



DERBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (INC)

MINUTES OF MEETING
Held at the Derby Professional Centre
Training Room
2 Clarendon Street DERBY WA
on Monday 22nd September 2014 at 5.00pm

Present	Stewart Milne Paul White Andrew Twaddle Kaye Few Margaret Thompson	President Vice President Ex-Officio (SDWK) Secretary
	Wayne Holland, David Bavington, Hans Leenarts, Geoff Sutton	
Aplologies	Nil	

1. **Welcome**
Meeting was declared open at 5.08pm by Stewart Milne
2. **Minutes of last committee meeting held 21st July 2014**
Minutes of last committee meeting held on 21st July 2014 confirmed as being a true and accurate record.
3. **Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence**
Nil
4. **Presidents Report**
Stewart advised he had visited a number of businesses to 'talk up' the Chamber.
51 businesses have become members

Stewart is keen to have a Chamber 'Notice Board' on the website to include job vacancies.
Matthew George has done a great job creating the website, but it does need to be kept up to date with images and information otherwise it defeats the purpose of having a site.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
Treasurer's report was tabled. Memberships have increased significantly. Initial Website development cost was an expensive outlay, however after all bills have been paid, we still have a very healthy bank balance of \$37,500.10.
6. **General Business.**
 - I. **Administration**
Chamber Constitution - Deferred
 - II. **Website and photos for committee members.**
Action: Members whose photo does not appear on the Chamber's website page need to make a time with Stewart so this can be finalised. The website will appear more professional once all committee members' photos are uploaded.
 - III. **Chamber Scholarship**
School Prizes of \$500 to Derby District High School and \$250 to each of the primary schools to be organised. Finalize prizes. Stewart to approach each of the schools to discuss what the Chamber can present to students

II. Business After Hours Functions

Geoff Sutton has agreed to hold the first of our 'Business After Hours' functions/ sundowners. Geoff to confirm the details with Stewart regarding dates, venue, times and format of the event. All members are asked to support this event. A barbeque was discussed and it was thought that people bring their own alcohol/drinks. However if the host wishes to provide some drinks on the day, that is their choice.

III. Membership

Current membership is strong with 51 memberships this year.
Certificates and stickers are still in the throes of being issued to all members.

IV. Chamber of Commerce Expo

Need to start thinking about major sponsors for this event. Virgin Airlines (Michael O'Lauchlan and Richard George's names were put forward as contact people for Virgin) and Downer Mouchell were put forward in addition to names already discussed at the July meeting - Jack Burton, Buru Energy, Phil Hams and Gina Rineheart.

Downer Mouchell Sponsorship / Scholarship (Small Business Incentive)

V. Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Noel Myer (SDWK) contacted the Chamber to gauge interest from committee members in participating on the Street Beautification Programme (workshop). Rather than to elect members, it was decided that all members could participate but participation would depend on member's availability on the day.

7. Other Matters Arising

Stewart mentioned that the Virgin Airline Perth - Derby – Perth contract is due to expire soon and will be again up for tender. Members from the Airline Company have indicated they intend visiting Derby to hold discussions with people in the community. AT this stage Virgin do not offer travel packages in Derby on any of their booking sites. (Packages to include, Flights, Accommodation, Meals, Adventures, Car Hire, Helicopter Services etc.) Members felt that this is something that needs exploring and would be a good topic to discuss on their Derby visit. Stewart will keep members informed.

Mt Gibson Mining recently sent out letters via a mail drop, inviting people to a meeting where they would talk about their directions into the future. This event will be held in the Conference Room at the King Sound Hotel on Wednesday the 24th September at 4.30pm. Stewart indicated that he was keen to attend on behalf of the Chamber and report back at the next meeting.

Stewart mentioned that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) have requested that a full Environmental Impact Assessment be done prior to the new development commencing at Mowanjum.

Margaret Thompson raised concerns about media referring to the Browse Basin being just North of Broome when in fact it is just north of Derby. Margaret wants media channels to be more precise with their announcements in terms of the actual location of the Browse Basin.

One suggestion was that:- the gas processing plant is in its advanced stages of development just off *the Kimberley Coast in the far North West?* That way neither Broome nor Derby is mentioned. Margaret will keep us informed on her progress.

Tim Bray recently relocated to Broome as the Kimberley Development Commission's Director of Regional Planning and Projects Delivery. There was some discussion around whether Tim intended to remain on the Derby Chamber of Commerce Committee. Given that no-one has had contact with Tim in the past few months his position could not be confirmed. If any member happened to be speaking to Tim would they mind asking what his intentions are? It would be a shame to lose him given his wealth of knowledge of the developments in the region but it was commonly felt that he could always be called upon to clarify things if and when the need arises.

Stewart mentioned that he had intended to join the BOARD of KDC and would investigate that further by making some enquiries.

8. **Next Meeting:** To be called by Stewart when there is something on the table

9. **Meeting Closed:** 6.15pm

Chairman

Secretary