



Lake Eucumbene Chamber of Commerce (INC.)

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Website: www.eucumbenechamber.org.au

Public Meeting held at the Snow Goose Hotel on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.00 pm

1. **Attendance:** Jane Reid, Chair, Lyn Goucher, Secretary, Tim Corkill, Committee Member, Pam Gipson, Committee Member, Theresa and Gordon Thomson, Jan and Ron Rankin, Jan Leckstrom, Rick Gluyas, Maureen Bennetts, Bob Piper, John Bray, Adrian Menhennitt, Bev Schornegg
2. **Welcome by Jane**
3. **Presentations**

ADAMINABY ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

Tim Corkill

Background,

- Funding was received from the Towns and Villages Futures Programme (TVFP) funding. This funding provided the opportunity for,
 - The publishing and distribution of the Adaminaby and region brochure.
 - Development of the visit Adaminaby website www.visitadaminaby.com.au
 - Facilitation of a business and community workshop held 28th February 2008
 - Engage a consultant to develop the **Adaminaby Economic Action Plan** based on previous strategic plans, community consultations, and statistical data available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

Current status

- Copies of the draft plan were distributed to meeting attendees
- Comments to Tim Corkill by 31st March 2010

Benefits to the town. The plan,

- identifies options for future direction
- provides a great resource for grant applications
- supports future submissions for funding through Snowy River Shire Council's Plan of Management
- demonstrates the Town's commitment to the future.

Comments

- ABS statistics are not a true reflection of the number of businesses in the region.

Response. This data is drawn from the place of registration for a business. Majority of businesses are registered outside the region.

Action. Forward an email to Tim Corkill regarding the discrepancy. This will be addressed in the final document.



ADAMINABY SNOWY SCHEME COLLECTION

Maureen Bennetts

Background

- Committee was formed in 2002 and raised \$40,000 to purchase machinery items from the Kennedys
- Objective was to conserve the history of the area
- Vision is to provide a narrative of the whole Snowy story
- In addition to large and small machinery, there will be memorabilia, photographs & oral histories
- Funding has been received from Shire, NSW & Federal Governments. This funding has been supported by the Op Shop & Friends.

Progress report

- Construction is well under way
- There are three hangers, two will have gravel floors. The middle one will be fully lined & include toilets, admin & audio-visual area
- Pavers are being sold for a Workers Walk of Remembrance. Pavers for Supporters will also be available soon. They will be placed in separate areas. Workers paver forms available from Op Shop. Workers & Supporters paver forms soon to be available from the web-site
- Close to the Highway there will be a Transgrid Tower and the Original SMA Arch which spanned Mittagang Road.
- The Committee has applied for grant funding for the community art wall at the entrance of the Museum.
- All funding needs to be acquitted by 30th June 2010
- Any people who can assist in researching and/or restoring machinery are very welcome.



ADAMINABY BEAUTIFICATION

Jan Leckström

Background

Snowy River Shire Council (SRSC) has allocated \$10,000 towards the Adaminaby Beautification Plan. This project is being funded through the Federal Government's second round of Regional and Local Government Infrastructure funding

Note. The first round of funding provided \$30,000 for upgrading the Adaminaby swimming pool and \$7,000 for safety fencing around the children's playground which is located close to the Snowy Mountains Highway.

Council has completed the costings and information has been forwarded to the Federal Department of Infrastructure in Canberra along with details of other projects put forward by SRSC.

To date there has been no indication from the Federal Government when these Projects can go ahead.

The General Manager is following this up.

Project details

When this second round of infrastructure funding was announced in the middle of last year, Jan knew that the Chamber had discussed the commercial importance of beautifying Adaminaby with the SRSC's General Manager. As there was a short time frame within which to make application for the funding, working with the Chairman and consulting with businesses located around the town square, a Project Plan was drawn up that provided for staged improvements to the town. Ideas were also canvassed from members of the community.

The \$10,000 is for 'Stage 1' and has been allocated to,

Repair of park benches.

Replacement of the large number of pine fence posts around the gardens and public areas near the toilet block, the trout and information centre between the Highway and business area.

Upgrading the picnic tables and benches.

All this is to be done with heavy recycled plastic which will last a long time and because of its construction not present a hazard to members of the public.

Jan also suggested that as part of Stage 1, the community should form an action group and work together to clean up the gardens as this would noticeably improve the appearance of the town.

Regarding Stages 2 and 3, Jan recommended that the LECC evaluate them and determine, if members think these are worthwhile:

What projects should progress.

