



**SOUTHERN MORETON  
BAY ISLANDS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Moreton Bay Islands Chamber of Commerce Inc.

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SMBI Chamber of Commerce General Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Russell Island Recreational Hall

**Meeting Opened & Welcome:**

Dan opened meeting at 5.05pm. Welcome to all new and existing

**Lucky Door Prize**

1 x Wattle Creek 2022 Rosé

1 x JS Wine Sea Wave 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

Winners:

Ticket E44 – Kerm Jenzem

Ticket E30 – Eileen Neigenfind

**Attendance**

See attached list.

**Apologies**

- Jasmine
- Phil McCorley
- Ben Renwick
- Paul from Kira
- Ros from Bimsara
- Donna Pikerton
- Louise Hearing
- Paul McCallum

**Minutes from previous meeting September 2024**

- Michael Clout
- Craig Beams

**Visitors/New Business**

- OJ Rushton – 3years – Bay Island Singers
- Suzanne & Paul – Café and Abaru
- Martin Blake – New owner of Canaipa Nursery
- Eidene – Removalist Company in Brisbane, setting up on Russell
- Jo – RN – moved here in January 2024 – setting up services on the island
- Dr Gary – doctor on the island
- Anniebelle Mostert - running for business home care and cleaning business on RI
- Chris Learton – business consultancy – looking for opportunities
- New resident on Macleay island – New Pathways Australia (disability consultant)
- Catherine – Facebook page for Business Networking and ambassadors for WorkAps.



- Sorour Fattahi – Gallery 19 owner – local artwork exhibits and workshops and classes.

## Presidents Report

### *State Elections on Saturday*

Kim Richards last 8 years done a lot of work. Welcome Rebecca Young State Member for Redlands. Congratulations. Rebecca has been working for 20 months to this point. Was president of Chamber of Commerce in Redlands previously.

## General Business

### Guest Speakers

1. **Rebecca Young** – Thanks to everyone for all the support to get to where I am. Thanks for having me tonight.
  - a. Economic Study – derisks the islands for government investment. You are investing in these islands through economy, hiring people, doing builds, Sealink in their properties and infrastructure, government needs to do the same. We have connectivity issues (parking and ferry timetables). Day 1 – I want to continue to “Do the Job”. Have reached out to Mayor for briefing from Council regarding ANT and their private investments. Money before election promised by them, but what does it deliver. My commitment to build a car park. What that is going to deliver is what I am next interested in. \$95 million was only going to deliver 1200 car parks. This is not enough. Will be working out what the best outcome is. In the meantime, working with Sealink for a barge subsidy of 50% of fees (a figure that I have spoken to locals about to incentivize to having one car instead of two). Don’t want to swamp the barge but reduce car numbers somewhat. Also to provide relief, we will be subsidising for car share. Sign up and give it a try. This is all until we can get the parking issue sorted. Working on training and promotion of jobs here on the island so people are moving less on the ferries.
  - b. Question 1 – Robin Harris – car parking – brilliant. Things not picked up – no mention by anybody or council (park and ride) land adjacent to the sports field towards Redland shops (400-500 cars). Can that be considered as an interim measure. Also we live on the bay, we need water transport (study should have been done in 2011 but not done. Need it done.) Something from the bottom of Russell to Gold Coast, also need building infrastructure so tourism ferries can go around the island (more jetty’s and landing points for tourist boats). Rebecca – cabinet/ministers not yet set up. Ferry system is important – committed to working with Council
  - c. Question 2 – Congratulations – seen David Crisafelli plans – do you have a plan that is locally orientated that we can see and can you confirm that the 50c ferries are permanent? - Yes Local plan and will get it out there. Yes 50c will be here to stay with the add on that we will be revising timetables/adequate ferries, other opportunities and linking with buses etc. Regarding 50% subsidy, we will be working to get contracts signed off and brought in asap – no specific date yet.
2. **Mark Wallace** – Economic study presentation/update – Stage 2 Action Plan
  - a. Currently at Stage 2 – available on the SMBI Chamber website.
  - b. 1:5 people access services on the island who are not counted in population numbers contributing towards how services are planned and infrastructure being delivered.



