

Location: Whitsunday Whisper Resort, Gin Bar

Present: AGM, open to public

Apologies Gus Walsgott, Megan Taylor

Invited: Cr Jan Clifford, Amanda Camm (Member for Whitsundays)

Meeting Opened: 7.18am

Business Item	Discussion Points	Action / Responsible Person
Welcome and Introduction	7am	Allan Milostic
Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM	Printed Copy Attached	Moved: AM Seconded: JC
President's Report	<p>Presented by Allan Milostic</p> <p>Post COVID, the Whitsundays regions has experienced unprecedented growth and visitation. Housing is booming, population growth is occurring and with the influx of new flights and return of Cruise ships – tourism in the region is booming,</p> <p>A welcome recovery from years of difficulties following Cyclone Debbie then COVID. However, the boom brings it's own issues for businesses to deal with the most prominent of which are staff shortages and the lack of affordable housing in the regions. Mental health is also a significant issue.</p> <p>The Chamber, through the tireless efforts of Gus Walsgott has been instrumental in generating interest and laying some foundations for an application to Homae Affairs for a Greater Whitsunday Designated Area Migration Agreement which will assist with staffing as it allows more flexibility for migrants within the existing temporary Visa system – primarily allowing greater scope of occupations and age groups, together with permanent residency at the end of the visa.</p> <p>Committee Movements: As always, we are extremely grateful for the time and effort put in by the committee members. This past year we have seen Ron Petersen leave the region to pursue a future in another LGA. He has always been an extremely active member of the Chamber with solid advice and insight.</p> <p>Cait Fleming, our paid Secretary has taken up a position with TW and we look forward to continuing to work closely with her as we build our relationship with our associated organisations.</p> <p>We welcomed Kerri Southee to the Secretary's role.</p> <p>I would also like to thank our current and future committee members – we all lead busy lives and I truly appreciate the time you all donate working for the Chamber.</p> <p>Our aim this past year was to raise the profile of the Chamber as a strong voice and advocate for local businesses at all government levels and to act as a conduit between business and these organisations. We also planned to try and work more closely with the</p>	Allan Milostic

	<p>other regional chambers – Proserpine and Bowen. We set out to achieve this by attending and participating in as many events, forums and meetings as possible and calling for meetings with relevant bodies on a number of issues as required.</p> <p>This year, we have not managed to achieve our goals and face a difficult task rebuilding the Chamber and member engagement through continued representation and hosting more panel events and attracting quality guest speakers.</p> <p>Without listing every meeting or going into too much detail, Chamber activities this year included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Held monthly committee meetings often with guest presenters updating the Chamber on various issues, activities and developments in the region which impact on local businesses pre COVID — Held regular networking breakfasts with local business owners sharing their successes, presenting on a wide variety of business topics and regular updates from council representatives keeping our members informed of council activities in the region. — Meeting and discussing business concerns with local candidates prior to this year’s Queensland state election last year — Organised the Mayoral “Meet the Candidates Forum” — Produced a fortnightly Chamber Chat Column in the local newspapers — We have continued to build strong relationships and ties with Tourism Whitsunday and Whitsunday Regional Council, RDA and CCIQ — Sponsored the Business Award category at the TW Tourism Awards — Been instrumental in generating interest in a Greater Whitsundays Designated Area Migration Agreement <p>The next few years will be challenging in all sectors. Some will deal with unprecedented growth, others will need to reinvent themselves and deal with ongoing staffing challenges to survive.</p> <p>The region is well placed in the post COVID era. With further investments in regional infrastructure, the future looks relatively bright for the Whitsundays despite the lack of international visitation. Businesses will survive and grow if they are careful and smart.</p> <p>The Chamber does need to rebuild and attract some new people to the committee and the potential is there for many interesting and useful event to assist local businesses.</p> <p>It will be an interesting 2023!</p>	
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Another good year, bulk of the income comes from the Hill Sign which is available for members to rent.</p> <p>Membership fees make up a portion of the bank account.</p> <p>End figure of \$11,000.</p>	Annette Neil
Questions regarding presidents or treasurer reports	Nil.	
Acceptance of Financial Statements	President calls for acceptance of financial reports	Moved: AM Seconded: MH

Proposed resolutions	That Accountancy Plus to continue to be Auditors for WCCC	Moved: AM Moved: JC
Election of Committee	<p>Chaired by Kerri Southee;</p> <p>Announces that all positions are considered vacated:</p> <p>The following people have been nominated and accepted:</p> <p>President: Allan Milostic second AN</p> <p>Vice President: Gus Walsgott second AN</p> <p>Secretary: Megan Taylor second GW</p> <p>Treasurer: Annette Neil second GW</p> <p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Further Committee members possible – call for and accept nominations from the floor.</p>	Jan Clifford
New President's address	Not Applicable	
Close of Meeting	Thank you to Mark Henry for the last few years mentorship to the committee and keeping the team together at times.	

Meeting closed: 7.29am