



**Greater Northern  
Skills Development Group**  
Incorporated Association

**Committee Meeting Tuesday 13 Sept, 2022 via TEAMS and FTF in Meeting room  
Noel Park House**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting opened: 12.02pm**

**Attendees:**

<b>Chair</b>	Robert Walters	yes
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Stephen Vile	yes
<b>Secretary</b>	Bede Maher	yes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Eleze Drew	yes
<b>Public Officer</b>	Bronnie Cocking	yes
<b>Committee members</b>	Sarah Abberton	yes
	Shelley Beard	yes
	Melissa Abra	apology
	Virginia Fenwicke	yes
	Fiona Sweeney	yes
	Nicky Turner	apology
	Katie Hamlin	apology
	Daniel Sassi	apology
	Debbie Taekata	yes
	Keryl Caulfield	apology

**Conflict of Interest: Nil**

**Item 1: Acknowledgement of Country:** *“I’d like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Gomeri nation and pay my respects to elders past and present, and emerging youth”*

**Item 2: Acceptance of minutes from previous Meeting 9 Aug, 2022.**

Approved Fiona, Sec by Eleze

**Item 3: Business arising from previous minutes: Nil.**

**Item 4: Finance Report (Eleze)**

**Bank Account balance as at Sept 2022:** \$12,199.54  
**Term Deposit:** \$68,533.93

Invoice for Gomeroi Dance company outstanding from Awards. Eleze approved and Bron sec finance report

**Inwards Correspondence (Bede): Nil**

**Outwards Correspondence (Bede)**

- Fair Trading forms with correct PO information
- Email to Rob as invite to State Awards
- Recruitment within TS NSW: CSO role
- Range of emails about the joint ITAB/Training Services / GNSDGD Inc Workshop in Sept
- Letter to Club requesting waiver of fee \$1200.00. Approved by Club

**Item 6: Membership Applications: Nil**

**Item 7: Training Awards:** TS staff assisting at the State Training Awards. Karly, Andrew and Fiona who assisted on the Apprentice panel. Discussion about GNSDGD Inc supporting Fiona with accommodation for the Awards. All Committee agreed. Moved Robert W and Sec by Eleze, that Fiona send a receipt of costs and GNSDGD Inc re-imburse and online payment.

**Item 8: Updates from Committee members:**

**Rob W:** Namoi Jobs Fair. Series of Expos coming up across the region.

**Deb T:** 18/10/22. LTW event being held. Great event with a media campaign.

**Sara A:** Hectic in Regional NSW. Various funding opportunities available. Land Council grants and Aboriginal Affairs Grants.

**Fiona S:** Tamworth Regional Council 2022-2023 Donation Program Guidelines. With the training Awards being held at the Town Hall apply to have the fee waived. Narrabri tomorrow with Obieco. Filming Careers at work for promotional activity. Representing the panel at the ITAB forum. Training Awards – planning ahead, previous winners to support the Committee, trainees from the region, chance to be ambassadors, taking on school-based apprentices, student from MCC

**Steve V:** New Contract. 85% commenced participants. Two programs put on hold – Internships and Work Experience program. Disability Expo coming up. Pre-employment programs, Business Awards – 350 attended Newcastle and 949 attended the Tamworth event.

**Bede M:** Update on Smart and Skilled funding opportunities with BAU and SFR continuing. Trainer and assessors in demand for all RTO's.

**Shelley B:**

- Can't get Trainers with Industry experience. Branching out to develop IT experience. Trained teachers having the experience. RTOs saturate the market with questions about what they deliver and how they deliver.
- Infrastructure – Doing background work in renewable energy. Contractors need to support the community. Recruitment to Warehouse and Logistics, teachers in Leadership and Management, Civil Construction – excavation and dozers. Issue getting skilled people.
- Managing Director – Steve ???. Regional Executive Director Jason Darney on board. Shelly reports to Adam Bennett.
- Free course in Hospitality – School Students in the holidays.
- Summer Skills on offer from 9/9/2022
- Hybrid Battery Vehicle training – 1<sup>st</sup> in Tamworth – roll out in the region.
- Floristry in Coona – and possibly in Tamworth

**Eleze:** Various road trips planned throughout the region.

**Bronnie:** Praised the Training Awards and TS prioritising infrastructure plans for the region.

**Items 9: General Business**

**Eleze D:** Updated Committee on ITAB/GNSDGI Inc workshop.

- Registrations through Eventbrite
- Service providers having resources available – banners and handouts
- 3-hour session from 4.00pm till 7.30pm
- 150 people – invite for 300
- Panel of employers organised and confirmed – provide strategies for recruitment solutions.
- Prime 7 involved as Emcee for the workshop
- Di Stacey as possible photographer for the event

**RIEP:** leading stats for the New England Region.

Meeting closed: 1.10pm

Next Meeting 11 Oct, 2022.

Chairperson Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_