



143rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

**Fremantle Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, 25 October 2016 – 6:00pm
At the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce Boardroom
16 Phillimore Street, Fremantle**

MINUTES

1. PRESENT

The Chair, Mr Scott Bailey welcomed the distinguished guests, honorary members and acknowledged Past Presidents, who were present.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received and tabled by Treasurer, Mr Jamie Murdoch as per below;

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| • Josh Wilson | Federal Member for Fremantle |
| • Hon Simon O'Brien MLC | Member for South Metropolitan |
| • Tony Riggio | Stageworks |
| • Anthony Van Der Wielen | Fremantle Property Services |
| • Jack Busch | Jack Busch Consulting |
| • John Macaulay | Kitchen Warehouse (Trustee) |
| • Amberlee Hong | Fremantle Prison |
| • Jack Busch | Jack Busch Executive Coaching |
| • Neville Mader | Perth Security Services |
| • Tom Huberli | RSM |
| • David Lynn | Allways Shipping Pty Ltd (Past President) |

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 September 2015, be accepted as read and signed by the President as a true record.

Moved: Ra Stewart
Seconded: Michael Beaver

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President briefed attendees on the Chamber's achievements over the past 12 months and acknowledged all board and staff members for their invaluable support throughout the year.

The President also acknowledged the members present and their contribution to the Chamber over the year.

The theme of the President's Report this year was focussed on change and development of the Fremantle region.

A brief summary of some of the Chamber's activities and achievements are noted below:

- *The Leader Lunch* series featured Committee for Perth CEO, Marion Fulker, Minister for Transport Hon Dean Nalder MLA, and State Treasurer Hon. Dr Mike Nahan MLA. They presented reports, strategies, and proposed benefits of infrastructure and policy positions impacting the Fremantle region and State, and the implications for our business community.
- After considered deliberation, the Chamber supported the heritage listing of Fremantle's West End by the State Government.
- The two Chamber committees, the Development and Infrastructure, led by Franco Andreone and the Tourism Committee, led by Ivan Dzeba. Both committees work towards improving the economic engagement, branding and promotion of Fremantle. There is still more work to do, but the Chamber is committed to making sure the business community get the attention it deserves.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The President called on Ms Olwyn Williams to present the Chief Executive Officer's report.

The CEO reported that despite subdued economic growth in WA the Chamber recorded its fifth consecutive surplus. The City has seen some development progress but the larger scale projects that are tagged to be the drivers of an increase in workforce and retail capacity in the local economy are still yet to materialise .

Ms Williams noted that across the year the Chamber organised 27 events. These ranged from Business After Hours in different locations, to corporate lunches deliberating Fremantle's future and economy. The 20 Business development seminars, forums and workshop included digital marketing, human resources and franchising.

Internally, the Chamber had a productive and positive year, with a focus on internal processes and structures. Considerable time was spent on improving business listings, CRM data and analysing the Chamber's service relationship with members and clients. The focus of the activities in this period of time was directed to build the Chamber's reach to the business community across the Fremantle region.

The CEO acknowledged the President, Scott Bailey and the Board for building the horizons of the Chamber. She also recognised the team within the Chamber for delivering and developing the member and export services, Victoria Willetts, Zoe Saunders, Marian Bull, Jordan Andonovski, Kerry McIvor and Kasia Targowski.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The President called on Mr Jamie Murdoch, Treasurer, to present the 143rd Annual Financial Report covering Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. The Treasurer reported that the Chamber ended the year in a positive position, with a Net Profit of \$36,979. This was in line with the Chamber's budgeted surplus at the start of the year.

The Balance Sheet was also in a very strong position with cash assets at \$222,517, an increase of \$75,214 from the same time last year. Total current assets were \$282,573 and retained earnings were \$665,192. The Chamber has also established a building reserve account and as at 30 June 2016 it had a balance of \$40,231.

It was asked if the value of the building was current. The Treasurer replied that the building was valued a couple of years ago at 1.5 million, and that we were due for a new valuation.

Moved Bruce Moriarty
Seconded Michael Beaver

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2015/2016

It was moved that Harold G Shrigley & Associates be appointed as Auditor for the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce for the financial year 2016/2017.

Moved: Michael Beaver
Seconded: Bob Shields

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2015-2017 TERM

Scott Bailey declared that in accordance with the Constitution, from nominations received by 5.00pm on Monday, 3 October 2016 there was one nomination for each of the vacant Board positions. The following were duly elected unopposed for the terms as stated:

Name	Position	Term	Term Expires	New Term Expires
Lee Bartlett	Treasurer	2 Years		2016-2018
Tony Riggio	Board Member	2 years	2014 - 2016	2016-2018
Andrea Keri	Board Member	2 years	2014 - 2016	2016-2018
Jamie Murdoch	Board Member	2 years	2014 – 2016	2016-2018
Blair Wallace	Board Member	2 years	2016 -	2016-2018

The President reported that during the year Di Watts resigned from the Board to concentrate on growing demands of the Fremantle Education Centre. David Bornmann resigned from the Chamber in February 2016 and Blair Wallace joined as an interim member until this AGM.

Moved: Ra Steward
 Seconded: Bruce Moriarty

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Awarding of Life Membership

This year the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce is pleased to award Life Membership to two people for their long term contribution to the Chamber and through that to the Fremantle business community.

Robert (Bob) Shields

A contributor to the Chamber for nearly 25 years. Bob became President of the Chamber in 1992, immediate past President for two years in 1994 and remained on the Board until 2009. Today, he continues to be a member of the Chamber's Development and Infrastructure Committee.

John Macauley

John Macauley first joined the Chamber in 1997. John was President of the Chamber between 2002 and 2004. He continues his association today as Trustee of the Chamber.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

With being no further business, the President declared the 143rd Annual General meeting closed.

The formal proceedings concluded at 6.39pm.

 Scott Bailey
 PRESIDENT

 DATE