. POEM Report**

Safe Harbour Project - Tenders for building the wave attenuator will be out by the end of 2016. Matt Jones & Crown Lands are working on finalising this project now. A mariner may take one of two forms. Either a small marina developed by Crown Lands which could be leased out, or a marina developed by private enterprise. More will be known once the wave attenuator design and placement is finalised.

**12. Robyn Bain**

Cr. Bain reported that Blue Ridge Hardwood is almost fully repaired, Alan Richardson (MD) is very happy with the hardwork of the Eden Fire Brigade who contained the fire and his staff and local contractors who have carried out repairs. The mill will be fully operational by December. Cr. Bain also comments on the success of the recovery works at Pentach which have been largely carried out by local contractors.

**13. Stan Soroka**

Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre - all stake holders at the wharf have been advised that there will be no lease extensions offered until a new masterplan has been completed. The Port Users Group understand this is an issue for businesses operating in this presinct. SCMD is now a member of the Port Users Group and will be working on ensuring current stakeholders interests are kept as a priority. Current leases expire in 5 years. The Masterplan is expect to be completed by Christmas.

**14. Jenny Robb**

Eden Futures Project extended to 14/11/16. There are a number of interesting submissions from Generation Innovation, Eden Access Centre and other local stakeholders. Jenny continues to work on these submissions and offering support where required. Executive Meeting with Council Managers. Three of the executive are meeting with BVSC Executive on Tuesday 8th of November to highlight particular areas of concern in Eden and to build a stronger communication with council.

**15. Peter Whiter**

Australasia Inc. continues to fund raise and will be lodging an expression of interest with BVSC Town Event 26/11 at George Brown Oval with Storm Cellar and other local artists. Starting 1pm and continuing until 6pm. Local Community Groups are doing food and alcohol. There will also be stalls set up in a market place area.

**16. Gail Ward**

Gail Ward expressed concern with developments occurring in the historic precinct in Imlay Street. Developments were not in keeping with both the geography of the land or with the heritage landscape. Historic buildings need protection to prevent such eyesores as Begaville Flats occurring again. Such action would save a great deal of time and money in situations such as the Hotel Australasia issue. Gail emphasized that Eden needs better planning for the CBD are surrounding areas to protect both Heritage buildings, structures (such as the ocean pools) and the visual amenity of existing buildings. Cr Tapscott will contact Andrew Woodley to discuss this issue. She advised ECOC to put these concerns into writing and lodge it with Andrew Woodley and include councillors.

## **17. Clair Mudaliar**

1. Cash Mob is turning 1 this weekend! It is probably the most successful cash mob in the shire with 20 - 40 people turning up each month. 2. Business Awards - Georgies Fine Jewellery have won an state award. This would not have been possible unless ECOC had taken the Business Awards to the next level allowing access to wider awards through the NSW Business Chamber. 3. Gardens at the Main Entrance Roundabout are of concern. These are not being maintained. This was formally done by volunteers who are no longer able to carry out the work. Cr. Tapscott confirmed she has chased this up but it is RMS responsibility not BVSC. ECOC will need to write a letter the the RMS regarding this work. We are also advised to contact Russell Fitzpatrick and ask for help.

## **18. Funding of Cruise Eden**

As per attachment Natalie Godward is seeking funding to improve the Cruise Eden Program for the coming cruise season. It was agreed that ECOC would provide \$2000 to Cruise Eden as a one off payment. Kari Esplin has suggested that we seek ongoing sponsorship from Tripadvisor to assist in this funding. She will formulate a letter and revert to the executive for comment. Voted - unanimously agreed.

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## **19. December Social Drinks at Drift**

This event has been finalised. ECOC will provide a few tasting platters but attendees will pay for their own food and alcohol. Clair Mudaliar has suggested some lucky door prizes. Invitations will go out today and will also be put on Facebook.

## **20. To Do List**

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*End of minutes.*

*Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.*

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## Summary of Attachments

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