

Location: Whitsunday Green Club, Cannon Valley

Present: 21 Chamber members and guests.

Apologies: Annette Neil (Treasurer)

Meeting Opened: 7.35am

Business Item	Discussion Points	Action / Responsible Person
Welcome and Introduction	7:35am	Allan Milostic
Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM	Printed copy attached.	Moved: Allan Milostic, President Seconded: Mark Henry, member
President's Report	<p>2023-24 has been a transformative year for the Chamber.</p> <p>A significant event was the merger with Proserpine Chamber of Commerce which has strengthened both the member base and our ability to advocate for local businesses. I welcome Proserpine members who have joined us today and thank Amanda and Greg Yuskan and Kim Porter for their assistance with the transition.</p> <p>I wish to thank the current chamber committee members for their continued efforts and input. It is an efficient and cohesive committee that works extremely well together and genuinely has the interests of the regional businesses front of mind. Gus, Annette, Megan, and Kim – it is a pleasure and many thanks for your continued patience as I try and balance my commitments.</p> <p>Perhaps one of our best moves ever, this year we appointed our new Chamber Liaisons – Dr Julia Evans and Richard Evans – to assist with the implementation of the growth and development strategy of the chamber. Their drive, organisational skills, networking ability and sound strategic advice has been priceless. Although they like to sit a little behind the committee, their efforts this year have been instrumental to the massive evolution of the chamber this year.</p> <p>Other achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development of a new 5-year strategic plan • The creation of our 10 Point Advocacy Plan • and new membership model which will pave the way for ongoing growth. • Launched Vision for the Whitsundays project to articulate an economic vision for the Whitsundays that is informed by regional business community and other essential 	Moved: Allan Milostic, President Seconded: All attendees

	<p>perspectives. We are half-way through the research phase, with over 100 people having already shared their view.</p> <p>We have been active in advocating for positive change for our members – at a state level, we represent the region in advisory groups for the Queensland Small Business Commissioner and Business Chamber Queensland, and recently on local matters relating to the Proserpine RV Park closure and Airlie Beach Main Street proposed upgrades.</p> <p>The year ahead will be exciting, with the Chamber inaugural Whitsunday Business Conference and Vision for the Whitsundays report in May, continued advocacy for the region, launching additional exclusive membership services, and efforts to continually grow, support, and connect the Whitsunday business community.</p> <p>Thank you for your support during the year.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>As Treasurer for the Chamber, I would firstly like to submit my apologies for not physically being able to be at the meeting today.</p> <p>Please find attached herein our audited financial statements for the 2023 financial year.</p> <p>These have been prepared by APW Accountancy Plus Whitsunday.</p> <p>A copy of the Chamber's financial statements and independent Auditors report has been made available publicly on our website as well as copies here today for your perusal.</p> <p>As shown in this report, the income for the Chamber is at a slightly lower level to the previous year. You will note our expenditure however is far higher.</p> <p>The reasoning for this is that we have seen Chamber put in a concerted effort this year to come back from quite a dormant position to actively seeking to grow.</p> <p>We appointed Corven Pty Ltd, Julia and Richard Evans as Chamber Liaison's performing secretarial duties as well as assisting with growth and developments plans for Chamber.</p> <p>With a healthy bank balance, we voted to invest in the future with the desire to grow Chamber and our income in the coming financial year.</p> <p>We have already seen uptake via increased member numbers as well as merging with Proserpine Chamber.</p> <p>We have begun the process of undertaking our Vision for the Whitsunday project, which will come to fruition in the coming year.</p> <p>A copy of this Chamber's Financial Statements will be submitted to the Office of Fair Trading with our annual return in accordance with statutory requirements.</p>	<p>Moved: Gus Walscott, Vice President</p> <p>Seconded: Allan Milostic, President</p>
Questions regarding presidents or treasurer reports	Nil.	

Acceptance of Financial Statements	President calls for acceptance of financial reports	Moved: Allan Milostic, President Seconded: Kim Porter, member
Proposed resolutions	That Accountancy Plus to continue to be Auditors for WCCC	Moved: Allan Milostic, President Seconded: Gus Walsgott, Vice President
Election of Committee	<p>Chaired by Allan Milostic who announced that all positions are considered vacated:</p> <p>The following people have been nominated and accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — President: Allan Milostic, proposed Gus Walsgott, second Annette Neil — Vice President: Gus Walsgott proposed Annette Neil, seconded Kim Porter. — Secretary: Megan Taylor proposed Gus Walsgott, seconded Annette Neil. — Treasurer: Annette Neil, proposed Kim Porter, seconded Gus Walsgott <p>Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Jannah Baker, proposed Annette Neil, seconded Allan Milostic. — Melinda Louise Hutchings, proposed Allan Milostic, seconded Annette Neil. — Anthony Nobilia, proposed Annette Neil, seconded Allan Milostic. — Kim Porter, proposed Gus Walsgott, seconded Annette Neil. <p>No further Committee member nominations came from the floor.</p>	Moved: Allan Milostic, President Seconded: Megan Taylor, Secretary Carried: All attendees
Special Resolution 1	<p>Special resolution 1: Change the name of the <i>Whitsundays Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i>.</p> <p>In light of the merger with the Proserpine Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber’s future plans, a name change is proposed to be more inclusive of (1) the region we serve and (2) the region’s business community of trades, small businesses, commerce, and industry.</p>	Moved: Allan Milostic, President Seconded: Anthony Nobilia, member Carried: All attendees
Special Resolution 2	<p>Special resolution 2: Accept the new Constitution.</p> <p>The draft Constitution follows the Model Rules set by the Queensland Government Office of Fair Trading and aims to provide a new, modernised governing instrument that establishes autonomy, future flexibility, and simplicity.</p> <p>Major changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Rule 2 Name – The proposed new Chamber name, <i>Whitsundays Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i> — Rule 3a(i) Objects – The focus of the Chamber to be inclusive of <i>trade, small business, commerce and industry</i>. 	Moved: Allan Milostic, President Seconded: Megan Taylor, Secretary Carried: All attendees

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Rule 9 Admission and rejection of new members – Proposed new standard model rule process of approving membership at regular Board meetings. — Rule 18(2) Membership of the Board – Board members are to be current financial members at all times. — Rule 18(3) Membership of the Board – Board member term of office is two years. — Rule 18(4) Membership of the Board – At each annual general meeting of the association, fifty (50%) per cent of members of the Board who have served a two (2) year term must retire from office, but are eligible, on nomination, for re-election for another two (2) year term. 	
Close of Meeting	No further discussion.	

Meeting closed: 7.50am