



WENTWORTH FALLS
Chamber of Commerce and Community (Inc.)

Voice of our Community Update. Spring 2019

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Summary of regular Meeting Minutes held on August 5, 2019

CCTV and Draft Policy – The maintenance of the CCTV system is an ongoing issue. Some cameras are offline where a new awning was erected. The building company maintains that they did not disconnect the cameras as they advised would happen using Unified Security to do so. This will be further investigated.

Local contractors for solar and CCTV maintenance would be contacted to obtain quotations for maintenance. The Chamber to contact Mark Jarvis (Katoomba C of C & C Inc.) to determine contractors used for their CCTV.

Pedestrian Safety on Rail Bridge, Station Street, Wentworth Falls – A petition will be initiated in lieu of the lack of action by BMCC. The following is suggested as the text of the petition –

“The undersigned call on BMCC to immediately allocate funding and undertake appropriate works to address the safety of pedestrian and vehicles on the over rail bridge at Wentworth Falls. These matters were identified as very high risks for pedestrians and vehicles in the Engineering report to Council dated June 2016. The report stated – “Re Over Rail Bridge, these very high risks needed to be addressed within six months.”

This text will be sent to the Principals of the three schools in Wentworth Falls to seek agreement to send links to the online petition in newsletters to parents. An online petition will be designed and initiated. It was agreed to also circulate the petition to businesses in Wentworth Falls.

Police Precinct Committee Meeting – The matter of CCTV access by the police was raised at the meeting. It was noted by the commander of Blue Mtns Region that there are issues. Crime statistics were discussed with the majority of crimes in decline. However, Wentworth Falls ranked fourth in the mountains for all crime. A reminder was given to ensure dwellings were locked together with motor vehicles and that valuables be placed out of sight in parked motor vehicles. A scam concerning clean fill required and advertised on Gumtree was reported whereby persons advertising for clean fill were receiving multi truck loads and then stood over to pay because they refused to accept fill. Apparently, a scam organised by bikie gangs.

MCCC and Mayoral Business Reference Group – The last meeting of this group had, as its main agenda item, Aged Accommodation and the LEP. It would appear that the Council is doing very little to address this matter and blames the state government for inadequacies of the LEP. Next meeting of this group to be held on 12th September 2019. It was also noted that in a recent BMCC survey, Wentworth Falls businesses were the happiest of all Blue Mountains townships. 

Parking Precincts Conservation Hut and Wentworth Falls Picnic Areas – WFCC&C have forwarded letters to the Ministers Stokes and Kean with submissions by residents. Minister Kean replied and indicated that NPWS have been in contact with BMCC and that residents would be consulted as part of this process regarding any parking provisions at the Conservation Hut and Wentworth Falls Picnic Area.

Objectives of WFCC&C Inc. and updated Wentworth Falls Village Brochure – A six-page brochure format in A5 has been proposed which provided for the village map to fold out to A4 with advertising space available on the brochure to be sold to local businesses. It was agreed that the cost of the artwork and printing be met by advertising revenue and that all business members would have their business identified and located on the brochure for the cost of business subscription. A print run to cover 12 months is proposed and the brochure would then be updated on a yearly basis with subscriptions and new advertising. Local businesses will soon be approached regarding advertising.

Square Dance Convention – Rosalind and David Todd (Aust Square Dance Convention Committee) addressed the meeting regarding the 61st Aust Square Dance Convention to be held at Blue Mountains Grammar School April Friday 10th to Tuesday 14th 2020. Over 600 participants are expected to register inclusive of international participants. Food outlets, accommodation facilities and tourism activities will be heavily booked. Members of the local mountains' community will be invited to participate in activities. Rosalind and David were thanked for their work in the organisation and for their attendance at the meeting.

“Shop Local” stickers for WFCC&C members – It was proposed that stickers be distributed to all business members to display on their shopfronts. Wording to be or similar “Member of Wentworth Falls Chamber of Commerce and Community Inc. Support local business, shop Local”- Costings be obtained for the artwork and printing.

Christmas decorations in the village – The Chamber has been in touch with Ms Sharma who was working on a proposal to be brought together with costings, to a meeting in 2020 for Christmas that year.

Canton Palace Restaurant - Congratulations to Canton Palace- Finalist in Best Regional Asian Restaurant.

Spring Flower Display - Coronation Park first Saturday 5th Sept 2020 in Coronation Park - a submission will be put to a future meeting with a view to initiating such event in 2020.

Cyber Crime - A warning that cyber crime in the mountains is increasing and businesses should be wary and on alert.

The next quarterly meeting (AGM) is due to be held on Monday, November 4 at 6.00pm. Venue TBC.

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