



CAMDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC.

General Meeting

2 September 2009

Held at Camden Valley Inn

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm.

1 Welcome & Introductions

- President, Miriam, welcomed members, guests and guest speaker, Neil Sligar, and thanked the evening's sponsor, Coulcher's Personal Accounting and Taxation Services.
- 30 second introductions of members and guests.

2 60 Second Business Coach

Elaine Turner from Macarthur Chronicle spoke about 'Management vs Leadership'. The main points included:

- Continually develop your staff's knowledge and skills.
- Engage staff to keep them focused, productive, motivated and happy.
- Set clear tasks and outline your expectations.

The next 60 Second Business Coach is Catriona Clayton from the Replenish Skin & Body.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting held on 5 August 2009 were accepted.

Moved: Jenny Thurling Seconded: Warren Douglas

4 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

5 Treasurer's Report

Newly appointed Treasurer, Les Coulcher, announced that the accounts are now managed in MYOB.

Membership renewals are now due. Les reminded attendees that when paying by EFT to include invoice number or company name. Two payments have been received without a

reference. Les also advised that non-financial members have been removed from the member's list on the website until payment is received.

In summary, the bank balances as at 31 August 2009 were as follows:

S1 – Promo & Marketing Account	\$3,970.60
S1.1 – Working Account.....	\$3,553.79
2009 Light Up Festival Account	\$2,987.69
Term Deposit 14.....	\$10,192.08
Term Deposit 14.1	\$11,057.44
Total Cash at Bank.....	\$31,761.60

Moved: Les Coulcher

Seconded: Pania Gregson

6 Correspondence

6.1 Correspondence In

NSW Business Chamber – Notice of change of venue for Western Sydney Regional Council AGM & General Meetings, 2 September, to Chifley Eastern Creek.

NSW Business Chamber – Information about 2009 Annual Awards and Dinner.

NSW Business Chamber – Business Connect Newsletter August 2009.

Camden Council – Invitation to make submission to, or address, the Local Traffic Committee meeting on 14 Sept regarding parking restrictions in Camden.

Camden Council – Request to consult with members of the Camden Chamber regarding the preparation of a long-term strategic plan for the Camden area.

Camden Council – Notice seeking expressions of interest from community groups to be notified of development applications.

6.2 Correspondence Out

Letters of thanks to Greg Wright and Steve Wisby for speaking at AGM.

Editorial content for Macarthur Advertiser.

7 General Business

7.1 Light Up Camden

Being held Thursday, 19 November. David Anderson advised that Light Up is a Chamber of Commerce initiative to raise funds for Chamber. Funds from last year's festival were used to develop the website. The festival has entertainment, street culture, lighting of the tree, Santa, carols, etc.

The LUC committee has decided to replace some performing acts that have performed at LU for several years to provide new groups with the opportunity to perform at the event.

Still deciding on what wonderful way to have Santa arrive after last year's triumph as well as searching madly for sponsors. Negotiations are underway with a major player to be an event sponsor. Contact David Anderson on 0438 195 196 for sponsorship opportunities.

7.2 Camden Police Update

Chris Millman of Camden Police advised that there has been an increase in break and enters in the last two weeks. These usually occur on Tuesday or Thursday, during school hours. The offenders, from Macquarie Fields, will knock on the door – if someone is home, they will use the excuse like looking for a dog; if no-one home, they kick in the back door. The police have picked 4 people, aged 17 to 22 years. Residents should report any strange activities to police and take down the vehicle registration if possible.

There have also been a number of incidents where valuables, eg GPS units, iPods, mobiles, etc, are being stolen from vehicles. Chris reminded attendees to lock their vehicles, even in their own driveway, as 20 of the 22 thefts reported were from unlocked vehicles.

7.3 Dates to Remember

- Rotary Relay for Life – 12 & 13 September at Onslow Oval, Camden. Chamber is participating in two time slots – Saturday, 12th from 4pm to 6pm and Sunday, 13th from 8am to 10am. Register via the website, cost is \$15.
- Small Business September – David Waudby from Macarthur BEC advised that this Chamber meeting was the first of several events to be held in September. Aside from the Chamber meeting and Women's Symposium on 3 September, all other events are free.

8 **Guest Speaker – Neil Sligar**

Neil Sligar from Neil Sligar and Associates, and an authorised representative for AXA Financial Planning, addressed the meeting about superannuation. Key points included:

- Superannuation is not an investment, but a structure for investing money.
- The government provides favourable tax treatment to those accumulating super.
- Super funds must meet a 'condition of release' before they can be unlocked.
- Consider using salary sacrificing after age 55 to top up super.
- When salary sacrificing, ensure super paid is on full amount not reduced salary.

9 **Lucky Door Prize**

Kindly donated by Empire Interiors and Splendour Interiors. Won by Rowan Gregson, Pestec, and Peter Ramage, Peter J Ramage & Associates.

10 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on **7 October 2009** at **Harrington Grove**, arrival from 6.00pm. Our guest speaker will be Chris Atkins from The Web Hub talking about 'Twitter for Business'.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.