

**BELLINGEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT DIGGERS TAVERN
ON 13th February 2002 at 7 PM**

Present: Judy Peterson, Bruce Erskine, Ann Rosewood, Allen Cedelland,
Anthony Sinclair, Michelle Moore, Annie Arnold, Jody Newhouse,
Robin Ashley, Ralph Lynch, Laurie Crooks, Serena Lynch, Ian
Rutherford, Pete Mitchell

Election of Office Bearers

Ralph explained that this office will be for a shorter period of time (ending at the end of the financial year).

President

Ian Rutherford nominated Ralph Lynch
Bruce Sneesby seconded

Ralph Lynch unanimously voted President

Vice Presidents

Ann Rosewood nominated Pete Mitchell
Pete Mitchell declined.

Ian Rutherford nominated Allen Cedelland
Ralph Lynch seconded

Bruce Erskine nominated Laurie Crooks
Laurie Crooks declined

Laurie Crooks nominated Ian Rutherford
Bruce Sneesby seconded.

Allen Cedelland and Ian Rutherford appointed

Secretary

Ian Rutherford nominated Robin Ashley
Ann Rosewood seconded

Robin Ashley appointed

Treasurer

Robin Ashley nominated Serena Lynch
Ian Rutherford seconded

Serena Lynch accepted.

BELLINGEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT DIGGERS TAVERN

ON 13th FEBRUARY 2002 at 7.30 PM

Present: Judy Peterson, Bruce Erskine, Ann Rosewood, Allen Cedelland, Anthony Sinclair, Michelle Moore, Annie Arnold, Jody Newhouse, Robin Ashley, Ralph Lynch, Laurie Crooks, Serena Lynch, Ian Rutherford, Pete Mitchell

Apologies: Elizabeth Bonnett, Drew Rutherford, Dianna Rutherford, Josh Kane

Previous Minutes of Meeting tabled and accepted.

Moved: Ian Rutherford

Seconded: Robin Ashley

BANNER

A committee was formed to liaise with Josh. That committee was Serena Lynch and Ian Rutherford. They will meet with Josh and comment at next Chamber meeting.

Bruce Sneesby moved that the Chamber write to Council demanding Master Plan be completed and tabled.

Ian Rutherford seconded.

Unanimously voted.

SMALL TOWN FUNDING

Robin Ashley brought to Chamber's attention Townlife Development Program and Main Street/Small Towns Program funding which is available.

Pete Mitchell, Michelle Moore and Jody Newhouse formed sub-committee to further investigate this funding.

LETTER OF THANKS

Ann Rosewood would like letter of thanks to go to Stephen Tunley re the Gourmet Traveller coming to Bellinghen. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation would be sent inviting Stephen to join the Chamber and join in any future promotions the Chamber does.

Pete Mitchell agreed to draft letter.

SIGNAGE

Laurie Crooks will investigate signage options and report to next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

RTA re roundabout. Robin Ashley will investigate.

TREASURERS REPORT

Read by Serena Lynch.

Tabled and accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Light the Town

Pete Mitchell expressed concern regarding lighting not being good enough for some stalls at the 'Light the Town market'.

Robin Ashley spoke about there being the need to continue lighting the town, and whether it was possible to have a professional lighting consultant look at Bellingen. All agreed this would be a good idea. Robin Ashley will investigate this option.

Venue for future Chamber meetings

All agreed that the Diggers Tavern was a suitable venue. Robin Ashley will see whether a permanent booking could be made.

Membership fees

Ian Rutherford moved that membership fees go up to \$60 per annum. General discussion where it was decided to leave the fees the same (\$25.00).

Public Liability Insurance

Laurie Crooks spoke of problem with Public Liability Insurance. General discussion and all agreed to send a letter to Joe Hockey. Pete Mitchell will draft this letter.

Tourism forum

Jody Newhouse asked if anyone was interested in going to a Tourism forum in Port Macquarie next Thursday 5/3/02 put on by Tourism New South Wales.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Diggers Tavern on Wednesday 17th April 2002 at 7 pm.