



Greater Northern
Skills Development Group
Incorporated Association

Committee Meeting Tuesday 8 March, 2022 via TEAMS

MINUTES

Meeting opened: 12.04pm

Attendees:

Walters	Rob	Chair	Attended	
Sweeney	Fiona	Vice Chair		Apology
Walsh	Tania	Treasurer		Apology
Maher	Bede	Sec	Attended	
Cocking	Bronnie	Pub Officer	Attended	
Committee Members				
Abberton	Sarah			Apology
Drew	Eleze	Attended		
Fenwicke	Virginia	Attended		
Foley	Georgia			
Meere	Kandi			
Rickard	Peter	unknown		
Stewart	Russell			
Taekata	Deb	Attended		
Townsend	Joe	Attended		
Trevithick	Casey	resigned		
Vile	Steven			Apology
Wynn	Peter			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 Gomeroi nation and pay my respects to elders past and present, and emerging youth"*

Item 2: Updates from Skills Broker: (Joc and Eleze)

Joc attended last meetings during her final week with Training Services. Mentioned SB was an interesting role based in Tamworth. Thanks' expressed to Joc for all her work as a Skills Broker. Off to work with Regional NSW.

Eleze managing the region while the vacant SB position is being recruited. From Tamworth to the Tablelands to out west. Working with Council's Aged care, Disability sectors. Everybody wants training. A casualisation of the workforce. Balancing act for employers to release people for training. Attending Care Sector related webinars, dealing with recruitment challenges.

Joc attended a Health symposium with Barton Lane Medical Practice. Ladies 11 Dr's on staff, 500 phone calls and lots puts on hold. Uncertainty around vaccinations. Had an admin role in which 180 people applied for using face-book and ads in paper, used seek.

Item 3: Updates from RIEP staff: (Ryan)

DOE - Brighter future project, renewable energy zone, infrastructure – jobs out of that. White card training at McCarthy and Carinya – separate lots. 20 at a time on the Wynergy Solar farm. Benevolent Society with FACS. Programs placing ideas into a business plan with a date and student register.

Skills Brokers/ RIEP reps invited to opt out of meeting

Item 4: Acceptance of minutes from previous Meeting 8 Feb 2022

Moved: Jocelyn, Seconded: Eleze Drew

Item 5: Business arising from previous minutes: Nil.

Item 6: Chairperson Report (Rob)

Noted that many of us are busy with our workloads. Mentioned the impact of the flood and the range of industries that have lost business.

Item 7: Finance Report (Tania)

Feb 2022

Bank Account balance:	\$8,217.62
Term Deposit:	\$68,499.64
	due for rollover in March 22

Income:

Bronze Sponsors by 2 = TCC and TEAMS 10 memberships	\$3,300.00
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Expenses:

2021 Winner Bec Fing \$1000 cheque presented
Gmail Hosting - \$9.24

Outstanding Invoices:

DOE 1st payment for Funding Agreement for Training Awards	\$10,125.00
Bronze Sponsorship: HVTC, TOCAL and RDA NI	\$4,950.00
Silver Sponsorship: ATPlus	\$3,300.00
Memberships: various	

Membership applications: Nil for Feb.

Inwards Correspondence:

2/3: Chapter Manager Manual for Awards force

- 3/3: Training Awards Sponsorship – Forsythes (Verbal)
- 3/3: Training Awards Sponsorship - TOCAL
- 1/3: Training Awards Sponsorship = HVTC
- 25/2: Training Awards Sponsorship – AT Plus
- 24/2: Training Awards Sponsorship – Tamworth Community College
- 24/2: Training Awards Sponsorship - TEAMS
- 22/2: Data release Agreement from Corp Office – External Contractor
- 22/2: Completed Grant Application from Farrer High School
- 21/2: Robert Arranz – Farrer Careers Advisor - Grant Application process

Outwards Correspondence:

- 6/3: Members - GNSDG Update – VET News – Training Awards Update #5
- 3/3: RTO's in the New England – VET Trainer/Teacher nomination details
- 26/2: Member - GNSDG Update - Invitation - Northern Safety Network presents Mental Health and Mentally Healthy Workplaces
- 26/2: Members – GNSDG Update – VET News – Training Awards Update #4
- 23/2: Data release agreement for Awards Force Training -External Contractor
- 21/2: Grant Application form emailed to Robert Arranz
- 18/2: Members – GNSDG Update – VET News – Training Awards Update #3
- 11/2: Reply from Sue Maher for EOI External Contractor
- 11/2: Members - GNSDG Update - VET News - Training Awards Update #2
- 10/2: Members - GNSDG Member Survey 2022 - Extended until 28 Feb 2022
- 8/2: Members - Expression of Interest - External Contractor for 2022 NSW Training Awards New England Region
- 7/2: Members – Career Revive Program from DESE

Item 8: Grant Applications:

Discussed the application for a Grant of \$1000.00 for sponsorship of a Careers Expo at Farrer High School on June 9, 2022. Rob and Bede both supported the application, sighted the evidence provided. Bede ***moved that the amount of \$1,000.00 be recommended for approval.*** Sec by Bede. Approved by all.

Item 9: Strategic Plan:

The committee reviewed the changes presented within the Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2023. It was agreed that this document would be a regular focus for the Committee as they progressed various actions in the VET field. Ensure that was noted in the SP would be implemented. The Strategic Plan to be presented at the AGM in May for Approval.

Item 10: Training Awards: (Bede)

Presented overview of actions from the Training Awards Sub-committee meeting 8/3/22.

See attachment for 8 March 2022 Committee Meeting.

Item 10: Skills Shortages: Eleze mentioned that Joc had been in discussion about a ***Jobs Forum Focus Group to be held in March.*** Availability of jobs, Issues, Challenges, Trades Perspective. There is to be an EOI for Care Sector through a Smart and Skilled update with RTO's. Called opportunities for Demolition, Construction style training and practicalities

covering short term training. Our Shout for NSW going through the local press in Tamworth. CHS pushing our shout training.

Item 11: Website www.gnsd.com (Tania and Andrew). work continues on updating the website and including VET news.

Item 12: Updates from Training Services: (Bede). Alerted Committee about the continuations of the SFR funding arrangements. Plenty of TNI's coming in for the Agskilled strategy. Work still be bedded down for the 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 – May 23

Initiatives:

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

Item 13: Updates from Committee members:

Joe Skills shortages in specific occupations, Moree SAP, Moree attraction and retention pipeline. Case studies for Joe.

Ginny: Updated from Schools arena. Careers Expo on 18/5, Parent Expo on 17/5. Being run by the Rotary Club. Down staff, Suzie Bell in new role.

Bronnie: Thanked Eleze and Joc for their work with the Our Shout program. Been promoted very well in the media, for eg sample in the NDL.

Appreciated and thanked Joc for all her extensive work, pro-active commitment and kicked some big targets.

Items 14: General Business

NIL.

Meeting closed: 12.50pm next meeting in April online