**Korumburra Business Association – 2019 Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 10th October 2019**

**at Burra Brewing Co, 12 Commercial 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);   
Paul Whelan – Burra Sports & Cycles; Gil Freeman – Grow Lightly; Troy Bryan – Country to Coast Homewares; (Committee Members)  
Danny O’Brien - MP; Bryan Sword – Acting CEO SG Shire Council;   
Mardi & Rod Abbott, Korumburra Lime and Spreading; Meredith Freeman – Grow Lightly; Phil Dempster – Burra Brewery; David Amor – DA Auto Repairs; Rick Arestia – Burra Barber; Kirra Grimes – SG Sentinel Times; Mat & Andrea Walker - Walker Electrical; Vince Sgarioto – Vince’s Cleaning Solutions; Rob Cosson, DMS Afimilk; Jenni Keerie – Milpara Community House; Matt Dunn – The Great Southern Star; Peter Brennan – Burra Foods; Tamsin Carvan & Jacob Blackney – The Borough Department Store; Bruce Roberts – Techcentric; Adrian Hughes – Burra Garden Supplies; Chris & Julie Cleveland – Burra Electrical Services; Robert Grave & Steve McTaggart – Loch Community Development Action Group; Ben Fisher – Korumburra Middle Hotel; Jane Brocklesby & Janet Wilson – Korumburra Historical Society; Marc Gribble – South Gippsland Optical.

**Apologies:**  
Jenny & Alan Rowe – Picture This Framed & Korumburra Coin Laundry; Linda Morley- Luscious Café; Peter & Merrissa Cosson – Korumburra Plumbers & Pumps; Barbara Look – South Gippsland Shire; James & Sarina Olsen – James’s Dingo; Bryan and Sheryl Yann – Yann’s Radiators; Domenic D’Agostino – IGA Korumburra;

Taranto Windows & Glass; Steve Bone – Commonwealth Bank; Jamie & Lauren Bulmer – JB Automotive; Leanne O’Neil – Burra Hardware; Sue Ritchie – Karmai Childrens Centre; Adam Hopwood – Hops Jumping Castle;

**Presidents Welcome:**   
Noelene welcomed special guests Danny O’Brien and Bryan Sword and also welcomed our current members and prospective members.

**Minutes of Previous AGM:**

Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting were tabled by Shirley Arestia.

**Moved** by Rod Abbott that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted: **Seconded** Rick Arestia **Carried**

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**Presidents Report 2018/2019**  *As tabled*

It is a pleasure to present the Presidents Report of the Korumburra Business Association.

This year has been a little different to the previous years with a large focus on the Southern Lights project after being successful with the Pick My Project Government Funding to put on a Winter Festival and to light up Commercial Street. Both these Project have been a huge success that has brought many people to town as well as our community embracing them. Over 7000 attended the Festival in June coming long distances to enjoy the evening. The Light Project is still operating with 13 lanterns in Commercial Street making a spectacular display each evening over 6 weeks. This is being extremely well received by the many admirers both local and visitors. This has added to the vibrancy of the town and both events created an economic boost to Korumburra & surrounds. We engaged many local businesses in delivering both these projects as well as several community groups gaining from the Festival.

Despite a lot of our energy going into this project we have still been very active on other matters and do what we can to promote and attract people to Korumburra.

We are very fortunate to have great support from the business community with a total of 96 members last year. After 2 years of partnering with PCRT offering a joint membership, they are undergoing a restructure and unable to continue with that offer for the current year. Korumburra benefited from this deal with the production of Korumburra Tourist Brochure, a large presence in the Shopping & Dining Guide and the website [visitkorumburra.com.au](http://visitkorumbura.com.au" \t "_blank). All this is assisting in putting Korumburra on the map.

The Information Centre has now become a seasonal centre only opening from December until Easter from now on. We have continued to follow this transition to make sure it is delivered as promised. It is pleasing to see that Korumburra specific brochures are in a prominent position on the counter in the Coal Creek foyer.

Our new slogan ‘Buy in the Burra’ was launched on social media & followed up in the 'shop local' feature of the Sentinel Times & an article in the Burra Flyer. We feel this has been successful in making people think about our businesses and what it actually means to support local business. It has also been great to see a few of our members using the slogan in conjunction with their business operations.

We brightened up the town for Christmas with many varied decorations and a new position for the Christmas tree for its second appearance. We provided a Christmas Street Celebration with some financial assistance from our service clubs on a December Saturday morning to celebrate the festive season and assist in bringing people into our shopping strip.

The Business Association has been working with the Energy Innovations Co-op holding and attending information sessions with a focus on Korumburra being 'branded' as a sustainably focused, innovative community to work towards zero target emissions. This is a project of the Energy Innovations Co-op that we will continue giving our support.

We have also been involved with the 'Boomerang Bag' program initiated by Grow Lightly where carry bags are being made of fabric and interested shops will be able to hold a supply for customers requiring a bag after plastic bags are phased out next month. These bags with also feature our 'Buy in the Burra' slogan.

We attended several workshops and other meetings over the year, as we believe in building partnerships with community groups, schools, local government and local MP’s. This way we can be informed when speaking or reporting on issues.