The most equitable way for these to be funded, taking into account Adaminaby's small rating base. She said she believed it is essential to liaise with the SRSC and to put submissions to future Plans of Management.

It is also imperative to actively identify other funding opportunities

Tim highlighted that the Adaminaby Economic Action Plan identifies the need for a beautification Plan. This document would assist in funding applications



OLD ADAMINABY BOAT RAMP

John Bray

Background

- Funds were received, through grant funding under the NSW Maritime- Maritime Infrastructure programme, for extending the boat ramp at Old Adaminaby.

Progress Report

- The current level of the lake has prevented work from commencing
- It is anticipated that the lake level will be 18% in May which will allow for work to begin
- The ramp will be shorter and thicker than the original plan
- Any remaining funds will be carried over
- New costings have been requested due to the extended timeframe. These costings will be available this week
- A letter has been sent from the Chamber to SRSC's General Manager requesting that DA fees and any other fees associated with the Development Application be waived. In addition a request was made for work identified as in kind by SRSC be confirmed. The letter is currently with the Director of Engineering.

LAKE EUCUMBENE SAFETY CAMERAS

John Bray

Background

- Coastalwatch addressed the LECC in October 2008 with a proposal for providing safety cameras for the Lake. This was a direct result of the Coroner's inquest into the drownings on the Lake. Maritime NSW and Coastalwatch would form a partnership to progress this situation at no cost to the community.

Progress report

- Staff changes at Coastalwatch contributed to the delay in the installation of the cameras
- 23rd December 2009 the project was given the go ahead to proceed.
- Mountainwatch another arm of Coastalwatch submitted a licence application on Monday 1st March 2010 to further progress the project
- It is anticipated that the camera will be installed by mid May 2010
- There will be a camera at Old Adaminaby only. It will be located on the weather station near the Church at Old Adaminaby.
- The camera will have a 200degree zoom range and will scan as far as Frying Pan. The information will be continually updated.
- There will be a link from the camera website to www.visitadaminaby.com.au

Existing weather station and camera

- The existing weather station will be relocated to the Rainbow Pines Caravan Park
- The existing camera will no longer be required. It will be returned to the LECC for locating elsewhere.



BIG TROUT RECOVERY

Bob Piper

Background

- Remedial work is necessary to keep the Big trout as an icon
- Information has been collected from many people, including heritage officers, to ensure the work carried out will ensure the longevity of the trout.
- Bob Piper has taken on the role of Project Manager

Progress report

- A scope of works will be prepared by a working group
- The working group includes
 - Jane Reid
 - Suzanne Plowman (SRSC Heritage Advisor)
 - Bob Piper
 - Louise Halsey
 - Newgel Fiberglass ACT
- Risk assessments will be included in the scope of works
- Data is being collected on the existing fabric with a view to determine the correct materials required for resurfacing
- Initial examination has shown that this is not an emergency and that a reasonable time to look at doing the work will be next spring
- Findings will be passed onto the Chamber and SRSC
- A conservation management strategy will also be developed with a short term and long term maintenance programme
- Funding options will need to be investigated once costings have been determined.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jane Reid

The future of the Lake Eucumbene Chamber of Commerce is in serious doubt due to lack of energy generally but, more worrying due to lack of input or even membership by the businesses of the area including Adaminaby town centre, in spite of huge efforts by the LECC committee.

- Businesses have not become involved or even joined as members as we hoped that they would after the June 09 public meeting. It is still run by a few tired community non-business members who feel that they shouldn't be managing a Chamber of Commerce.
- Feedback has been that many businesses don't want to be involved with the Chamber because it is run by non-business people.
- As business is repeatedly obvious in its absence from meetings, there is growing resentment being felt by non-business people who put great effort into organising events and facilities that attract a lot of money into the area with much of this being spent within the businesses in the town centre particularly.
- The expectation is that we will have to close the Chamber down. We can look at some options to replace it with another entity that is more generally community focused. It would still need similar powers to manage money and attract funding etc. It needs research but if it can be reborn under another name and aim then it should still serve business as a stronger community will, but at least it will be authentic with members who identify with its purpose. One main purpose would be to set up as a central hub for community projects run by individuals/committees working in particular areas of interest.
- A more radical approach would be to get funding to organise a whole of town action led by an external body e.g. town branding, that provides guidance and follow through.
- We have arranged our next AGM for this coming Monday evening at 7pm in the meeting room at the community hall and I have been informed that the active committee members will not be standing again.

Jane Reid