

Fremantle Chamber of Commerce



144th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the
Fremantle Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, 19 September 2017 – 6:00 pm
At the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce Boardroom
16 Phillimore Street, Fremantle

MINUTES

1. PRESENT

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received and tabled by Treasurer, Mr Lee Bartlett as per below;

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| • Scott Bailey | Baileys Group |
| • Josh Wilson MP | Federal Member for Fremantle |
| • Tony Riggio | StageWorks |
| • John Longley | Life member |
| • Neville Mader | Perth Security Services |
| • Nancy Bizzantino | Fremantle Community Bank Branch of Bendigo |
| • Michael Beaver | Hamiltons Accountants Pty Ltd |
| • Catherine Douglass | Ellen Health |
| • David Fienberg | The Lupin Co. |
| • David Lynn | Allways Shipping Pty Ltd |
| • Paula Nelson | Fremantle Prison |
| • The Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC | Member for South Metropolitan Region |
| • Anthony Van Der Wielen | Fremantle Property Services |

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 October 2016, be accepted as read and signed by the President as a true record.

Moved: Ra Stewart

Seconded: Lorenz Wuthrich

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Vice 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 Vice President also acknowledged the members present and their contribution to the Chamber over the year. Lisa Shine was also acknowledged and recognised for her contribution on the Development & Infrastructure Committee.

The Vice President delivered the President's Report as follows:

The state of the economy is still volatile and difficult to predict, but the local business community remains resilient and adept at surviving through trying times.

March 2017 saw a change of government with the Premier Mark McGowan heralding the implementation of platforms that will impact Fremantle for years to come. The Chamber looks forward to stepping forward to ensure that the business community of Fremantle remains a part of the process and action plan.

A positive factor was the commitment from the State Government to bring a State department to the centre of the City as part of the Kings Square re-development.

On behalf of the CBD business community, the Chamber took a position of influencing a better use of the CBD Differential rate and worked on developing a better BID Business plan to get the best value return from the structure the BID operates with.

The two Chamber committees, the Development and Infrastructure, led by Franco Andreone and the Tourism Committee, led by Ivan Dzeba have both worked on improving the economic engagement, branding, destination profiling and promotion of Fremantle. The D&I Committee continues its focus on preparing an implementation strategy to support the Future Freo report. All the members of both Committees were thanked for their contributions.

All the Board members, President Scott Bailey, Treasurer Lee Bartlett, Jamie Murdoch, Ivan Dzeba, Ra Stewart, Blair Wallace, Tony Riggio, Andrea Keri, Anthony van der Wielen, and Bruce Moriarty were thanked for their ongoing contributions. It was noted that Abby McDowell and Virginia Guest joined the Board earlier this year as interim replacements for Blair Wallace and Andrea Keri. Both Abby and Virginia were also thanked. The Board members all have significant roles across Fremantle's business community and their contribution to the Chamber reflects their passion and belief they have in Fremantle and the region's business community.

Ms Olwyn Williams and the staff of the Fremantle Chamber were thanked for delivering the programs, business networking, Fremantle Business Awards trade and membership services.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Vice 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 sixth consecutive surplus. Just like every business in the Fremantle region, the Chamber's operations were impacted by the same economic cycles as the rest of the business community. As business streams in membership, building operations and export documentation often have different influencers the impact was less.

Reference was made to the positive commitment from the State Government to bring a departmental workforce into the centre of the City as part of the Kings Square re-development

It was noted that the Fremantle Business Awards continues to be the major event of the business community calendar. The 2017 event was the biggest yet with number of entries and people attending.

Across the year the Chamber organised various events, ranging from Business After Hours in different locations, to corporate lunches. Looking to new opportunities the Chamber started trialing free lunchtime seminars, and speed networking evenings.

Internally, the Chamber had a productive and positive year, with a focus on internal processes and structures. The Board has been working along with a consultant on developing a strategic review of the Chamber's objectives and structure.

The CEO acknowledged the President Scott Bailey, Vice President Franco Andreone and the rest of the Board for their guiding hand and leadership. She also recognised the team within the Chamber for delivering and developing the member and export services, Zoe Saunders, Marcela Ekin de Castro, Marian Bull, Jordan Andonovski, Victoria Willets and Kerry McIvor.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Vice President called on the Treasurer, Mr Lee Bartlett to present the 144th 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 \$38,040. 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 \$262,688, an increase of \$40,171 from the same time last year. Total current assets were \$326,072 and retained earnings were \$703,232. The Chamber building reserve account and as at 30 June 2017 had a balance of \$81,764.

The Vice President asked for the audited Financial Report to be approved.

Moved Ra Stewart
Seconded Jamie Murdoch

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2016/2017

It was moved that Harold G Shrigley & Associates be appointed as Auditor for the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce for the financial year 2017/2018.

Moved: Vikky Baldwin
Seconded: Ivan Dzeba

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2015-2017 TERM

The Vice President declared that, in accordance with the Constitution, from nominations received by 5:00pm on Monday 29 August 2017 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
Ivan Dzeba	President	2 years	2017 – 2019
Franco Andreone	Board Member	2 years	2017 – 2019
Anthony Van Der Wielen	Board Member	2 years	2017 – 2019
Virginia Guest	Board Member	2 years	2017 – 2019
Abby McDowell	Board Member	2 years	2017 – 2019
Bram Newbold	Board Member	2 years	2017 - 2019

The Vice President reported that during the year Blair Wallace and Andrea Keri resigned from the Board and Abby McDowell and Virginia Guest joined in the interim members until the AGM.

The Vice President Franco Andreone, thanked Board Members for their contribution, and presented the outgoing members, Ra Stewart and Bruce Moriarty with a special gift.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

At this point, Ivan Dzeba took over the chair of the meeting as the new President, and asked if there were any questions from the floor.

No questions were recorded.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

With there being no further business, the President declared the 144th Annual General meeting closed.

The formal proceedings concluded at 6.35pm.

Franco Andreone
VICE PRESIDENT

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