The Business Association continues to take an interest in the Annual Shire Budget, Shire Plan and Rating Strategy. We endorsed these documents to show a support for the infrastructure planned for Korumburra and to ensure that Industrial and Commercial Rates are not increased to subsides other sectors. It is exciting to see the Community Hub & the Rail Trail both Priority Projects for the Shire making great progress.

Signage in Korumburra continues to be on our radar. We've had some old signs removed and are currently looking at how we can suggest improving tourist signage. On the Industrial Estate we are working towards replacing the two out-dated Locality Signs. Car parking in Little Commercial Street is an issue that KBA have also been monitoring although our findings to date have been satisfactory.

We have not forgotten about the Karmai Worm restoration and although the project has not progressed this year, it is still on the to do list.

Our quarterly information evenings have been well attended giving our members a chance to hear what we have been working on their behalf and often having a Shire representative to answer any queries.  We also update members with our quarterly newsletters and email any relevant information. Our Burra Flyer quarterly article keep the wider community informed of our activities, as does our presence in the local papers.

I would really like to thank my committee because without them we would not have a Business Association. Shirley the Secretary does an amazing job with promoting Korumburra on social media, replying and sending emails, dealing with membership enquiries, answering queries, creating Christmas decorations and much more. Kelly our Treasurer has done a terrific job managing our funds this year and keeping our money segregated into its different categories as well as collating our memberships & writing the newsletter.

Kate, Gil, Paul and Troy all provide different perspective to KBA and your input is a valuable contribution.   
I must also thank Rob Cosson & Rick Arestia who have both contributed many hours to KBA and for the support they offer us.

Korumburra has some terrific businesses even though retail is difficult in this day & age. The Industrial Estate has new factories being built and with the Rail Trail & Hub progressing, Korumburra’s future has never look brighter. It is exciting times for us all.

Noelene Cosson

President

**Treasurers Report:** *As tabled*

See Attached

There were no questions raised.

**Moved:** Kelly Hughes **Seconded:** Jenni Keerie **Carried**

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**Election of Office Bearers:**

**Noelene declared all seats vacant.**

Bryan Sword took the chair:

President: Noelene Cosson - Nominated by Troy Bryan, elected unopposed

Vice President: Kate McDowell-Murphy - Nominated by Kelly Hughes, elected unopposed

Secretary: Shirley Arestia - Nominated by Gil Freeman, elected unopposed

Treasurer: Kelly Hughes - Nominated by Kate Murphy, elected unopposed

Committee member: Paul Whelan - Nominated by Troy Bryan, elected unopposed

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

**New Presidents Report:**

Noelene Cosson thanked Bryan for chairing the meeting, and welcomed the new committee for taking on their roles.

**Meeting Closed: 7:50pm**

Further discussion was held re:   
- Gil Freeman’s watercolour painting of Korumburra Commercial Street, that has been printed onto a folded card and will be available to purchase and for businesses to sell to locals and tourists.

- Southern Lights, we have just committed to hold another festival in 2020!!   
- Hub Presentation – a thorough and informative presentation re the Hub was given by Bryan Sword

- Rail Trail Presentation – exciting times ahead for Korumburra and South Gippsland

Floor was opened for general discussion and socialising

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**Korumburra Business Association Treasurers Report – AGM 2019**

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| **Bank Balance as at 30.6.2018** |  |  | **$ 7,701.10** |
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| **Income:-** |  |  |  |
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| Christmas Function Donations | $ 700.00 |  |  |
| Memberships (includes PCRT reimb.) | $ 4,725.00 |  |  |
| PMP – Southern Lights | $ 108,000.00 |  |  |
| Southern Lights Income | $ 6,272.00 |  |  |
| **Total Income** |  | **$119,697.00** |  |
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| Expenditure :\_ |  |  |  |
| Advertising | $ 1,530.69 |  |  |
| Catering | $ 99.00 |  |  |
| Dept Justice – lodge annual statement | $ 57.80 |  |  |
| Gippy Signs – update member board | $ 60.00 |  |  |
| Insurance | $ 765.20 |  |  |
| Christmas Event | $ 1,715.00 |  |  |
| Christmas decorations | \*$ 3,896.48 |  |  |
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| Australia Post Box | $ 130.00 |  |  |
| Southern Lights | $ 47,103.41 |  |  |
| **Total Expenditure** |  | **$ 55,357.58** |  |
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| **Closing Bank Balance as at 30.6.2019** |  |  | **$72,040.52** |
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| Allocated as |  |  |  |
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| \*\* Christmas Decoration Funds |  |  | $ 3,107.04 |
| \*\* Working Funds – General |  |  | $ 1,764.89 |
| - Southern Lights Income |  |  | $ 6,272.00 |
| \*\* Southern Lights |  |  | $60,896.59 |
|  |  |  | $72,040.52 |
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**\***Includes $660 for supply and installation of security camera for tree

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| Karmai Worm Account |  |
| **Bank Balance as at 30.6.2018** | |  | | --- | | **$ 105.00** | |
| - Incorrectly reported as $105.00 – actual balance was $680.71 |  |
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| Motion moved to amend opening Balance at 01.07.2018 (Carried) | |  | | --- | | **$ 680.71** | |
| Interest Income for 2018/2019 financial year | |  | | --- | | $ 6.08 | |
| **Bank Balance as at 30.6.2019** | |  | | --- | | **$ 686.79** | |

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