

**SHOALHAVEN PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC**  
**BREAKFAST MEETING**  
**11 FEBRUARY 2016 AT BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB**

**Meeting commenced 7.20am**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** Anna Finch HR Consultant – moved to Shoalhaven from Sydney and found SPBA through own online association research
- 2. Attendance** as listed
- 3. Apologies**
  - Mark Bradley, CBA
  - Brendan Goddard, SBC
  - Sue Brodie, Mindstream
  - Shelley Hancock, MP Member for South Coast
  - Ann Sudmalis, MP, Member for Gilmore
  - David Pallas, IOH
  - Andy Beldon
  - Kim & Kelvin Taylor
  - Jamie McAinsh
  - David Goodman
  - Peter Russell
  - Garry Faux
- 4. Upcoming events / projects**
  - Emma Truran - SYP calendar of events on each table. Next event Thurs 18 Feb at Silver Spoon Thai Nowra 12.30 – 2pm. Also combined SYP/SPBA event 17 March 2016 Barefoot Bowls at Nowra Bowling Club at 5.30pm. SPBA to cover entry cost. SYP provides opportunities for young professionals to network and get involved.
  - Darren Wearne - 2016 Snapshot on 2 March 2016 – so far 16 businesses and 70 students from Years 10, 11 & 12 from local High Schools. A one day event where interested students are introduced to a variety of professions through onsite tours of, or presentations by, various local professional businesses. Sue, Marianne and Tania are on the sub-committee. Grant commented that the SNAPSHOT opens ideas to students that they can become professionals.
  - Rhonda McGuire – 2016 Mentoring program is open. Starts in March 2016. Major sponsor is Southern Phone and UOW Shoalhaven as well as SPBA. Mentors gain so much from being involved and go through a learning process as well. Applications online on SPBA website.
- 5. Business cameo – Grant Gleeson** is undergoing a career change from the legal profession to local government. Started career in Newcastle then went to Morton and Harris and then RMB in Nowra. His aspiration was to work in regional areas. Within that career there was change in defining self - took on challenge of accreditation by peers in legal profession. 3<sup>rd</sup> career change to public service and has been invited to be Director of Legal of Office of Local Government and feels he will need mentoring in this new phase of his career as has never been in this field and not sure of what he's supposed to do. Grant has had a career by 'choice' not by 'design'. Gen Y talk about having 5 careers in their lifetime. Grant's idea to doing something completely different – decided to 'empty' self so could 'fill up' self again. Accreditation, Master degree, being a senior partner in RMB Lawyers and SPBA 'daring to be different' has been his philosophy that has guided him. Grant said he felt awkward in selling himself but wanted to share with young professionals the idea of being deliberate about your career, and that even small decisions add up.

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#### 6. Guest speaker – Trevor Kilner ‘The journey so far’ teacher / politician / motor sports enthusiast.

Trevor provided his background story on life in the Shoalhaven. He was born in Gosford and lived in an orphanage for a while. He was a teacher for 46 years and spent 21 years as a Councillor on Shoalhaven City Council. He has been retired 11 years and lives on a property in the Shoalhaven. He has so far built 2 cottages (soon to build a 3rd), roads and planted trees on his property. Trevor talked about the changes to the Shoalhaven over the years – the hospital, university, private schools, infrastructure and facilities to attract people to the area. As a motoring enthusiast, Trevor informed what it is like to be part of the motor club he belongs to and discussed regulations for racing and costs involved. He talked about his travels with his family – both overseas and around Australia and how good it is to come home again to the Shoalhaven area. He discussed his family and how they make life worthwhile. Trevor said life in the Shoalhaven has been kind to him and his family and he applauds anyone trying to make the area better by their contributions – Trevor called Nowra his town where he’ll stay forever.

#### 7. General Business

- Greg Pullen asked to clarify a few things regarding the proposed Motorsport Complex. The existing motorcycle track 40 years old and operates 52 weeks a year. Application is currently before Council for technical assessment on noise, traffic management and the environment. The Federal Government is providing \$9.5m of \$19m plan. The complex will create significant job numbers. Carts / bikes / cars will employ 50 people to construct and 22 people will then be employed when operational. Events will create 80-90 jobs in hospitality in Shoalhaven and motor sports industrial park where components made and exported will create 200 jobs over a 20 year period. 1-2 organisations are already prepared to move to Nowra. Information is available on Council website and people are able to submit their thoughts online.
- Due to his new appointment, Grant Gleeson is retiring as SPBA Chairperson and Steven Bayer will be Grant’s replacement. Steven described Grant as a clear thinker and passionate about the causes he takes on and thanked Grant for his efforts as SPBA Chairman as well as being his mentor and good friend.
- Sue Schofield is also retiring from SPBA on 2 March 2016 after SNAPSHOT.
- Resultant changes on Executive Committee: Andy Beldon is Vice-Chair and Tania Goodman as Secretary.

#### 8. Next meetings: Committee meeting Thursday 17 March 2016 and next breakfast meeting at Bomaderry Bowling Club Thursday 14 April 2016.

**Meeting ended 8.40am**