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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 02 May 2022, Google Meet [meet.google.com/kbb-rjsk-qim](https://meet.google.com/kbb-rjsk-qim)

Meeting commenced 1735 hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dafydd Hyett [President], David Spain [Secretary], Diana Roberts, Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen, Jodee Tichbourne, Carolione Todd. **Apologies:** Peter Hughes [Treasurer], Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], Tashanna Fuller. **Guests:** Wil Polson, Benny Zable, Baden Minas.
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Dafydd Hyett.
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

The president suggested there is a need for a community update on current local real estate market developments & pressures (sales, rentals & demographic), for instance at next general meeting

5. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Diana/ Kylie	That the v02 draft minutes of the previous committee's meeting on 04-04-2022, as tabled, be accepted on basis that Diana's report on website replace the existing minute.	Carried
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6. **BUSINESS ARISING from minutes**

**Aquarius 50<sup>th</sup>:** Benny advised that he had not been involved with NCOC since Peter Wise was president. The Aquarius Foundation has remained alive in order to usher in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and will stay involved until then. The AF will work with NCOC to develop the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion as it is a milestone; it is important to try to pass the baton to the new generation as their future looks dire. There will be monthly AF updates in NGT. Dafydd assured Benny that NCOC considered this 50<sup>th</sup> as an important event and wish to show the relevance of Aquarius to the new generation.

There have been two responses to the EOI request, being from David Hallett and Michael McCready. The committee agreed that David knows the village & stakeholders well and would do a good job in assembling a programme of events (as distinct from organizing & running the actual events themselves) so as to achieve the Aquarius ideals. Wil advised that there is a possible Federal grant of \$100,000 with closing date of 04-10-2022, but we must raise a quarter (\$25k) and that will be hard without LCC assistance.

Diana suggested that the chamber call a community meeting (maybe in mid-June, after next NGT) seeking suggestions on workshops or activities. Dafydd, Sammi, Carolione & Wil were appointed a sub-committee to convene the community meeting -- discussion to be 9am at Bush Café Friday next week, with David Hallett to be invited. Absent committee members are welcome to attend too.

Diana/ Jodee	That NCOC accept the EOI from David Hallett, and agree to commission him to assemble a programme of events and identify funding sources, at his quoted price of \$2000.	Carried
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**Illuminate Nimbin:** Wil advised that he met with LCC's economic development section. They are keen for us to put on a free-standing flood recovery event (possibly on a Friday night, with live music & street party) by 30 June, even though it is cold. Wil agreed to check on the amount of funding remaining). We can use the funds to pay a co-ordinator: possibly Samara & David Hallett & the School of Arts, would take this on centred on the hall. The events are not limited to public spaces. Wil to contact Jyllie re lanterns, reassess budget, consider re-energising logistics. Dafydd, Sammi & Kylie to assist Wil -- to meet this Friday 9am at Bush Café, inviting David Hallett. Absent committee members are welcome to attend too.

**Support for Lismore Businesses:** Dafydd spoke to LCC's Business Recovery Group and communicated our support for Lismore, especially businesses that are reopening (see the Lismore App). LCC has put out a discussion paper "Building Back Better", which is online (there is a response deadline of 10-06-2022). The cost of the disaster & PTSD is immense, with some 27 houses gone, 400 majorly impacted and 400 severely impacted houses in north and south Lismore alone from a total of 900 homes, and future equivalent floods are likely. After 3 floods in 3 years, many businesses will not be reopening (with tenant decisions dependent on landlord decisions); there is a major debate about relocating the CBD (e.g. to the golf course) and rehousing flood-prone residents onto newly-zoned repurchased land; we should have an opinion about this (e.g. futility of rebuilding on flood plain), although we have significant issues of our own. Those interested to send thoughts to Diana within two weeks, and Diana then to draft an NCOC position.

**Brochures:** Kylie got a box of brochures from Kaz and distributed same to most shops before Easter. Sammi said she needed more; we should actively make them available to all shops. Baden has reserve stocks available. Unfortunately the Fashionating shop was omitted from current print run, but will be included in the next one.

**Correspondence:** Sammi will check on Tuesdays & Thursdays and forward to relevant chamber members.

**Invoice Payment:** Invoices awaiting payment will be processed by Sammi due to Peter's absence. Elspeth's invoice payment was rejected due to aberrant 9-digit account details; correct details awaited. Sammi will arrange for our website host to be paid by direct debit.