- c. Islands are 10x rate of growth at any one time compared to the rest of the council. Unusual thing for levels of Gov to plan for. Islands need to generate solutions for the islands.
  - d. You are an investment destination post COVID. Pre COVID 140,000 visits to island versus Post COVID almost ¼ million visits to island. Huge opportunity that feeds into services. Its demanding facilities and services. Identified 6 key themes or “Pillars” to which all efforts should be primarily focused. These themes are the target of advocacy/engagement, research, investment attraction and business case/funding submissions. These act as an organizing framework for Actions in Stage 2
    - i. Essential Infrastructure and Services
    - ii. Accessibility & Connections
    - iii. Local Business Development
    - iv. Regional Classification
    - v. Tourism Development
    - vi. Land Supplies and Planning
  - e. Stage 2 – move to a consolidated matrix of initiatives (97 identified so far)
    - i. Who is doing what
    - ii. How
    - iii. When
    - iv. Feeding them together
    - v. How they deliver against point D above.
  - f. Another survey will be disseminated in a few days after this meeting. More ideas send through by the email [admin@econisis.com.au](mailto:admin@econisis.com.au) or [mark.wallace@econisis.com.au](mailto:mark.wallace@econisis.com.au)
  - g. This belongs to the Chamber, it is only as good as the feedback we get. The more information we get now/at the beginning, the less gaps we will have and opportunities we can get.
3. **Shane Rendalls** – Div 5 Member
- a. Bec Young – known for 6 years.
  - b. A number of businesses are getting onto Council suppliers list: e.g. Lop Chop Chips (member comment: regarding Lop Chop Chip – Council won’t give any roles to locals until they have “legal Parking” meaning on correctly zoned industrial land).
  - c. In 2025 waste contracts are coming out – community consultation with various businesses taking on Tip and Waste
  - d. Timber Mill to be put on the island soon
  - e. Questions received in regard to Weinam Creek. Environment has changed but Council is looking at how we make sure we keep the # of places available as development proceeds. Lock up spaces we need to make sure they are accommodated.
4. **John Bonnett** –JBS Earthmoving - 30 people down to 9 people and down further soon
- a. Can only work on Macleay Island – can’t park machines/trucks legally on industrial land. Meeting with councilors today who had no idea about the history of the business. I have 1 acre 125m from Council land of 7 acres – was promised 2 acres on a license and operate legally. Member from Council (James) no longer will discuss and Amanda knows nothing about attempts to get industrial land. There is a big potential but getting tired of beat downs. Lamb and Karra have same issues. Would love to employ more. Need Council to sort it out. Shane Rendalls will keep trying to sort. Running Wild (containers for change) having the same issue – we have a license to a



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site but don't/can't have access. We are under contract to expand but can't (over \$1.5 million has stayed on the island since 2019 with cans/bottles). Have started container collect (book online and we will come and collect).

5. **OJ Rushton**– Musician/Entrepreneur/Business Owner
  - a. Started living on island in a tent. In 3 years community has helped me get back on my feet.
  - b. Community is amazing. Am running Bay Island Singers (Prev RI Singers). Now our own organization – finishing off to set up a non-profit. Have a vision for building music. Singers from all Islands. Collaborative. Would like to see the community come together through music/events/entertainment. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec we are running Bay Island Community Christmas. On RI 2024. As we collaborate with business and not-for-profit, we want to build to be the same as years gone with big Christmas/parades etc.. Inviting everyone to come and participate however you like. See the handout going around with QR Code. Looking for Sponsorship – Chris McGregor major sponsor provided opening of the event. Seeking \$10k. Tiered sponsorship option. Would love more ideas as well.

#### **Treasurers report**

- Economic Study for all islands -Mark Wallace (Econosis)
  - Stage 1 - \$11,000
  - Stage 2 - \$9,075

#### **Upcoming**

Next meeting is the AGM Meeting (Macleay Island) – Dan Golin stepping down. Will still assist going into the future. Thanks to Dan from everyone here.

**Meeting closed 6:10pm**