



**Camden Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**Location: The Italian Food Project**

**Executive Team:**

- Maryann Strickling
- Karen Stewart
- Richard Bakoss
- Jim McGregor
- Hayley Priest

- Pieter Versluis
- Jodie Caronna
- Shannon Barry
- Tara Ladd

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

The General Meeting opened at 6:40pm

Maryann Strickling opened the meeting with the Acknowledgement to Country, paying respects to the traditional custodians of the Dharawal land on which this meeting takes place, and also paying respect to the Elders both past and present.

### 1. President's Welcome

Maryann extended a warm welcome to members, life members, new members and guests. Hyperactive IT were also thanked for their continual IT support at each meeting.

Apologies: Richard Bakoss, Jim and Vicki McGregor, Shannon Barry and Karen Stewart, Jodie and Robert Caronnam

### 2. What's Happening Around Camden

Maryann provided an overview of information about various events happening locally such as school holiday events and Seniors' week. An update was given on the status of the Camden Surgical Hospital.

The Milk Factory is calling for EOIs in the new development.

Newspaper discussion re retail in Camden – retail is a changing landscape and members are encouraged to invite local businesses to attend general meetings for strategies and general support. Chamber encourages retailers to be flexible and customer responsive. Camden has very successful, local and unique retail and service offerings in a great location.

Chamber partnering with Rotary in the annual "Pride of Workmanship" Awards – Rob Elliott spoke on this.

Web site development continues – Chamber needs contribution of business details.

LUCF: Extra committee member joined – always welcome enthusiastic committee members; Maryann will attend Burrawang Easter Markets to invite

additional and unique stallholders. Sponsorship packages now available – feel free to forward to interested parties.

Sydney SouthWest Tourism Taskforce – preparation of Camden map underway – will be printed in Chinese Tour Company monthly magazine. Upcoming Tourism Workshop in the next few months. SWS already has 200,000 overnight international visitors per year – imagine bringing 50-75% of those to Camden for a day trip. Information on international visitor numbers on the tables. VFR comprises 40% of domestic tourism – important to harness.

The town's businesses need to work together to harness the many, many opportunities in Camden.

**3. Lucky Door Prize**

Kerry from Kreative Signs won the lucky door prize (restaurant voucher and opportunity for presentation at next general meeting).

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from April will be held over (Secretary Jodie apology this meeting) until next meeting.

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

See above

**6. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was not available to attend and the Treasurers Report was not provided on this occasion.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> of June, with the venue to be The Italian Food Project.



**8. Speaker – Linda Fitzhardinghe and officers from AICD**

Linda spoke about the role and responsibilities of Directors of all size companies, and the increasing need for awareness of obligations.

Linda is currently the Members and Directors Manager for the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), Vice-Chairman of the City Tattersalls Club and board member of Habitat for Humanity Australia. Linda has been responsible for leading



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and managing teams in, amongst others, Opus International Consultants, Autopia, Lifeplan Funds Management and MASU Financial Management where she also developed a national education program “A man is NOT a financial plan”.

The officers from the AICD briefly discussed the benefits available to members of the AICD.

**9. Closing Remarks**

Maryann thanked all that attended, the venue for hosting, Hyperactive IT for their continued IT support on the night, and the Chamber Executive Team.

**The meeting closed at 9:00pm**