




Hunter Chefs & Co
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held at Il Cacciatore Restaurant, Hermitage Lodge
7th December 2010 @ 5.40pm

Present: Helen Dyball, Ben Neil, Andrew Wright, Andrew Clarke, Samantha Glover, Jeffrey Moth, Kirsty Gregson, Soctt Smith, Simon Gough

Items	Action
1. Apologies	Nick Vivian, Robert Molines, Kylie Little,, Phil Lockwood, Bruce Dalby, Lisa Margan, Allison & Stephen Arnott, Dean Franklin, Shanes Seafoods
2. Confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting, 1 st December 2009	Minutes of previous meeting confirmed. Moved: Kirsty Gregson 2 nd Andrew Clarke
3. Welcome & Report on the Association Activity for 2010 - Chairman Ben Neil	<p>Welcome to those in attendance and a verbal report covering the following items:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  Hunter Chefs & Co Chairman's Report December 2010 </div> <p>2010 has been a good year for the association with some new initiatives and increased focus on building the awareness of the association to the region, its members and sponsors. The association has engaged the services of PR support to produce and distribute regular media releases which has gained pick up in a number of mediums including print, online and television media. This has lead to increased opportunities presented to members to become involved with exposure for their businesses and the region as a key food tourism destination.</p> <p>Some of the association's key achievements this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Increased membership base by 30% over 2009 including the widening of the membership focus to be Hunter Region rather than just Hunter Valley focussed. + Increased sponsorship by 50% over 2009 allowing increased funds for promotional activities including the sponsoring of the Brett Graham Scholarship and partnering with the Hunter Institute of Tafe for awards. + Increased participation numbers of networking lunches and workshops offering greater exposure for venues and sponsors to showcase their products. The association continues its focus in providing industry people with workshop and networking opportunities with high profile industry Chefs including hosting Matt Kemp and Peter Kuruvita throughout the year.

	<p>+ Introduced the Annual Hunter Chefs & Co Food Fight with a record 150 attendees and great opportunity to have regional apprentices to work with the regions key Chefs in a competition style event. Great media exposure on both NBN and The Newcastle Herald. The event also raised \$3600 in donations for the Brett Graham Scholarship.</p> <p>+ Hunter Chefs & Co also recently formed a group to participate in Movember and secured over \$3000 in donations to support awareness of men's health.</p> <p>In closing I would like to thank the support of our members and the contribution of product and financial donation of our sponsors. I would also like to thank the existing committee of Andy Wright, Nick Vivian, Helen Dyball and Andrew Clarke for their time and commitment towards the success of the association. This association relies on passionate people to drive initiatives with the interest of the region and industry as the core focus. Without the commitment of such passionate people the association would not continue to achieve its goals.</p> <p>Ben Neil Chairman – Hunter Chefs & Co</p>
<p>4. Receipt & Consideration of FY 09 Financials - Treasurer Helen Dyball</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TREASURERS REPORT HC&CO AGM DEC 7TH 2010</p> <p>BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: The bank balance as at Monday November 22nd 2010 is @ \$22272.87. Outstanding payment is \$3700.00 (Brett Graham Award). Full financials will be presented at the AGM.</p> <p>CHANGES: Due to the ongoing support from the Commonwealth Bank, the committee has agreed to transfer all banking details to the the Commonwealth Bank from St.George Bank effective from January 2011. The committee also decided to have a HC&Co. Post Office Box, address details are : HC&Co, Post Office Box 850, Cessnock NSW 2325.</p> <p>AWARDS: On Monday night November 1st the 2nd HC&Co Apprentice Encouragement / Recognition Awards – Cessnock TAFE were presented to Stages 1/2/3/4 & 5 students. Following months of preparation the night was a gala affair and we wish the winners all the best for their future and look forward to following their careers. During the year the committee was approached by the organisers of the Electrolux Appetite of Excellence Awards to assist with the recruitment of young apprentices in the Hunter region as they are widening their entries in the 2011 award year.</p> <p>Helen Dyball Treasurer.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>5. Election of Committee</p>	<p>Be Neil advised nominations had been received from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ben Neil

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Nick Vivian 3. Andy Wright 4. Helen Dyball 5. Andrew Clarke 6. Simon Gough <p>No nominations received from the floor. No vote was required and all nominees were elected with 1 Casual Vacancy to be filled by the committee at its discretion.</p>
6. Committee to Elect Office Bearers	BN proposed that this be deferred to the first meeting on the new committee All in attendance agreed.
7. Motion proposed by member Ben Neil "To adopt Mr Robert Molines as Patron of HC&Co"	BN explained the proposed motion as outlined. Seconded by Kirtsy Gregson. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

The Meeting closed at 5.47 pm.