

# Korumburra Business Association – 2021 Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

at Austral Hotel, 34 Bridge Street, Korumburra

**Meeting Opened:** 7.30pm

## **Present:**

Noelene Cosson –DMS Afimilk (President)  
Kate Murphy - KM Law (Vice President)  
Shirley Arestia – Burra Barber (Secretary)  
Kelly Hughes – Burra Garden Supplies (Treasurer)

Committee Members -

Jenni Keerie – Milpara Community House; Michelle Beggs – Kellys Bakery; Peter Snow – Merchant Korumburra

Enrico Arestia – Burra Barber; Krystal Condoluci – Burra Foods; David Amor – DA Automotive;  
Margaret & John Ornsby – More Customers, More Sales; Geraldine Hale – Wood Duck House;  
Jenny & Alan Rowe – Picture This Framed & Korumburra Coin Laundry;

## **Apologies:**

Russel Broadbent – MP; Danny O’Brien - MP;  
Linda Morley – Luscious Café; Domenic D’Agostino – IGA Korumburra; Linda Morley- Luscious Café;  
Peter & Merrissa Cosson – Korumburra Plumbers & Pumps; John Murdica – Retire & Wealth Planners;  
Vince Sgarioto – Vince’s Cleaning Solutions; David Jackson – David Jackson Freight;  
Dillon Hale – Wood Duck House; Leanne O’Neil – Burra Hardware; Sue Ritchie – Karmai Childrens Centre;  
Jamie Hutchinson – Elders Insurance;

## **Presidents Welcome:**

Noelene welcomed special guests  
– South Gippsland Shire Councillors Jenni Keerie, Nathan Hershey & Michael Felton

## **Minutes of Previous AGM:**

Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting were tabled by Shirley Arestia.

**Moved** by Rick Arestia that the minutes of the 2020 AGM be accepted: **Seconded** Jenni Keerie **Carried**

**Presidents Report :** by Noelene Cosson *As tabled*

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**Korumburra Business Association Inc**  
**President's report 2021**

*The past 12 months has been another very challenging year for businesses and the community as a whole. It has been extremely difficult enduring more lockdowns and to keep up with the ever-changing rules and regulations imposed on the business community. We hope that you have felt supported by our committee as we tried to simplify the information and emailed it to you in an easy-to-read format. We have used our social media platforms as a way of sharing this information too. We have steered our energy towards promoting Shop Local, Supporting a Small Business & Shop, Eat, Play & Stay themes. Our quarterly newsletters, articles in Burra Flyer, emails & social media is how we have communicated with businesses the community. We have been unable to hold any of our information evening for some time now due to Covid.*

*Our success in applying and receiving a \$10,000- Business Vic grant allowed us to promote the town with a 3-month WIN TV advertising package over March, April & May this year. The grant also extended to be able to conduct a social media competition to share & tag our TV advert, with the prize being a weekend at Wood Duck House B&B here in Korumburra. We also launched our website korumburrabusiness.com & enhanced it to assist in communicating with businesses. The website also allows businesses to join or re-join our association online where an invoice is generated once the membership form is submitted.*

*Last financial year we had 96 members & this current year has exceeded that.*

*Back at Christmas 2020 we were unable to hold a Christmas event due to Covid. The town was still decorated for Christmas & we had our free Santa Photos in a new social distancing way. A Lucky Shopper promotion was held over November & December with over \$1000- worth of vouchers purchased from our retail members as the prizes.*

*Over a 5-week period during Easter & the school holiday we displayed our light drums again in the main street. This encouraged people to walk Commercial Street or make a visit to Korumburra with many enjoying a meal while here and gave people an opportunity to do some window shopping & check out what our businesses have to offer.*

*The Shire received a State Government grant to enhance outdoor dining and Korumburra received \$25,000- of that to come up with a project. After getting our members input, deciding what to do, getting Shire approval & ordering, we are just waiting on the installation to happen any day. The project involves having a new table and more seating at the rotunda area behind the Post Office and fencing the area in for safety. Also 2 tables and more seating in Radovick Street near the meeting room. We have purchased tear drop flags advertising 'Korumburra Welcomes You' 'Buy in the Burra' & 'Shop, Eat, Play & Stay' to be used to highlight these areas.*

*No doubt our biggest achievement this year was saving the Bendigo Bank. It was due to close on 14 May 2021 with 5 weeks' notice that would leave Korumburra without a bank of any kind. After teaming up with 2 members of the KRT, we called a public meeting and what followed was several meetings with Bendigo personnel & we successfully saved the bank to now be a 5 day a week branch open 10-2pm.*

*Projects we are still working on are the new Industrial Estate sign that should be up very soon, the Karmai parade memorabilia that we are organising to be digitalised & still working on what to do with the Karmai Worm head. Our submission to the 2021/22 Shire Budget put in again for a footpath from the Industrial Estate to the main street, to have the power put underground when the Commercial Street streetscape upgrade is underway and to have the bin and street furniture area pressured cleaned at least once a year. We were successful with the pressure cleaning & the Shire are always looking for grants to put the power underground although nothing has eventuated yet.*

