



Greater Northern
Skills Development Group
Incorporated Association

Committee Meeting Tuesday 7 June, 2022 via TEAMS and FTF in Meeting room
Noel Park House

MINUTES

Meeting opened: 12.12pm

Attendees:

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

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 Gomeroi nation and pay my respects to elders past and present, and emerging youth"*

Item 2: Strategic Plan: Rob - Strategic Plan had been endorsed by the previous committee. Gives direction and purpose for the next two years.

Item 3: Updates from Skills Broker: (Eleze)

Winter skills – Hops, Retail and Aged care. New Skills Broker – Ginny Fenwicke

Item 4: Updates from RIEP staff: (Ryan)

Week long camp at Moree. 200 student opportunity.
Galmatic auto training 10 schools, 200 student opportunities.
Industry partners, Industry tours.
Girls on Fire in Armidale.
Brighter future - white cards training in solar systems.
Keo Marketing design.
Go West Hospitality program – rolling out three weeks work at Wests.

Skills Brokers/ RIEP reps invited to opt out of meeting

Item 5: Acceptance of minutes from previous Meeting 5 April 2022

Was not held due to not enough attendees for a quorum. Members who were in attendance noted any outstanding payments to be processed

Item 6: Business arising from previous minutes: Nil.

Item 7: Finance Report (Eleze)

Outstanding members were to be written off, moved by Eleze and sec by Bronnie

Bank Account balance as at 27 May:	\$40,862.90
Term Deposit:	\$68,499.64

Bronnie requested transparency with funding for training awards, amount set aside in a budget and an amount for PD events.

Need to check information in prospectus and what it refers to avoid overlay of activity.

Inwards Correspondence (Bede):

1/6	Tom Colby – Finance report for 2021
31/5	Joe Townsend – Skills Report Survey results
31/5	David Sainsbury payment for Novaskills membership
30/5	Teree Burr from Farrer – Tam Ag careers Expo co-ordinator – exhibition details for GNSDGD Inc
May	emails and phone calls for the Training Awards

Outwards Correspondence (Bede)

20/5	Email to Teree about Farrer careers Expo
19/5	Mentally health workplace event
10/5	Documents to Deb Taekata about AGM details
10/5	Grant Weatherby to be cancelled from membership
May	emails and phone calls for the Training Awards

Item 8: Training Awards: (Bede)

Presented overview of actions in readiness for the Awards.
Program presented to AM Printing
Winners and Highly recommended, and special award BIOs',
Catering by Firey Cook,
Certificates for Winners, HC's, RTO's, School Students,
Entertainment by Loren Ryan,
Checklists for Finalists categories,
Frames for winners,
Guest Speaker – Bel Lye,

Invitations for various guests and MP's,
Ivory Lane – Lapels,
Lectern – cover design by AM Printing,
Location – Town Hall requirements,
Media /NDL – winners' details and blurb about the awards,
MC's – two confirmed – Mitch and Georgia,
Org award – included within running sheet,
Permission to Publish Photos – forms saved,
Power points slides – prepared for the night, both types for main presentation and promoting sponsors during the welcoming of guests,
Photography by Indigico during event,
Videography confirmed after the event for the 7 winners,
Program – repeatedly revised,
Showcase students from schools for work experience,
Sound confirmed with venue hire through the Town Hall,
Sponsor Logos – obtained for program and PowerPoint,
Sponsor banners – list of items and pick-up/drop off arranged,
Ticketing process – Eventbrite,
Trophies – through Tamworth Trophy Supplies – list of winners and labels,
Voiceover by Ryan Hanrahan,
Welcome to Country – Marc Sutherland

Item 9: Skills Shortages: Daniel commented from School perspective – Hurt big time in the construction and engineering areas. Lack of teachers in the schools. The skill shortage scenario is a well-known phenomenon across the region.

Joe Townsend – problems in the labour market, contracted, 81,000 in workforce.

Discussion about marketing and promoting GNSDG Inc in Social media, social impact of TikTok, use of videos for 60 secs.

Item 10: Website www.gnsd.com Shelley mentioned to check Eventbrite on the website, update profile pictures and provide details.

Item 11: Updates from Training Services: (Bede). Alerted Committee about the continuation of the SFR funding arrangements. Plenty of TNI's coming in for the Agskilled strategy. Work still to be bedded down for BAU part qual guidelines.

Smart and Skilled Part qual team Current Programs:

Skilling for Recovery – Construction part quals
Skilling for Recovery – Regional and Youth part quals
Business as usual part quals
Agskilled 2.0 – ends in May 23

Initiatives:

Pacific Labour Scheme Pilot
Trade Pathways Program – Construction Industries Pilot
Clubs NSW Regional Cub Training Employment Program May 2022

Item 12: Updates from Committee members:

Bronnie - Update on TS staffing

Marise Holloway no longer with TS

Tania Walsh -secured FT TA position

Ash Nash – secured the TA role vacated by Karly Brogan

Andrew Constable – in a temp contract for Ash Nash

Gained a new skills Broker – Ginny Fenwicke

Bede a number of Smart and Skilled updates being published for stakeholders

Daniel – working with 4 RTO's, restricted by COVID, Frustrating being restricted. Tamworth had 3 Senior Pathway Offices, now down to 1 Senior Officer. 20 out of 180 schools being assisted. Manufacturing is using a new strategy for eg Virtual Welding – expensive. SBATS have increased from between 1100 to 1300 for the RTO's. EPP new program for Head Teachers and SBAT Officers.

Eleze and Rob – Armidale Lands Council – Roads to Home Program. 20 people to do the training, 7 woman, 7 men, and the rest a mixture.

Items 13: General Business

NIL.

Meeting closed: 1.15pm

Chairperson Name _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____