

SHOALHAVEN PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC

**Annual General Meeting
11 October 2018**

Meeting commenced 7.30am

1. Welcome and Introductions

Acknowledgement of traditional owners

Thank you also extended to Shoalhaven City Council and the Economic Development Unit who through the MOU support SPBA.

Dignitaries -

- Councilor Jo Gash (Patron of SPBA)
- Councilor Nina Cheyne
- Councilor Patricia White

2. Attendance and apologies

New members -

- **Rev Matt Wilson** **Uniting Church**
Minister for uniting Church. Offer religious services and for community to find gaps and fill and set up homeless shelter in town as permanent facility. Run op shops no of programs for disadvantaged, aged care in Osborne Street, rent out premises to community groups – wide ranging community services brief. Interest in spba to start networking with people in town to refer people to or ask for advice.
- **Ellen Thornthwaite** **Feel Good Financial Services**
Mobile m/- based at sanctuary pt. started in Feb 2018 after leaving St George bank. Passionate about finance and loves being part of Shoalhaven community. Program giving back donate to 1 of 5 charities that clients choose – to help the community.

Guests -

- **Col Poulter** **Exsight International**
Civil engineer originally - last 20 years consulting coy – intl clients cut ties to Sydney and offers civil engineering, project management services and consulting services. Last engagement with Chinese multinational for 4 years in China and SE Asia
- **Lewis Horton** **Student Lawyer - Guest of Phil Guy**
Fits SPBA mold perfectly - Went to school in Shoalhaven; studied law and political science for 5 years at Uni in Canberra; worked for public service in aviation regulation. Recently returned to Shoalhaven and currently studying for grad diploma of legal practice which entails a 20 day practical legal experience component – looking for someone to take him up (for free). Has some legal experience in administrative law and happy to take up anything that is available.
- **Jemma Tribe** **newly elected President of Shoalhaven Business Chamber**, which enjoys a great partnership with spba. Currently Communications Manager for Grand Pacific Health and also in small business with husband.

- Charity Golf day Fri 23 Nov
- Melbourne Cup Day function – invite to checkout on SBC website
- Submissions to RMS on proposed Nowra bridge project and invite spba to make submissions.

Not new guests but in new roles -

- **Donna Payne** new role as BDM Dept of Premier and Cabinet regional branch
- **Paul Goodwin** new role as Project Officer with RDA – works with all 3 levels of government, business and community. Assists with grant applications and channels information on behalf of Australian govt. Building Better Regions funds grants now open (\$45m targeted tourism and related strongly to our region)
- **John Lamont** new networking group to look after business in Bay and Basin meeting at 5pm on 25 Oct at Point Café in Sanctuary Point.
- **Nick Reddy** SET Consultants' newest employee. A Town Planner from Perth and introduced by Simon Apperley
- **Grant Scar** from Smart Financial – moved to Nth Nowra 18 months ago
- **Jordan Ross** new CBA business banking manager – new to area, new to Commbank. Introduced by Paula Rey
- **Jason Thorpe** from Shoebox Books Shoalhaven – book keeper started 2 years ago and growing rapidly; looking for office space; recently put on 2 extra staff.

Apologies

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| - Shelley Hancock MP | Member for South Coast |
| - Councilor Amanda Findley | Mayor of Shoalhaven |
| - Grant Gleeson | OLG |
| - Brad Moore | TMM |
| - Elspeth Finney | Shoalhaven Family Lawyers – <i>speaking at NZ conference</i> |
| - Jamie McAinsh | The Marketing Clan |
| - Lindsey Jones | Retired NAB banking relationship manager |

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Steven Bayer moved a motion that they be accepted
Seconded by Graham Stokes

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes - Nil

5. Treasurers Report

Steven Bayer provided Brad Moore's Report

Highlights

- Surplus for 2017/18 of \$29,919
- MOU with SCC to fund programs
- Compass program surplus of \$10,625
- Cash position of \$57,335 as at 30 June 2018

Steven Bayer moved Treasurers Report be accepted
Seconded by Geoffrey Ellison

6. **Presidents Report**

Steven Bayer gave his Report

Highlights

- Revision of the MOU with SCC including support in general
- Maintenance of key relationships with SCC + UOW + SBC and Bendigo Bank
- SPBA has strong representation on SBC, SCC and community committees and organisations
- Strong voice in local matters affecting the Shoalhaven including new Nowra bridge and SCC Economic Development 10yr Strategic Plan
- Increased social media presence
- Membership growth of 6% in the last year with 14% new members
- Strong SYP
- Programs continue to be developed to satisfy member requests;
 - o Young mentor scheme in its fifth year
 - o Compass Executive Leadership program
 - o Professional Snapshot, Schools Industry Tours
- Thanks to local business leaders, government representatives, and politicians for their assistance as Mentors, Guest Speakers and supporters of SPBA

Steven Bayer moved that President's Report be accepted

Seconded by Phil Guy

7. **Appointment of Office Bearers and Committee**

Steven Bayer formally declared all positions vacant and thanked previous office bearers and committee members

Nominations for President

(Steven Bayer is not re-standing for President in 2019)

Anna Finch nominated by Steven Bayer

Seconded by David Goodman

Nominations for Vice Chairman/President

Graham Stokes has nominated for the position

Seconded by John Lamont

Nominations for Secretary

Tania Goodman has nominated for Secretary

Seconded by Phil Guy

Nominations for Treasurer

(Brad Moore is not re-standing for Treasurer in 2019)

Darren Wearne has nominated for Treasurer

Seconded by Simon Apperley

Nominations for SYP representative

Elspeth Finney has nominated for SYP representative

Seconded by Anna Finch

Nominations for Committee Members in addition to Executive and SYP rep:

- Greg Pullen
- Andrew Truran
- Grant Gleeson
- David Goodman
- Jamie McAinsh
- Lindsay Jones
- Steven Bayer
- Sue Schofield
- Carolyn Hagedoorn from Marriott + Oliver

Above nominations seconded by John Lamont

All members of the Executive and Committee were thanked for nominating and congratulated.

Special thanks to be recorded for the following;

- Brad Moore –Treasurer since SPBA foundation
- Robbie Collins – long standing (if not since SPBA foundation) Committee Member

Meeting closed 8.07am