

Annual General Meeting Minutes

**WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2016
SUITE 26C, UPSTAIRS AT DUTTON ARCADE**

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: President opened the meeting at 12:04

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance:

Ron Chambers	President
David Rigney	Treasurer
Peter Dempster	AS Smart Remedial Massage Therapy
John Parsons	Dome Café
Peter Swann	South Coast Food Service
Kylie Ryan	Chief Executive Officer
Shane Reilly	Business Local Advisor
Tammy Maloney	Admin and Events Assistant
Hayli Mitchell	GEDC
Meredith Schilling	Compass Conveyancing
Malcom Heasman	Heasman and Associates
Paul Griffiths	Small Business Development Centre

Apologies:

Brian Tolhurst	Tourism Esperance
Wayne Halliday	Vice-President
Gary Ramm	Ramms Building Design
Chris Wilson	Secretary
Heather James	Esperance Funeral Services

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM 2015/16 AGM

Moved: Ron Chambers

Seconded: David Rigney

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good Afternoon all and welcome to the 2016 Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry AGM.

The Esperance Chamber of Commerce couldn't operate without the generosity of our sponsors and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those businesses that continue to support the

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Chamber. It is good to see that there are some new names on our list! We at the Chamber value all of our sponsors and thank them for their ongoing support.

I would like to acknowledge the members that have been part of the ECCI Executive team this past year. We have had some new faces in this team and I would like to thank them for volunteering their valuable time. So thank you to –

Vice president Wayne Halliday – Esperance Island View Apartments
Secretary Chris Wilson – Bankwest
Treasurer David Rigney – Rigney and Associates
Gary Ramm – Ramms Building Design
Peter Swann – South Coast Food Service
Heather James – Esperance Funeral Service
Peter Dempster – AS Smart Remedial Massage
John Parsons – DOME Esperance
Brian Tolhurst – Tourism Esperance
Tamara Virgo – Business Development Centre

The past twelve months has seen quite a few changes to the Chamber, most notably is the CEO, after a number of years with the Chamber Tori Castledine has left and we have welcomed Kylie Ryan into the role. I would at this time like to thank Tori for the work and effort that she put into the Chamber and at times still does (as we do have her contact details). Tori's work helped to shape the Chamber into what it is today. Alice Wilson is also absent from the office and we have had Tammy Maloney filling in while Alice is away. Tammy has been doing a great job manning the office and keeping the information flowing, thank you Tammy. For those that don't know, Chris and Alice welcomed their first child into the family. Congratulations guys and I wish you all the best.

The Chamber has had a busy year, we have signed off on the Town Centre Revitalisation Masterplan and The Economic Development Strategy which were part of the super towns projects. These plans will help shape our community and drive investment over the next 20 years, and the Chamber has ensured that the future of our business community has been taken in to consideration during this process.

We also delivered some fantastic events. Over The Horizon this year was one of the best we have had with a very positive outlook for our region in the future. We held our second Home and Lifestyle Expo which promotes local businesses within that industry and allows them to showcase what they have to offer under one roof. Our Business After Hours, that are held each month and give members a chance to network with other businesses and an opportunity to learn from others.

I think one of the most important achievements this year has been to deliver a very successful first year of Business Local. This has been really well received and is continuing to

gather speed. While Business Local is independent from us it is a complimentary service to what the Chamber offers.

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Shane has met regularly with over 70 individual clients in his first year and a number of them went on to open their own businesses, and I know there are other existing businesses that Shane has been able to assist in different ways. I had the opportunity to speak with David Eaton, who is the Commissioner for Small Business, last week when I was in Perth and he is very happy with how Business Local is progressing in the Esperance Goldfields region.

Whilst most businesses that I have spoken to lately have said that the last year has been challenging, it is good to see that there are still large numbers of new businesses and others that are growing in this environment, I think that a lot of this comes from the catch cry of support local, and by this I mean that it is good for locals to support local business and good for local business to support the locals. The environment that businesses trade in today is very different to that of the past and will continue to change in the future. The consumer now has access to competitors and choices at the touch of a button and we, the existing local businesses, need to continue to change and learn so that we know what the customer wants and that we can deliver it to them and be the business they choose to deal with.

We continue to be the conduit between business and all levels of government, covering a range of topics including parking to trading hours, red tape to tourism being some of the more recent ones. The Chamber has continued to build its partnership with The Shire of Esperance and all levels of government to try and get the best outcome for all businesses. Going forward, there are no major projects that we are currently involved in. I would like to see the Chamber connecting closely with more local businesses, knocking on doors and talking to them, so that one, we can grow our membership so that when we speak we speak for the majority of businesses in the area, and two, that we are aware of the issues that these businesses face and can be a big part of the solution, whether that be lobbying, training or making sure that they have the information that they need to be successful. I believe that in these tougher economical times it is important to get value for your money, so I believe that the Chamber has to become valuable to the businesses so that both can work together to succeed.

Thank you once again to the businesses that support us, to the Executive Committee team, who are people that give their time to us, and to those that work for us. Together we make a great Chamber of Commerce and I look forward to next year and the many more ahead.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved: Ron Chambers

Seconded: Peter Dempster

- Auditors Report to be forwarded to members of Executive Committee

6. HANDOVER TO INTERIM CHAIR FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF ECCI 2015/16 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

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7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF 2015/16 ECCI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

President: Ron Chambers
Moved: Tammy Maloney
Seconded: Peter Dempster
CARRIED

Vice President: Wayne Halliday
Moved: Tammy Maloney
Seconded: John Parsons
CARRIED

Treasurer: David Rigney
Moved: Tammy Maloney
Seconded: Ron Chambers
CARRIED

Secretary: Chris Wilson
Moved: Tammy Maloney
Seconded: Ron Chambers
CARRIED

Executive Committee Members – John Parsons, Peter Dempster, Peter Swann, Malcom Heasman, Meredith Schilling
Moved: Tammy Maloney
Seconded: Ron Chambers
CARRIED

All positions were carried unanimously.

Tourism Esperance Representative (Ex-Officio): Brian Tolhurst

Business Development Centre (Ex-Officio): Paul Griffiths

9. ELECTION OF 2017 AUDITOR

Motion: That the ECCI appoint Allan Gove & Co as Auditors for the ECCI 2016/2017 financial year.

Moved: David Rigney
Seconded: Peter Dempster

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The President declared the meeting closed at 12.30