
Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 121 August 2019, 1815
NAB Business Centre – 3 Ordish Road Dandenong South

Attendees: Representatives from: Blume Accounting, Chisholm, RJ Sanderson, Macpherson & Kelley Lawyers, Ashfords, Full Support, Empowered to Speak, Lease Art, Rigby Cooke Lawyers, Echo Australia inc, Victory Offices, City of Greater Dandenong, Domino Effect Consulting, Amazon, Sylex Ergonomics, Vince & Associates, Financial Foundations Australia, BizPower Business Consultants, Lime Results, LRM, SELLEN, Reach Telecom, Hartley Financial, First Stop Capital, Greater Dandenong Bookkeeping Services, Eco Electrical, WHISE, Minuteman Press Dandenong, Telco Independent Consulting, Ultimate Laser, Mark Stipic Consulting, Independent Property Inspectors, Advanced Robotics Australia, BBX

Apologies: Frances Grigoriou – City of Greater Dandenong, Jayson Perinayegon – RJ Sanderson, Richard Payne – Knight Owl

Minutes: Tiffany Murray

1. Welcome

Paul Broom welcomed everyone. The Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce 72nd Annual General Meeting was officially opened at 6:26pm. Paul extended his thanks to the NAB for hosting the evening.

2. Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM

Moved by Roy Sanderson and seconded by Paul Wood that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (held on Wednesday 15 August 2018) are confirmed as true and correct.

3. Business arising from the previous minutes

None

4. President's Report

Paul Broom delivered the President's report and noted that there are copies of the Annual Report around the room, and that it will be up on the Chamber website shortly.

Paul recognizes a continual building growth in membership and events throughout the past year. It is outlined that the Chamber's intention is not to generate income but to reinvest in our members by offering more and being relevant to our business community.

Membership now includes free access to business workshops for members. The Chamber now offers more events than ever before and a revised structure of the Business Awards Program which is now offered over a series of evening showcase events instead of breakfast.

The Chamber has partnered with the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to now offer all Dandenong Chamber members access to half price membership with VCCI.

The Chamber also competed last year in the Soccer5's Corporate cup where Paul, Tiffany, Jayson and various other Chamber members formed a team.

Through out the past year some staffing and executive changes have happened. Amanda Checken has recently resigned as Events and Marketing Officer after 5 years.

Leanne McCready, Olivia De Sousa-Ferres and Caroline Atonio have all resigned from the executive committee.

Svetlana Basman has replaced Caroline Atonio as Chamber Treasurer. Lisa Moore from Chisholm Institute has replaced Olivia de Sousa-Ferres and Frances Grigoriou has replaced Leanne McCready.

Paul has extended his thanks to:

Our Management Team of Tiffany and Amanda for excellent work and significant achievements.

Todd Hartley

Hilton Manufacturing providing office accommodation for us.

Our Platinum Partners & Gold Members

All members and a great welcome to all those who have joined since last year!

A special mention to Ashfords who are not only a Platinum Partner but also for their ongoing treasurer role support.

Thank you to all Sponsors of the Chamber Awards, Grand Final Charity Lunch and our various events.

Our Vice Presidents - Peter Helmore & Roy Sanderson

Our Treasurer – Svetlana Basman

Our Other Committee Members

Jason Ashton

Rabi Gunaratnam

Paul Wood

Jayson Perinayegon

Lisa Moore

Richard Payne

Ian Grant

Membership & Staffing

Presented by Tiffany Murray

Chamber membership continues to grow steadily. By now offering 4 levels of membership we aim to be inclusive and accessible to all businesses. We have seen an overall membership growth of 6% in the past year although target was not quite achieved. A position is currently open in the Platinum Partners segment for an interested party.

Due to Amanda's recent resignation as Events & Marketing Officer, roles within the Chamber have been redefined.

Tiffany is to take over Amanda's duties in conjunction with her own (with a small addition on weekly hours) and Tamara Moore has been brought onboard part-time in an Admin and Event Assistant capacity.

Tamara's joins us tonight for her first day with the Chamber, a big welcome to Tamara.

Moved by Paul Broom, seconded by Peter Helmore.

5. Treasurers Report

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Presented by Svetlana Basman

Revenue remained similar to the previous financial year \$140k versus \$148k. A revenue decrease of 8k shown due to the change in breakfast to dinner showcase events and drop of revenue in end of year awards event.

Expenses remained consistent at \$136K versus 135k

A slight increase in cost of wages to reflect CPI and recognizing staff contributions for the Chamber

Bank balance healthy and could sustain Chamber Operations for more than 12 months without income.

Accepted by Jason, seconded by Roy

6. Election of Office Bearers

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As mentioned there have been three position replacements throughout the year.

Svetlana Basman has replaced Caroline Atonio as Chamber Treasurer - Ashfords

Lisa Moore, Chisholm Institute, has replaced Olivia de Sousa-Ferres

Frances, City of Greater Dandenong has replaced Leanne McCready

A Call for nominations from the floor for an executive place- no nominations received.

Nominations have been accepted from the following and are formally welcomed to the Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee for the 2019-2020 year.

President - Paul Broom

Vice Presidents – Peter Helmore & Roy Sanderson

Treasurer – Svetlana Basman

Committee members:

Jason Ashton

Rabi Gunaratnam
Paul Wood
Jayson Perinayegon
Lisa Moore
Richard Payne
Ian Grant

7. General Business

None

Meeting closed:

6:43pm

Official Recognition

Roy Sanderson formally recognizes Leanne for 29 years of service to the Chamber committee. Leanne's contribution has been above and beyond and she will be duly missed. Leanne is presented with lifetime Chamber membership and a gift of appreciation from the Chamber committee.