**Police at Mardi Grass:** David said he remains willing to write to police bosses urging that there be no repeat of the 2021 pogrom against the entire Nimbin community generally, but rather only standard policing. Caroline advised that the Mardi Gras will now be held in September, so she will chase Michael to supply to David information on (a) updated medical research into benefits of hemp products and (b) salient jurisdictions that have now decriminalized marijuana.

**LCC Business Activation Working Group** – Tash report re business activation working group meeting held on 28th of April:--

- # discussion around pausing/terminating SBVRL (on Lismore CBD properties) proposed to be put forward at the next council meeting;
- # applications from Lismore businesses to relocate up the hill are growing, although some are determined to stay and rebuild in CBD;
- # there are currently 12 recovery centres still open and being used in Lismore;
- # there have been 249 responses to LCC's business survey;
- # terms of reference will be adjusted to include a second councillor, enlarging the group to 11 members.
- # discussion around what is our core purpose going forward;
- # regional business chambers need to promote businesses as they re open.

Tash & Jodee (as NCOC representatives) are to ensure that Nimbin SBVRL is not caught up in the discussion about pausing/terminating same in the flood-impacted Lismore CBD.

**New Member Applications:** Dafydd asked for images and got some (but none from Rainbow Goats); these are being supplied to Liz at Dogwhistle for uploading. Baden is chasing up Rainbow Goats. The membership form can be changed to place more emphasis on supply & use of images.

7. **FINANCE REPORT** - Peter is still out of action due to floods. He came to Nimbin expressly to prepare the BCRRF Quarterly Report, which has been lodged by Diana.

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8. **SIGNAGE CONTENT:** Diana said this project needs to be finished. Wil said he was waiting for Steph to make a final suggestion re Elspeth's sign content; her present proposal is merely a suggestion (various thought bubbles). Carolione said Steph had left finalization of content to NCOC. This issue to be finalized this Friday when the sub-committee meets. Carolione to talk to Steph on Wednesday and invite her to attend or report on Friday. Diana to chase up with Steph re outstanding audio sign and Rainbow Power building plaque
9. **COMMITTEE VACANCY:** Ellen's resignation leaves us with 10 out of a permitted 11 committee members. Jodee mentioned the possibility of appointment to Martha Paitson; she is potentially interested to join NCOC. However, the current reduced number has certain mathematical advantages as it makes our required quorum  $5+1 = 6$  out of ten, not  $5.5 + 1 = 6.5$  so effectively 7 out of 11.

Diana/ Daffyd	That we not fill the vacant position	Carried
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10. **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE:** Wil reported that NSW DPIE is willing to make a grant of \$500. This could be applied to elements that are not part of Rainbow Road, such as pedestrian & disability access from Western carpark, fairy lights up Rainbow Lane (maybe with a disability lift), improvements (furniture) to main blister and connectivity to Rainbow Road. We must define a project that is viable. He is meeting with DPIE representatives on Wednesday.
11. **STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:** We did a detailed list last year, stressing website opportunities. The new list should go out with the invoices, via Quickbooks online (which allows attachment of documents), Sammi can use Quickbooks. However, there are different types of membership so the invoices & list may vary (and recent joiners should not be charged for the incoming year). Baden, Dafydd & Sammi to work on organizing invoices & list of benefits.
12. **INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:** Dafydd's Chamber Chat must go to Liz for uploading to website, and it should also be pasted (by Sammi, Tash or Wil) on Facebook page, with all NCOC members to be emailed a link. We are waiting for Liz (who has been unwell) to reschedule her proposed social media training. After the training the Chamber Exec will discuss ownership of the Chamber's social media platforms into the future (refer email from Wil regarding this)
13. **LCC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECOVERY SUB-COMMITTEE** Dafydd & Wil are OK to continue attending
14. **ONLINE SHOP:** is launched with excellent online images and accessible from NCOC website (but not yet from the Visit Nimbin website). In liaison with Liz, attention is being paid to adding new products, promoting sales and developing procedures to process transactions. The current stock range is just the beginning.
15. **RPC Forum** on Renewable energy, with Candidates for Page: Diana will attend on 11-05-2022 and respond to RPC's RSVP invitation as NCOC representative.
16. **PROPOSED GM:** Any invitation to councillors (and relevant staff, such as economic development), to discuss Nimbin proposals, should go via Bronwyn Mitchell (the Executive Assistant to General Manager and Mayor & Councillors), but it is best to wait until September For discussion next meeting.

**END:** 2015 hrs

**NEXT MEETING:** 06 June 2022 -- venue to be announced.

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