

Springwood & District Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 21 August 2019 – 10:30 to 11:50am

in Room 1 of Blue Mountains Theatre & Community Hub at
104-108 Macquarie Road, Springwood NSW 2777

Attendees (Financial Members):

Bartons Real Estate	Mark Barton
Blue Mountains Computers	Hess Hami
Blue Mountains Events & Conferences	Agnes Zalan
Chapman Real Estate	Jonathan Crisp
Community Smiles	Sarah Cuzner
DARE Disability Support	Annie Brennan
iXandro	Xandro Lombardi
Mountains Pilates	Ellissa Nolan
Skyward Media	Daniel Dreves
Springwood Neighbourhood Centre	Lesley Lewis
The Turning Page Bookshop	Alan Crooks

In attendance:

Blaxland Chamber President	Emily Davis
Hire A Hubby	Jo Bromilow
JobQuest	Gerhard Huber
Springwood Rotary	Annette Carpenter
	Geoffrey Glassaer

Apologies:

Chapters and Leaves	Bec Phelan
Lynne Rymer massage therapist	Lynne Rymer
Women With Altitude	Andrea Turner-Boys
The Turning Page Bookshop	Annie Sharky

1. Welcome & acknowledgements – Ellissa Nolan, President

- EN outlined the **Agenda** for the AGM
 - President's and Action Treasurer's Report – EN
 - Guest Speakers:
 - Alan Crooks, Retail in an international context using social media
 - Jonathan Crisp & Mark Barton, Blue Mountains region real estate update
 - Mark Barton, NSW and Regional Chamber updates
 - Returning Officer's Report & proposed changes to Constitution – LL
 - Election of new Office Holders – JB
 - Thank you and close of AGM

2. President's Report – refer accompanying pdf document – EN

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3. Treasurer's Report – refer accompanying pdf document – EN

- As part of EN's President presentation, the 2018-2019 Profit & Loss statement was tabled via overhead screen.
- EN presentation also included the new membership fee structure for the 2019-20 year, as proposed and agreed by Committee at meeting held & minuted on 14/6/2019:
 - **\$80** for businesses
 - **\$50** for community not-for-profit organisations
 - **\$25** for business students
- EN reported on the 2018-2019 financial year that the Chamber's finances had been responsibly handled and that the Committee had returned a modest profit.
- Still to be paid is a commitment for the restocking of Shop Local Bags for approximately \$1100.00
- EN and LL are current Chamber bank account signatories. Subsequent to the election at AGM a change of bank signatories will occur when a new Treasurer is appointed by new Committee.

4. Guest speaker – Alan Crooks, The Turning Page Bookshop

- The adventures of the Little Green Bag (a story of using social media to grow business while on an overseas exploration trip) – excellent information and examples told by AC.

5. Guest presentation – Property Market Update by JC and MB

- Refer to separate slides merged into the President's PowerPoint pdf document.

6. Guest presentation – Regional and NSW Chamber update by MB

7. Returning Officer's Report – Chamber Secretary - LL

- As per Constitution, outgoing Chamber Secretary, Lesley Lewis, automatically acts as Returning Officer.
 - LL moved the **adoption of the minutes** of the last AGM held on 26/09/2018 that had been minuted and distributed to membership – **moved** Alan Crooks, **seconded** Xandro Lombardi – carried by acclamation.
 - LL also confirmed President's earlier mention of 63 Chamber members.
 - LL informed AGM attendees that the name: Springwood **& District** Chamber of Commerce had been formerly changed through NSW Fair Trading to match name used in Chamber's 2015 Constitution.
 - LL called for a general vote to adopt the proposed Constitutional change to bring membership year in line with financial year (refer to clause 5.2) – carried by acclamation. Membership year is now **1 July to 30 June**.
 - LL called for a general vote to adopt a **proposed amendment** to the 2015 Constitution that **elected Committee officers, not only represent industry sectors but also pick up functional roles on Committee** – carried by acclamation
 - LL suggested incoming secretary conduct an audit of membership to ensure all recent new members have been recorded, Chamber's Contact membership listing updated so that all members receive the 2019 AGM minutes.
 - LL called upon Jo Bromilow, Blaxland Chamber President, to conduct the election of new office holders and Committee members for the 2019-2020 year.

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8. Election conducted by JB, (Blaxland Chamber President)

- All positions were declared vacant by JB

President	Lesley Lewis , SNCC – nominated MB, seconded EN, elected unopposed
Treasurer	Ellissa Nolan , Mountains Pilates, self-nominated, seconded MB, elected unopposed – will hold position on an interim basis, pending the appointment by Committee of a member in this position for 2019-2020.
Secretary	Lesley Lewis , SNCC – self-nominated, seconded XL, elected unopposed, will hold position on an interim basis, pending the appointment by Committee of a member in this position for 2019-2020.

As per 2015 Constitution, the Committee shall consist of President, Treasurer, Secretary and seven members representing, as far as possible, representatives from Retail, Hospitality, Trades, Professional Services, Health & Fitness, Online Businesses & Markets and the Arts & Community. Subsequent to Constitutional amendment recorded above, the seven additional Committee members will also hold a functional role to be confirmed at first Committee meeting following AGM – moved MB, seconded LL – carried unopposed.

The additional Chamber Committee members nominated and elected unopposed are:

Emma Lamont	A Stitch Above
Mark Barton	Barton Real Estate
*Hess Hami	Blue Mountains Computers
Jonathan Crisp	Chapman Real Estate
Xandro Lombardi	iXandro
*Daniel Dreves	Skyward Media
Laurelle Caristo	Springwood Chiropractic
Vice-President	Hess Hami , BMC – nominated MB, seconded LL, elected unopposed

*HH & DD will share industry representation (Online Businesses)

Following brief and final words by Incoming President (LL) and Outgoing President (EN)
– the **AGM meeting for 2019 was closed at approximately 11:50am**