

## Cardwell Chamber of Commerce Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

<b>Present:</b>	Mark Sheahan (MS) – <i>President</i>	Kevin Lockhart (KL) – <i>Vice President</i>	Kathy Sheahan (KS) – <i>Secretary</i>
	Christine Ihle (CI) – <i>Treasurer</i>	Gareth Davey (GD)	Thea Ormonde (TO)
	Cr Glenn Raleigh (GR)	Janet Arnold (JA)	
	Apologies: nil		

Item	Details / Actions (taken or to be taken)	Action by
<b>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b>		
Uber Trial	GD reported to the meeting that Uber is illegal in Queensland, however, he is proposing that Cardwell trial the first legal Uber given the current situation in Cardwell regarding a non-existent Taxi/Bus service.	GD
GGWTI	MS gave an update on the GGWTI Visitor Centre. CCRC's Council Meeting motion was passed and GGWTI will lose the Council's funding which is allocated to assist with the operation of the Centre. The Centre is not being closed down and may continue to operate, however, with no assistance from Council. Council intends to operate visitor information services from the Bush Telegraph Station and appoint a Council employee to oversee the operation of that Centre. Because of the withdrawal of support from Council, GGWTI will have to surrender the yellow 'I' signage which is currently being displayed.	MS
Update details on Council's website	An email has been forwarded to Council asking for the details for the Cardwell Chamber to be updated.	KS
Murals for power poles	KS to draft a letter and send to Ergon asking for permission to paint murals on power poles.	KS
Markets	Easter markets will be on Easter Saturday. The Lions Club has advised that they are unable to do a BBQ at the markets. Thea asked for ideas on who can do the food. MS suggested that even though Chamber is short on hands-on workers, perhaps this is something Chamber can do as a means to obtaining some income. Since at Easter most members are away, it was suggested that a commercially-run business can do the Easter markets and Chamber can pick up each market after that.	MS
UFO Festival	Thea said that plans for the UFO Festival are well underway. MS advised that as part of the Festival, Chamber will be staging the first ever Cardwell UFO Triathlon. There is much organisation to be done, however, he is hoping to attract more visitors for the triathlon which will be held on Saturday morning with a vision of these visitors staying on to enjoy the Festival activities.	MS/TO
	Motion moved to accept previous meeting minutes by KL and seconded by GD.	
Treasurer's Report	Balance \$7584. Report accepted and moved by CI and seconded by GD.	CI
<b>New Business</b>		
Jetty Shade Sails	MS gave an update on the Jetty Shade structure. He has received a design at a cost of \$3258 per structure. The design was passed around the meeting and discussed. Will take the design back to discuss changing it a little as the thought was that, while the design was aesthetically pleasing, there was not enough shaded area.	MS
MTB Trail	MS gave an update on the progress of the proposed MTB trails. The feasibility study has been completed and a concept plan has been received. A trail and signage budget of \$108,550 is proposed and Jeff Coward from MB Multisports is assisting in applying for grants to proceed further with this proposal.	MS
TCT	JA told the meeting that, because of business commitments, she was no longer able to volunteer her time on the committee of Tropical Coast Tourism (TCT). She asked the meeting if there was anyone willing to volunteer as she felt it was important to have a voice at TCT.	JA

Tully Expo	GD told the meeting that he had recently been to the Tully Community Expo and found it to be of great value to Tully. He also mentioned that there will be forums conducted in the coming weeks. These forums are an opportunity to meet and hear from the upcoming councillor and mayoral candidates in the local election. He also said that he was unable to attend the next Council meeting and suggested that possibly someone from Chamber could attend.	GD
Council Elections	GR gave an update on his campaign on the upcoming Council election. He said that nominations had now closed and that there were 3 candidates for Division 1. They were himself, Ken Parker and Ross Sorbello. He asked for volunteers to assist in scrutineering or in other ways at the polling booths on election day.	GR
Council Candidates	GD suggested to the meeting that Chamber invite other Council candidates to the next Chamber meeting.	GD
Meeting closed @ 6.30pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar at 5pm.		