

# SHOALHAVEN PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC

## BREAKFAST MEETING

9 JUNE 2016 AT BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB

Meeting commenced 7.00am

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson, Steven Bayer thanked everyone for attending, including Shoalhaven City Councillors and Federal Member for Gilmore, Ann Sudmalis

**New members:** Ann Sudmalis, Federal Member for Gilmore  
Matt Dell from Elders Insurance

**Guests:** Amber Schutz from Architects Edmiston Jones  
Katherine Teague from RMB Lawyers  
Ryan Lord from Go Steel Building Products  
Mark de Jong from Interchange Shoalhaven  
Rhianna Burgess from Economic Development Shoalhaven City Council  
Jaimie McLean from Shoalhaven City Council

### 2. Attendance and Apologies

**Attendance** As listed

**Apologies** David Pallas – Injury and Occupational Health  
Joanna Gash - Mayor of Shoalhaven. Representing Jo is Clr Patricia White  
Pauline Betts - Pottenger and McGhee  
Mark Vece – Sikorsky

### 3. Upcoming/ recent events / projects

*Andrew Truran - SYP and social events*

- Trivia Night had good attendance. Edmiston Jones won for a second year in a row.
- Lunch 16 June – details on facebook
- Evening drinks with SPBA 2 July
- Annual winter social (combined SPBA and SYP) event at Silo's Winery 28 July

### 4. General Business

- Welcome back to John Lamont after 5 weeks overseas
- Minutes from breakfast meetings are available on the SPBA website under News and Careers
- SPBA Business Cards and Flyers are on tables for the use of members and guests to assist in spreading the message about SPBA. Let Steven Bayer know if any more are required
- Shoalhaven Business Chamber
  - Shoalhaven Business Awards are open and entries close 30 June 2016
  - SPBA has a role in auditing the awards; member Raj Ray is chief judge. Grant Gleeson, Raj Ray and Steven Bayer have been assisting the Awards Committee in judging procedures
  - Breakfast to 'Meet the Candidates' for the Federal Election to be held on 21 June at BBC

### 5. The Great Debate

One of SPBA's objectives is to *advance the education and training of staff employed in Shoalhaven businesses by establishing programs to up-skill them to undertake higher professional employment.*

SPBA runs the SYP Mentor Program as one of the tools to allow young professionals to improve their skills, knowledge and attitude.

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One of the successful mechanisms that the Mentor program uses is the Great debate, which puts very brave young professionals front and centre to demonstrate some of their skills.

**Topic:**

**'Australia is currently exporting jobs offshore to the detriment of future Shoalhaven industries'**

Whilst improving the presentation and public speaking of young professionals, the debate and in particular this topic, allows us to consider some other objectives of SPBA, which is to *promote the Shoalhaven as a regional force and as a place to work, live and raise a family*

**Agenda and timing:**

- 5 minutes each speaker
- 2 minutes for the team coach to speak on the experience
- Adjudicators will then determine the winning team

**Adjudicators:** Sue Schofield, Robbie Collins, David Bisiker, Steven Bayer, Greg Pullen

The affirmative speaker will speak first ie: Ryan Lord

**Affirmative Team**

Coach: Emilia Markovic, Architects Edmiston Jones

Team: Ryan Lord, Go Steel Building Products

Katherine Teague, RMB Lawyers

Amber Schutz, Architects Edmiston Jones

Research: Grant Gleeson, Office of Local Government

**Negative Team**

Coach: Daniel Arthur, Commonwealth Bank

Sophie Alexander, RMB Lawyers

Jaimie McLean, Shoalhaven City Council

Matthew Harwood, Harwood Acoustics

Research: Tania Morandini, Shoalhaven City Council

**6. Next meetings:**

Committee meeting Thursday 14 July 2016

Breakfast meeting Thursday 11 August 2016

**Meeting ended 8.30am**