

ORFORD/ TRIABUNNA REGION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON THE 19TH OF DECEMBER 2007

ATTENDANCE

Geoff Whitton, Dale Pearce, John Hall, Tony Wright, Vonda Hall.

APOLOGIES

Ben Quin, Phillip Lamb, Jane Wing, Mick Fama, Graeme Elphinstone, Noel Burnell, Kathy freeman, Chris Peterson (expected late)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting, along with copies tabled. It was moved b John Hall they are accepted, seconded by Geoff Whitton and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

It was agreed a thank you letter should be sent to David Metcalf, Jenni Crawford and Mayor Cadart for their attendance.

Bicheno water supply was discussed. The cost effectiveness of the government favoured proposal was considered by some members as not the best option.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Accounts have been sent. It was agreed that we will follow up with personal approaches if membership renewals are not forth-coming. We will review the current membership levels next meeting.

PROTOCOL OF COMMUNICATION

At our previous meeting the concept of one peak body as the communication channel to Council was discussed. The concept generally met with approval as often communication can be duplicated, or some groups can inadvertently be omitted. It would be necessary to include ratepayer groups, service or key interest group representatives on the panel.

MARIA ISLAND FERRY

The Chamber expressed considerable appreciation of the role that the Seawings Eco Tours business have carried out. The provision of a ferry service to Maria Island is considered vital for the longer term viability of several local businesses. Because of the speed of the service, it is hoped that the volume of passengers over the peak period will be catered for.

The membership also reiterated how important it is that a service continues from the Triabunna township.

Apparently the Island walking tours were using a ferry service during December from the Dunalley area.

PROSSER RIVER MOUTH

The state of the river mouth opening was again raised. It was hoped that the Council will write to NPWS to ascertain what action will be taken. Our Chamber will also write to Peter Mooney re-inforcing the need to maintain a channel to avoid sand degradation.

MARINA DEVELOPMENT

Geoff explained that the RPDC had produced a long list of information/ survey requirements that Council had to provide in relation to this project. The Chamber expressed concern about the length of time that had been taken to make some fundamental decisions about this project which is considered to offer potentially many benefits to this community.

Tony Wright, Councillor Howard Harris and Mayor Bertrand Cadart are to meet the Minister for Tourism, Paula Wreidt in relation to the state of the jetty facility in the marina/ port area.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Vonda suggested that the pageant could do with upgrading. The efforts of those involved was considered very valuable, but a greater effort from more people was needed to attract and maintain a viable pageant. One suggestion was a Shop Locally campaign as part of this event.

MEETING VENUE

Tony suggested we move between Triabunna and Orford venues for meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on the 27th of February at Triabunna- with no January meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10