

Fremantle Chamber of Commerce



145th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the
Fremantle Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, 27 November 2018 – 6:00 pm
At the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce Boardroom
16 Phillimore Street, Fremantle

MINUTES

1. PRESENT

The Chair, Mr Ivan Dzeba 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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| • Harveena Singh | BizLink |
| • Jo Pearks | Shore Accounting Solutions |
| • Virginia Guest | Stan Property and Management PTY LTD |
| • Doug Kerr | Shacks Motor Group |
| • Karl Bullers | The National Hotel |
| • Anna Kanaris | Artitja Fine Art |
| • Josh Wilson MP | Federal Member for Fremantle |
| • John Longley | Trustee |
| • Neville Mader | Perth Security Services |
| • Brad Pettitt | Mayor City of Fremantle |

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, be accepted as read and signed by the Vice President as a true record.

Moved: Ivan Dzeba
Seconded: Tony Riggio

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ivan Dzeba acknowledged the volatile economic conditions that have impacted on the business community of the Fremantle region for a number of years. Just as every business has had to adapt and change, the Chamber also reviewed its focus and created the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan to guide it through the new few years. Ivan spoke to the Chamber's achievements over the past 12 months. In a key project on behalf of the CBD business community, the Chamber took a position of influencing for a better use of the CBD Differential Rate, changing the focus to marketing and then later worked on the formation of the Destination Marketing Group.

The Development and Infrastructure, led by Franco Andreone, and the Tourism Committee, led by Abby McDowell, both worked on improving the economic engagement, branding, and destination profiling of Fremantle. The D&I Committee were the think tank behind the Greater Fremantle Action Plan, an implementation strategy extending beyond the Future Freo report. The Tourism Committee hosted the 2017 tourism Roundtable, significantly influencing the changed marketing focus for Fremantle. All Committee members were thanked for their contributions.

The President acknowledged all Board and staff members for their invaluable support throughout the year.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Olwyn Williams presented the Chief Executive Officer's report.

This year, major decisions were made about how our City is to position itself as a place to come to. The decision to create the Fremantle Destination Marketing Fund is about bringing people/customers to the business community of Fremantle. The Chamber's advocacy for this was long range and responsive to what our business community needed and had been communicating to us for some time.

The 2018 Fremantle Business awards once again recognised the champions of our business community and our congratulations go to Media on Mars for winning Business of the Year. The 10th annual Awards event was the perfect milestone for a review of structure and format of this important Fremantle event for Fremantle and we look forward to revealing the changes towards the end of 2018.

16 Phillimore Street has been home to the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce for 106 years, it is one of the few Chamber buildings nationally still used for its original purpose and remains a working asset for the Chamber and the business community. It has been nearly 20 years since the last conservation report and

this year the Chamber commissioned an update of the report and prioritisation of works from Slavin Architects.

The CEO acknowledged President Ivan Dzeba, Vice President Franco Andreone and the Board for their guiding hand and leadership. She also recognised the 2017/2018 Chamber team for delivering and developing the member and export services, Marcela Ekin de Castro, Marian Bull, Kerry McIvor, Sarah Ingram, Jordan Andonovski and Zoe Saunders.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The President called on the Treasurer, Mr Lee Bartlett to present the 145th Annual Financial Report. The Treasurer reported that the Chamber ended the year in a positive position, with a Net Profit of \$842. The 2017 /2018 ended with \$255,542 cash in hand. The only major change in the financial statements for this period was the revaluation of the building from \$1,150,000 to \$2,600,000.

The Balance Sheet presented cash assets at \$255,542, a fall of \$7,146 from the same time last year. Total current assets were \$310,825 and retained earnings were \$704,074. The Chamber Building Reserve account as at 30 June 2018 had a balance of \$134,959.

The President called for questions from the floor.

Ra Stewart asked after the process of the revaluation of the building, concerned for the significant increase in value. The CEO advised the meeting that in line with the Chamber's procedures she presented three valuation quotes to the Board. The the preferred candidate was appointed to the task and the valuation was undertaken. The CEO also highlighted that the last valuation of the building was done in 2009.

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

Moved Peter Fear
Seconded Chas Milner

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2018/2019

It was moved that Harold G Shrigley & Associates be appointed as Auditor for the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce for the financial year 2018/2019.

Moved: Jamie Murdoch
Seconded: Penny Bovell

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2018-2020 TERM

The President declared that, in accordance with the Constitution, from nominations received at close of business on Tuesday 6 November 2018 there was one nomination for each of the vacant Board positions. The following were duly elected unopposed for the terms as follows.

Name	Position	Term	New Term Expires
Tony Riggio	Board Member	2 years	2018 - 2020
Nathan Maxwell - McGinn	Board Member	2 years	2018 - 2020
Lee Bartlett	Board Member	2 Years	2018 - 2020
Sarah Casey	Board Member	2 Years	2018 - 2020
Abby McDowell	Board Member	2 years	2017 – 2019
Marc Greco	Board Member	2 Years	2018 - 2020

The President reported that during the year Anthony Van Der Wielen and Bram Newbold resigned from the Board, with Nathan Maxwell-McGinn and Sarah Casey were appointed as interim members until the AGM.

The President Ivan Dzeba thanked Board Members for their contribution, and presented the outgoing member, Jamie Murdoch with a special farewell gift, acknowledging his more than 10 years of service as a Board Member, including his time as Treasurer,

9. PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS OF THE FREMANTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (INC.) TO APPROVE THE NEW CONSTITUTION

The President presented the Constitution to the meeting, outlined key changes, and requested the members to approve the changes.

As a special resolution for the purposes of Section 23 of the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce 2009 Constitution

The meeting resolved that:

- 1 The existing constitution of the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce is revoked.
- 2 The Chamber adopt a new constitution in the form circulated to members of the Chamber.

Moved Ra Stewart
Seconded Tony Riggio

Accepted Unanimously

10. STRATEGIC PLAN

The CEO presented a summary of the Chamber's Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021.

The Strategic Plan clarifies that the Chamber is focused to economic development across our region to build and sustain strong business activity and growth. As an advocate for our member businesses, FCC has been part of the fabric of the Fremantle region for well over a century and is committed to its future. For Fremantle, a robust business sector is a conduit to develop its economy and workforce and grow its community.

Vision: Connecting, uniting and growing a successful and vibrant business community

Purpose: A strong united business leadership voice to build economic growth across the Fremantle region

Values: Leading business first and foremost Acting with integrity and transparency Partnership and engagement Proactive and adaptable

The Plan has been divided into four pillars : Leadership, Membership & Brand, Sustainability & Business Growth, and Governance.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business or questions from the floor.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

With there being no further business, the President declared the 145th Annual General meeting closed.

The formal proceedings concluded at 6.45pm.

Ivan Dzeba
PRESIDENT

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