

SHOALHAVEN PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC

Breakfast Meeting 14 June 2018 at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Meeting commenced 7.30am

1. Welcome and Introductions

Acknowledgement

I would like to Acknowledge the Wandi Wandian People, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past and present and I would like to extend my respect to the Aboriginal people and colleagues who are present today.

Dignitaries

- Mayor of Shoalhaven, Councilor Amanda Findley
- Councilor Nina Cheyne
- Councilor Jo Gash (Patron of SPBA)
- Councilor Patricia White

New members

- Identity Designs (Debra Robertson)
- Alkath Group – Global Defence Solutions and Mellori Solutions (Jeromy Bendall)

Guests

- Jaiya Aryal, Webics
- Amy Bassett, Kardia HR
- Phil Guy, Alkath Group
- Scott Rooney, student UOW Shoalhaven
- Andrew Goodman, Crescent Home Plan & Design
- Trish Mills, Continance nurse
- Josie Hudson, CBA
- Brayden Kennedy, CBA

2. Apologies

- Jamie McAinsh
- Graham Stokes

3. Events/projects

3.1 Shoalhaven Young Professionals

- Network of young professionals – check the Facebook page or SPBA website link

3.2 Social Events

- Silos drinks– 5pm Thurs 14 June
- Pizza at UOW – 5pm Thurs 12 July
- Dinner at Destiny's at TAFE – Tues 4 Sept (Date TBC)
- Christmas Party Thurs 6 December

3.3 Compass and Compass + Executive Leadership Program

- Graduation 1 June 2018 at Nowra Golf Club
- Heard from all Participants and Guest Leaders, together with the keynote speaker, Deborah Ely, CEO of Bundanon Trust, regarding Values

4. General Business

- None

5. **No Business Cameo today due to the Great Debate.**
6. **No Guest Speaker today due to the Great Debate**
7. **Great Debate - Young Professional Mentor Program**

Mentorees

- Avalon Bourne – Sonder Youth
- Ben Schutz – Builder
- Matthew Wilson – Nowra Uniting Church
- Sammi Stiff – UOW Shoalhaven Campus
- Lucy Collett – Carter Ferguson Solicitors
- Melanie Judd – Fairfax Media
- Keiya Urata – Edmiston Jones
- Chloe Ellis - Webics

Mentors

- Allan Shackleton - NAB
- Darren Austin – Walsh and Monaghan
- David King – Growth Consulting Aust
- David Dean – NAB
- Grant Gleeson – OLG
- Jessica Clifford – ABC Illawarra
- Lynette Kearney – Nowra Picture Framers
- Phil Guy – South Coast Building Consultants
- Robbie Collins – UOW Shoalhaven Campus
- Tania Goodman – UOW
- Alison Wicks

Thanks are extended to the Economic Development Office for their assistance with breakfast sponsorship and coordination of today's event.

Thankyou also to Southern Phones and Bendigo Bank as sponsors and UWO Shoalhaven Campus for their support of the Young Mentor Program.

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. The SYP Mentor Program is a tool to allow young professionals to improve their skills, networking, knowledge and attitude.

A successful mechanism that the Mentor program uses is the Great Debate (now into its fifth year), which puts young professionals front and centre to demonstrate their skills.

'Business Leaders in the Shoalhaven are not good at explaining their contribution to the success of the Shoalhaven economy'

Affirmative Team:

Coach: Holly McGuinness, Webics
Team: 1. Jaiya Aryal, Webics
2. Amy Bassett, Kardia HR
3. Matthew Wilson, Uniting Church Nowra
Research: Benz Merchan

Negative Team:

Coach: Andrew Wakefield, Venus Shell Systems

Team: 1. Melanie Judd, Fairfax Media
 2. Avalon Bourne, Sonder Youth
 3. Samantha Stiff, UOW Shoalhaven Campus

Research: Ben Schutz

- Each Speaker will have five minutes each
- Rhonda will sound a one minute warning
- Each team coach will then speak for two minutes on the experience
- Adjudication

Adjudicators: Steven Bayer, Greg Pullen and Robbie Collins

The debate was very close this year with the affirmative team winning. All participants spoke well, articulating their arguments and responses very clearly.

8. Mentor Program Graduation

Mentor Program Graduation is on Friday 29 June at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Check details on the SPBA website or Facebook page.

The theme is Alumni and under the guidance of Robbie Collins as MC together with Grant Gleeson and Sophie Ray the night will include a Constructive Debate, featuring alumni of the Mentor Program, both Mentorees and Mentors who will consider:

What are some practical steps we can take to convince the community of the vital role that enterprise performs in the Shoalhaven

9. Next Meetings

Committee Meeting	Thursday, 12 July 2018
Breakfast Meeting	Thursday, 9 Aug 2018

Meeting ended 8.20am