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ORDINARY MEETING – 8 AUGUST 2024

The meeting Commenced at: 6:30pm

1. Attendance & Apologies – 8 August 2024

Present: Mark Jarvis (MJ), David Hodgekiss (DH), Kerry Brown (KB), Christine Killinger (CK), Peter Carroll (PC), Bob Kemnitz (BK), Greg Hanson (GH), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Jennifer Scott, Lui Friscioni (LF), Margaret Brown (MB), Charlie Brown (CB), Evelyn Taylor (ET), Iain Everington (IE), Fatima Tuntuncu (FT), Helen Jones (HJ), and Diana Hofland.

Visitors: Suzie van Opdorp (BMCC Ward 1 Councillor), Suzanne Jamieson, and Rita Fisher (Fisher Legal).

Apologies: Louise Florence, Ian Scott.

2. Minutes of meeting of 13th June 2023

Acceptance proposed by - BF; Seconded by - JS; motion carried.

3. Correspondence

- o MJ took a moment to honour Tom Colles who recently passed.
- o MJ mentioned that restoration work had commenced on the Paragon.

4. Treasurer's Report (available on request)

- o Acceptance was proposed by GH and seconded by PC; motion carried.

The KCCC has decided not to publish the Treasurer's Report online. Members requesting a copy are advised to email your request to secretary@katoombachamber.com. We thank you for your understanding.

5. Treeline Lurline Update

- o MJ invited KB to provide an update on the Treeline Lurline project.
- o Civil works were due to begin mid-August with streetscape work continuing until February 2025.
- o There will be dedicated cycle paths.
- o There will be trees around parking bays and no parking bays would be lost as a result of plantings.

- MJ & KB praised and acknowledged the role of the Steering Committee and Project Control Group who have been instrumental in carrying out the project.
- Project 'Block1' scheduled for completion by March 2025.
- It was mentioned that full funds for the project have now been released.

6. Destination Management Plan Update

- MJ Discussed findings of DMC report following a recent presentation by BMCC.
- It was discussed that the survey sample included approx. 25 responses. MJ suggested that downplaying the importance of Tourism in our region is very disappointing.
- It was discussed that the report was not conclusive and BMCC recognises that not all Blue Mountains towns were included in the findings.

7. RSPCA Update:

- MJ invited Bob Kemnitz to give members and update on the current status.
- BK provided details of the upcoming meetings for the group 'Blue Mountains Association for the Protection and Care of Animals INC.' This group will now take place of the defunct RSPCA. All members were invited and encouraged to attend where possible.
- BMCC will manage the shelter and have a budget for this.
- The onsite operation will be run by volunteers.
- BMCC will be responsible for providing the equipment required for care and comfort of animals with the impound facility reestablished.

8. West Invest Update:

- Discussion about the West Invest project.
- Katoomba was allocated \$7.5 million however no details were forthcoming of what the funding would be used for other than a 10% contingency required by BMCC.
- It was mentioned that wayfinding would be prioritised and although requested, no details were provided on how the funds would be allocated.
- MJ expressed dissatisfaction with BMCC as grant submissions require detailed budgets however BMCC were not forthcoming with information on what was included in the submission.
- MJ directed this to Councillor Suzie van Opdorp who will investigate further.

9. Introduction of Candidates Rita Fisher & Suzie van Opdorp.

MJ invited local member Rita Fisher to address members. RF has been a resident for many years in Blackheath, Mount Victoria and Wentworth Falls. RF is representing for the liberal party and believe her nomination is a good fit for the local region due to her experience and love of the Mountains.

MJ invited current councillor Suzie van Opdorp to address members. Suzie is a long-time resident of the Mountains and joined BMCC as a ward 1 councillor in 2021. Suzie advocates for the community meeting with various stakeholder groups advocating on their behalf and sharing her concerns about local issues.

The meeting concluded: 7:25 pm

Next Meeting: TBC



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AUGUST 2024

The meeting Commenced at: 7:30pm

10. Attendance & Apologies – 8 August 2024

Present: Mark Jarvis (MJ), David Hodgekiss (DH), Kerry Brown (KB), Christine Killinger (CK), Peter Caroll (PC), Bob Kemnitz (BK), Greg Hanson (GH), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Jennifer Scott, Lui Friscioni (LF), Margaret Brown (MB), Charlie Brown (CB), Evelyn Taylor (ET), Iain Everington (IE), Fatima Tuntuncu (FT), Helen Jones (HJ), and Diana Hofland.

Apologies: Louise Florence, Ian Scott.

Motions:

2. Minutes of the AGM of 15 December 2023

Acceptance proposed by - JS; Seconded by - CK; motion carried.

3. President's Report

MJ advised that current office bearers stand again due to continuing projects such as Treeline Lurline.

4. Treasurer's report (can be made available on request)

- Reported that membership subscriptions were down from the previous year.
- Membership renewal notices will be sent out shortly.
- Treeline Lurline funds are now in a separate account to KCCC.

Acceptance was proposed by PC and seconded by BF; motion carried.

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5. Election of Office Bearers – Conducted by BF

President: Nomination - Mark Jarvis

Vice President: Nomination - Peter Caroll

Secretary: Nomination - Diana Hofland

Treasurer: Nomination - David Hodgekiss

- All positions are filled as prescribed.

The meeting concluded: 8:15pm