*Korumburra's shopping precinct has just commenced the biggest infrastructure build & face lift in a very long time. The Community Hub on Little Commercial Street has commenced, and we had hoped the extra parking in the railway area would have already been completed by now but due to heritage overlay issues it has been delayed. Whilst these works are taking place over the next year or so we definitely understand there will be issues with parking, but we need to keep our focus on the end result and KBA has been working closely with the Shire to obtain the best outcomes we can.*

*I really want to thank my committee as we have had a fun year with some new enthusiastic faces that joined at the last AGM. Shirley, our secretary does an amazing job with all the emails & social media posts and has a very good eye for detail giving everything she touches a professional edge. Kelly, our treasurer is giving up the role tonight after 4 years and she has done a great job handling our funds. Jenni Keeri is stepping down as she is now one of our councillors, Peter Snow is planning a year of travel and is also stepping down. Thank you to you both, your input has been wonderful. To Kate McDowell Murphy & Michelle Beggs you add more fabulous input to our group. It has been an honour to be the President of this Association.*

*Most of all we would like to thank all our members because without you we would not be able to achieve what we have. Thank you.*

Noelene Cosson  
President

**Treasurers Report:** *As tabled*

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There were no questions raised.

**Moved:** Kelly Hughes **Seconded:** Peter Snow **Carried**

Kelly took the opportunity to announce that she would not be re nominating and thanked the committee for their support.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

**Noelene declared all seats vacant.**

Non Member South Gippsland Shire Deputy Mayor, Nathan Hersey, took the chair

President: Noelene Cosson - Nominated by Shirley Arestia, elected unopposed

Vice President: Kate McDowell-Murphy - Nominated by Melissa Whelan, elected unopposed

Secretary: Shirley Arestia - Nominated by Rick Arestia, elected unopposed

Treasurer: Jessica Paul - Nominated by Shirley Arestia, elected unopposed

Committee member: Michelle Beggs - Nominated by Shirley Arestia, elected unopposed

Committee member: Dillon Hale - Nominated by Kate McDowell-Murphy, elected unopposed

Committee member: Shaun Hill - Nominated by Shirley Arestia, elected unopposed

Nathan Hersey declared that all positions had been filled; welcomed the new committee and wished them all a successful year ahead.

#### **Incoming President takes the Chair**

Noelene Cosson thanked Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey for chairing the meeting and thanked the new committee for stepping up and spoke of how she looked forward to working with them throughout the coming year. Noelene noted that she did not wish to overstay in her position as President, as it was never healthy for an organisation – so was giving the association a bit of forewarning.

Noelene would still like the KBA to go from strength to strength, encouraging the new committee members to steer the organisation into whatever direction they felt it should head.

**Meeting Closed: 8:02pm**

**KORUMBURRA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> JULY – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**Cash Book Balance 01/07/2020** **\$ 28,667.25**

**RECEIPTS**

Memberships x 105	\$ 6,300.00	
Sale Xmas Decorations	\$ 175.00	
Grant – Business Victoria - Advertising	\$ 10,000.00	
Grant – SG Shire – Industrial Estate Sign	\$ 1,700.00	
Grant – SG Shire – Outdoor Dining	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>	<b>\$ <u>43,175.00</u></b>

**Total Receipts**

**\$ 71,842.25**

**EXPENSES**

Advertising - Business Vic Grant	\$ 10,457.42	
Advertising - Radio	\$ 1980.00	
Christmas Decorations	\$ 480.88	
Christmas Shopping Promotions / Competitons	\$ 1924.90	
CAV – Annual Statement	\$ 59.20	
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 136.00	
Insurance	\$ 725.00	
Advertising	\$ 300.00	
Window Decals	\$ 80.00	
Gippy Signs – Shop Eat Play Stay Signs	\$ 120.00	
3mFM Membership	\$ 95.00	
Hire Meeting Room	\$ 100.00	
Light Drum Expenses	\$ 416.18	
Outdoor Dining Grant	\$ <u>15,829.88</u>	<b>\$ <u>32,704.46</u></b>

**Cash Book Balance 30/06/2021** **\$ 39,137.79**

**General Account Bank Balance 30/06/2021** **\*\$ 39,137.79**

* Working Funds	\$ 2,341.61
* Outdoor Dining Grant	\$ 9,170.12
* Industrial Estate Grant	\$ 1,700.00
* Southern Lights Festival	\$ <u>25,926.06</u>
	<b>\$ <u>39,137.79</u></b>

**KARMAI WORM ACCOUNT**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> JULY – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**Cash Book Balance 01/07/2020** **\$ 688.48**

**RECEIPTS**

Interest Received	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60
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**EXPENSES**

**0.00 \$ 0.00**

**Cash Book Balance 30/06/2021** **\$ 689.08**

**Karmai Worm Account Bank Balance 30/06/2021** **\$ 698.08**