

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18 August 2015, Lundin Studio, 3/21 Cemetery Rd, Helensburgh

Attendees and apologies: per Attachment A

Meeting commenced 8:30pm

Opening remarks from President (Greg Watts)

tabled Executive Report 2014/2015 – copies made available to financial members (refer Attachment B)

tabled NICC Treasurer's Report 2015 Financial Year and Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015 – copies made available to financial members (refer Attachment C)

presentation to outgoing member Pauline Laclells-Smith (refer Attachment B)

Election of new Executive

Meeting advised of NICC election process as follows:

Only financial members as at Tues 18 August can participate

Only one vote per member business

Positions to be filled:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership

Media

Minute Secretary

Business Development

Webmaster

1. All positions declared vacant

2. Nominations for President

Nominations need to be seconded

Nominations must be accepted or declined by the nominated candidate

Only one nomination received – candidate is confirmed as President

More than one nomination - candidates removed from meeting and vote taken

Candidate with the highest number of votes confirmed as President

3. Other positions

Nominations sought for remaining 8 positions

Nominations must be accepted or declined by the nominated candidate

If 8 or less nominations received, all are confirmed as on the Executive

If more than 8 nominations received, vote is taken by each position until filled

Positions assigned by new Executive.

Election of President

Mark McKenzie – nominated by David Oliver, seconded by Jackie Boyce – accepted.

Greg Watts – nominated by Ian Pepper, seconded Warwick Erwin – accepted.

Meeting chose show of hands to decide election. Candidates left the room and vote chaired by Pauline Lacelles-Smith (not a member).

Greg Watts declared President

Nominations then sought for other 8 positions. Tanya Parry, Warwick Erwin, Gavin Little (by written acceptance prior to the meeting), Genevieve Swart, Mattias Samuelsson and Glenn Lacelles-Smith volunteered. Narelle Happ and Wendy Gergos nominated by Tanya Parry, seconded Greg Watts, and accepted. No other nominations received. All 8 confirmed on the Executive.

No other business.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

Attachment A to Minutes of AGM 18 August 2015

Babister, Lynda (Babister Legal)
Boyce, Jackie (Sydney Hang Gliding Centre)
Comans, Phil (Bark Busters)
Dalton, Trisha (Trisha Dalton Accountant)
Daniew, Shelley (Embroidery Plus)
Erwin, Warwick (Stanwell Tops Technical)
Fallon, Kevin (Symbio)
Gergos, Wendy (Flame Fish)
Happ, Narelle (A Garden for Life)
Herrman, Cheryl (Pass & Pause)
Herrman, Klaus (Pass & Pause)
Hines, John (Helensburgh Car Service)
Khalil, Ray (Smartline)
Lacelles-Smith, Glenn (Otford Taxation)
Lacelles-Smith, Pauline – outgoing member; non-voting
Lepre, Wendy (Belle Property)
Lundin, Dennis (Lundin Studio)
Lundin, Karen (Lundin Studio)
Maguire, Gabriella (ICU)
McKenzie, Karen (Keypath)
McKenzie, Mark (Keypath)
Oliver, David (Scand International)
Oliver, Nicola (Scand International)
Parry, Tanya (Switched On)
Pepper, Ian (Penguin Financial)
Radnidge, Matt (Symbio)
Robinson, Phil (NINA) – affiliate; non-voting
Roche, Wendy (BoHo)
Samuelsson, Mattias (Ray White Helensburgh)
Swart, Genevieve (2508 District News)
Trabjerg-Hill, Anita (Oat & Honey)
Vander, Frances (Articles Fine Art)
Vander, John (Articles Fine Art)
Watts, Greg (Helensburgh Post Office)

Margot Griffiths, NSW Business Chamber

Apologies
Gavin Little
Karen Hillen
Shaz Harrison-Shaw
Rohit Fernandes
Ronda Collins
Daniel Fountain
Matthew Faulkner

Attachment B to Minutes of AGM 18 August 2015

Executive Report 2014/2015

This was a year of rebuilding, especially on the Executive within which we had five new members adding new energy and direction to the Chamber.

Our two main themes for the year were (1) continuing our “buy Chamber / buy local” theme and (2) to establish and build relevance and value for members within the small business community and within the wider community in which we operate.

Major initiatives were:

1. Completion of our May Money Madness promotion as the significant part of “buy Chamber / buy local”. Media coverage through the Illawarra Mercury and others.
2. Increasing our presence in the community – regular advertising in 2505 District News and 2515 Coast News, targeted use of our Facebook page and initiating our Chamber Chatter column in 2508 District News. Free listing of current member business activity or promotions in the Chamber Chatter column in the monthly 2508 District News. Free posting of member activities and promotions on the NICC Facebook page.
3. Hosted “Coffee with the Candidates” pre-state election event, which attracted election candidates from all major parties and attended by over 40 people – a big publicity boost for the NICC, with a full page of photo coverage in the 2508 District News and two separate articles in the Illawarra Mercury.
4. Promotion of the benefits of membership on WIN News Wollongong.
5. Upgraded street lighting in Cemetery Rd for Helensburgh Business Park.
6. Championing internet connectivity and speed issues with Telstra, NBN and local and state politicians and statutory authorities.
7. Monitored the Bald Hill redevelopment.
8. Building relationships with Telstra through attending their Telstra Van, simultaneously contributing to increased funding of Northern Illawarra Neighbour Aid (NINA).
9. Continued to be the primary networking forum for small business in our region.
10. Continued to be the primary advocate for small business in the Northern Illawarra to government, decision-making authorities such as Roads and Maritime Services, and other business and interest groups such as Destination Wollongong
11. Benefits from affiliate membership with Illawarra Business Chamber and NSW Business Chamber.

Finally, the Executive acknowledges the significant contribution to this Chamber by Pauline Laclells-Smith, not only in her role as President for many years, but for her constant public commitment to promote NICC as the “voice of small business in the Northern Illawarra”. The Executive wishes Pauline every success in the next stage of her life and trusts she will maintain close friendships with NICC membership and continue to “buy local”!

Greg Watts
President, NICC Inc

Attachment C to Minutes of AGM 18 August 2015

NICC Treasurers Report

2015 Financial Year

The Chamber has ended the year with net cash assets (at bank) of \$16429. This is less than last years \$17987. A net loss for the year of \$1678 has resulted. This is a positive result compared to last year (\$4194) Membership fees are up by 15% & meeting expenses resulted in a positive of \$93 due to better attendance. Thank you to the largely new EXEC for there input & vision for the future in the Northern Illawarra. There was also a major Christmas promotion at Symbio as well as mail & printing costs associated with the local business voucher promotion & the "May Madness" event. The business community has suffered an overall downturn over the last year although the NICC is still in a stable position to serve members & foster local area support.

Glenn Lacelles-Smith
Treasurer
Northern Illawarra Chamber of Commerce Inc.

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Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015

<u>Income</u>	\$	\$
Membership Fees	7500	
Meeting Income	2664	
Interest Income	237	
Total Income		10401

Less: Expenditure

Advertising	2023
Bank Fees	240
Donations	500
Filing Fee	53
Insurance	1626
Meeting Expenses	2571
Memberships	195
Postage	134
Printing & Design	481
Promotions	4256
Total Expenditure	12079
Net Income / (Loss)	-1678

Assets & Liabilities

<u>Assets</u>	\$
ICU Business Account	4368
ICU I/Q Saver Account	8793
Horizon Credit Union	3197
	16358

Liabilities

GST Refund in transit -71

Net Assets 16429

end of Financial Report